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Logos and Vista and Furloughs! Oh, my! Returning students climb same stairs to a different campus

BY SANDRA CHALMERS &
JACKIE CARBAJAL

Although the campus is celebrating its 20th year while some of its students are doing the same, many overlook the fact that CSUSM is still quite young in university years. Still, the CSUSM community is familiar with the changes each new school year brings. Last year, CSUSM launched its new and improved website. In years past, parking structures opened, our colleges offered new majors, and public transit advanced. This fall, CSUSM brings both a new logo and Windows Operating System in addition to a thirty percent fee increase and ten percent pay cuts to staff and faculty.

With the country still tackling an economic recession and the state of California in a budget crisis of its own, cuts to the Cal State University system forced faculty, staff, and students to essentially pay more for less as a means to operate on a budget drastically cut by 14 million dollars.

Over the summer, the budget cuts introduced a new word to the vocabulary of the campus community. In what some staff, faculty, and even student workers will come to know as

the new f-word, furloughs are responsible for the ten percent pay cut to anyone employed through the CSU system.

Last Thursday, Aug. 28, CSUSM President, Karen S. Haynes addressed staff and faculty at Fall Convocation, an event that not only celebrates the accomplishments of the past year but also ushers in the beginning of the new school year. Though President Haynes tailored her remarks at the event to resonate optimism within the staff and faculty in attendance, drawing on the familiar line from Cesar Chavez, "Si, se puede!" the uncertainty of the new academic year is hard to ignore.

While CSUSM held its Convocation, the California Faculty Association held its own alternative convocation. Though the CFA has been fighting the cuts to the budget over the past year, as the effects of these cuts take effect in the months to come, the faculty association is preparing to fight and be heard throughout the state.

Furloughs

Faculty at CSUSM must to adhere to the new regulations established by the State of California labor code that require professors to take nine unpaid days out of their regularly

scheduled workdays, furlough days, as stated by the California Faculty Association (CFA). On furlough days, professors are prohibited to work on anything school related, included answering student emails, logging on to WebCT, holding office hours, and any other CSU-work related behavior.

Furlough days thus strain student's college experience by providing gaps in the scheduled class dates and create a lack of consistency that students expect from professors. Furlough days became adopted by CSUSM because of a need to cut the workload and compensation by 9.23 percent, according to the CFA.

President Haynes' public address at Fall Convocation touched on the impact these furlough days and other changes due to the economic crisis has on students.

"As we prepare to welcome students back to class Monday, the joy and excitement I share with CSUSM staff and faculty is clouded," said Haynes. "However, unprecedented budget cuts are derailing our progress, the message to students is no longer one of access, but one of opportunity denied." Haynes continued to address the problem by ending on a note of frustration and urging parents, students and

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Thirteen is the unlucky number

Unit cap of 13 units or less this semester

BY MATT LEWIS
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On June 4, 2009, CSUSM students were sent a message via web mail notifying them that because of "budget constraints," undergraduate registration would be limited to 13 units or less. Unless the student had priority registration, they would be unable to take more than 13 units in the fall semester. For most students, this was not a big problem. The average unit load of four classes factors to about 12

units. But, those who needed to take more than 13 units—due to an impending school transfer, or graduation requirement—were left high and dry. The e-mail does contain a link to personally appeal a case on the Undergraduate Advising Services website, but it is unknown what criteria is needed to gain this appeal.

When asked, the majority of students at CSUSM had mixed feelings about the unit limitation.

"I can see why they would need to do that, to save money," said senior Anthony Carlson. "But at

the same time, if I needed to do more than 13 units in the spring to graduate I would be screwed. Plus I would be paying even more money to finish it in summer school!"

Even though the unit cap only affects a small number of students, this action may signal the beginning of a number of inconvenient cutbacks by the California State Universities in response to the state budget crisis. If this unit cutback turns out to be effective in saving Cal State money, the CSU system may employ

more unit cutbacks in the future.

As of August 31, 2009 at 9:00 am, CSUSM lifted the 13-unit cap for the fall semester, citing that "an audit has revealed a limited number of openings." But once these few openings are taken, the classes that some students need to take will be full. For many students, the e-mail came too little, too late. If CSUSM does decide to use this method in the future, returning students can at least know what to expect in terms of class availability for the upcoming semesters.

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From **Changes**, page 1

the community to complain to our legislature for change and a solution. "This dilemma should keep all of us up at night."

Amidst the hype of furloughs, tuition increases, and reduced operation days, CSUSM also changed its operating system from Windows XP to Vista. The university is also in the process of finalizing an updated logo to represent CSUSM.

Vista

Over the summer, CSUSM's Instructional & Information Technology Services (IITS) department began upgrading Vista on over 3,000 computers. The upgrade boasts increased performance and security, decreased load times, among other features.

All applications used previously on XP are stable and have been tested to run properly on Vista. Training tuto-

rials are offered online at the IITS website, www.csusm.edu/iits, and in-person training is offered as well. Anyone with questions should visit the Student Help Desk, located on the second floor of Kellogg Library, for help regarding the new Vista operating system.

The Student Help Desk also assists the campus community with many technical issues ranging from wireless networking to general troubleshooting

on both the PC and Mac.

Logo

While most of the campus community was vacationing over the summer, about 200 students, staff, and faculty provided feedback on the creation of a new logo. The process has resulted in two final options that are now open for online voting to all CSUSM students, staff, faculty, and alumni through Friday, September 11, 2009. The CSUSM

Office of Communications notes the new logo is a "stylized rendition of the corner of Kellogg Library" and will replace the current campus "hills" logo.

