

CSUSM faces tragic loss Community mourns the death of Professor Mikiko Imamura-Seyller

BY KATHRYN MCBRAYER
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Professor Mikiko Imamura-Seyller
Photo courtesy of World Language department

CSUSM Professor Mikiko Imamura-Seyller, head of the Japanese Program department, passed away in her home Sept. 27 after a 7-year battle with Cancer. She was 59.

Imamura-Seyller was a cherished member of the CSUSM faculty and a key component of the Foreign Languages program. She is survived by her husband, and two children. Her son is a University student in the United

States and her daughter lives in Japan. Imamura-Seyller taught Japanese at CSUSM from the inception of the program and helped to develop consistently the successful program it is today.

Loved by her students as well as other faculty members she always had a warm smile for everyone. Dr. Anover, department chair of World Languages said that, "Professor Imamura-

Seyller's passing is a great loss to CSUSM."

As an adjunct professor, she showed her dedication to the students and the language program by exceeding the traditional involvement of part time professors. Her accomplishments and involvement in the program show her dedication to her students and CSUSM.

Although Imamura-Seyller had been ill for some time, she never

missed a class or an event and always made herself available for her students. She promoted Japanese language and culture at every opportunity she had.

Imamura-Seyller created and hosted the Japanese culture week at CSUSM, a weeklong event with several opportunities to attend talks, art displays, and movies about Japanese cul-

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President Haynes meets with students in open forum

The Pride takes a seat in the President's Boardroom for the discussion

BY JACKIE CARBAJAL
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On Oct. 2, Cal State University San Marcos President Haynes held an open forum for students during University Hour in the President's Boardroom.

ASI President, Caitlin Gelrud, opened the forum, introducing President Haynes to the seven students in attendance. Haynes then welcomed everyone and opened the floor for discussion.

From skateboarding fines to new majors, students presented Haynes with a wide variety of questions during the hour-long forum.

Sophomore, Sara Planchon, questioned President Haynes

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The new traffic signals bring with them new traffic laws. For vehicles, failing to stop at a red light before making a right turn costs \$199 while failing to stop at a red light, arrow, flashing red or passing another vehicle stopped for a pedestrian costs \$340. Also having a vehicle blocking the crosswalk is \$85. A pedestrian can receive a ticket for \$85 for walking while the "Do not walk" is showing. For questions regarding these new traffic laws, contact the University Police Department.

Update on CSU executive raises controversy

BY BEN ROFFEE
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The California Faculty Association continued its campaign this past week to bring more accountability to Chancellor Reed and the CSU Board of Trustees' executive compensation practices.

Building on support from government officials, students, and faculty, the CFA continued to urge Governor Schwarzenegger to sign A.B. 1413 and S.B. 190 into law, reform legislation that would curb executive compensation and set limits on pay given to departing executives.

In past weeks, the CFA has revealed damaging findings of fraud and waste in its investigations of the CSU Administration. As outrage has grown, new fronts have opened in the fight against lavish executive compensation, bringing the issue to the public and to the courtroom in unprecedented ways.

Discussions between staff and President Haynes

BY BEN ROFFEE
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Closing a week of discussions with the three major bodies on campus, President Haynes met with the Cal State San Marcos staff on Friday, Oct. 5, as part of a series of open forums to address concerns on campus.

Having met with students and faculty earlier in the week,

President Haynes sat down with a room full of CSUSM staff to hear their concerns about salaries, personnel shortages, and distribution of labor.

While student and faculty affairs command attention with relative ease, the staff (the smallest body on campus) does not always receive the same degree of consideration.

One of the primary concerns

brought up to President Haynes centered on an overall budget shortage across the various staff departments. As a result of these shortages, staff personnel are now experiencing an inability for salary growth (in-range progression), even as they face increasing responsibilities. To further compound the issue, departments cannot open up new positions to help

delegate responsibilities to meet the demands of a rapidly growing campus.

In response to salary concerns, President Haynes concurred with the staff's concern and explained that the Budget Committee is "being charged to look at and discuss the pros and cons of a centralized pool

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ture created by Japanese artists. Professor Imamura-Seyller was also an organizer for the international festival at CSUSM where she cooked her own recipes for the events and helped her students create displays of Japanese culture. She even advised the

Japanese club here on campus, which she helped establish.

Anover described her as "a talented scholar-teacher." She used every tool available to teach her students and remained current on teaching techniques throughout her career, she said.

Imamura-Seyller worked until the last day possible. She was a

dedicated woman whose love for her own Japanese culture was contagious.

It is clear the loss of a great teacher, scholar, and woman will be felt here for some time to come. On Oct. 7, a Buddhist Service was held in her honor at 800 Los Vallecitos Boulevard, suites C and D, in San Marcos

honoring her life and accomplishments.

Anover said contributions can be made to CSUSM Foundation Account for a memorial fund in honor of Imamura-Seyller. If you would like to contribute, please note in the memo portion of the check that it is for the Professor Imamura-Seyller memorial fund.

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for in-range progression and other salary increases for staff." In other words, a centralized pool for in-range progression would provide funds that all staff departments could access for providing necessary staff pay raises.

On the issue of personnel

shortages, President Haynes pointed out that unlike faculty, CSUSM has "no empirical model for staffing." Where there is a suggested ratio of faculty to students, no such guidelines exist for balancing staff with students, a point of great concern for staff personnel who fear that they may not have the manpower to handle stu-

dent growth.

Amidst the seriousness of the issues discussed, there was some light-hearted laughter, with both the staff and President Haynes maintaining a friendly and constructive environment. President Haynes plans to hold forums similar to these in the future.

