



## Fire in the Skies Over Southern California

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Last Thursday around 7:30 p.m., Vandenberg Air Force Base, located just north of Santa Barbara, was running a routine ICBM (Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile) test.

The missile sent was an unmanned Minute Man III, and its destination was the Marshall Islands, thousands of miles away in the central Pacific Ocean.

Weather experts say that the time of the launch and the clear weather conditions, played a significant role in creating the "twi-

light affect" that many people saw that night. As the missile climbed to enormous altitudes, the vapor trail left behind the missile froze. Consequently, the rays coming from the still setting sun caught the frozen vapor particles, sending off a reddish-white hue.

Matty, from the Matty Show on 91X radio said that the United States Air Force (USAF) does inform the media about missile launches that are supposed to occur in the area. However, he stated that the releases regarding the launches are very vague. Apparently the USAF told 91X that there would be a launch

sometime in September between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Not only is this a very broad window for a scheduled test, but it was also late, albeit only by a half an hour.

Many students leaving Academic Hall noticed the event, and there was a strange mixture of emotions in the air. It was a combination of apprehension, awe, and amazement. Only after they realized that there was no apparent danger did it become apparent that the event was merely both an awesome and powerful spectacle.

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## Tough Time with Skate Parks in San Marcos

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ary 2003.

There are no skate parks in San Marcos, leaving the entire population of extreme sports participants, including skateboarders, inline skaters, and bikers, with no legal place to practice their sport.

"There are no future plans for a skate park in San Marcos," explained Mayor of San Marcos F.H. "Corky" Smith. However, Smith alluded to a new public park being built off of the 78-freeway exit at Nordahl Road that should be complete by Janu-

At the new San Marcos park, there would be an assigned area (approximately half the size of a basketball court) for local children and teenagers to ride their equipment. In this area, there would be no ramps, rails, or ledges to ride or grind on – that leaves flat ground. This new park will not be a skate park because it will lack ramps, rails, and ledges, thus leaving public property as one of the few options for extreme sports participants to use.

At CSUSM, there has been a

substantial amount of vandalism on our property. Such an example of vandalism is displayed in this photograph of a ledge at CSUSM. The marks on the ledge can be from bikers, inline skaters, or skateboarders. However, the fact remains that public property is being damaged, which is a common complaint that Bill Schramm, from the city of San Marcos Community Service department, is hearing from the San Marcos community.

Schramm asserted that in the future of San Marcos, as many as 24 new parks could be built, that may or may not include skate parks. He also said that construction of a skate park would not be worth the hassle, because local children and teens would still practice their sports on public property, even if skate parks were built.

However, Robert Levienos of San Marcos, who is a professional inline skater, feels that a new skate park in San Marcos would encourage him and other extreme sports participants to refrain from practicing on public property, because they would have a place to legally skate.

If there are no plans, there



Damage to wall from skate boarding in front of University Hall. Photo by Desmond Barca



Damage to railing from skate boarding. Photo by Jennifer Jarrell

may not be a skate park in the future of San Marcos. This is devastating news for people like Levienos, who want to avoid damaging public property, but sometimes cannot help it if they have only limited options.

For any questions or information on the future plans of San Marcos, please contact your local council members.



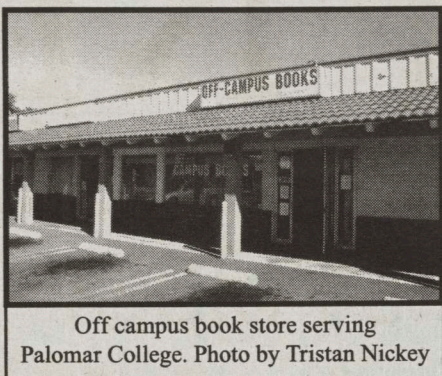
# Textbooks: To Sell or Not to Sell?

By JULIE MYRES  
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One area of concern that many returning students have, as the semester either comes to an end or gets ready to start again, is whether to keep those books from the prior semester or sell them back to the CSUSM bookstore. Students invest heavily at the beginning of every semester in books that they are required to read, carry all over campus, and keep in good condition all semester long.

However, some pay upwards of \$45.00 - \$65.00 for a brand new book and then only get as little as \$1.75 back at the end of the semester. Due to a lack of knowledge about the policy and who determines it as well as the amount to be paid for a buyback book, not everyone understands the buyback policy of CSUSM bookstore or agrees with it.

Sylvia Mangubat of Aztec Shops bookstores, which owns the bookstore at CSUSM, was able to provide information regarding the official policy of the bookstore on book buyback. According to official policy, textbook buyback is conducted at the end of each semester during



Off campus book store serving Palomar College. Photo by Tristan Nickey

finals week and throughout the rest of the year.

According to Mangubat, there are many factors that determine which books get bought back and which ones do not, as well as the amount paid for these books. A list of textbooks is compiled from textbook requests received from faculty at the end of each semester. Students get an average of 46%-55% of the current shelf price for books that are on the buyback list. The quantity of books bought back is determined by the difference between the number of books needed and the number of books already on hand in the bookstore.

When the set number of books required is met, students may sell additional copies to the bookstore for wholesale price. Older editions, out of print books, or books in poor condition may not

be bought back based on the judgment of the bookstore. Books not needed for the upcoming semester at any of the campuses that the bookstores serve may be given wholesale value and those books will then go to a wholesale company.

When asked about their competition and what kind of markups they have on the books, Mangubat commented that it is a case-by-case scenario and that she was unable to speak in general terms, because virtually every case can be different based on the number of texts needed, the mix of new versus used texts available, and the final cost of the book. She also added that the bookstore does regularly "shop" the competition, including online and other, to make sure that their prices are as competitive and fair as possible.

They do offer online services such as EZBooks and textbook shipping to home options to provide students with convenience and service without coming to the bookstore in person. However, these options can take between five to seven business days to reach your home and

cost \$7.00 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item for shipping.

Mangubat also added, "We would like our customers to know that the bookstore makes every possible effort to have the best buyback list possible in order to pay the highest prices to the students. We communicate regularly with faculty and encourage them to order as early as possible with an emphasis on submitting their orders before the beginning of buyback. The benefit to each student to sell their books back to the University Store is that they not only receive a higher value for their book through us, but they make affordable used books available to future students on their campus."

However, Joann Honeycutt, a recent CSUSM graduate who is currently working on her teaching credential, stated that she was unhappy with the return she got from selling her books back to the CSUSM bookstore. She chooses to keep her books from prior semesters as part of her personal library, because she sees more value in them than the minimal amount that she is offered for them.

There are many options for students other than the bookstore at CSUSM. Many of the faculty required readings can be found at local bookstores and other alternative used bookstores. Off Campus Bookstore, next to Palomar College, is another option but please note - they only carry the textbooks required by Palomar College. According to the manager of Off Campus Bookstore, they do not have any plans to add CSUSM textbooks to their inventory, because they do not have the space to include CSUSM required textbook in their store. They also do not have any plans to move to a bigger place.

There are many online stores that will sell new or used copies of the book at possibly lower cost than the CSUSM campus bookstore and ship them for just a few dollars or sometimes even free. Some good websites to check when in need to buy textbooks are [www.varsitybooks.com](http://www.varsitybooks.com); [www.bookbyte.com](http://www.bookbyte.com); and [www.studentmarket.com](http://www.studentmarket.com). At [www.bookswap.com](http://www.bookswap.com), students can place a classified ad to sell and buy used textbooks from other students at competitive prices.

## Clever Cultural Classes

By AMBER ROSSLAND  
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CSUSM is well known for its cultural diversity, both in education and in population, and it is this unique quality that enhances the campus' cultural experience. Professors like Deborah Small, Sonia Ruiz, and David Avalos eagerly devote their time and efforts to educating students about different cultures, and in a sense, opening up the world to them. This university offers many such opportunities to explore the wide varieties of people on the planet without even leaving the campus.

Deborah Small's World Cul-

tures (VPA 311) introduces students to a variety of cultures from around the world through various art forms, such as film, music, dance, and writing. This unique course utilizes the talents of several instructors, with Small acting as the "cheerleader for her colleagues," as she put it.

With a new instructor every week, this course is more like a fun day at the cultural arts center rather than a required course. Tessa Allen, a CSUSM junior, enjoys going to World Cultures class because "it is so diverse, and it covers all mediums of art." Plus, the class is now located in the new 250-seat lecture hall in the Arts building, so it allows for

ample enrollment.

Sonia Ruiz' Multicultural Perspectives in Psychology (PSYC 341) helps students develop a deeper understanding of numerous cultures and ethnicities. This course offers students a valuable tool in our ever-changing world, the awareness of communication, culture, and people throughout the world.

The pre-requisite for this class is introduction to psychology (PSYC 100); however, students of all disciplines, including business and communication, often take advantage of the knowledge she has to offer. This class may be petitioned sometime soon and

used for the global awareness graduation requirement for liberal studies majors.

David Avalos' Chicano Art in the Border Region (VSAR 323) is a brilliant mixture of controversial lectures and exceptional art. Avalos' class provides an open environment in which students are given the opportunity to explore the art that surrounds us. Perhaps the greatest learning experience is viewing the artwork up close and personal amongst the people who create it. A successful artist himself, Avalos helps his students to find hidden meaning in art, including poetry, paintings, and sculpture.

Multicultural Perspectives in Psychology and Chicano Art in the Border Region were not offered this semester, as they are only taught annually; however, they will both be offered in Spring 2003. Due to the limited seats available, these classes fill quickly so students should register for them immediately once registration starts.

In cooperation with Professor Small and her World Cultures class, all students are invited to attend a musical presentation of Celtic music by world-renowned artist Mary Jane Lamond on October 30th at 6 p.m. in Arts 111.

## Bible Marathon is put into Priority

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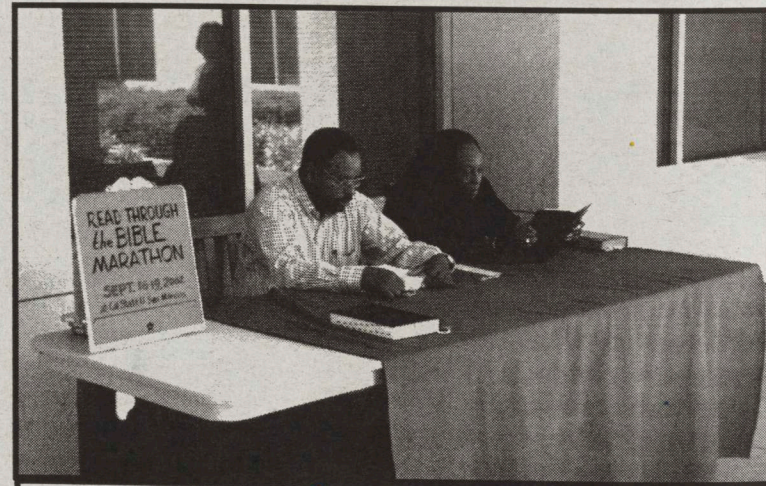
A group called Priority Christian Challenge set up just outside the library last week and set about reading through the bible in a marathon-like atmosphere. Volunteer readers started at 7 a.m. and read through to 9 p.m. Pairs of volunteers would read alternating passages for thirty minutes at which point two fresh volunteers would take over, and so went the cycle. Milt Hughes, a volunteer campus minister, and his wife were responsible for setting up this event. With the sup-

port of faculty advisor Dr. Ng, the mission was a success.

Priority Christian Challenge is a non-profit organization that is settled within clubs on college campuses around the country. Hughes said that there are about one thousand campuses that support the club. It is a non-denominational group that focuses on reading the bible for its own sake and to look at what it has to offer. The value, according to Priority Christian Challenge, is that college students' needs are addressed within the Bible.

"The idea," Hughes said, "is to give college student's faith a college education." The group measured their success by the amount of students receiving the idea. Hughes said that overall it had been a very positive experience as many students, along with faculty and staff, had volunteered to be a part of the readings.

The club was on campus all last week during their marathon, and was able to read through the entire New Testament, and most of the way through the Old Testament. Hughes also said that



Volunteers reading the Bible in front of the Craven Hall Library. Photo by Tristan Nickey

because Priority Christian Challenge is not an "in your face" kind of church group, success

has been easy to come by as he spends his fourth year on Cal State San Marcos' campus.



# Cal State San Marcos Receives \$1.98 Million to run Migrant Farm Worker Program

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College of Education at Cal State San Marcos has received a grant for \$1.98 million, for five years, to run the the College Assistance to Migrants Program (CAMP), which helps migrants, seasonal farm workers or their children in successfully completing their first year of college.