Visit www.csusm.edu/communications/newlogo.html for a sneak preview of how each logo option will be applied to different applications such as the header on the CSUSM website, the academic catalogue, and letterheads.

H1N1 (Swine Flu) Fall Semester Update

From the CSUSM Office of Communications

On Monday, August 31, 2009, CSUSM's Office of Communications released the following statement regarding the H1N1 (swine flu) virus to all students, staff, and faculty:

California State University San Marcos continues to work closely with the San Diego County Health and Human Services to monitor information related to the H1N1 virus (swine flu). The University's preparations for the upcoming flu season reflect their recommendations as well as those of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We understand the serious nature of this public health emergency and are paying special

attention to the health and well being of our University Community.

The flu can be spread easily from person to person. It's important that you take the necessary actions to protect yourself and others. The following are some suggestions for everyday steps people can take to stay healthy:

Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

Practice respiratory etiquette by covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your

hands. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth; germs are spread this way.

Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. A fever is a temperature taken with a thermometer that is equal to or greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Look for possible signs of fever: if the person feels very warm, has a flushed appearance, or is sweating or shivering.

Stay home if you have the flu or flu-like illness for at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit) or signs of a fever (have chills, feel very warm, have a flushed appearance, or are sweating). This should be determined without the use of fever-reducing medications (any medicine that

contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen). Don't go to class or work.

Talk with your health care providers about whether you should be vaccinated for seasonal flu. Also, if you are at higher risk for flu complications from 2009 H1N1 flu, you should consider getting the H1N1 vaccine when it becomes available. People at higher risk for 2009 H1N1 flu complications include pregnant women and people with chronic medical conditions (such as asthma, heart disease, or diabetes). For more information about priority groups

for vaccination, visit www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/acip.htm.

Help educate the campus community. Spread the word among your colleagues and students about regular hand washings, covering your cough, and staying home when sick. If possible please print and post this flyer in and around your office or work area: www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/pdf/cover-cough_school8-5x11.pdf

We will keep you updated with new information as it becomes available on the campus H1N1 flu website, visit www.csusm.edu/em/Alert.

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Freshmen look forward

New arrivals to the UVA have high spirits

BY MATT LEWIS
Faces and Places Editor

With the new school year comes a batch of the latest Freshmen additions to Cal State San Marcos, and for most of them, a new chapter in their lives. As cheesy as it sounds, moving into the dorms at the University Village really is a rite of passage. For some of the students, it will be the first time they have lived away from home. But in the University Village parking lot last Friday, attitudes of hope and excitement seemed more apparent than hesitation or doubt for those moving in. "I'm excited to meet new people," said Alexandra Kowalick, a freshman student from Lake Arrowhead. "I'll be living in the dorms for the whole year, so I expect to make a

lot of new connections."

Incoming students like Kristen McCormick and her friend Jannel Cacceamo, both from Pomona, are looking forward to experiencing what the campus itself has to offer. "The campus seems cool, but I can't wait to check it out for myself," said McCormick. Cacceamo added that she was looking forward to meeting her new roommates and finding out where her classes are. "I hope they're not too far apart!" she said. For some students, CSUSM was the best choice for them when they considered the location factor to their hometown. Cole Massey, a student originally from Temecula, agreed that as far as traffic is concerned, San Marcos would be the better drive to make than most of the other CSUs. Massey and his family were pleasantly

surprised when they arrived on Friday, not just because of the quality of the University Village, but the friendliness of the other students and staff.

The initial responses of the incoming freshmen this year have been positive, an outlook that will hopefully be maintained in the months to come. In addition to all the usual pressures students face in their first year, the tightened budget constraints at school and at home are not making things any easier. That, coupled with the outlook of an ever-shrinking job market and uncertain economic times can give Freshmen trying to decide what they want to major in quite a lot to think about.

For the time being, these students have taken their first small steps into the real world, and

that is enough pressure. Considering the positive outlooks these students have displayed, it would be better to follow their example:

to overcome fleeting fear and be hopeful for the future.



Image By Matt Lewis

Summer Recap

June

BY SANDRA CHALMERS,
AMY SALISBURY, & JACKIE
CARBAJAL

June 25, 2009

Farrah Fawcett succumbs to colon cancer

After a very public battle with colon cancer, the beautiful actress and former Charlie's angel died at the age of 62. As a pop culture icon for her lovely blonde locks, her hairstyle grew to be idolized by millions in her prime during the 70s. She easily became an international sex symbol for her time.

Michael Jackson's death shocks the world

At the age of 50, Michael Jackson was pronounced dead. His pop legend in dance and music makes his death heard around the world. Mourned by fans and celebrities at his memorial service held at the Los Angeles Staples Center holding about 20,000 people, millions also stayed tune to the tributes and special performances in the nationally tele-

vised event. His death may be one of the most controversial topics for the summer since his cause of death still remains under investigation with the most recent Los Angeles coroner's report ruling the cause of death as a homicide.

June 28, 2009

Infomercial legend Billy Mays dies at 50

Best known for his loud infomercials announcing household

cleaning products, Billy Mays was found unresponsive by his wife in their Tampa condo, according to Associated Press reports. In the most recent press release, the medical examiner found traces of cocaine in Mays system and might have contributed to his cause of death.



Image courtesy of Amazon

July

July 1, 2009

"Cash for Clunkers"

The U.S. administration announced a \$1 billion Car Allowance Rebate System in an attempt to not only help boost the economy but also encourage American consumers to trade in their less fuel-efficient for more eco-friendly alternatives. Due to the high demand, Congress

approved a \$2 billion extension after the original funding was exhausted by July 31, 2009. The original end date for the program, November 1, 2009, was cut short when the "Cash for Clunkers" allowance was officially depleted on August 24, 2009. According to the Department of Transportation, "Cash for Clunkers" generated 690,114 transactions in dealerships with Toyota accounting for the majority of the sales.