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regarding volleyball and the possibility of forming a college team at CSUSM in the future.

President Haynes stated that "volleyball and basketball would likely be the next set of sports and they would likely be on the path to NCAA Division 2 Athletics. This semester in fact there will be conversation around that."

According to President Haynes, the sports department is still in the initial phases of planning for the two sports. Football, however, is one sport that she does not foresee in the near future and is not in any current plans.

Other athletic issues discussed, focused primarily on potential ways the campus would fund sports in the future. Solutions to the issue would most likely rely on increases in student fees and donations.

The forum succeeded in putting some rumors floating around campus to rest. One such rumor speculated a price increase on parking spaces closer to campus. While this practice is one Haynes

said does exist at other campuses, she quickly denied the rumor's credibility for CSUSM. "It's really interesting where rumors start," said President Haynes.

University hour also became a topic of interest at the forum. "I'm personally frustrated with how University Hour is turning out," said Senior Felipe Zañartu. He believes the limited time makes it difficult to plan anything. He also notices various campus organizations scheduling events at the same time.

President Haynes defended the shift from the five-day a week University Hour to the now bi-weekly setup as a compromise for each side.

"Last fall when we started five days a week, there were a fair amount of students who were really unhappy with the classes that couldn't be scheduled. So I administratively made an executive decision to try to protect University Hour [by having it] two days a week and also provide student the access to classes they needed."

During the forum, Haynes even received a question through student text messaging. The student expressed a

desire for a student union on campus. A student union is currently in preliminary planning and on a fundraising priority list. As a stretch goal, Haynes would like to break ground for a student union for CSUSM's twentieth anniversary in 2010 but as of now, nothing is official.

Student Christina Ahmadpour asked President Haynes what reputation she would like CSUSM to have that could distinguish this campus from others. President Haynes explained, "we already hear students talking about how this is a smaller campus, a friendlier campus, our faculty know students and care about them."

Because the campus is only seventeen years old, President Haynes added that many of the academic programs need time to grow before they can receive more recognition.

The administration hopes to continue forums at least once a semester with the potential of more depending on President Haynes' availability. Any students eager to participate in the next forum should keep an eye out for future forums coming soon.

Updates on CSU executive compensation

•Last week, CFA President Lillian Taiz formally challenged Chancellor Reed to a debate on executive compensation and benefits policies. Largely in response to the Chancellor's adamant defense of the current executive compensation policy, President Taiz seeks to clarify the CFA's stance on the matter in a public debate. The purpose of the debate is also to allow the Chancellor to inform the public on the reasoning behind his defense of controversial executive benefit and compensation policies. President Taiz did not specify a time or location, leaving the Chancellor the option if he decides to participate in the debate.

•Two recent graduates of Cal State San Bernardino, Paul and Crystal Rodriguez, have officially filed suit against the CSU, claiming that the retroactive pay raises approved at last month's CSU Board of Trustees meeting are illegal. Listing the CSU Board of Trustees, Chancellor Reed, and Chairwoman Roberta Achtenberg as defendants, the two are seeking a mandate that would require all recipients of these raises applied to work already done to return the money to the state. The two derive their basis to file suit from their status as taxpayers, arguing that the state Constitution prohibits state employees from receiving pay raises for work already completed.

•Today, Oct. 9, Senator Gloria Romero will join government officials Lt. Governor John Garamendi, Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, and State Senator Leland Yee in decrying Chancellor Reed's recent conduct. Targeting what she believes to be an abuse of taxpayer dollars, Senator Romero will call on the CSU Administration to terminate its relationship with a lobbying firm commissioned to contest A.B. 1413. Outraged that the CSU Administration would use taxpayer dollars to fund this lobbying group, especially in light of recent controversy with executive compensation practices, Senator Romero will introduce taxpayer lobbyists to prompt the governor to sign A.B. 1413.

PoliceBeat

9/24/07 12:30P.M.

A staff member reported that he/she received four phone call hang-ups in a row.

9/25/07 3:10P.M.

Officers responded to Foundation classroom 106, and found misuse of University property. An unauthorized person was using the room, and their child drew black marks on the projector screen. They cleaned the screen, and there was no damage.

9/26/07 6:15P.M.

Potential liability injured persons report. 28yr old male playing basketball at the Clark dislocated his shoulder, and transported himself to the hospital.

9/27/07

Vandalism. An ethnic slur was written on the wall of a men's restroom in ACD, 4th floor. The damages are \$200.

9/28/07 12:00 A.M.

Domestic violence. Officers responded to the UVA bldg. B, and contacted the girlfriend and boyfriend involved in the domestic dispute. A technical battery took place, no injuries, no arrests, and referred to the Dean of Students.

9/28/07 9:45 P.M.

In parking lot N, officers arrested a 19yr old male for possession of alcohol. He was cited and released.

9/28/07 11:05P.M.

Officers found a 19yr old female who had passed out and vomited on the first floor of UVA bldg. B. She was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

9/28/07 11:45P.M.

In UVA bldg. C, first floor, Officers discovered an 18yr old female passed out in her room in vomit, and she was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

9/30/07 11:30P.M.

UVA community room, 18 yr old male reported that he was freaking out from a recent ingestion of marijuana. He requested to be taken to the hospital, due to his condition. Officers transported him.

Update on WANTED PAROLEE Kevin High.

UPD turned case into the D.A for evaluation and requested an arrest warrant be issued. High's parole officer has been notified. UPD is working along with other authorities to locate and apprehend him.

UPD tip of the week: If pulled over by a police officer, do not attempt to exit your vehicle unless instructed to. Wait for the officer to approach. Keep both hands where the officer can see them, and communicate your intentions prior to reaching into your pockets, glove compartment, or center console.