The CAMP program offers academic, personal and financial support, followed by mentoring opportunities for the second year to help students complete their baccalaureate degree and a subsequent teaching credential for those who choose teaching as a career.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, 88 percent of the 2,400 annual CAMP participants complete their first year of college successfully, and overall 75 percent graduate with baccalaureate degrees.

"Northern San Diego County, specifically Cal State San Marcos, has a tremendous need for CAMP services," said Dr. Juan Necochea, associate professor of Education at CSUSM who will co-administer the CAMP program.

Dr. Necochea listed three major reasons for the need for CAMP at CSUSM: 1) the concentration of farm workers employed in the University's service area 2) the large number of CAMP eligible students that reside in the area 3) the absence of CAMP projects in Southern California.

Of the current 43 CAMP grantees in the U.S., not one exists south of Long Beach. The

43 grantees are made up of institutions of higher education and other non-profit organizations that cooperate with such institutions. The original CAMP concept was originally developed as part President Lyndon Johnson's, "War on Poverty" in 1967 and in 1972 the first CAMP grants were awarded.

an important investment for the future and funds were appropriated for the 1996-1998 grant years.

In 1999 the CAMP program was included as part of the Clinton administration's "Hispanic Education Action Plan." The program's funding increased significantly.

"Currently, within our migrant service area there are over 1,200 migrant students who are eligible for CAMP. Additionally, there are migrant students in

the Imperial Valley, Southern Riverside County, and Southern San Diego County who are not served by a current camp grant and who would be eligible to participate in the Cal State San Marcos program. Working closely with our migrant regional

director, the San Marcos program will recruit from these areas," said Dr. Zulmara Cline, assistant professor of education and program co-administrator.

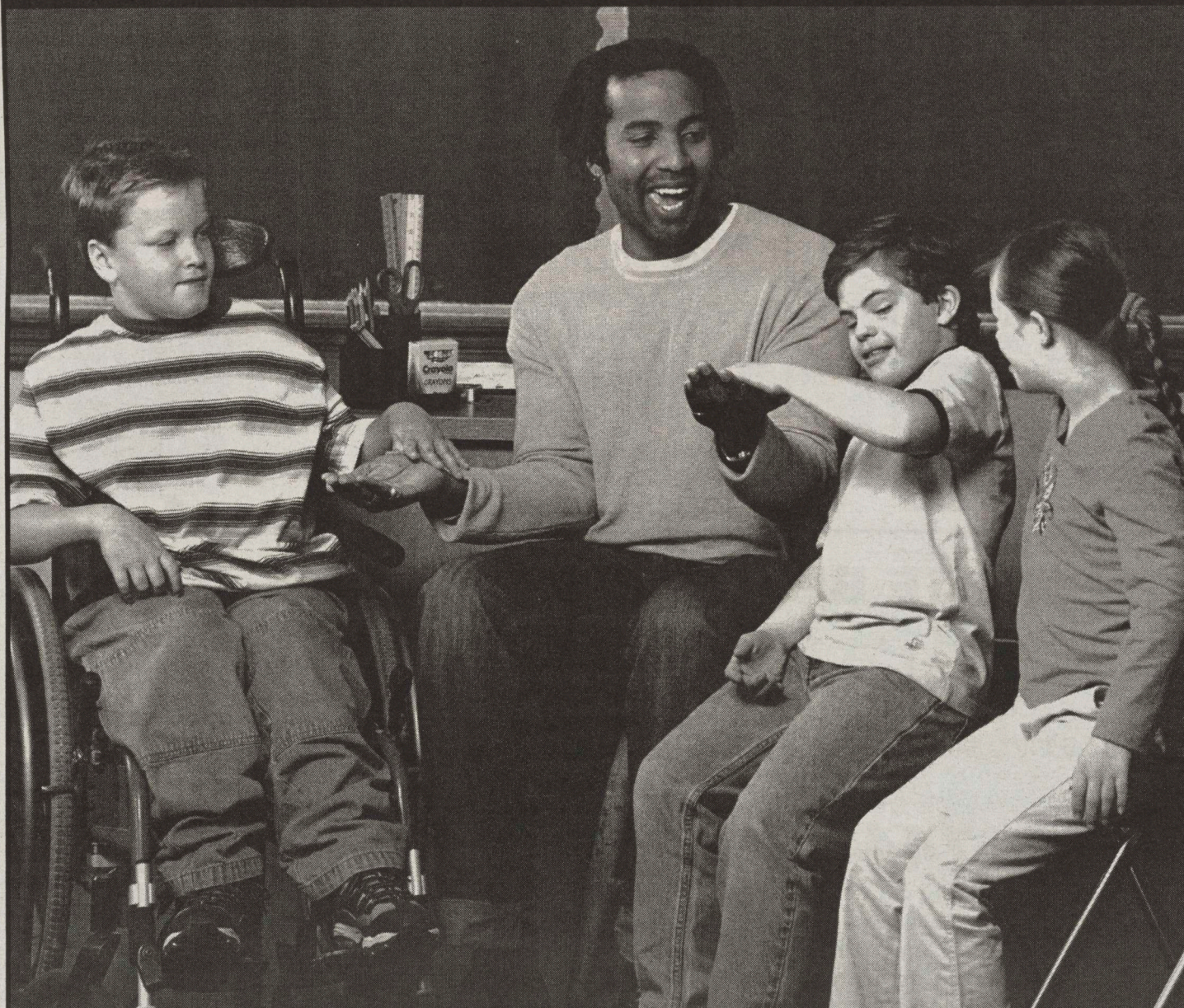
Necochea said, "Many of the migrant students will be first-time/full-time students to attend the university from their families; this grant will help provide the support they need in order to be successful with a rigorous and demanding university program."

For more information on eligibility, contact Dr. Juan Necochea at (760)750-4301 or [jnecochea@csusm.edu](mailto:jnecochea@csusm.edu), or Dr. Zulmara Cline at (760)750-8538 or [zcline@csusm.edu](mailto:zcline@csusm.edu).

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In 1995, the Clinton administration submitted a budget proposing zero funding on the CAMP program which outraged migrant education advocates and launched several campaigns to save such programs. Congress agreed that these programs were

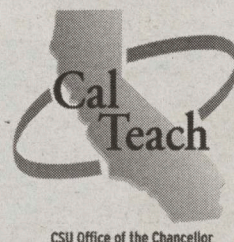
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# Ready To Research

By TERESA MCNULTY  
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Ready to research? Probably not. By now, most students have seen their syllabuses and have acknowledged the 10-20 page research paper due at the end of the semester and immediately put it in the back of their minds, to be thought about around week 13 or 14. Probably not the best idea, and for any new students, be prepared: the professors are looking for good papers and here's a big clue, they know the difference.

Acknowledging students' tendencies toward procrastination mixed with mega fears about writing, I was determined to find out how to write a good paper. Yvonne Muelemans, the Science Librarian, and Judith Downing, the Humanitarian Librarian, explained how to find out the best ways to research papers along with the biggest challenges students encounter trying to get these papers done.

Muelemans responded, "Students don't give themselves enough time, even for simple things, such as copying and downloading articles." All these little nitty-gritty things take time and can cause a lot of problems. Waiting for the last minute only to find out that when you arrive in the library the server is down can put students into a tailspin. This does not happen a lot, but it can happen – and it can when you wish it had not.

Another thing to look out for is although Cal State San Marcos has around 200,000 volumes

on campus, there are about that many volumes off campus in a place called the Annex. So if students are doing a search and the volume needed is in the Annex, the book needs to be ordered. The book will arrive within 24 hours on campus but there is that time issue, meaning if the deadline is the next day students might be out of luck. So try to plan ahead and start the research early.

Also, CSUSM is part of the "Circuit" which includes San Diego State University, UC San Diego, and the University of San Diego. The Circuit allows students access to the collections in all these libraries, which is great and it is free, but the circuit loans will take 24 hours to get delivered to CSUSM from another school. Students do have access to lots of information, but again that time issue will come up. Problem: don't forget the book has been ordered, or you may remember after the book has been sent back. Ask at the Circulation desk for the specific timelines involved.

"Asking for help," Muelemans and Downing say, is the biggest problem. Yvonne said, "Students think they are going to be graded in the library." The librarians do not give grades and guess what? The librarians love their jobs. Muelemans said, "The most rewarding thing about my job is taking a student from tears to relief. Usually the cry is, 'I can't find anything on this topic!' The answer might be the student isn't searching correctly."

Downing says, "Often I ask.

encounter students whose topic is either too broad, too narrow, not clear or the student is not sure of the assignment. I have actually had students come in and say 'I need to write a history paper.' That would be too broad. And other students want the product, the grade, and don't want to do the process. The process is the education.... once the student is clear on the topic and they start getting the information or research needed for the paper, that's when the assignment becomes interesting and the learning takes place."

Don't be afraid to ask. "Many students feel that they are the only ones who don't know how to research so they don't want to ask and that simply isn't the case," said Muelemans.

There are some simple instructions on ways to search. The way to narrow a search is to use the word "not." For example type in, "teenage pregnancy not boys." To widen the search use the word "and" as in "teenage pregnancy and boys." If quotes are used, the database will search for word as a phrase or title. "Teenage pregnancy in the seventies" will limit the search for these specific words in the title of the journal or article.

Remember, too, that each database can use different symbols and many times will have small instructions for using it. Be prepared for databases to change all the time. A professor might have used a database previously and that database may have changed. If confused, don't be afraid to ask.

Another confusion is the difference between a scholarly journal and a magazine article. Do not get confused; learn the difference between the two, as most professors want scholarly journals. Sorry to break it to you but "People" magazine is not scholarly.

Scholarly journals are usually specific for a particular subject area such as: The American Chemical Society. CSUSM has a great database called JSTOR, and another good source is the "Ulrich," the bible of periodicals printed which lists journals such as "The World Poultry Science Journal."

The biggest difference is that journals will have the references or bibliographies at the end of the article. Time magazine is not a scholarly journal, and will only have the staff writers name at the end of the article. The reference office has an available list called "Characteristics of Popular and Scholarly Journals" which clarifies the difference.

The library website has a site called the Research Hub A good start is to click on class guides, then click on your course, such as "Psychology," and you will find a list of some of the journals available. This might be news for students, so check it out. Some courses are still in the works but others are very helpful.

Don't forget the importance of citing the sources correctly whether it's APA or MLA. Different professors use different formats; please make sure to use

the right one. Don't ruin a great paper by using the wrong format for your bibliography.

There is a breakdown on the library website and the books are available in the library. Once again, if students are confused, do not forget to ask for help.

There is a specific librarian for the different majors so if a student asks a Science librarian for a Humanities question, there is the possibility of stumping a librarian. However, this question will get directed to the right librarian and that librarian will get back to you. If you are stuck at home, students have the ability to e-mail questions to the librarians, and the response time is usually within 24 hours. Another option is that students can make one-on-one appointments with librarians if needed.

Last clue, do not forget your school ID card. Do not let your boyfriend walk off with it at the movie theater when he goes to buy student discount tickets. And when the library is closed, it is closed. Yelling insults at the library staff at the end of the day will not get them to stay open for you, neither will pleading, begging, or crying.

All students at CSUSM have access to check out books and use all the other libraries in the Circuit and some of these libraries stay open later, so good luck.

[Look for a follow up article in The Pride regarding the Writing Center and some professors' comments on what they look for in a good paper.]

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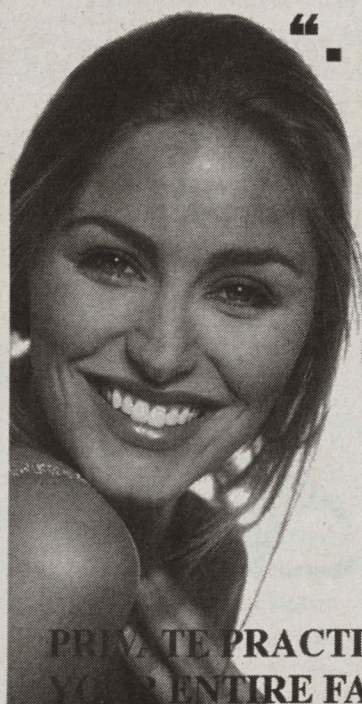
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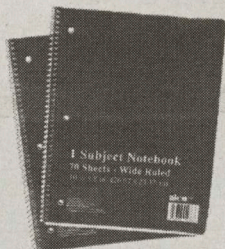
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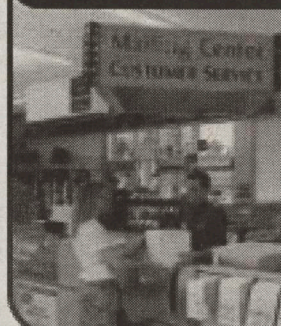
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# El cónsul general de México visita clase de negocios

Por SOLEDAD ACUNA  
Redactora de The Pride

El viernes 20 de septiembre de las 11:00 a.m. hasta las 12:50 p.m., el Cónsul General de México en San Diego Rodolfo Figueroa, visitó la clase SSM 482D (Manejo del sector de servicio) "Dentro de la silla del ejecutivo" enseñada por el Dr. Tray Nielson y David Dennett. El motivo de su visita a la clase fue para hablar de sus experiencias, retos y éxitos obtenidos a lo largo de su carrera como persona de negocios al contestar las preguntas del público asistente en

ACD 102. Para Carrie Maxwell, estudiante de SSM 482D, esta clase es básicamente para ayudar a los estudiantes con licenciatura en negocios a tener más conocimiento en esa área.