July 17, 2009

Walter Leland Cronkite, Jr. passes away at 92

Walter Cronkite was known as "the most trusted man in America" until his peaceful passing at the age of 92. Cronkite was with NBC since 1950, and covered such notable events as the Kennedy Assassination, the first moon landing, and the Vietnam War. He was also a columnist and advocate for the nonprofit world hunger organization Heifer International.

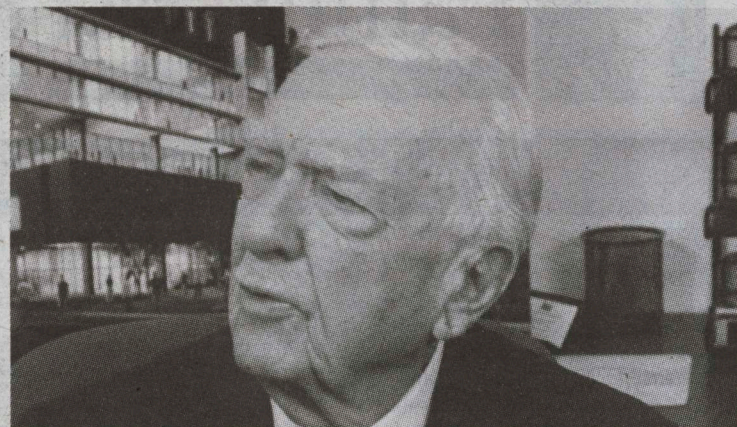


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August

August 5, 2009

Detained American journalists released from North Korea

Following the unannounced meeting between former President Bill Clinton and North Korean leader Kim Jong-il, two American journalists, Laura Ling and Euna Lee, were released from imprisonment and pardoned. The two journalists were detained by North Korean military back in March 2009 and were sentenced to 12 years hard labor after being found guilty of illegal entry for entering North Korea from China without a visa.

August 15-18, 2009

Woodstock Festival celebrates 40th Anniversary

In August, the world celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Woodstock Music & Arts Festival, a three day long outdoor exposition that featured performances by legend-



ary musical acts such as "The Who," "Grateful Dead," "Joe Cocker," "Creedance Clearwater Revival," and "Jimi Hendrix." Woodstock, originally was scheduled from August 15 to August 17 but ran over to August 18, filled the fields of White Lake, New York with over 450,000, a far cry from the 50,000 estimate.

August 26, 2009

"Lion of the Senate" Ted Kennedy dies of brain cancer

Losing his battle to brain cancer, Edward Moore "Ted" Kennedy died at the age of 77. Kennedy was the youngest of nine children in the prominent family. Kennedy was the last

surviving brother as political figures, President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert Kennedy were assassinated in the 1960s and his oldest brother, Joseph Kennedy, Jr., was killed during WWII. He represented Massachusetts in the Senate for 46 years making him the third-longest-serving senator in U.S. history.

August 28, 2009

DJ AM overdoses at the age of 36

After escaping death in a freak airplane accident with fellow rocker Travis Barker back in September 19, 2008, Adam Goldstein, more commonly known as DJ AM,

passed away in his New York City apartment an apparent drug overdose. The popular spinner had just wrapped up filming for an MTV series dealing with the heavy topic of drug addictions.



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meet the staff

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Home



jackie_carbajal I'm back for one more semester (I mean it this time) and am returning as editor-in-chief. I am a Literature and Writing Studies major with a writing emphasis and will be applying to grad school to pursue a Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing. When I am not on campus, I am likely working my other job as a legal assistant for a law firm in Carlsbad. I enjoy cartoons (currently watching "The Chipmunks Adventure"), NPR, and fishing (for compliments, not fish). I come from a big family so noise doesn't bother me, I am always willing to offer advice or a helping hand, and I love to laugh.



sandra_chalmers Hello! My name is Sandra Chalmers and I am the new Arts and Entertainment Editor! I am a Communications and Mass Media major. Trader Joe's makes me happy and iced coffee has become my drug of choice. I love live music and enjoy all mediums of art. I am completely fueled by creativity. I would choose a foreign film over the next Jennifer Aniston chick flick and sometimes I am always late to class.



amy_salisbury My name is Amy and I'm the Copy Editor. You've probably seen me with this huge, Brazilian bag I lug around that might be embarrassing if it had just one less color on it. I'm an odd 20 year-old known best for my astounding ability to go against the flow. I get offended when my favorite bands come on only to serve as background noise. I like to think people derive benefit from what I say about music. I like Ferlinghetti, philosophy, cats and cosmology. I love a good concert. I'm terrible at leaving voicemails, and I think people tell more about themselves by what they hide than what they expose.



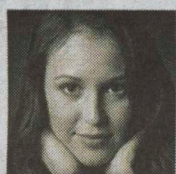
matt_lewis Hi, I'm Matt. A lot of people confuse me with the multitudes of other Matt's that go to school here. I guess it would be easier if I said my last name paired with my first name all the time, but then again, that would be weird. I am a senior at CSUSM and will be the editor for Faces & Places this semester. I enjoy Rollerblading, or "Fruitbooting" as many like to say. Most people think I mean fitness skating on the boardwalk with spandex, and I always have to explain to them, "No, like on rails and stairs and stuff." I like the ocean and I like eating tacos. If you're looking for a good taco place I would say go to Oscar's on Rancho Santa Fe drive in Vista, about 10 minutes away from school. I'm sure you can find the ocean on your own though.