Cougar Watch arrives 10/16/07!



San Diego Chargers win big over Denver Broncos

BY TIM MOORE
Pride Staff Writer

The Chargers are back. Just when fans might have given up hope, Norv Turner coached the Chargers to a much needed road victory. Turner, the Chargers first year head coach, had gained ridicule from fans and media alike in the week leading up to Sunday's game, after leading the Chargers to an unimpressive 1-3 start to open the season.

Turner, who spent last season as an offensive coordinator for the 49ers, got the job done Sunday, as the Chargers took out the Broncos by a score of 41-3; the Broncos worst home loss since 1966.

The Chargers started off the game in stunning fashion near the six minute mark in the first quar-

ter, as they scored twice in just 11 seconds; once on a Phillip River 11 yard rushing touchdown, and once on a Brandon Siler fumble recovery.

The Broncos scored their only points with 1:15 left in the second quarter on a 30-yard Jason Elam field goal.

Chargers kicker Nate Kaeding kicked two field goals in the second quarter, one of which, a 45-yard kick to lead the Chargers into half time with a 20-3 lead.

The Chargers introduced their passing game in the third quarter with a Philip Rivers to Antonio Gates 9 yard touchdown.

With just seven seconds remaining in the third quarter, Rivers hooked up with wide receiver Vincent Jackson for a 15 yard touchdown pass.

The Chargers scored only once

in the fourth quarter, but it was as pretty as could be. Back-up running back, Michael Turner rushed for a 74 yard touchdown, which proved to be the highlight of the game.

Michael Turner, the fourth year, 5'10" back-up running back from Northern Illinois University, had only 54 rushing yards in the first four games of the season.

The Chargers defense worked wonders Sunday, holding the Broncos to only a field goal, en route to a 41-3 finish.

"I don't know if I've ever been more embarrassed," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said, commenting on the loss.

The Chargers improved their record to 2-3, and hope to keep up the pace next Sunday at home against the 2-2 Raiders at 1:15 p.m. on CBS.

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Oct. 13 **Womens Cross Country** at Kenosha, Wisconsin
Mens Soccer at Southern Wesleyan

Oct. 19 **Mens Soccer** at CSUSB
Womens Soccer at CSUSB

Oct. 20 **Mens Cross Country** at San Marcos
Women's Cross Country at San Marcos, CA 7:30 AM

Oct. 21 **Mens Soccer** at Cal Poly Pomona
Womens Soccer at Cal Poly

Oct. 28 **Womens Soccer** at La Sierra

Nov. 3 **Mens CC** at Woodward Park, Fresno
Womens CC at Woodward Park, Fresno

Nov. 17 **Mens CC** at Wayne Dannehl Park, Kenosha, Wisconsin
Womens CC at Wayne Dannehl Park, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Community and World Literary Series Presents: William Luvaas

Students and faculty enjoy a reading from award winning contemporary author

BY JACKIE CARBAJAL
Pride Staff Writer

On Thursday, Oct. 4, CSUSM's Community and World Literary Series hosted a literature reading by author William Luvaas.

Luvaas read some of his literary work to a attentive audience of both students and faculty members. Words like "contemporary," "in your face," and "cutting edge" can describe Luvaas' style and still, there is so much more to the stories he creates.

For the event, Luvaas read a short story from his book, "A Working Man's Apocrypha". The story, "A Season of Limb Fall", chronicles the eccentric events in a different Southern California than the one with which we familiarize.

One such event involves a senile elderly woman and her yippy dog being ripped into the air by a twister. The dog later turns up alive in a tree.

Where else other than a literary reading could anyone really appreciate words like "alivening" and "kapockety"? How else would a "Be Sure Doggie Composter" make sense? Clearly the work of William Luvaas needs more than admiration, it makes you do a double take.

Tornadoes, life threatening floods, and self-generating computers all exist in the fictitious world of Luvaas. Not only does this alternate reality intrigue any reader willing to give it a chance, it also has heart.

The characters of "A Working Man's Apocrypha" are as loveable as they are eccentric and as flawed as they are remarkably genuine. Something about a literary reading brought out these elements in a way walking through a bookstore could never accomplish.

Literary readings may not seem like the ideal social event on a Thursday night for college students. However, as someone who shared that same opinion in the past, I strongly recommend it.

Hearing an author read their own writing aloud gives the audience much more than words on paper. The art of storytelling is an element that readers can't replicate.

The next Community and World Literary Series event will showcase readings from K. Silem Mohammad on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. For more information visit <http://www.csusm.edu/cwls/>

In today's technology

Still deciding which gadget to buy? This may help.

A guide to the newest and sleekest in technology

BY ELBERT ESGUERRA
Pride Staff Writer

In this day and age, having some piece of Bluetooth technology or HDTV has become almost as important as having your automobile to get to school. With that said, there are some choices out there that will help making those decisions a little easier to find the sleekest, prolific, most impressive piece of gadgetry that money can afford. Even for the students who just want to get by or the ones that want to be head above heads over everyone else - there's something for everyone.

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Other tech news:

Since its release date, "Halo 3" has already generated more than \$300 million. Bungie Studios, the creators of "Halo 3", have announced a split from Microsoft to work as an independent game developer. Both sides have agreed to produce other games for the Xbox 360, and will continue to work closely over the next several years.

With Blu-ray discs out selling HD-DVD discs by 2:1, HD-DVD has decided to take a new approach by allowing shoppers to shop for discs via the internet feature on players. The first movie announced under this new system will be "Evan Almighty", which hits stores Oct. 9. The recording industry won a key fight on Oct. 4, against a Minnesota woman who had been illegally downloading music. Damages to the recording industry against the defendant, Jammie Thomas, 30, have accumulated to about \$220,000 over illegally obtaining about 1,700 songs.