Figueroa obtuvo su maestría en Negocios en Ucrania. Él trabajó como contador privado y como contador fiscal en el gobierno de México. Además, Figueroa en su trabajo como cónsul ha vivido en cuatro países diferentes incluyendo los Estados Unidos.

De acuerdo con Figueroa, el

mayor reto en su vida ha sido entender lo que pasaba alrededor de él y lo que pasaba en el mundo en la época de los 70s cuando la vida fácil que conocía cambió de repente.

Figueroa expresó que su mayor error sería mezclar las emociones con la razón. También dijo a los estudiantes que para evitar los errores y tener éxito en la vida personal y profesional se necesita tener humildad para reconocer que se cometió un error y estar en contra de la codicia.

El miedo, para Figueroa, es el peor enemigo de cualquier persona. El cual, de acuerdo con él, se debe reconocer que existe, pero al mismo tiempo manejarlo y superarlo. Esto cambiará la vida de las personas que lo hagan.

A Figueroa se le pidió un consejo por el público asistente para balancear la vida personal con la profesional. Él contestó que él era una persona egoísta y que si tenía que trabajar en domingo lo hacía pero que le gustaba respetar su vida privada y que si lo invitaban a jugar golf, se iba.

También dijo que siempre trataba de combinar su vida privada con su trabajo, siempre buscando la manera de estar cerca de su familia.

Otro de los consejos dados por Figueroa fue que las personas deben de ser ellos mismos y escuchar pero no creer todo lo que escuchan. Él añadió que hay una razón para todo, e invitó al público a cuestionarse y a abrirse a los demás.

## Cámara de Comercio Hispana de California otorga dos premios a su homólogo en San Diego

Por MARTHA SARABIA  
Editora principal

Durante el verano, la Cámara de Comercio Hispana de San Diego (CCHSD) obtuvo dos premios por la Cámara de Comercio Hispana de California. Los premios entregados durante la 23ra Convención Anual de la Cámara de Comercio Hispana de California son "Sitio de Internet del Año" y "Programa Grande del Año."

La presidenta de la CCHSD, Elizabeth Bustos, comentó, "No solamente nos esforzamos para ser la mejor cámara para nuestros miembros y todos los negocios en la región, sino también para contribuir con toda la comunidad latina de San Diego, por eso es gratificante ser reconocidos por nuestros esfuerzos."

El sitio de Internet de la cámara fue establecido en 1999 por Batiz.com quien es uno de los

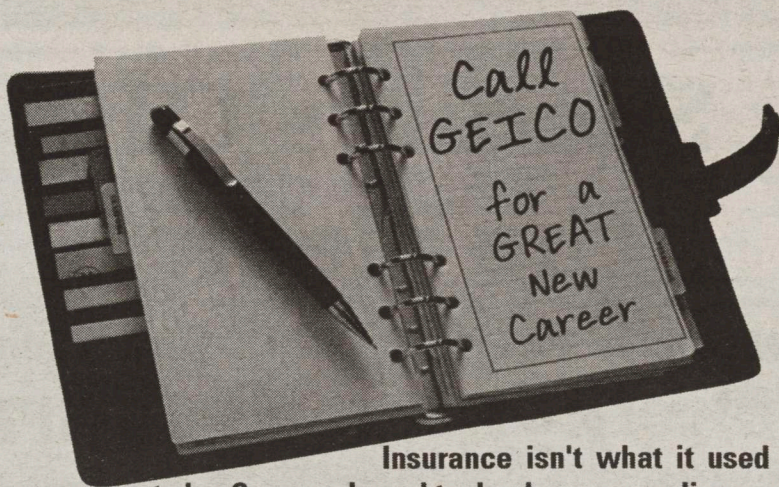
miembros de la cámara y se encuentra al norte del condado de San Diego. "Ganar el 'Sitio de Internet del Año' es particularmente gratificante para nuestra cámara. A través de nuestro partnership con nuestro diseñador de Internet, tenemos un sitio de Internet con recursos actualizados, y muy fácil de navegar," dijo el director ejecutivo, Robert Villarreal.

El premio de "Programa Grande

del Año" fue otorgado por el programa "En busca del Surgimiento del Vendedor Diverso." De acuerdo al comunicado de prensa, este programa busca aumentar la participación de pequeños y micro negocios en trámites de obtener sus permisos en la ciudad y en el Distrito Escolar de San Diego. Villarreal comentó, "Este programa es uno de los programas con mejores oportunidades ofrecidas por cualquier cámara en el estado de California."

La CCHSD tiene alrededor de 1,000 miembros y patrocina eventos que incluyen, la conferencia "Creando Éxito para las Latinas," y el evento anual del festival ¡Viva el Mariachi!, entre otros.

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# El buen presidente por su país empieza

Por MARTHA SARABIA  
Editora Principal

Hace dos años que México espera un gran cambio social, político y económico con la nueva presidencia del Panista Vicente Fox. Sin embargo, este cambio parece no estar tomando lugar o va a un paso lentísimo incapaz de ser visto ni con el mayor lente magnificado. La corrupción, la pobreza, y la falta de empleo al igual que la violación a los derechos humanos siguen presentes en la sociedad mexicana. No obstante, el presidente Fox hace alarde de su presidencia y de los logros obtenidos, los cuales jamás han sido vistos por los mexicanos.

La gota que derramó el vaso y que me impulsó a escribir esta carta fue el haber visto y escuchado a Fox decirle al país de Nigeria cómo tratar a las mujeres. En especial, él se estaba enfocando en la nigeriana que fue sentenciada a morir apedreada por tener un hijo fuera del matrimonio. Fox pidió a Nigeria que cambiara esta sentencia. Sin embargo, lo que él olvida es que en su propio país hay muchas violaciones a los derechos humanos. Sobre todo en contra de las mujeres

debido a las tendencias machistas y culturales, al igual que a la impunidad de la justicia mexicana que considera a la mujer como ciudadana de segunda clase. No es que crea que la sentencia contra la nigeriana es injusta, porque lo considero totalmente injusto y creo que el veredicto debe de ser revocado. A continuación entenderán a lo que me refiero con la situación de las mujeres en México y en la cual Fox se necesita enfocar en lugar de criticar a otras naciones.

Desde 1993 en Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, México, alrededor de 284 mujeres han sido encontradas muertas y hay aproximadamente 450 desaparecidas. De las mujeres encontradas muertas, algunas han sido golpeadas, violadas, mutiladas, o apuñaladas y arrojadas en cualquier parte de la ciudad. Mientras que de las desaparecidas no se sabe absolutamente nada. Sin embargo, Fox no ha usado su poder como presidente para exigir al gobierno de la ciudad, municipal y estatal de Chihuahua y mucho menos al gobierno federal para investigar estas numerosas muertes tan trágicas. Muchas de estas mujeres

asesinadas y desaparecidas trabajaban en maquiladoras, usualmente de noche, para poder ganar un sueldo y darles de comer a sus familias. Tristemente para muchas de ellas, debido a la falta de empleo en el país, esta era su única opción de trabajo. Esto me hace recordar otro punto por el que Fox todavía no ha cumplido, y eso que ya ha tenido dos años en la presidencia. Me refiero a la pobreza que se ha incrementado en los últimos dos años debido a la falta de empleo y salarios justos; pero no puedo profundizar en esta ocasión debido a la complejidad del caso. Sobre las promesas de Fox, como decimos en México solo me resta decir que "de lengua me como un taco."

Hace alrededor de dos meses, las familias de todas estas mujeres asesinadas y perdidas, pidieron justicia para encontrar a los culpables de tantas muertes, y ayuda para encontrar a aquellas todavía desaparecidas. Sin embargo, esto pareció no haber sido escuchado por la justicia mexicana y mucho menos por Fox ya que todavía son muy pocos los culpables o sospechosos acusados de tantas muertes. De acuerdo con cifras oficiales publicadas por la prensa nacional

e internacional, no hay más de 30 muertes resueltas. Además, de los pocos sospechosos detenidos de cometer estos asesinatos, hay grandes dudas sobre la verdad de su culpabilidad ya que muchos los consideran chivos expiatorios que el gobierno ha usado para aparentar resolver los casos cuando en realidad esto no es cierto.

En lugar de estar perdiendo el tiempo pidiéndole al presidente Bush por una amnistía para que más mexicanos puedan venir a trabajar a EE.UU., Fox debería de atender mejor la situación interna y caótica de México. Debería de establecer un mejor gobierno con una justicia verdadera al igual que abrir más fuentes de trabajo para evitar que sus conciudadanos tengan que abandonar su país y en la mayoría de las ocasiones a sus familias. Entiendo que un presidente no puede cambiar décadas de corrupción y malfunción social, política y económica; pero, el esfuerzo que un presidente haga durante su gobierno, definitivamente ayudará mucho a mejorar la situación en el futuro.

Mi mensaje para el presidente Fox es que empiece por demandar

en México, antes que en ningún otro país, las violaciones de derechos humanos al igual que los crímenes contra las mujeres, que tristemente no sólo acento o pasan en Chihuahua sino en muchos otros estados mexicanos y que sean penalizados duramente y justamente por la ley. En lugar de exigir que otros países hagan esto, ponga usted el ejemplo para entonces poder tener derecho y la desvergüenza de exigirlo en otros países. Como ciudadana mexicana preocupada por la situación en mi país y como ciudadana del mundo, exijo que estas muertes y desapariciones no queden impunes y que los culpables sean encontrados y llevados a la justicia verdadera, que también se necesita establecer en México. Si ni siquiera usted hace respetar los derechos civiles de las mujeres en su propio país, ¿qué cara tiene para exigir que otros lo hagan? Ponga un buen ejemplo ante sus colegas en lugar de exigir algo que ni siquiera usted hace por las personas de su país. No se olvide que el buen presidente por su país empieza.

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# Marilyn Manson Paints In Watercolor