kristina_lawler My name is Kristina Lawler (soon to be Martinez as of October 3, 2009) I am your Business Manager for The Pride. I am twenty-three years old. I am going into my final year at Cal State San Marcos and have loved every minute of going here. I am majoring in Business Administration emphasis Marketing. I work at Starbucks and love it. I love Disneyland, learning new things, random talks, and traveling. I have a Westie named Harrison and he rocks my socks literally and another Westie named Sampson who is my old man that I rescued. I'm a Leo and extremely compassionate. I am a full believer in second chances and karma. Wanna know more? Just ask.



rudy_martinez I usually have Kristina write this up for me, but I figured I'd give this a shot this time. My name is Rudy Martinez and this is my fifth semester as a Layout Editor for The Pride, so if I mess something up, sorry. This is my final year (hopefully) here at CSUSM and I'll be walking in the Spring. I'm getting married on October 3rd to Kristina Lawler. I'm stoked. You'll most likely spot me wearing a shirt with a cupcake and crossbones (Johnny Cupcakes) around campus.



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Aug 31 - Sep 14

Open University, over 60, cross, concurrent, and visitor enrollment.

Sep 7

Labor Day - campus closed.

Sep 8

Last day to drop classes with no academic record for classes that meet the fall first session of the term. Withdrawals after Sep 8 for classes that meet the first session of the term may be granted for serious reasons only.

Sep 14

Last day to add fall 2009 classes. (Includes classes that meet full term, first session of the term, and second

session of the term.)

Sep 14

Last day to change from full-time to part-time status.

Sep 14

Last day to drop classes with no academic record for full session of the fall term. Withdrawals after Sep 14 for full session classes may be granted for serious reasons only.

Sep 14

Last day to change grading option for classes that meet the full session of the term.

Sep 15

\$25 Late Registration and \$15 Late Add Fee in effect for all sessions of term.

Sep 15

Last day for undergraduates to apply for spring/summer 2010 graduation

(Applications are accepted from Jun 1, 2009 – Sep 15, 2009.)

Oct 17

Last day of classes that meet the first half of the semester.

Oct 19

First day of class for fall 2009 classes that meet the second session of the term.

Oct 26

Last day to drop classes with no academic record for a fall class that meets the second session of the term. Withdrawals after Oct 26 for classes that meet the second session of the term may be granted for serious reasons only.

Oct 26

Last day to change grading option for classes that meet the second session of the term.

Nov 11

Veteran's Day Holiday - campus closed.

Nov 26-30

Thanksgiving Holiday - campus closed Thursday through Sunday.

Dec 12

Last day of classes that meet the full session of the term; last day of classes that meet the second session of the term.

Dec 14-19

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Dec 23

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Men's Soccer fights hard but falls 1-0 to UCSD

August 28, 2009

Cougar men's soccer put up a valiant effort in its opener, but came up just short against UCSD, falling 1-0.

It was the first game of the season for both teams.

Despite the game being at UCSD, plenty of Cougar fans made the trip to bring

CSUSM's massive home-field advantage to La Jolla.

And the Cougars did them proud, standing toe-to-toe with the Tritons, a tough NCAA squad. CSUSM out-shot UCSD 13 to 11, and held a 5 to 2 corner kick advantage.

But UCSD would win the

only statistical battle that ultimately matters, thanks to a goal in the 32nd minute by Mikel Samaniego. The Tritons and keeper Peter Akman would hold off the hard-charging Cougars to secure the win.

"Our guys gave a strong effort," commented CSUSM

Head Coach Ron Pulvers. "UCSD is a good team, and we gave them a good game and showed a lot of promise.

Keeper Kevin Ernst, filling in for injured starter Kiki Castro, did well for himself, and the team put itself in positions to score - but couldn't find the back of the net. Most

notably, a second-half header by Hyo Heinz beat the keeper but was stopped by the UCSD defense on the back line.

There will be no rest for the Cougars, who travel up to Cal State Dominguez-Hills to face the defending NCAA Division II National Champions on Tuesday.

Cougar sports this month

September 2009

9/1 (Tues.) - Women's Soccer @ CSU Dominguez-Hills (Carson, 4:30 PM)

9/1 (Tues.) - Men's Soccer @ CSU Dominguez-Hills (Carson, 7:00 PM)

9/4 (Fri.) - Women's Soccer @ Hope International (Santa Clarita, 11:00 AM)

9/4 (Fri.) - Men's Soccer @ Hope International (Santa Clarita, 1:00 PM)

9/5 (Sat.) - Women's Soccer @ Master's College (Santa Clarita, 3:00 PM)

9/5 (Sat.) - Men's Soccer @ Master's College (Santa Clarita, 5:00 PM)

9/8 (Tues.) - Men's Soccer @ Claremont-Mudd Scripps (Claremont, 7:00 PM)

9/9 (Wed.) - Women's Soccer vs. Vanguard (CSUSM, 2:00 PM)

9/12 (Sat.) - Cross-Country @ UC Irvine Invitational (UC

Irvine, 8:30 AM)

9/12 (Sat.) - Women's Soccer vs. Westmont (CSUSM, 1:00 PM)

9/12 (Sat.) - Men's Soccer vs. Westmont (CSUSM, 3:00 PM)

9/15 (Tues.) - Men's Soccer @ Point Loma (Point Loma, 2:00 PM)

9/15 (Tues.) - Women's Soccer @ Point Loma (Point Loma, 4:30 PM)

9/19 (Sat.) - Cross-Country @ UC Riverside Invitational (UC Riverside, 8:00 AM)

9/19 (Sat.) - Women's Soccer @ Fresno Pacific (Fresno, 1:30 PM)

9/19 (Sat.) - Men's Soccer @ Fresno Pacific (Fresno, 4:00 PM)