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'Come out' and enjoy the monologues

CSUSM's LGBT community hosts an event of tolerance and understanding

BY SHIRLEY BARAJAS
Pride Staff Writer

"Getting Out" that is what the "Coming Out Monologues" is about. Sponsored by the LGBT, LGBTQ and the ASI Women's Center the "Coming Out Monologues" will be held October 11th at 7p.m. in the Clarke Field House.

According to Bryce Manning, one of the directors of the event, the title was inspired from the famous play "The Vagina Monologues". Manning said the difference between "The Vagina Monologues" and "The Coming Out Monologues" is that this is not a play, instead it is a collection of speakers talking about their experiences with "coming out".

Another inspiration toward organizing this event is the date it will be held. October is known as the LGBT history month and October 11th is National Coming Out Day. Not only will this be

an opportunity for the audience to learn about the LGBT community but also to understand how the community handles talking about the subject for the first time.

There will be several speakers at the event including Manning. Two other speakers will be coming from Massachusetts one of them will speak from a transgender perspective and the other from a straight ally perspective. Among other speakers there are some from the CSUSM community.

Living in a heterosexual world is not easy for non-heterosexual individuals to talk about the topic freely. Most speakers tell their stories about acceptance in a heterosexual society.

Although the performance is about the LGBT community everyone is welcome.

"I expect the audience to walk away with a sense of understanding and learn new ideas about the subject" said Manning.

Website of the Week

BY TIM MOORE
Pride Staff Writer

Are you sick and tired of cleaning up after your roommates? Is your place a mess because you can't compile an efficient chore list?

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Step Three: "ChoreBuster Automatically Generates a fair schedule of chores." ChoreBuster makes sense of this feature on their website, "when you assign a rating to a chore, it means that chore is worth a certain number of points. Whenever someone

is assigned a chore, they are given the amount of points that the chore is worth. ChoreBuster ensures fairness by always giving the 'next' chore to the person with the lowest score."

Step Four: "Schedule is emailed to you daily or weekly - no need to log in." The schedule delivery really gives ChoreBuster its "wow" factor. Users select whether they would like to receive an e-mail with their generated chores weekly or daily, and from there an e-mail is conveniently sent out to all of the users on the account.

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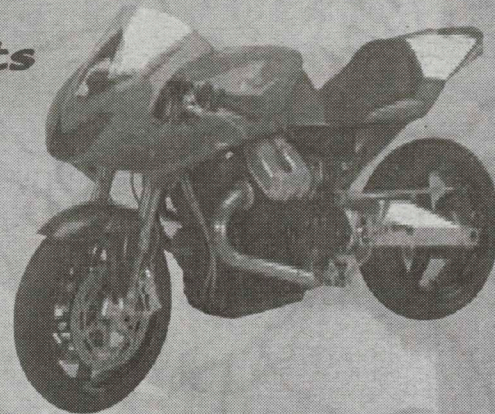
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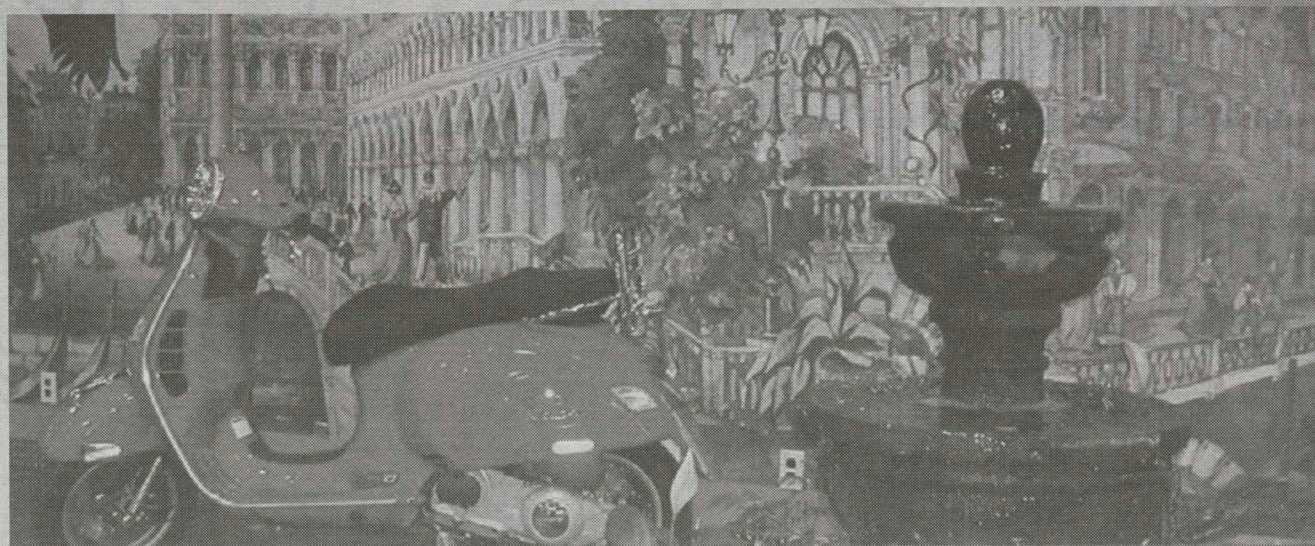
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Blood, sweat, tears, exercise

BY TORIA SAVEY
Pride Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted something so badly you could taste it and it seemed to invade your every waking thought? No, me neither. We'll come back to the concept later.