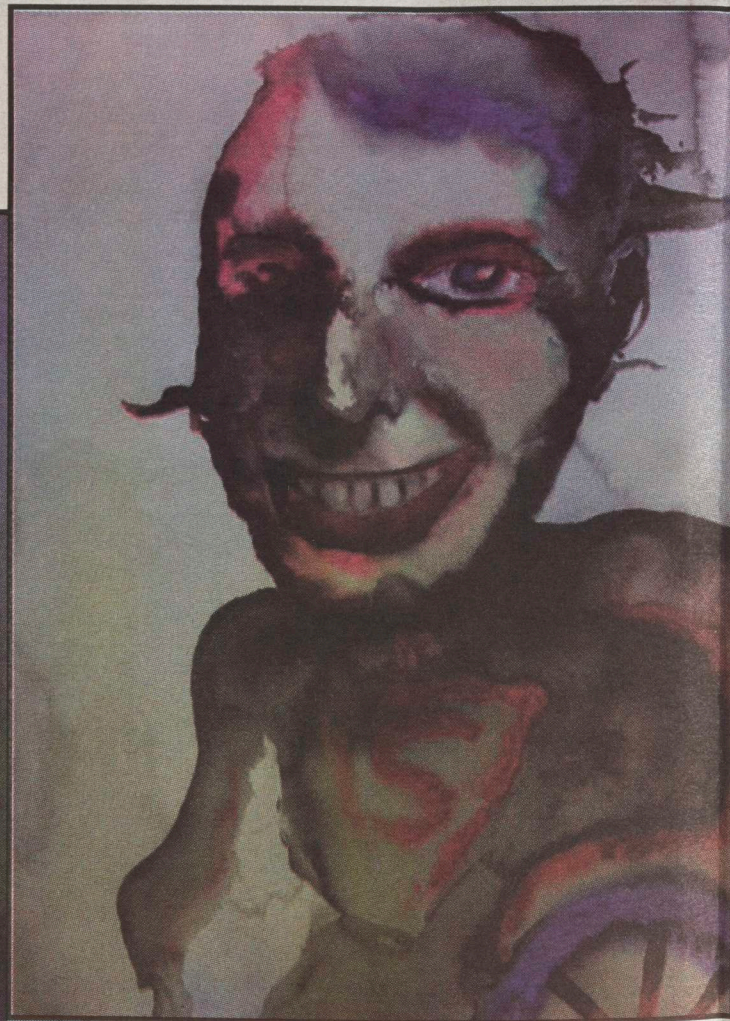
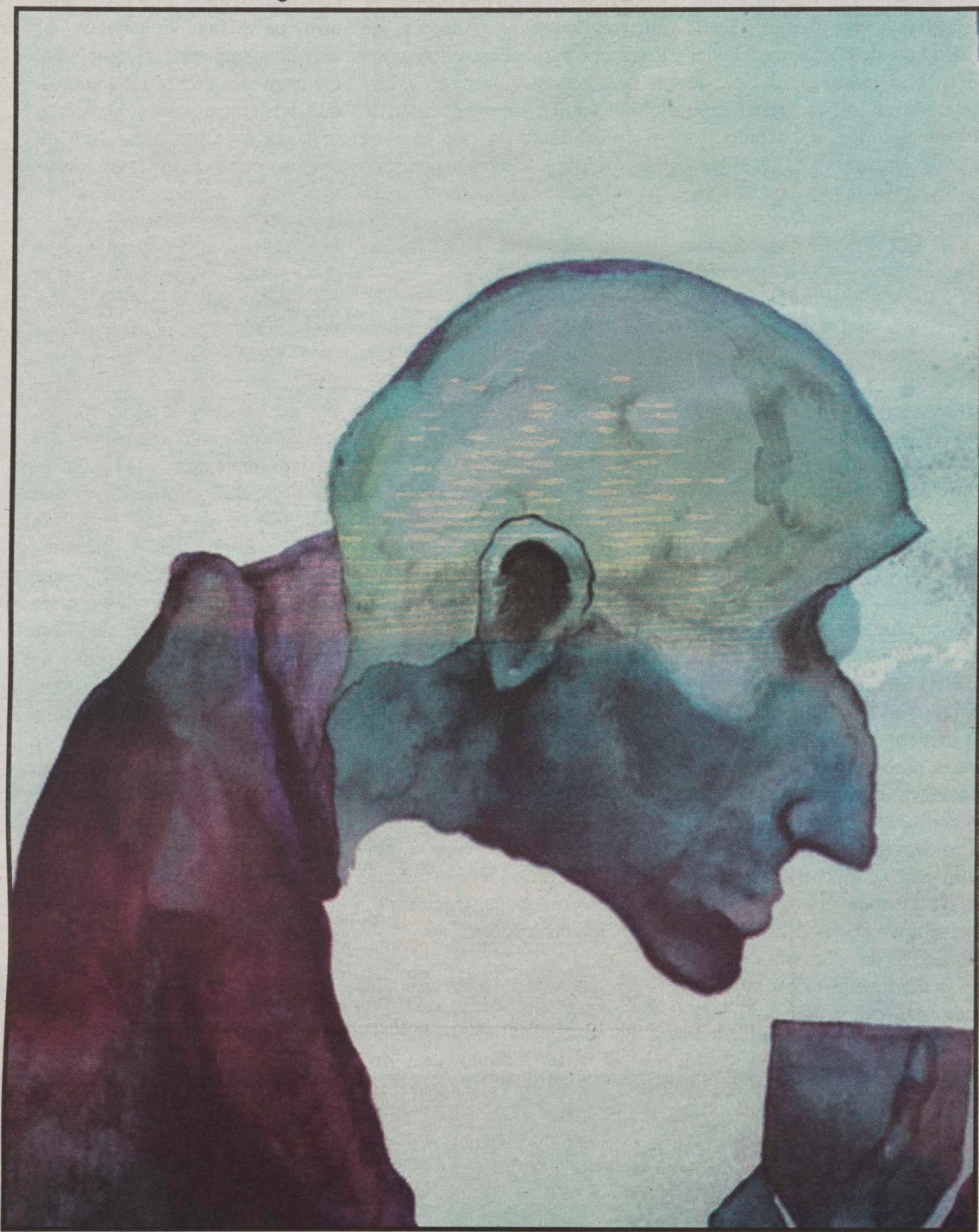
By DESMOND BARCA  
Pride Design Editor

Marilyn Manson came to Hollywood last weekend to exhibit for the first time over 50 of his watercolor paintings. The event was held at the Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibition on Hollywood Boulevard, and drew art collectors as well as thousands of fans each waiting up to five hours to meet Manson, engage in some light chitchat, and shake Manson's hand. The event entitled "The Golden Age of the Grotesque", which by the way is the title of Manson's new album in progress, ran from Thursday to Saturday. I arrived on Friday at 10 p.m., by then nearly half the painting were marked sold. The paintings ranged from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Over all it was quite an event, with a parade of humanity ranging from Manson and his beautiful entourage all decked out in immaculate wardrobe and make up, to art collectors to Goth rockers, punks, to regular Joes. On Thursday, actors Sean Penn and Jason Lee attended the exclusive engagement.

Manson's paintings were reminiscent of 19<sup>th</sup> centuries German expressionism, many of which were similar to stylistically to the work of Egon Schiele. Among the self portraits and portraits of celebrities including his significant other Dita Von

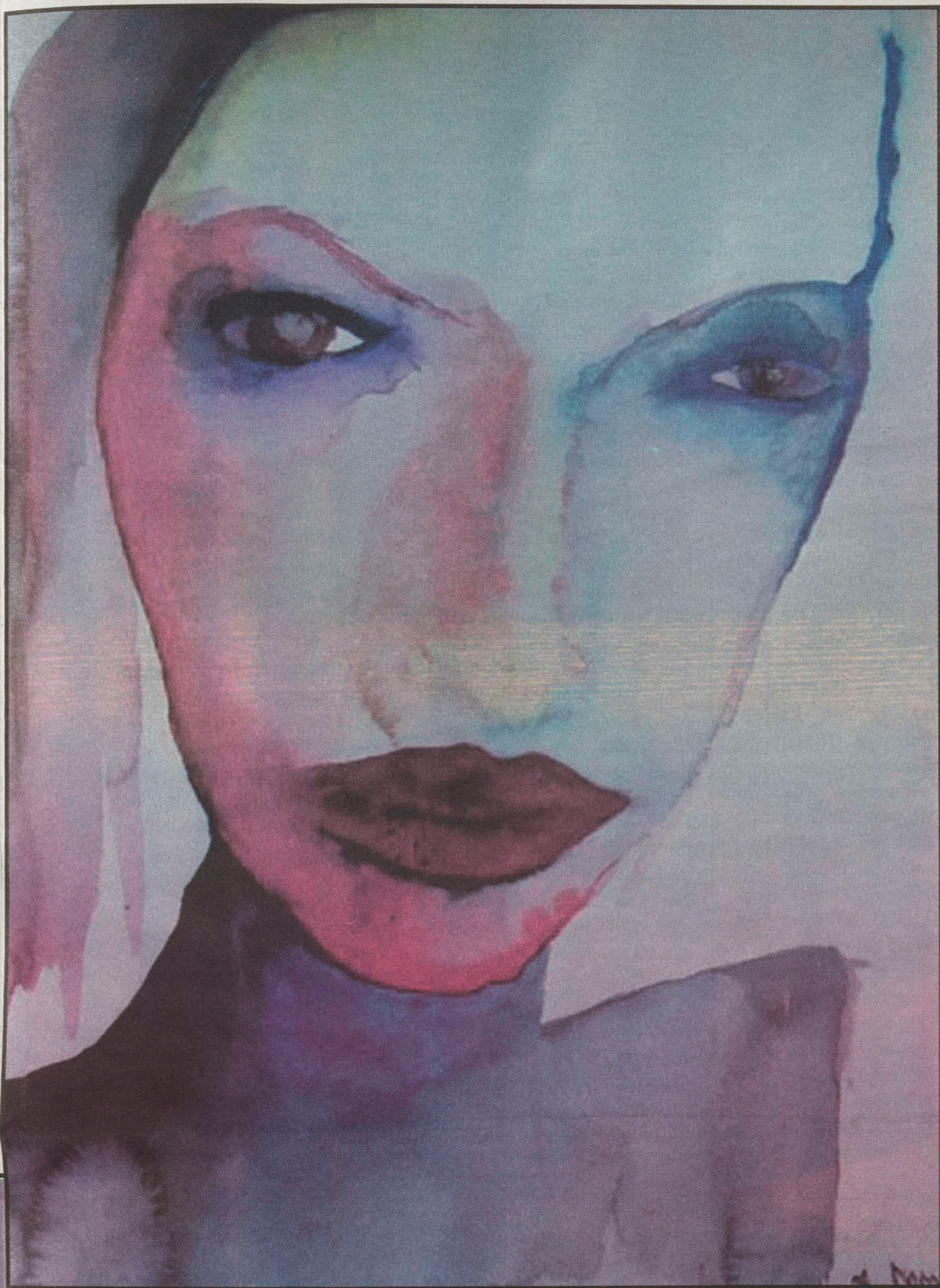
Teese, were subjects that were clearly intended as social satire. The satirical paintings included a hermaphrodite nude of Hitler, a version of Superman entitled *Urbemensch* and a self-portrait in which Manson depicts himself as a creepy version of Mickey Mouse.

Though the event was free, in order to meet Manson and get an autograph, fans had to purchase one of Manson's limited editions, lithographs or posters, the cheapest ones starting at \$20 apiece. One of Manson's fans, Julia Velasco of Pomona, complained that she had to spend \$160 in order for everyone in her party to meet Manson. Though some of the attendees were irritated by the commercialism associated with the event, most seemed appreciative. Outside, I talked to Lexa Vonn, of the rock group Ophelia Rising. Vonn was handing out CDs to promote her band and commended Manson for his loyalty to his fans. Concerning Manson's paintings, Vonn pointed out that they look much better in person than on the web. Another fan I talked to, Naokol Matsumoto, told me that she came to the U.S. two years ago to learn English for the express purpose of communicating with Marilyn Manson.



All of the images shown here are of original paintings by Marilyn Manson. Photos are courtesy of [www.marilynmanson.com](http://www.marilynmanson.com)

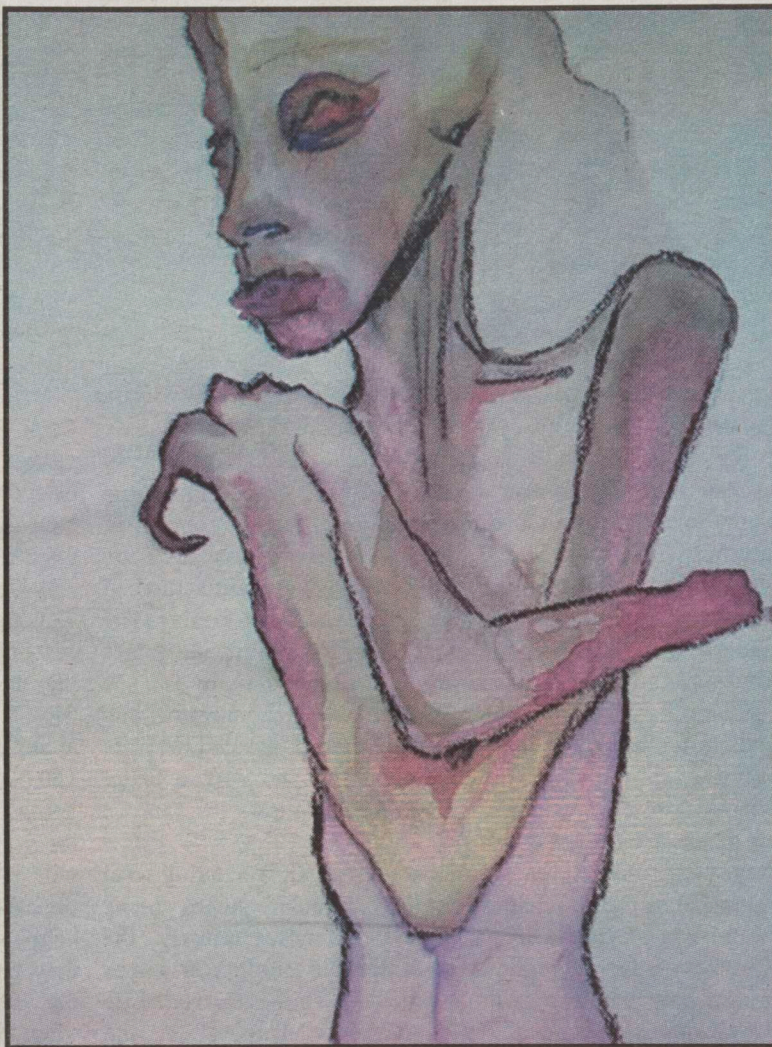




For those of you who are interested in seeing Manson's paintings and didn't make it to Hollywood last weekend, most of them can be viewed

on Manson's official website at [www.marilynmanson.com/grotesque/](http://www.marilynmanson.com/grotesque/). Manson keeps and updated Journal on his website. In his online journal Manson had this to say about his exhibition: "I paint scabs. Cover wounds, encased in scars. Paintings are seldom guilty and often framed for crimes they did not commit. Imprisoned in jails that are owned by the Bourgeois who treat them like criminals...Kunsts! Talking about them and not to them." And in reference to his upcoming album under the same name Manson says, "the understanding of my art is only the sad product of journalism. Fuck art. I am art." Currently there are not show dates available for Manson's upcoming tour