9/22 (Tues.) - Women's Soccer vs. Concordia (CSUSM, 4:00 PM)

9/23 (Sat.) - Men's Soccer @ Azusa Pacific (Azusa, 3:00 PM)

9/27 (Sun.) - Women's Golf @ Grand Canyon University (Monarch Dunes Golf Course; Avondale, AZ)

9/28 (Mon.) - Women's Golf @ Grand Canyon University (Monarch Dunes Golf Course; Avondale, AZ)

9/29 (Tues.) - Women's Golf @ Grand Canyon University (Monarch Dunes Golf Course; Avondale, AZ)

9/30 (Wed.) - Women's Golf @ Grand Canyon University (Monarch Dunes Golf Course; Avondale, AZ)



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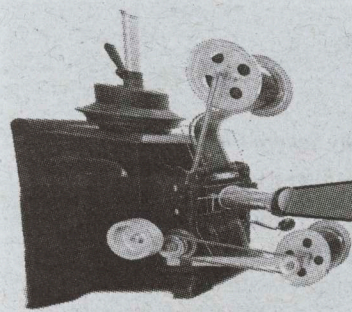


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Sifting through the summer's cinema

The ten best summer movies of 2009

BY BILL RHEIN
Senior Staff Writer

1. **Up:** The Disney/Pixar machine once again flexes its storytelling muscle and blew me away with this incredible film. This film was practically perfect combining beautiful images, an original story, razor-sharp humor and heart-warming moments. "Up" is a rare film that has its audience smiling and crying at the same time. Along with "The Hurt Locker" and "District 9," it would be a shame if the film association does not nominate this film for best picture.

2. **The Hurt Locker:** In the next few decades, I expect several great films about the wars in the Middle East. Hopefully, "The Hurt Locker" is a sign of the touching filmmaking that is to come. This story of a war-time bomb squad is intense and should not be missed. This moving story about humanity in horrible situations is incredible.

3. **District 9:** This film goes to show that a filmmaker does not need a huge budget and countless explosions to make a great action thriller. Director Neill Blomkamp made "District 9" for a fraction of the

budget used on other summer films, such as "Transformers 2," but is far superior in the quality department. This film, backed by Peter Jackson and a clever viral marketing campaign, was an exciting and tense story

with roots in the atrocities of Africa.

4. **Star Trek:** This summer was full of a several action movie letdowns, including "Transformers 2," "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," "Terminator: Salvation," and "G.I. Joe." Yet, director J.J. Abrams' "Star Trek" delivered plenty of excitement while maintaining a great story line, rather than just two hours of explosions. Despite the geeky reputation of the series' roots, "Star Trek" appealed to all moviegoers and started the summer on a high note.

5. **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince:** Though this film was delayed for several months, it was worth the wait. This adaptation of the penultimate book in the Harry Potter series is dark yet engaging. It had great pace as the story encompassed J.K. Rowling's story, thus appealed to

those who have and have not read the books. It is a fun watch and beautifully set up the pair of films based on the last book, the first of which will be out fall 2010.

6. **Inglourious Basterds:** After years of preparation, director Quentin Tarantino finally released his WWII film, which played out more like a western. The film was sold on Brad Pitt's acting and being a Nazi-killing splatter-fest. Yet, the film is more than that. Tarantino has once again crafted excellent scenes of dialogue and tension that launched him into the movie making arena. I would not be surprised to see his name show up for direction and writing in the award season.

7. **Drag Me To Hell:** Sam Raimi deserves an award simply for creating an original and scary horror film. Returning to the horror genre after completing the "Spiderman" movies, Raimi shows he still knows how to scare an audience and still sneak in a laugh. This story about a woman and a curse is head and shoulders above other summer horrors, such as "The Orphan," "Halloween II," and "The Final Destina-

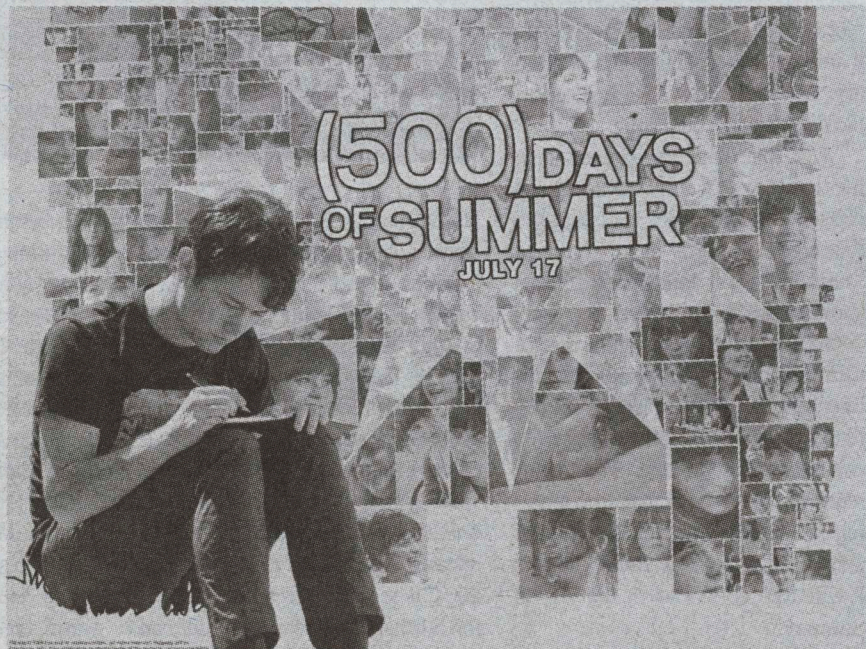


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tion."