Two important things happened this week. First, I got a hickey so bad the entire editorial staff gave me crap about it. The second and more important thing is that I took up kickboxing. Sort of.

I hate exercise. Maybe you hate it too. You should. You run, you run, and you either get nowhere on a treadmill, or come back in a loop to wherever you started. The only time I'm going to run is if the apocalypse comes, I get "Left Behind" (you know, like the book series), and there are lions chasing me. Or if someone points a gun at me. Or if for some God-forsaken reason, there are lions pointing guns at me.

But apparently, even if you held at a steady weight by doing nothing, once you gain weight, you have to exercise to lose it. Who comes up with these theories? I was stuck either in a hospital or in bed when I gained it but I have to go out and make a fool of myself in one way or another to get rid of it. RIDICULOUS.

There are many ways to do this so-called 'exercise'. (Why don't they just call it

active-motion humiliation?) You can join a gym. There are several benefits to this. I don't know what they are. The downsides are numerous. Most importantly, there is a high chance that your gym will have clear windows. So that everyone in the strip mall can watch your active-motion humiliation. This leads to things like people eating Coldstone ice cream in full view of you while you're doing the elliptical trainer. Which you already hate.

The second option is getting a personal trainer. Dude, if you have the money for a personal trainer, how'd you even get out of shape in the first place? Don't even talk to me.

The third option is having a friend help you. This is a great option if your friend has some kind of professional training. Of course, if

that were the case, they'd be a personal trainer and making hundreds from other people instead of helping you. The idea of just working out with a friend is good though. Active-motion humiliation is blunted by having someone making a complete ass of themselves next to you. Adds to the friendship.

What you may choose NOT to do is take up kickboxing with someone who trains Marines. Just a friendly little word of advice. But hey, I guess if you want it so badly you can taste it, you might anyway. I wouldn't know.

**I hate
exercise.
Maybe you
hate it too.
You should.**

Church's Influence on Sports What a week

BY DAVID CHURCH
Pride Staff Writer

This past week had everything. The NHL season finally was underway in North America. The New York Yankees dropped the first two games of the post-season. The National League West is dominating the Philadelphia Phillies and Chicago Cubs. And still there is more.

Let's start with Michael Vick, who is now facing state charges for the dog fighting. Vick is also at risk for having to pay back the Atlanta Falcons \$22 million of his signing bonus. Since this is guaranteed money, the criminal, Vick, is most likely going to be able to use it and keep investing it in his lawyer team as he is planning to fight the charges at the state level.

Vick is already facing two years in the federal prison, and is being slapped with a possible 40 years in state prison. Not to mention, the NFL will be looking to ban him. But the way things are going, I don't think commissioner Roger Goodell will have to since Vick will be locked up for a while.

While we are talking about athletes who went from heroes to villains, why not talk about the soon to be three-time stripped Olympic Gold Medalist Marion Jones - the pride and joy of the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney for track and field. Jones had all Americans on the edge of their seats as she was trying for five Olympic Gold Medals. We also watched her then-husband, C.J. Hunter, fail a steroid test at the same Olympics.

Seven years later, she finally came out in a tearful apology after she pled guilty for lying to federal investigators.

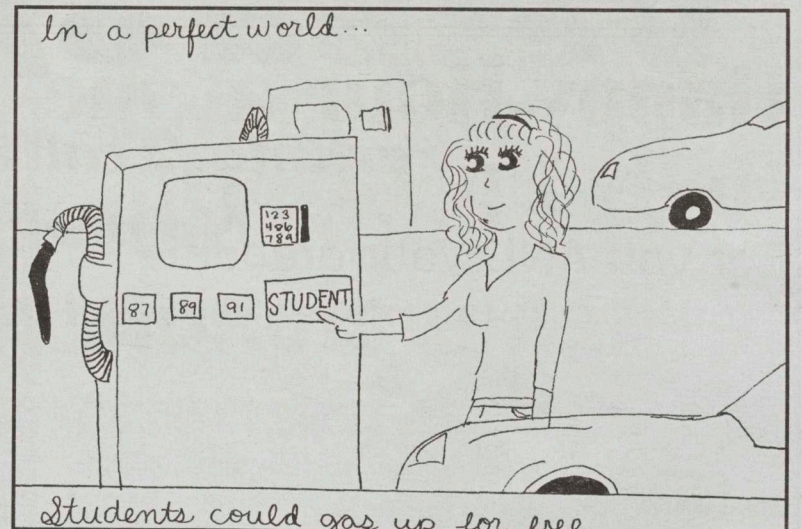
Jones is giving fans another reason to distrust their beloved athletes. She is joining those who have been lying about taking steroids such as Floyd Landis, Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and more. But, the thing that is making it bad as a fan of sports is that we are being pushed to the extremes on athletes that are trustable.

Lastly, there is Isiah Thomas, president of operations and head coach of the New York Knicks. Thomas was found guilty by a jury for sexual harassment, for making demeaning statements and sexual advances at Anucha Browne Sanders. Now Thomas' employer, Madison Square Garden's chairman, James Dolan, gets to write a \$11.5 million check to the victim. Al Sharpton is preparing to lead a protest against Madison Square Gardens unless Thomas would apologize for his comments about how it is less offensive for a black man to call a black woman a bitch than it is for a white man..

The only reason why Thomas still has a job is that Dolan and Thomas' relationship is unbreakable. Thomas then exited the courthouse and said how the jury was wrong, they were very wrong. Thomas' actions are those of a sports athlete. He is no longer that athlete, he is a coach still acting like a player. It is wrong for what he did and the Knicks will now be able to fire him after another terrible year the Knicks are about to have.