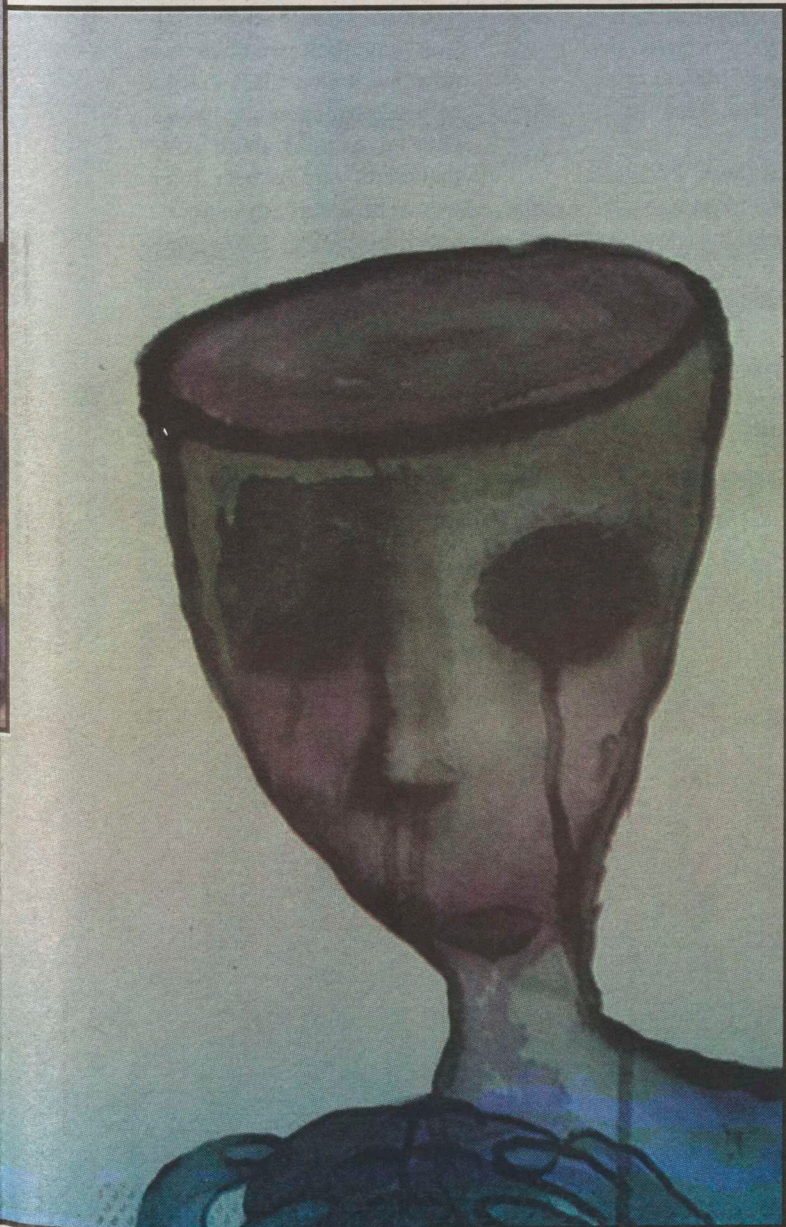
On his influences, Manson had this to say, "My inspiration for this record came from historic parallels to my own present position in popular culture. Most notably, I found myself fascinated with the overwhelming imaginative, sexually-depraved artistic chaos that just bled from some of history's greatest minds as Berlin reached its creative extreme peak. The unfortunate onset of rigid control and conformity that brought Berlin to its fiery end seemed to almost mirror today's less violent, but equally ignorant censorship and



fear of 'dangerous' art."

Manson is much more than just a shock rocker, as he is so often referred to as in the media. I've read his autobiography, listened to his albums, seen his music videos, listened to interviews, and now I've seen his paintings. Listening to Manson talk, it is evident that he is extremely intelligent and articulate. Given the range of his artist: interests and ability, the fact that he has had such a widespread influence on pop culture as well as rallied himself into a lucrative industry, isn't very surprising. The term Shock Rocker, doesn't describe him as well as "artist". Regardless of personal taste, Manson's art challenges anyone willing to put their biases away and take

art for what it is worth; an intellectual stimulus that forces us to think and open our minds. People who don't understand Manson, or think his art is gratuitous or only done for shock value, are people who have judged him prematurely; people clearly have the right to dismiss art without bothering to investigate, or make an informed judgment, but in my opinion passing judgment in this way is irresponsible and relates back to what Manson is rebelling against in the first place. Anyone who has the time to examine contemporary art in depth will at the very least respect Manson's accomplishments as well as his courage and determination under heavy criticism, even if they don't care for his art or music.



Marilyn Manson with girlfriend Dita Von Teese



# Gaming On-Line Style

By JASON PADILLA  
Pride Staff Writer

First off, this is a piece of those of you who scoffed at the two previous articles concerting Halo for the Xbox. I know many students and individuals play games on the Playstation, Gamecube, and Xbox, but console games are only a small vein when it comes to tapping into the resource of true gaming. Yes, I'm talking about the PC and online gaming. Taking nothing away from console games, they are fun and will occupy the bored, but if you enjoy gaming to it's fullest, the PC is where it's at, if you don't already know.

Console games are desired and are always being updated for better graphics, game play, and the new move to playing them online. However, the bottom line is, no matter how high tech these consoles become, the computer is, and will be light years ahead of them as far as performance is concerned. So as not to bore you with computer details and why they are better than a console gaming system, visit [tomshardware.com](http://tomshardware.com) and learn something if you don't know what I'm getting at. Now that we know the computer is amazing for gaming, let's focus on the meat and potatoes of what makes

it so great, the Internet, preferably a cable or DSL connection, which makes these possibilities endless.

Online gaming is probably a hobby more popular than some readers might realize. For a brief explanation for those in the dark, playing a game online is very simple. It involves connecting through a central computer, called a server, via software provided by the manufacturer of the game you wish to play. The machines hosting these games are no different than the PC you use for doing homework and sending emails, granted they are a little faster and have a better internet connection.

Now you are all wondering what are the popular games being played online? Currently the most popular multiplayer games online are, Half-Life, Half-Life Counterstrike, WarCraft 3, and Unreal Tournament 2k3. All of these games with the exception of Warcraft, are known as a FPS (first person shooter). Basically it involves running around with a weapon trying to eliminate the opponents, granted there are tons of teamwork and strategy once you really get involved. The other game mentioned, Warcraft, involves building a city and an army, and of course, trying to

eliminate the opponent. Keep in mind all the opponents will be sitting behind their computer doing the exact same thing, however they can be from anywhere in the world. Online gaming is a global affair.

Let's get in to how global this online gaming business can be. Currently, the combined total of computers running the games Half-Life, Counterstrike, and Unreal Tournament is over 33,000, and there are over 100,000 people of all ages playing these games at any given time. For the world of Warcraft, at any given time, there are over 150,000 people playing. If that doesn't impress you, maybe the seriousness of these games will. Nationally and internationally, there are tournaments held for these very games, and they pay out serious prizes for the best players. Tournaments often pay cash prizes in the area from \$30,000 to \$50,000 and sometimes more. One tournament in the past gave away the grand prize of a Ferrari valued around \$150,000. The best players around the world can make a living traveling to various tournaments and winning serious cash. It's almost like a job. Companies such as battlenet and the cyberathletes, ([battle.net](http://battle.net) and [cyberathlete.com](http://cyberathlete.com)) can support

and give more details on the number of players and tournaments going on if you are further interested. So if you haven't caught the gaming buzz already and are interested in giving it a try, please do. There are hundreds of thousands of people worldwide doing the same thing and it's incredibly fun.

Hopefully I have shined a little glimmer of light down from the online gaming heavens and interested a few readers. If you are interested, or would like to post a comment please write to *The Pride*. You can also contact me through ICQ ([icq.com](http://icq.com)) and add me to your list, 86121878, and maybe we can get a game sometime.

# Weekly Horoscope

By MADAME MAJESTIC  
Pride Staff Gypsy

Lucky day: Sept. 27

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Don't let your love life wither like those nasty dried up veggie bowls at the House of Tsang. Send your significant other or potential love interest a note or give him/her a phone call letting them know you care. It will be a nice change for you to take that initial step.  
Lucky day: Sept. 25

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Have you ever been in a situation with a bunch of "friends" and you can't imagine that you'd ever find yourself stooping so low as to be social with people like these? Yeah, that's what I thought. Get the hell out of there. NOW!  
Lucky day: Sept. 27

Pieces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)  
Ok - summer's over, time to pretend to be smart again. Oh yeah, and by the way, next time you ask someone out on a date, try using your tongue for something other than licking the salt off that tequila shot ya big boozier.  
Lucky day: Sept. 28 (evening)

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)  
No use sitting at home watching TV and petting your kitty, you've got work to do. A group project is in desperate need of a leader so sack up and take responsibility.  
Lucky day: Sept. 30

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)  
Become chummy, good pals with a professor that you think may jeopardize your academic career. That's what they're mostly out to do anyway, so at least try to make a friend out of it.  
Lucky day: Sept. 24

Gemini (May. 21-Jun. 21)  
It's time to jump back into this "school thing" so quit crying about it. Stop rationalizing your laziness - you've got more excuses than a crack head going to jail. Make time for reading so you can have a rock star weekend.

Cancer (Jun. 22-Jul. 22)  
You are putting an important and vital relationship on hold. It would be best to breathe life back into it so you can at least cheat off of their next exam. Stay away from Casa del Sol this week. It's just a suggestion.  
Lucky day: Sept. 29

Leo (Jul. 23-Aug. 22)  
You'll be batting 1000 when you finally decide to produce more and consume less. Don't waste time; you deserve nothing less than an A.  
Lucky day: The whole weekend!!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)  
Your roommates will appreciate you more if you clean up a little and do your dishes. Nobody wants to tolerate a slob, and trust me; your "friendship" does not make up for your bad habits.  
Lucky day: Sept. 29

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 23)  
Keep yourself in good shape; eat right, exercise, and study hard. You'll keep from feeling so depressed if you don't eat so much of that Dome pizza. Take care of your priorities and good things are sure to be waiting for you.  
Lucky day: Sept. 26 & 27

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)  
A good friend needs your advice but is afraid to ask. You know exactly whom it is so don't ignore your premonitions and make sure to be supportive - you may not like what you hear.  
Lucky day: Sept. 28 (evening)

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
You may think you have money now, but it won't last so try to control your spending habits. Don't even think about using that credit card on beer or a new pair of kicks. If anything, buy some food. Aren't you sick of eating ramen?  
Lucky day: Sept. 25