8. **Ponyo:** Director Hayao Miyazaki proves once again he is a master of storytelling. The story is so simple, yet vivid and beautiful, giving it

9. **In The Loop:** This independent comedy snuck into limited release, but is a must-see. This farce comedy jabs at the British and American governments and foreign policy with brilliant quips. This film is painfully funny and the clever dialogue is one of the most quotable films of the 2000's.

10. **(500) Days of Summer:** Zooey Deschanel and Joseph Gordon-Levitt lit up the screen in this independent comedy. Though it bowed to some conventional romantic comedy devices, such as a 12-year old girl who is an expert on relationships, this film remained enjoyable. The non-chronological story of a relationship drew me in and carried me happily through the highs and lows of the plot.

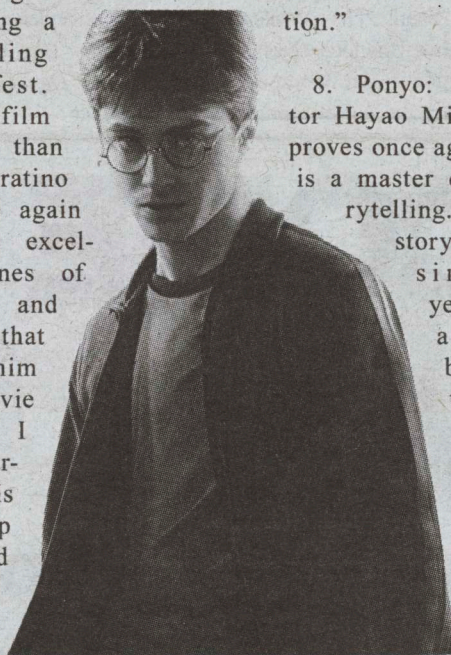


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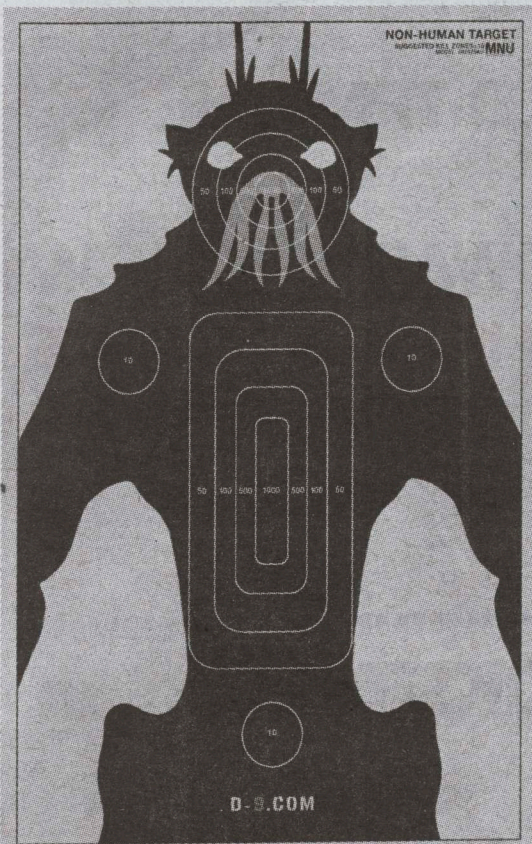


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Hits of Sunshine

Kings of Convenience

BY AMY SALISBURY
Copy Editor

Six months ago, when I came up with the title "Hits of Sunshine" for this column, I intended the "sunshine" part to indicate that the following few paragraphs are meant to bring a new light to one's growing music repertoire. Maybe the reason for my word choice stemmed from creating it during the cold, foggy days of January. Or maybe it was just because I liked the Sonic Youth song.

With that said, my present feelings tend toward summer waning and classes resuming. So, for whatever this batch of words turns into, take "sunshine" as a little reminder that summer isn't truly over yet.

One of the easiest conductors of mood is music. It can take you to different time, different places, and different situations entirely. Some even call music their "escape." Well, I currently care to escape from the looming fall semester; therefore, with my above sunshine and music library, I will turn to "Gold in the Air of Summer."

Erlend Øye and Eirik Glambek Bøe are the indie-driven, folky duo known as Kings of Convenience. Øye and Bøe started performing together with two friends at the age of 16 in their first band called Skog,



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Norwegian for "forest." The duo split from Skog to pursue a different musical direction, forming Kings of Convenience and signing a record deal in 1999. Ever since their first album, *Quiet Is the New Loud*, the band has been known for its parallels to Simon and Garfunkel, and most notably, its emotive qualities.

After much critical acclaim for *Quiet Is the New Loud*, the band released *Riot On An Empty Street* in 2004. The album broke into the US top 50 charts, but Øye and Bøe managed to remain below the radar. Øye released some solo work and started another band, The Whitest Boy Alive, while Bøe focused on his personal life.

"Gold in the Air of Summer," off

Riot, begins with an acoustic-quietly strumming until two harmonized voices complement the chords. Øye and Bøe speak of a spontaneous journey to a "house that used to be / the home of a friend of mine." Single piano notes form a melody in front of the guitar as a light Norwegian accent flows through the English words; without the music, the lyrics read like a poem. The guitar stops, leaving the voices to sing the title a capella. The music returns and progresses like a warm breeze would, coming to an almost cliffhanger of an ending.

After five years of waiting, Kings of Convenience fans will be happy to know their new album, *Declaration Of Dependence*, drops in early October.

DROPPING: Tuesday, Sept 1

CD RELEASES

By Sandra Chalmers / A&E Editor



CLASSIC ROCK

Before the Frost... Until the Freeze
BLACK CROWES

The blues toned, classic rock jam band returns with a new album that is sure to please fans in an unexpected way. When fans purchase the new 11-track album

"Before The Frost," they will also receive a free album, "Until The Freeze," through a special download code inside. For a total of 20 new tracks, true rock and roll lives on.