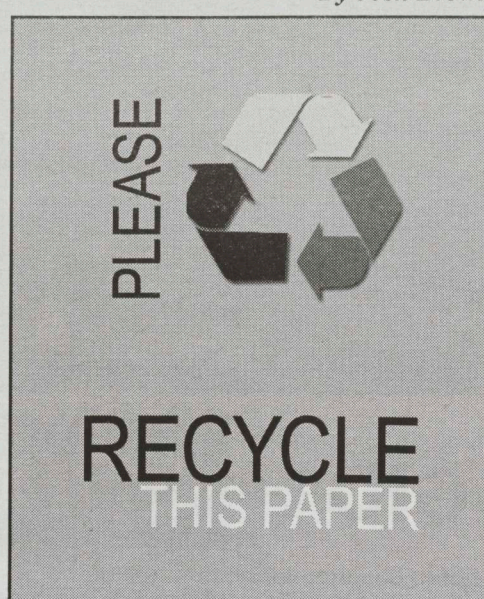
By Josh Brown



By Jenny Bigpond



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CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

CORRECTION:

In the article "The new fight against executive raises," that ran in our Oct. 2 issue, the "A.B. 1430" legislation referred to should read "A.B. 1413."

RETRACTION:

The author of article "The issue of racism in the U.S. comes to CSUSM," should not read Toria Savey.

The world is ending on October 13th

Too Many Events, San Diego Implodes

By Toria Savey / Pride Staff Writer

OKTOBERFEST

Cost: \$3 or 2 for \$5

Place: San Diego, specifically the neighborhood of Ocean Beach

What: Yes, many radio stations have been broadcasting live from Oktoberfests all over the county for the past few weeks. What is unclear is why they even bothered. The official October beer capital of San Diego is the neighborhood of Ocean Beach. It's cheap. There's music on two stages. Sausages. Beer. Stereotypical bar maids and a whole lotta lederhosen. It's as close to Munich as you're going to get in one day.



SAN DIEGO ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Cost: \$7 and up

Place: Ultrastar Mission Valley (Hazard Center)

What: With anywhere from six to sixteen films showing per night, the festival lasts from October 11th- 18th and can still barely cram in all the movies, panels and discussions. With films ranging into every subject matter, you should be able to get even your most close-minded friends to put aside their inhibitions about the indie nature

of 'film festivals'. If you don't find something that appeals to you, I'll eat my hat. Actually, eat your own hat, because obviously there's something wrong with you already.



MCAS MIRAMAR AIR SHOW

Cost: Nothing! Again!

Place: Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

What: Quite simply, lots of planes. Maybe you have a child who would be amused.

Maybe you're trying to go deaf by the age of thirty. Maybe you never got over those childhood dreams of being a fighter pilot. Featuring everything from military demonstrations to wingwalkers (yes, that's just what it sounds like), there's enough to keep the young, old, and even attention deficit entertained.



LITTLE ITALY PRECIOUS FESTA

Cost: Nothing!

Place: San Diego again, this time in Little Italy

What: While the cost is technically nothing, parking could set you back \$7. Or there's always the trolley which will take you almost to the heart of the festa, Italian for 'festival'. With over 100,000 attendees, the festival starts on October 13th with a chalk drawing exhibition, and continues with the bulk of food, entertainment and vendors on October

14th. Oddly enough, their website also mentions sausages as being integral, though this time of the Italian variety. Little Italy is also known for its art community which is celebrated during several different annual events, and will no doubt be on display at the festa.



ART EXHIBITIONS GONE WILD

Cost: varies, some free

Place: San Diego Museum of Art, UCR Sweeney Art Gallery and California Museum for Photography

WHAT: Ok, maybe that's not the name of an entire event, but it should be. If you love art, then October 13th is the day to be alive in San Diego. New exhibitions will be opening at the San Diego Museum of Art (SDMA) as well as both art venues at the University of California, Riverside. SDMA is proving it can still attract the young and vital with Animated Painting, an exhibition of works that connect traditional painting to animation technologies. The Sweeney Art Gallery is opening three new shows, all done by incredible Latino artists. One in particular stands out as a multimedia portrayal of the uprising on Oaxaca that has been going on since 2006. Two events are also starting at the Museum of Photography. For sheer ingenuity, I'm going to see Real Uncertain, referred to as a "conversation between painting and photography", leaving the visitor to wonder which they've viewed. Well worth the drive.

ANNUAL TIJUANA TEQUILA TOUR

Cost: Ok+Pricey. \$39.

Place: leaves from Old Town Transit Center, San Diego

What: Perhaps you don't drink tequila. That's a shame. But it leaves plenty more for the rest of us. While this tour is definitely a little expensive, you travel to Mexico by bus and arrive as the Tequila Expo, a holy land for aficionados, where you can taste over 100 different tequilas. Actually, it's unlimited tasting of 100 different tequilas. Did you catch the UNLIMITED part?!?

The event is mostly for the over 21 set, though you can go between the ages of 18 and 20...if you bring a parent.

The cost includes two shots of tequila on the bus (which is the only way I'll travel by bus, actually).



Images courtesy San Diego Asian Film Foundation, US Marine Corps, Little Italy Association, Tijuana Tourism Board

Happy Hour at the Belly Up Tavern:

For you AND your grandma

BY KATHRYN MCBRAYER
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This week my assignment was to check out the Belly Up Tavern's happy hour. Every Friday the Belly Up has a happy hour with a live band, dancing and a cheap five-dollar cover charge.

The Belly Up Tavern is a North County treasure, located in the heart of beautiful Solana Beach. The happy hour session is from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Fridays. There's a different band scheduled for each session. A 21-year-old age limit is enforced in the tavern.