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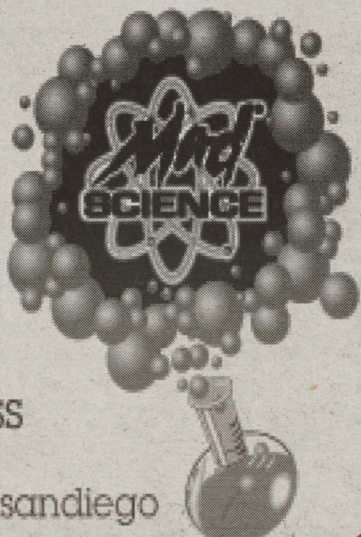
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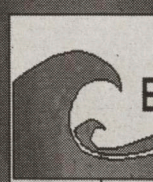
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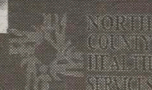
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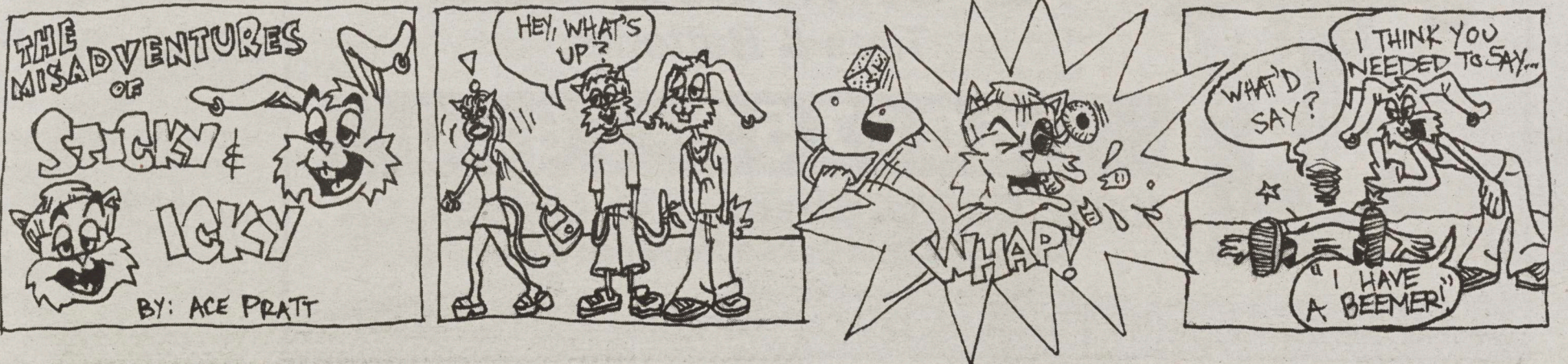
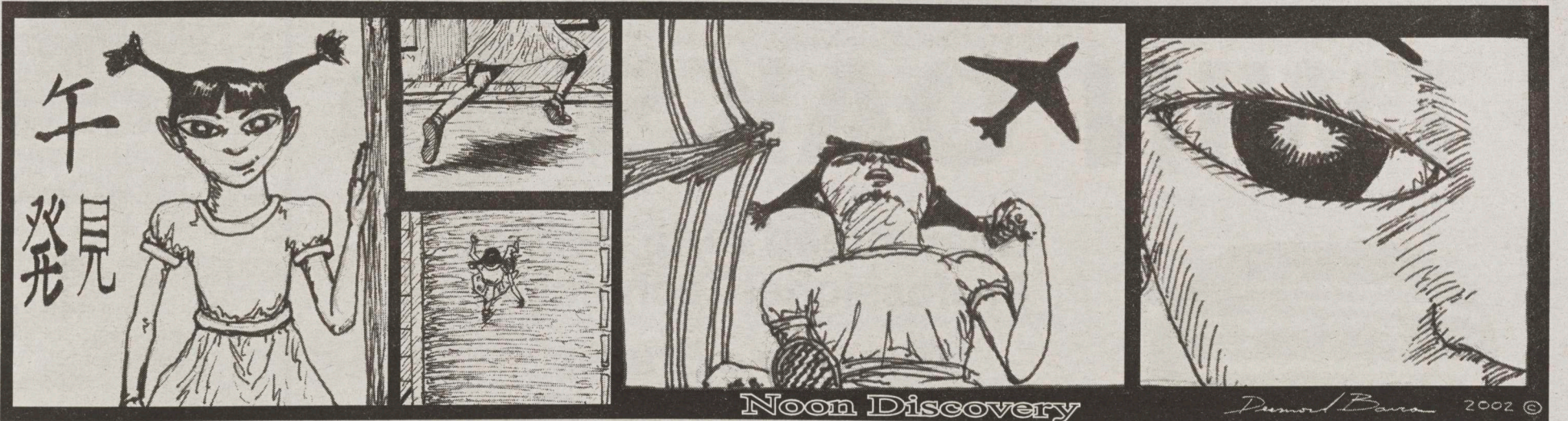
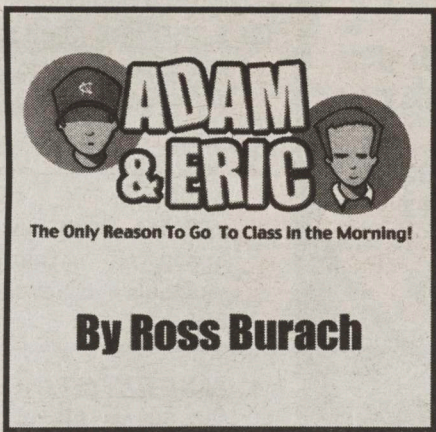
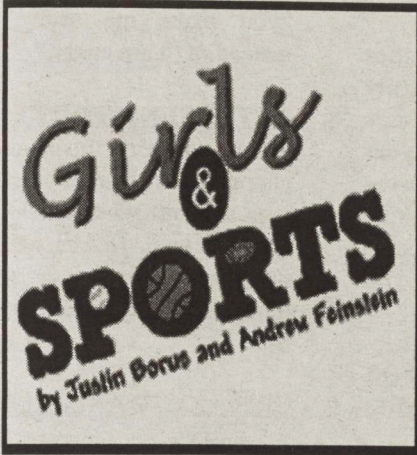
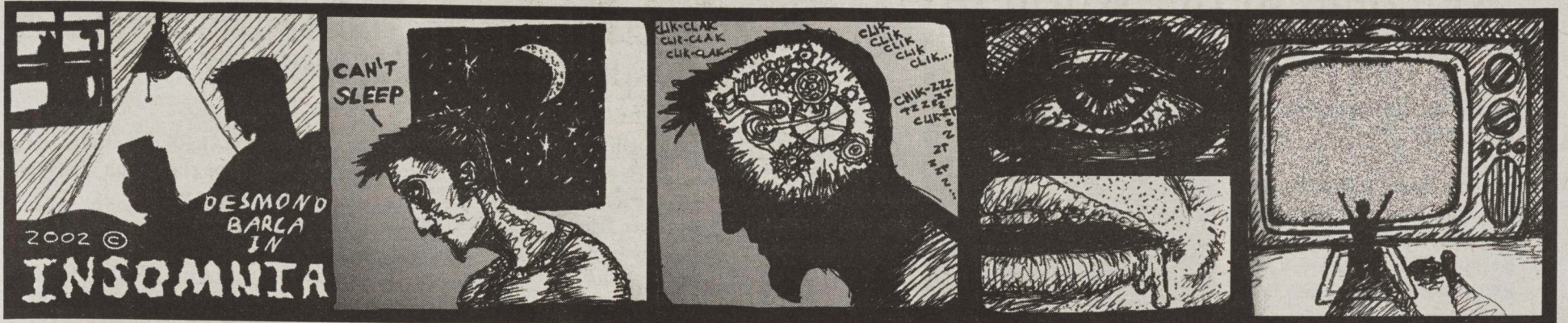
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## Welcome to the World of Warcraft

By KURT MAYER  
Pride Staff Writer

Attention all gamers and adventurers! This means you Halo fans out there, too! Behold: Warcraft III — The Reign of Chaos. This is a real warrior's game, designed and engineered by Blizzard Entertainment. "The fastest-selling PC game ever" has shipped over 4.4 million copies since its release in July and received a 10 out of 10 score from [www.gamechronicles.com](http://www.gamechronicles.com). Undeniably, this is the game to own on PC.

Compete in single-player campaigns to defeat the dark demons, or engage on a multi-front assault



with players worldwide on battle.net, Blizzard's free online game nexus. There, gamers can compete for world domination in Warcraft III, or in any of Blizzard's other immensely popular real-time strategy games like Starcraft, and Diablo II.

Warcraft III lets you choose to play as the humans, who are desperate to save Azeroth from the Undead Scourge. Then battle

See WARCRAFT, page 16

## 15 Reasons to Leave Your Lover: Warning Signs of an Abusive Personality

1. A PUSH FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: He/she comes on very strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.
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3. CONTROLLING: He/she interrogates you intensely about whom you talked to and where you were, keeps all the money, insists you
4. UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: He/she expects you to be the perfect person and meet his/her every need.
5. ISOLATION: He/she tries to cut you off from family and friends and accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car or try to prevent you from holding a job.
6. BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS AND MIS-

ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.


TAKES: It's always someone else's fault if anything goes wrong.

7. MAKES EVERYONE ELSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER FEELINGS: The abuser says, "you make me angry," instead of "I am angry."
8. HYPERSENSITIVITY: He/she is easily insulted, claiming that his/her feelings are hurt when he/she is really mad. He/she will rant about the injustice of things that are just a part of life.
9. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

AND TO CHILDREN: He/she kills or punishes animals brutally. Also, he/she may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability.

10. PLAYFUL USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: He/she enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex. He/she says he/she finds the idea of rape exciting.
11. VERBAL ABUSE: He/she criticizes, degrades, curses or calls you ugly names.
12. RIGID SEX ROLES: He/she expects you to serve and obey.
13. SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: He/she switches from sweetly loving to explosively violent in a matter of minutes.
14. PAST BATTERING: He/she admits hitting partners in the past, but says they made him/her do it or the situation brought it on.
15. THREATS OR VIOLENCE: He/she makes statements like, "I'll break your neck" or "I'll kill you"; then dismisses them with "Everybody talks that way" or "I didn't really mean it." if he/she has come this far, it is time to get help, or get out.

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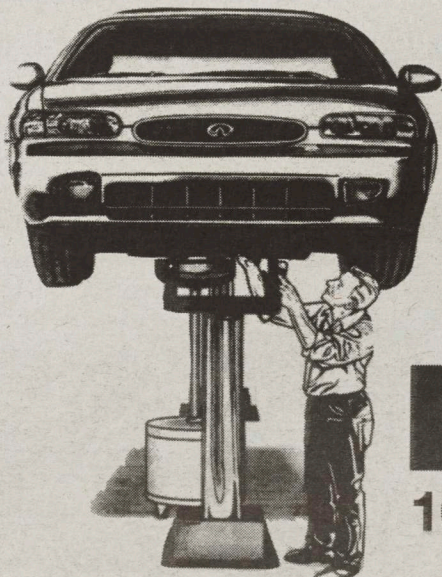
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# Peace Corps Comes to Cal State San Marcos

By TRAVIS OLP  
Pride Staff Writer

How would you like to visit remote and exotic destinations all over the world? Does the notion of adventure trigger something in the back of your mind? How about the prospect of merging culturally and socially among people with whom you would not normally have contact?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then perhaps a tour of duty in the Peace Corps is just what you need after graduation. Recruiter Ed Thompson was on campus last Monday, September 16 to do just that: to recruit.

As a southern California representative of the Peace Corps of America, it is his job to spread awareness and information about the federal program to prospective college graduates.

Thompson himself spent two years in a rural province in the Philippines, assisting the com-

munity in their agricultural development, from 1983 to 1985. He learned to fluently speak one of the 86 Filipino dialects, and was entirely immersed in the culture; he truly was a part of the community.

And this was the emphasis of his presentation—the Peace Corps is devoted to the broadening of cultural horizons. Part of their mission is to help other

**This is an opportunity to explore not just the world, but yourself as well, all at the expense of Uncle Sam.**

people better understand us as Americans and our multicultural society, while simultaneously providing developing countries with temporary manpower, as well as educational and economic opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach.

The beauty about the Peace Corps is in its establishment. Started by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, it has incorporated the assistance of over 160,000 volunteers over the last 40 years.

It is a federally funded institution, which means it costs the volunteer nothing. Transportation, educational training, food,

housing, medical coverage—all of it is paid for by American tax dollars. This is an opportunity to explore not just the world, but yourself as well, all at the expense of Uncle Sam.

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three months of intensive training (one teacher for every two students, five hours a day) followed by a two-year tour of duty. It is a pragmatic, hands-on form of service.

Thompson has been a recruiter now for ten months. He was recently assigned to CSU San Marcos, and works primarily in the Los Angeles area. However, he commutes to San Diego weekly to give presentations about the Peace Corps, held for the most part at the San Diego Public Library downtown every Sunday afternoon (with the exception of this coming Sunday, September 22nd).

Furthermore, he will be returning specifically to the CSUSM campus on two more occasions in the near future. The first is another multimedia presentation on October 22nd from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the Career Assessment Center. He will also have a booth set up at the Job Fair on October 29th from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., where he will be available for questions

and information about the Peace Corps.

If graduation looms for you in the not-so-distant future, and you are still unsure of what you have to offer the "real world" or what it has to offer you, the Peace Corps is an opportunity to discover some things about your own character while promoting world peace in a proactive manner.

Like the Peace Corps motto itself, if you are up to the challenge, it will be "the toughest job you'll ever love."

For more information about the Peace Corps, visit their website at [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov)

## A Note From the Editors:

The Mucky Mouse comic strip that ran in last week's paper was in no way intended to mock or belittle the tragedy of Alex Zingaro's death. The strip was placed in the paper before *The Pride* had received the sad news and we regret that we neglected to remove it. Our sincere apologies go to the Zingaro family for that oversight.