HIP-HOP/RAP

Rebelution
PITBULL

Armando Christian Perez, or you can call him Pitbull as most of his fans do, is set to release his fourth coming album, "Rebelution." His new album includes collaborations with other rising rap artists Akon and Lil Jon.



POP

I Look to You
WHITNEY HOUSTON

Since her debut album in 1985, Whitney's powerhouse vocals still steal the hearts of millions. Her new album features love songs that make you want to cry, dance and smile. Her voice fits in with the trend

of the now and still remind fans of her past singles.



ALTERNATIVE

Sci-Fi Crimes
CHEVELLE

The three-man rock group gives birth to their highly anticipated forth album and have promised fans, this may be their hardest yet. Stretching his vocal

range to new heights, lead singer/guitarist Pete Loeffler progresses and demonstrates his talents by streaming new single "Jars" for fans on their MySpace page.

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WELCOME BACK FROM ASI

Welcome week is upon us which means plenty of exciting events are happening this week including...

- ★ BACK TO SCHOOL LUAU, MON AUG 31 5:30-7PM, THE CLARKE
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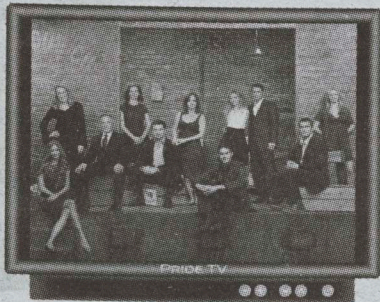
Sunday

Desperate Housewives 9pm



Image courtesy ABC

Brothers and Sisters 10pm



In the fall, Sundays mean football to some. To others, the ABC combo, "Desperate Housewives" and "Brothers and Sisters," comes to mind. Fans of the shows have to wait until Sept. 27 for the premieres, though their returns should prove worth the wait. In the season premiere of "Housewives," viewers will finally know the answer to the season 5 cliffhanger; who does Mike marry, his ex-wife and baby momma, Susan, or current girlfriend, Katherine? The new season should also prove entertaining as the other housewives surely

have their own melodramas to play out and, per usual, a new family moves in. The "Brothers and Sisters" season four premiere will see more of the newest addition to the Walker family, the illegitimate son, Ryan, who, for those of us who tuned in last season, will remember, his intentions weren't exactly genuine. The divorced single oldest sister, Sarah, will finally get some action and we'll see how Kitty and Roberts rocky marriage makes it through Robert's run for governor.

Monday

Gossip Girl 9pm

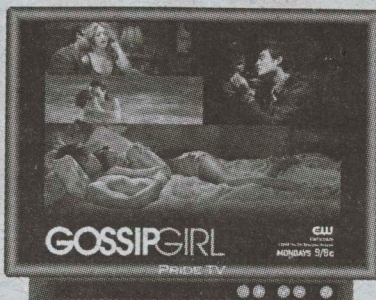


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How I Met Your Mother 8pm



Image courtesy CBS

Want something to gossip about? Gossip Girl returns this fall on the CW on Mondays at 9pm, a step up from their previous 8 o'clock spot. Going into it's third season, this show has definitely turned into a must-see. Watch out, Manhattan, these kids are grown up now and off to college. What will that mean for our favorite characters? If it's anything like the last seasons, lots more drama and exciting new storylines. It will be hard to top last season's twists and turns, but with Chuck Bass and Blair Waldorf finally attempting a relationship, who knows what will happen. I know I will be tuning in on September

14th to find out and so should you.

"Dancing with the Stars" could very likely overshadow the entertainment gems that Mondays offer this fall. Though "House" by now should have a strong enough following to weather out the rumba/jive combos of D-list celebrities, "Heroes" has something to prove considering the rapid decline its ratings have been on since season one. "How I Met Your Mother" and "Big Bang Theory" are honorable mentions, as both these shows are not only funny, but their earlier seasons are available on box sets for quite reasonable prices.

Tuesday

Zimmerman's Bizarre World 10pm



Image courtesy Travel Channel

They say Tuesday has become the new Monday. If that's true, your going to need twice the entertainment after your long T-day grind. But instead of traditional trash TV, why not go for a show where a guy eats trash? A spin off of the popular freak show "Bizarre Foods," the popular chef/host now embarks on journeys around the world to explore cultural rituals and phenomena.

Wednesday

Glee 9pm



Image courtesy Fox

With shows that range from "The Simpsons" and "Arrested Development" to "Joe Millionaire" and "Melrose Place," the upcoming dramedy (comedy/drama) "Glee" is a hit or miss this fall. With season one's first episode premiering on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, viewers have enough time to give this show a fair chance before missing out on other Wednesday premieres such as the CW's "The Beautiful Life" the following week and ABC's "Cougar Town" two weeks out. "Glee" made its debut this past spring, premiering its pilot episode following the "American Idol" finale to mixed critical reviews though it did pull in an impressive 10 million viewers. The new series follows a high school choir but hints at a darker story line that could prove an edgy result that is already being referred to as a mix between "High School Musical" and "Gray's Anatomy." Interesting...