I had been to the Belly Up before and found the intimate venue to be an entertaining local spot to see a show in North County. However, to my surprise, the Belly Up happy hour caters to a more mature crowd.

There weren't any drink specials or food specials for the happy hour. The only budget advantage was the five dollar cover charge. Fortunately, the band was extremely entertaining. As a "nostalgia" band, they were experts in all kinds of party dance classics from the 40's to the 90's.

Five men and two women were all wearing costumes and energizing the crowd. One of the women was playing the sax while the other

did vocals. The men played keyboard, vocals, upright base, guitar and drums. Everyone able to dance was dancing. It was enjoyable to see people take pleasure in themselves, even though I felt like a junior high kid at the senior prom.

Next week on Oct. 12, there will be a band called The Fabulous Pelicans who are also a party dance music band. The following week, Oct. 19, the Bayou Brothers will be playing. The Bayou Brothers are a Louisiana dance band that will leave you craving gumbo shrimp and dirty rice.

For those of you who enjoy people watching, I encourage you to head down to happy hour at the Belly Up as a pre-party to your Friday night.

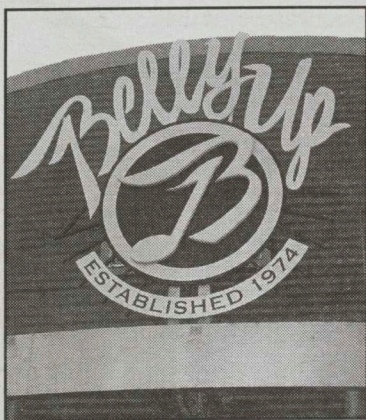
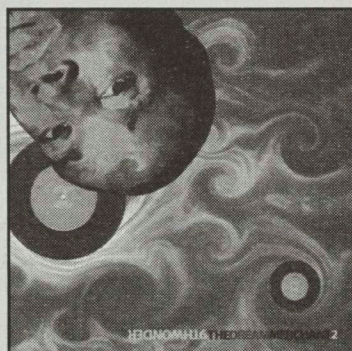


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DROPPING: CD RELEASES FOR Oct. 9

By Jason Encabo / Pride Staff Writer

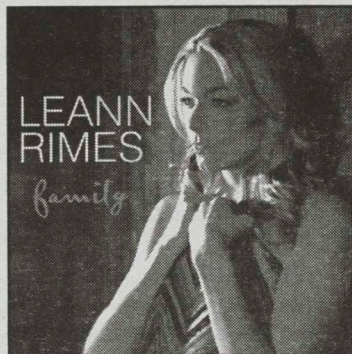


HIP HOP

The Dream Merchant 2

9TH WONDER

This hip hop beat-specialist has produced for hip hop artist as underground as Little Brother and as overground as Jay-Z. As he displays his skills and talent on this solo album, he features well known hip hop artists such as Mos Def and Camp Lo.

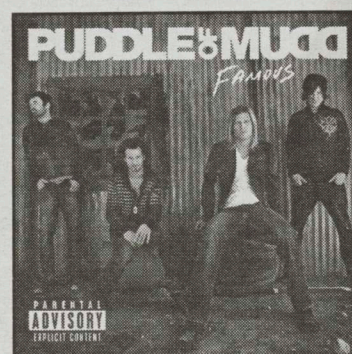


POP/COUNTRY

Family

LEANN RIMES

On to her 12th studio album, Leann Rimes gets personal. For the first time, she either wrote or co-wrote every single track on the album. Now we'll have to see if getting personal gets the pop/country listeners.



ROCK

Famous

PUDDLE OF MUDD

After pushing back the release date and changing the album's name, the band releases its third album. With some new band members debuting their musicianship, along with some credible producers, the band will see if this album can keep them 'famous.'

Images courtesy of Ryko Distribution Partners, Curb Records and Geffen Records

"The Heartbreak Kid"

A little recycled, but a lot of laughter

BY ELBERT ESGUERRA
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Scorsese has Leonardo, Tim Burton has Depp, Peter and Bobby Farrelly have Ben Stiller. All is right in the universe. The latest offering by the Farrelly brothers is "The Heartbreak Kid", where farts, crazy sex, and inappropriate language by old men are what keep audiences in their seats.

Stiller is Eddie Cantrow, a 40-year old sport shop owner looking for love. It doesn't help that his father, played by real life dad Jerry, is encouraging him to "live life" – which in his definition means sleeping with as many women as possible. Love in this case comes in the form of a bombshell named Lila (Malin Ackerman) who at first glance, looks like a sweet-

heart until the jaws of marriage brings out the ultra-neurotic nature in her, as well as Eddie. Eddie immediately regrets his life altering decision in marrying Mrs. Wrong after a Mini Cooper road trip to Cabo San Lucas where Lila sings the lyrics to all songs on the radio. Not just popular songs, but every song. It's after a serious (and I mean serious) sunburn mishap that Lila

is locked up in the room for most of the honeymoon, Eddie meets another sweetheart in Miranda (Michelle Monaghan). They find solace in each other and by this point, the movie begins to feel almost recycled with love triangles and coincidental disasters. Carlos Mencia also stars in the movie as a stereotypical, sleazy hotel worker. He does more to hinder the film oppo-

site the bouncing dialogue between Stiller and elder-Stiller. Stiller still plays the role of the hopeless good guy we want to root for and it's something that doesn't seem to get old. He brings a great exuberance to the loser role that suits his acting well. The film is a remake from 1972 film by Neil Simon. Rest assured that the Farrelly brothers have not lost a step in purveying their sense of humor to moviegoers, but it feels more like the kind of humor we got from "There's Something About Mary". It's cool, but it isn't groundbreaking humor like what we see these days like in "Borat", "The 40-Year Old Virgin" and "Superbad". The directing duo does a great job in casting every role just right in the film. People shouldn't have to worry that all the good comedic moments are spoiled by trailers and commercials. There's enough substance that satisfies, such as a certain donkey scene. Comedy is the Farrelly's muse, and comedy is where their success will always be seen. Let's hope that Peter and Bobby never decide to commit career suicide by directing a drama or action movie.