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# Separate But Not Equal

By MELISSA REED  
Pride Staff Writer

"Why at this point, at this historical moment in time, do we have a class called Multiethnic American Literature?" -Ken Mendoza, a LTWR professor here at CSUSM.

As a Literature and Writing major at California State University San Marcos, I have been forced to take many classes that in one way or another involve ethnic studies and cultural diversity. Oftentimes, while I am sitting in these classes, I find myself wondering why the university has chosen to teach this school of thought in a way that points fingers at cultural differences. After the class lecture is over, I never feel more connected to someone else of the selected ethnic background of the day, but instead I feel further removed.

Take for example a class like LTWR 450, Multiethnic American Literature. The course outline for this class says that it is a class that offers a "Comparison of various ethnic American discourses such as African American, Jewish American, Latino American, [and] Japanese American." To title this course Multiethnic American Literature is a slap in the face to all of the wonderful writers incorporated into the syllabus.

Why not title this course simply American Literature? Why must the university tag this course as Multiethnic? Are they saying that all of the authors that we read in United States Literature 309A and 309B have the same ethnic background and that those backgrounds are not ethnic? The fact that they must separate this course, and tag it as multiethnic, shows the real lack of progress in cultural diversity at this university.

I grew up in New York, where nobody ever spoke of cultural diversity. It was common to have neighbors of different ethnic backgrounds, but the idea was that they were your neighbors. Not your Jewish neighbors, or your Latino neighbors, or your African American Neighbors, but simply the neighbors next-door. The fact that they may have come a hundred years ago from some other country did not matter and was never talked about.

K. Anthony Appiah, a professor at Harvard University, said in one of his lectures that "American cultural distinctions cannot be understood in terms of the concept of race: the only race in the United States, is the human race." He goes on to say "there is danger in making racial identities too central to our conceptions of ourselves; while there is a place for racial identities in a world that is shaped by racism, I shall argue, if we are to move beyond racism we shall have to move beyond current racial identities."

If CSUSM wants to celebrate diversity, they should do so by incorporation not by isolation. There is no reason to have a class called Multiethnic American Literature. These texts, if they are worthy of being studied, should be incorporated into the United States Literature course because they are an equal part of American Literature and not a separate part. The University's program right now is at the same place the Civil Rights movement was forty years ago when the thought was separate but equal. We have come to know that separate is never equal, why hasn't the university figured that out?

# Liberal Comedy

It is your lucky day. You may be asking yourself, "Why, Matt?" Well it is because today you are going to hear the other side of the story. Last week's commentary "Comedy Hour on NPR" by Erik Roper contained much comedic value.

First joke, he said President Bush is our "illegally appointed president." That's funny because several liberal media outlets sponsored their own recount of Florida ballots and wouldn't ya know it, Bush still won. The media, except for Fox News, said nothing! Here is a good book: *Bias* by Bernard Goldberg which tells about liberal media bias and how Dan Rather gives you only what he wants you to hear.

Second joke, the author did not know why America "feels it should be exempt from paying dues." For the past 50 years, America has contributed 25% of the UN budget. China paid less than 1%. Russia, Great Britain,

and France pay 5 - 8 %. Right now you may be saying "Wow Matt that is amazing." And you're darn right it is.

A 1996 GAO report stated that we spent \$6.6 billion on peacekeeping operations since 1992 and yet we have only been accredited with \$1.8 billion of that money. So under the United Nations Erroneous Dept. Act, we stopped paying dues until our overpayments have been credited or reimbursed.

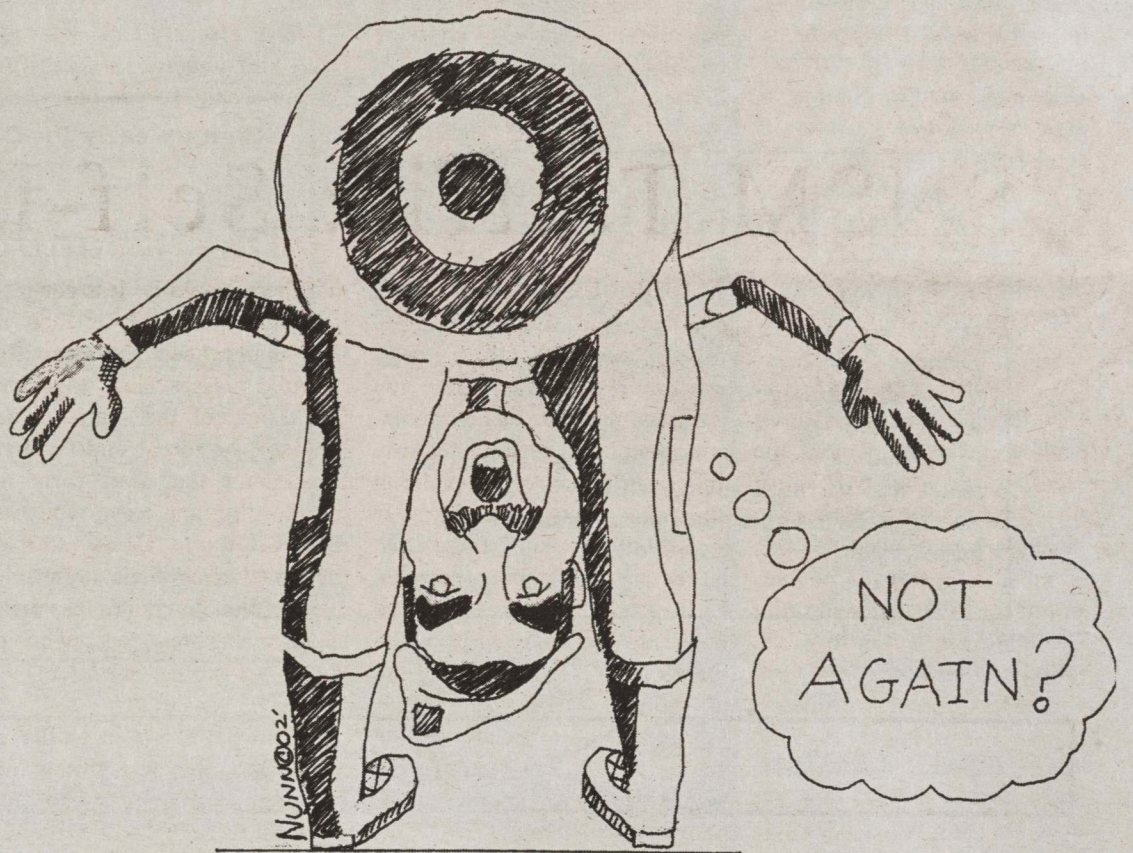
Oh God Bless the United Nations which is also one of the leading exporters of abortion to third-world countries where abortion is hidden under names like "family planning" and "women's rights." The United Nations was also a key player in China's brutal one child policy that has killed small children and has created a sexual imbalance.

At this point you should all be upset and not because I am conservative but because we

are paying with our taxes and with our people (military) for a world authority. Call me a crazy member of the right wing conspiracy, but a world under the control of a global government scares me and the freedom that has been preserved by my dad, grandpa, and forefathers is at risk. It is like "Ripley's Believe It Or Not," but the UN has already created a world court and has been given American soil by our previous president.

So, next time you watch *liberals* on TV remember this - they think, "you are ignorant and possibly even stupid" because you listen to one side of the story and believe it.

Matt Cotton  
CAUSC Student



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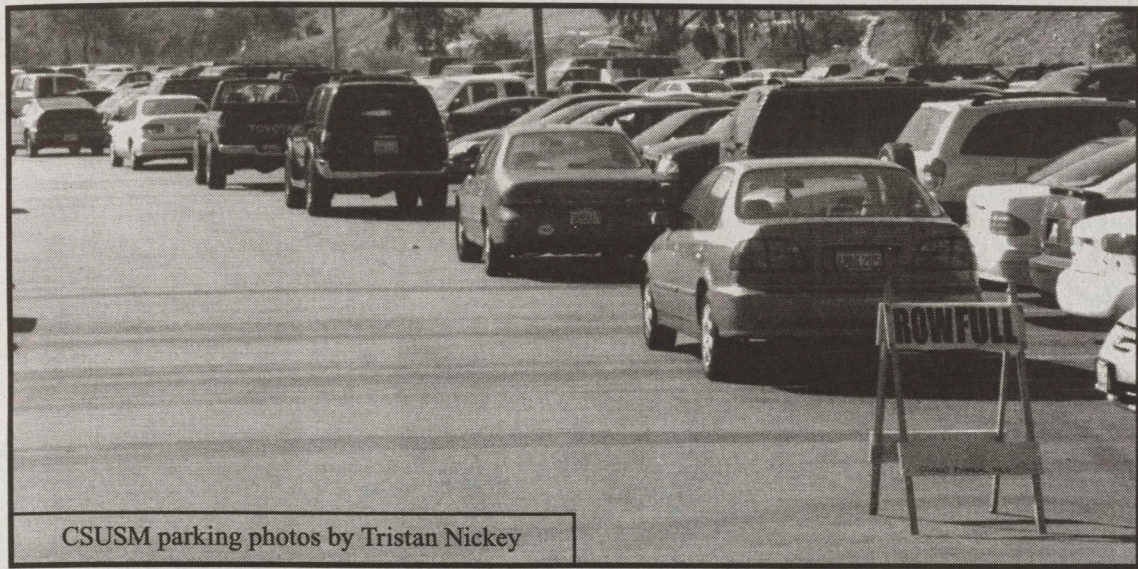
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# Strike on Parking



CSUSM parking photos by Tristan Nickey

I have been a student at CSUSM my entire 4-year college career and have eagerly enjoyed the campus, the students and even some of the faculty. However, this semester my view is being drastically changed and it is being altered in the form of an overflow of cramped and ridiculous parking! Basically as I read the article from last week's Pride, I gathered the truth of the ugliness of our parking. There is only 2,000 parking spaces on campus and yet the school has admitted approx. 6,900 students.

Each student is required to

pay sixty-two dollars a semester in order to park on Cal State San Marcos property. This is the policy I believed I was purchasing; basically that through purchasing an expensive permit there would be parking in the school parking lots. Though I know many students that do not pay for these permits and walk to school from various near-by destinations such as Ralph's and the overflow, I chose to pay and be near school. Well to my surprise there is no parking as stated by the previous article and the response from school is to park in the overflow. Why should stu-

dents that have permits park in areas that are a free parking and why is everyone taking this so passively? I arrive at school two hours before class to get a parking spot and I am one of the few that have this convenience. Lisa Illingworth, like many students, has to work before school and so the time to locate a parking spot is between five to fifteen minutes. In that time span, students are lucky if they can even get into a parking lot!

I have discussed the parking issue with numerous students, as I'm sure many of you have, and

found that the parking situation is becoming tolerable and many hope that the congestion will die down after the add/drop period. However, the numbers don't lie and class sizes are not dropping as much as they are increasing, which is another article all together! That fact is that after September 26, 2002, curb parking will no longer be allowed, as well as stack parking to soon follow. Though I understand the red curb's disallowance due to fire hazard (though overlooked in the past 3 weeks), the unmarked curbs and stack parking is desperately needed. The student's money should be seen in action and not with parking tickets. My two new permits just cost me \$125 dollars, Ouch!

The reason of this plea is not for the faculty or the staff but for the students. Next week will be our last week in the happy place of parking, which many consider hell. Another thought to ponder is that the faculty also parks on the curbs as Afton Porter pointed out, "The faculty will now be parking in our lots and causing even more congestion, yet if we park in their lots we receive a \$100 ticket." I challenge you

CSUSM students to not take this lying down or walking down but to strike. The strike that I am proposing is not as shocking as it sounds. My suggestion is for the following week, the week of Sept. 30- Oct. 4., students should continue to park on curbs and in the dirt. Red curbs can be avoided due to the fire hazard, after all those areas only contain five or so spaces. When parking make sure to place this article under the windshield wipers in plain sight so when a ticket is being considered they will see the true parking permit, the student's voice. These tickets are only meaningful to those giving them and those receiving the profit. My thoughts are that the school cannot justly give tickets to everyone unless they decide to give us all refunds on the permits that they are not properly practicing. Everyone needs to participate. We have no choice. Don't let the last freedom of speech be in our parents' generation, stand up for our rights and what we've paid for!

NICHOLE JESTER  
Senior, LTWR

## CSUSM Traffic: Self-Inflicted Chaos

By AMBER ROSSLAND  
Pride Staff Writer

Could it be possible that inconveniently scheduled class times are what lie at the root of the current traffic problem? Most students have little choice as to what classes they need to take; they must complete the courses required for their major in order to graduate. With this in mind, you would think that the university would schedule similarly required classes close together during the day so that students could easily end one class and begin another and then be done

for the day. Unfortunately, this is not the case at CSUSM.