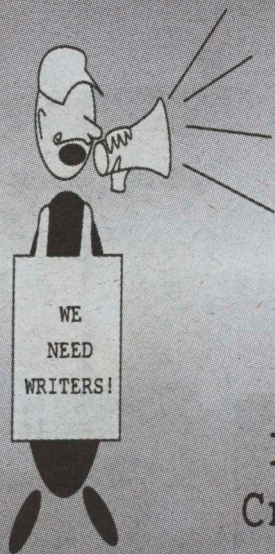
Thursday

Vampire Diaries 8pm



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Thursdays this fall, "Twilight" fans have another option when satiating their undead desires. "The Vampire Diaries" premieres on the CW on Sept. 10 at 8pm. "DeGrassi" actress Nina Dobrev stars as the innocent Elena Gilbert caught between two vampire brothers, Paul Wesley and Ian Somerhalder, thirsty for blood. With stars from "Juno," "Smallville," "17 Again," and "Lost," critics anticipate the show to be another CW hit. Based on a series of books by L. J. Smith, "The Vampire Diaries" promises drama and despair on par with CW's other series.



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STREET SCENE

Street Scene's 25th Anniversary gets loud

The real scene of Street Scene 2009

BY SANDRA CHALMERS
A&E Editor

The 25th anniversary of Street Scene was celebrated with two phenomenal days of music in the sweltering weekend heat of East Village, downtown San Diego. On Aug. 28 and 29, fans of all ages enjoyed big headlining names such as Modest Mouse, M.I.A., the Dead Weather and Black Eyed Peas.

Five conveniently located

music listens.

One of the biggest acts on the line up, the Beastie Boys canceled their scheduled appearance in late July to much dismay of many fans.

Modest Mouse played a melodic one hour set to a subdued audience that sang almost every word with lead singer, Isaac Brock. Epic radio hit "Dashboard" set the calm folk-ish toned band into a riot and the energy radiated off the summer night and into the crowd. Foolishly, Modest Mouse failed to satisfy by neglecting to play 2004's popular single "Float On," off the album "Good News For People Who Love Bad News."

Black Eyed Peas transformed a rock show into a nightclub by pumping the crowd up with trendy radio hits and paying the late DJ AM a 20 minute tribute that included remixed songs by the Red Hot

Chili Peppers, Kid Cudi, and other popular musical artists.

Slowing the show down just a bit, Fergie sang her single "Big Girls Don't Cry." Ending the show with a shower of confetti and two of the group's most popular songs, "Boom boom pow" and "I got a feeling" off their latest album "The E.N.D.," standing for the energy never dies, left the crowded feeling the worth of their ticket.

"I'm loving this. A lot of cool people showed up [to Street Scene], hipsters, the scene crowd,

the music really hits every age group," said Louis Soriano, 26, promotions assistant for San Diego's local popular music radio channel 93.3 FM.

Brothers David and Steve Smith, Street Scene vendor veterans continue to invest in Street Scene for their business Mayawear, a company of unique handmade treasures. "Business is bad this year, but we're trying to keep the faith with the good atmosphere. There is a lot of youth here and that's what keeps us in demand," said Steve Smith.

At a pricey \$65 for a single day admission and a special of \$95 for a two-day admission, Street Scene seemed less crowded to Jimmy Clift, a police officer

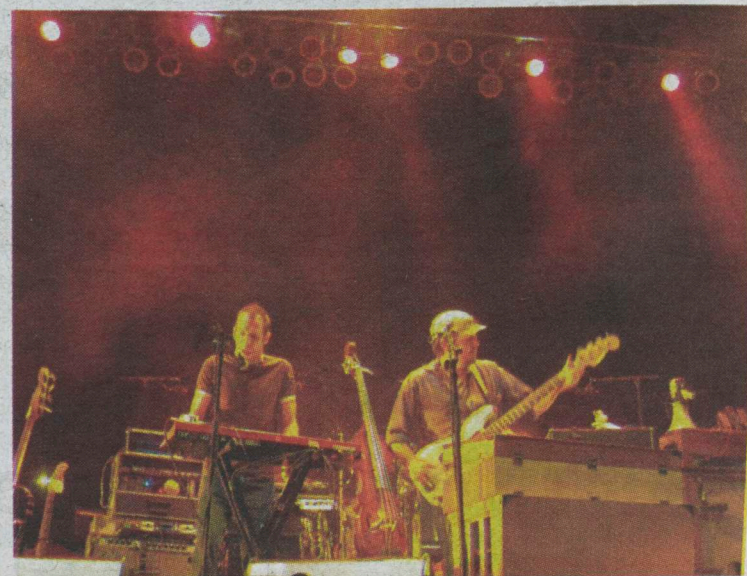


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sneakers, hippie headbands and high waisted pants. "Street Scene

young people. It's a very youthful scene," said Clift.

Saturday's main stage lineup included Silversun Pickups, M.I.A., The Dead Weather and Busta Rhymes, more local sounds for Saturday included Delta Spirit, Ra Ra Riots and The Faint.

M.I.A. wrapped up the two-night epic music festival with colorful pyro techniques and a remixed tribute to the Beastie Boys. Her sound playfully consists of political lyrics and artwork that shined through the LED screen behind the stage. Her electric blue eye shadow and eclectic dancers performed a truly new and fun concert experience.



Image taken by Sandra Chalmers

working for security purposes is cool, a lot of inside the concert. "It seems as though there are a lot less people here than years before, but people still get rowdy and that's why I'm here, we just want everyone to have a good time."

With the independent music came the independent fashion styles of bright



Image taken by Sandra Chalmers

stages set up between K Street and 14th Ave showcased the best of independent bands, beer gardens and unique vendors set to satisfy the scene of street scene.

Friday's musical maven included Modest Mouse, Cake, and Black Eyed Peas. More independent listens included Conor Oberst & the Mystic Valley Band, Deerhunter, Cage the Elephant and San Diego's very own Anya Marina. Anya Marina stands as an iconic DJ with 94.9 FM radio station serving San Diego with more alternative and independent

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