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BEER OF THE WEEK: Fire Rock Pale Ale

BY JONATHAN THOMPSON
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Kona Brewing Company brews Fire Rock Pale Ale in Kona, Hawaii. Father, Cameron Healy, and son, Spoon Khalsa, founded the brewery in spring of 1994.

The brewery has three main brews, which are Big Wave Golden Ale, Longboard Islander Lager, and Fire Rock Pale Ale. The brewery brews other specialty beers and limited edition releases.

The brewery mainly sells in Hawaii but also sells in the lower 48 states, Japan, and China. The brewery operates two pubs and claims to have utilized recycled parts from surrounding islands such as a roof and bar table. Because the ale comes from Hawaii, the cardboard container holding six 12-ounce brown glass bottles is adorned with a picturesque scene most likely found in every travel photo album owned by any Hawaii visitor.

The container depicts Hawaiian vegetation, the sea, a passing cruise ship, two tourists, an erupting vol-

cano, and the sun. The container catches the eye with popping yellow and orange hues contrasted with soothing green and brown colors. Overall, the packaging pleases the eye. The Hawaiian scene allows the consumer to mentally travel and experience Hawaii while being in the confines of their physical settings.

The bottles themselves contain the same scene from the container. The bottles have yellow caps that bottle 6.0% alcohol-by-volume ale. The ale's ABV contains a little more alcohol than an average beer. Underneath the bottle caps, the brewery has stamped Hawaiian words and their English translations. Hawaiian and English are the official languages of Hawaii.

The ale pours extremely smooth while barely creating a quarter inch thick head. A copper tone radiates from the glass.

The ale emits an aroma similar to that of freshly made dough with a hint of sour mash. The ale begins with a mildly bold flavor and finishes superb. The exquisite finish makes the mind, body, and soul feel fantastic. The great tasting finish calls for the beginning, again and again. The brewery suggests pairing the ale with almost any food item, especially barbeque. A fellow Cougar experienced the great tasting ale. "It taste light and crisp," said senior business major Bryan Spangenberg. The brewery released their limited edition Pipeline Porter on Oct. 1. The porter should be interesting as it contains 100% Kona Coffee. Look out for Pipeline Porter in a future "Beer of the Week." As always, enjoy responsibly.

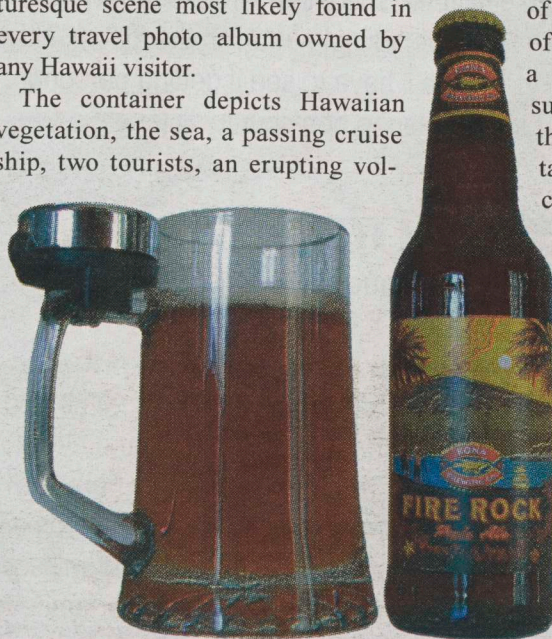


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EAT OF THE WEEK: George's Burgers

BY BEN ROFFEE
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By George, I think they've got it! Don't be fooled by the simplicity of the name. George's Burgers is one of those few places that has escaped the infinite pit of generic burger joints whose food is as bland as the Joes, Bobs, and Chucks, they're named after.

George's Burgers is a modest place located on N. Las Posas Road, just off the 78. While it may not be the most epic burger in San Marcos, George's Burgers will stand toe to toe with the veterans if called upon. This place couldn't be any more perfect for the wayward CSUSM student, catering to even the most discerning palette with a frighteningly diverse menu. At George's Burgers, you will undoubtedly discover the most unholy of the fast food trinitities: burgers, Mexican, and Greek Food. George's Burgers also boasts a fairly thorough breakfast menu. When Samuel Morse dispatched that immortal utterance—"What hath god wrought?"—in his first telegraph transmission, it was because he had just read the menu at George's Burgers. While George's Burgers' methods are daring and perhaps blasphemous, it is improbable if not impossible for you to not enjoy something there.

Since it is a burger place first and foremost, I decided to try the quarter pound special

burger. Expecting a humble quarter-pounder, you can imagine my surprise when this colossal behemoth invaded my face. After the initial shock, I soon discovered this burger to be a gentle giant, a stable and calm blend of ingredients. It is a harmonious celebration of unrivaled equality where no element of the burger overwhelms another or the rest. The hamburger meat has a faint spice that contributes to the innovative dynamic of the burger. In similar fashion to the burger, the fries are beastly generous in flavor, they don't harbor excess grease that can often times overwhelm a French fry.

I definitely recommend you pencil George's Burgers somewhere into your list of places to go before you die, preferably somewhere between your 10:15 a.m. History class and your trip to The Great Wall of China.

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