It seems that everywhere you go on campus you will hear someone complaining about parking and someone else complaining about how long their days are at school, perhaps these two issues are secretly intertwined. Classes at CSUSM are scheduled haphazardly, some early while others late, even when they are all required of the same major. Why would you spread them out so far apart? You would think that it would be obvious to the people who schedule the classes

that there would be less congestion and more convenience if they could keep the similarly required classes close together. Could one of the main traffic problems be the absurd amount of students that start early in the morning and leave their car parked in the lot all day so that they can catch their nighttime class without having to lose their spot or even worse, risk not being able to get another one later?

Apparently classes are offered at extreme times to facilitate the learning of students who are working full-time while attend-

ing college. Is this really necessary? Should the greater student population cater to the needs of a select few? And to those people who must waste their entire days sitting around campus awaiting their next class, which may be up to nine hours later, is it fair that you must wait just so you have a guaranteed parking space?

There is definitely an underlying problem in the parking situation, and I do not

believe it is the lack of spaces as much as it is poor class scheduling. If classes were scheduled in blocks, every few hours a ton of spaces would open up for the next block of students to go to class. Maybe the real problem is being overlooked; maybe the real problem has to do with poor scheduling.



Dear Editors:

I found your recent edition in extremely poor taste and appallingly insensitive to the family and friends of Alex Zingaro. Why in the world would you place Mucky Mouse in Suicide in this issue? It lacks humor, subtlety, or thoughtful commentary, as well as informed spelling and punctuation-so what's the point? This is no mouse, it's a sewer rat.

Actually, why would you want such tasteless inanity in our college publication at all? I sincerely hope neither the community nor the Zingaro family sees this issue; do the right thing and pull it from the stands. There's no pride here.

Pam Horner

## LETTERS

This letter is in response to the letter sent by Pam Horner. I have had classes with Pam and have always admired her intellect and contributions to class discussions. Her letter to the editor was both justified and well composed.

As the creator of Mucky Mouse I would like to respond to Pam's letter in this way: I would not have submitted Mucky Mouse to the Pride last week if I had learned about the Zingaro death earlier. The comic was not a response to his death, and was drawn prior to his disappearance. *Mucky Mouse in Suicide* preceded the news of Alex's death and was left in the paper accidentally. I myself did not imagine a connection between

the comic and the tragic death until it was pointed out to me by another student on Tuesday.

As a result, I offer my personal apology to the family and friends of Alex Zingaro, for any suffering I may have caused. I truly feel bad about that.

In regards to Pam's second comment, in which she questions why anyone would want Mucky Mouse to run in the paper at all, I have this to say:

First, regarding the content of Mucky Mouse, barring last week's sad coincidence, I feel no need to apologize for the comic's vulgarity, negativity, bad taste, and/or subject matter. I disagree with Pam's opinion that the comic is inane. Mucky Mouse is very carefully constructed, and accomplishes numerous

positive objectives, which I feel outweigh its negative aspects. I will explain:

1. By poking fun at ugly and negative behaviors that are arguably a part of human nature, MM (Mucky Mouse) helps to demystify taboo subjects, facilitating a more open discussion of our various social problems.
2. By representing a sense of humor that does not reflect the majority, MM stands for the important and fundamental human value: Free and public intellectual exchange, especially concerning views that are unpopular.
3. MM is designed to irritate people, plain and simple. It isn't fine art, but it is art, and as art, if it doesn't agitate people and motivate them then it is worth-

less. MM is successful because people react to it. People react to MM in different ways; some people are offended, some people think it is funny and other people are disgusted. The important thing is that it elicits a reaction in this age of apathy.

Lastly, why would anyone want some pleasant, politically correct art in our newspaper that doesn't generate any controversy or debate? In closing I would like to thank Pam for writing a compelling letter that brought things full circle, and made me think long and hard about the character I created.

Desmond Barca  
Student LTWR  
Creator of Mucky Mouse  
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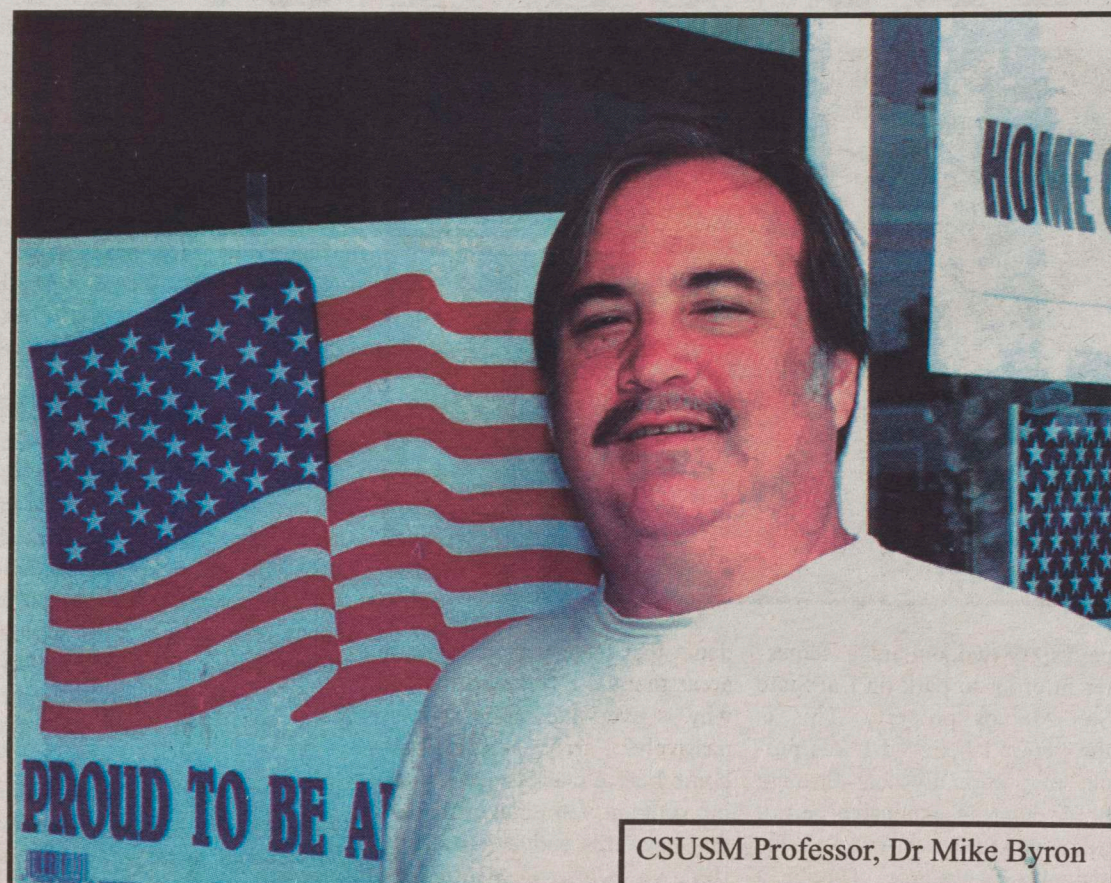
# CSUSM Professor Runs For Congress

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Walking into campaign headquarters for congressional candidate and CSUSM professor, Mike Byron, is like seeing a small slice of America. Normally, it fronts as a small computer store, run by former Lieutenant Governor candidate, Ron J. Like. It sits on Coast Highway in Oceanside, surrounded by many other 'Ma and Pa' businesses. Walking inside, the diversity is almost as great as the different stores that make up this neighborhood. Like's software is available on the only aisle and is flanked by other computers in various stages of use. The far wall contains several paintings and if visitors look close, they will recognize a Rembrandt and a Monet but not the kind that will bring millions, but copies that have been painted by Like. The store has that 'lived in' feel that only a small business can bring and is fast disappearing from the American landscape. In this comfortable, yet quirky room, two men, Like and Byron were planning to make a run at congress under the decent and respectable ticket.

After we seated ourselves in two easy chairs, he began to talk about politics and the first thing that came up was Iraq and the president's determination to go in with force. Having a Ph.D. and being a political science professor at CSUSM and Palomar College as well as belonging to the Democratic Party, Byron has many insights in this topic. His statement was clear, "If Iraq is shown to attack us or an ally, if there is evidence of immediate danger, then attack." Then, he added, "If Iraq is not a clear threat to us, then there is nothing wrong with weapons inspectors. Before we attack, show me the imminent danger".

Byron also pointed out that the former U.S.S.R., China and North Korea all have nuclear weapons or are trying to get them and the U.S. has not attacked them. He then brought up that the Europeans were not behind us or anyone else for that matter besides Tony Blair, England's prime minister. After pointing out that Europeans were



CSUSM Professor, Dr Mike Byron

against it because many of their companies were profiting from doing business with Iraq, Byron quickly said that Vice-President Dick Cheney had run Halliburton quite successfully while doing business with Iraq during the 90s even with the sanctions and embargos in place.

Spreading democracy to other countries especially in the Middle East was another topic discussed by Byron. "We can't impose democracy on other countries and cultures that aren't conducive to it, Iraq is composed of three main ethnic groups, the Kurds in the north, the Sunni Muslims in the center and Shiite Muslims in the south. At best, you could try a national unity government like Lebanon but it would be very difficult and would take years," he said. "The Middle East is easily affected by any big change and it could have a tremendous destabilizing effect," Byron added. Byron also mentioned that any operation in Iraq will cost hundreds of billions of dollars over the next ten years and the budget might not be able to come out of a deficit. He mentioned that this could be crippling to social security, Medicare and other social services.

When asked what were some of the things that could be done to fight the war on terror and how to stop terrorism from spreading, Byron offered a profound quote. "Happy people don't make history, we need to be fostering conditions for meaningful, fair international trade. We can be setting the conditions for democracy but we can't impose it, we can only provide the model for opportunity. People in the Middle East are stuck, give them the opportunity." Given the fact that in the Middle East, 65 percent of the population is between 15 and 25 with almost no job prospects, this recipe is more fitting than sending in random troops. Many of these people are college educated yet work as street vendors because there's no employment.

With regards to foreign policy, Taiwan became another topic of discussion. The current administration in Taiwan is dedicated to keeping it independent from China and is even conducting a secret deal for eight new 'Dolphin' class submarines. Byron responded that since president Truman went to China in 1971 and signed the Taiwan Relations Act, every president since him has been committed to the act, which guarantees one China and

the peaceful return of Taiwan. Byron said that we should stay committed to that. "What we should be doing is facilitating the foundations of modernity and democracy with the Chinese, we do that, the problem fades," he said.

Byron also added that the number one issue with regards to domestic policies was the political system. "The political system, it should be one person, one vote, now it's one dollar, one vote," he said. He pointed out that in the '96 elections had the most money spent and the most votes recorded. He quoted P.J. O'Rourke and his reference that we have turned into a 'Parliament of Whores' because we pay so much attention to special interest groups. Byron has one other huge supporter of his opinion of these groups and that is Republican Senator John McCain, who ironically belongs to his opposition party.

According to Byron, we need a constitutional amendment like we had back in the 1800's, when Mark Twain called it a 'Gilded Age,' to stop the special interest groups from retaining so much hold over us. Part of that would include public control over campaign money. This means

that candidates that obtain five percent of the vote in the qualifying elections will then receive a certain amount of campaign money from the state yet, there would be a limit to the amount on private funds.

Byron also wants to "re-empower" congress and let them do what they are supposed to do, which is debate over what is best for this country.

Byron also talked about his students telling him that they feel like their vote won't make a difference. However, he wants to let them know that for once, yes, it will.

The event that made Byron decide to run for Congress was after listening to senator McCain speak in addition to talking to documentary filmmaker, Michael Moore. Moore quoted Margaret Mead as saying, "If you want something to happen, you have to get up and do it yourself." It struck a chord with Byron and he went home and talked with his wife and the rest is making history. He also added, "Stay away from special interest money, be committed!" as his own advice to keep himself honest.

Byron needs roughly 36,000 votes to win. Furthermore, his name will not appear anywhere in the ballot; he is a write-in candidate because the democrats did not get a candidate in the primary. He is running for the 49th district and his opponent is the republican Dan Issa.

Byron also said, "This is your chance to make a difference, together we can make history."

For those who want more information on Byron and his standpoint in many issues, visit his website at [www.ByronForCongress.org](http://www.ByronForCongress.org). This website will also tell you how to vote using the write in method. He will also be speaking at the upcoming North County Democratic Unity dinner on Saturday, October 5th. For more info call 760-436-6348. If you want to e-mail Dr. Byron, you can do so at [mpbyron@cox.net](mailto:mpbyron@cox.net).

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