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## 2011 CSUSM Hearst/CSU Trustees' Award recipient

Lauren Holland overcomes tragedies to receive the CSU's highest honor

ilies grieve, cope and make sense of a senseless tragedy.

Last week, Holland was honored for her dedication and 3.88 GPA with the Hearst/CSU Trustees' Award, one of the highest forms of recognition for student achievement in the CSU system. The Hearst award is given to just one student at each CSU campus annually, recognizing merit, academic achievement and community service in the face of financial and personal hardships.

"It's an honor to be selected with a handful of my peers to be a Hearst Scholar," Holland said, in a press release. "The award validates my hard work and encourages me by knowing that people are behind me and supporting me in achieving my goals."

Holland was in the final months of her senior year at San Diego State when she got the news about her nephew's son, Zach Cruz, who was struck by a truck

and killed in a suburban crosswalk after getting off a school bus in Berkeley on Feb. 27, 2009.

Holland finished her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology with *cum laude* honors, and threw herself into advocating for pedestrian safety through the Zachary Michael Cruz Foundation, established by Zach's parents, Frank and Jodie Cruz. She hopes that she can use her master's degree to lobby for pedestrian safety issues at the regional and national levels.

"I want to be an even stronger voice advocating for pedestrian safety education, enforcement and engineering," she said, explaining that each year more than 1,000 pedestrians lose their lives in preventable accidents. "I know I can make a difference and the Hearst Award further reminds me to continue to push forward and give my very best."

Holland's own life has been

touched by tragedy as well. She worked a series of low-wage jobs while raising two children on her own. Then several years ago, she was working on a construction project near SDSU when an accident at the jobsite left her with a disabling back injury.

Although it had been more than two decades since she'd been in a classroom, Holland knew she'd need to get an education to land a well-paying desk job, so she went back to school at San Diego State. She graduated in 2010.

She's also volunteered her time with the March of Dimes, Head Start, Zonta International, the U.N. Association of San Diego and a local sobering facility, among other organizations.

Holland is one of 23 CSU students to receive the Hearst Award this fall. She received a \$3,000 scholarship and a Sony technology package (including a notebook computer and camera).

Photo provided by CSUSM



CSUSM grad student Lauren Holland decided to channel her grief into action.

Next June, the 47-year-old single mother from Ramona will graduate with a master's degree in Sociological Practice with an emphasis in pedestrian safety research. Her master's thesis will focus on the statistics behind child pedestrian fatalities and how fam-

## President Haynes calls for award nominations

Students and staff get a chance to recognize deserving teachers

Morgan Hall  
Pride Staff Writer

California State University San Marcos President Karen Haynes is calling all students and faculty members to nominate their favorite professors for the President's Outstanding Faculty Award as announced by a Sept. 8 university press release.

Students and faculty members can nominate their favorite professors and fellow co-workers in two different categories: Teaching Innovation and Excellence and Outstanding Lecturer.

Whether complaining about the excessive amount of homework, discussing unreasonable deadlines or disagreeing with a professor's teaching style, students

rarely get a chance to

recognize amazing faculty members when they come along.

Now, students have

the chance to nominate professors who do make a great effort in teaching.

The Teaching Innovation and Excellence Award recognizes a faculty member who introduces innovative techniques, methodologies, exercises, methods of delivery and technologies in teaching, according to the CSUSM press release. All current tenure and tenure track faculty members are eligible for a nomination.

Students must write a detailed letter, between 100-500 words, discussing the professor's teaching innovations and how this innovation contributed to a student's development of the knowledge, skills and disposition appropriate to the academic discipline. Students cannot nominate faculty members if they are currently enrolled in the nominee's classes.

The award for Outstanding Lecturer recognizes a part-time faculty member who significantly contributes to student learning, advances our university mission of educational excellence and demonstrates dedication to our diverse student community. Any temporary faculty member who had faculty appointments, in-

cluding teaching and non-teaching assignments, at CSUSM and has been teaching one or more classes for the past three years is eligible for a nomination. A 100-500-word letter is also required for this category.

Nominations for both categories are required to be sent, electronically, to Susan O'Connor at [soconnor@csusm.edu](mailto:soconnor@csusm.edu), no later than Wednesday, Oct. 12. The nomination letters must include the student's name, major, email address, telephone number and the name and department of the faculty member being nominated. Information on the course or courses completed with the faculty member, including name, course number, semester, or information on the nature of the interaction with a non-instructional faculty member is also required.

The winning educators will be recognized at the faculty and staff award ceremony in January where they will also receive a \$2,000.00 award.

Photo courtesy of [www.fruitsandveggies-matter.gov](http://www.fruitsandveggies-matter.gov)



**Campus Calendar**  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 27:

- Polynesian Festival**  
Noon - 1:30 p.m., Forum Plaza. Celebrate the Polynesian culture with free food, live entertainment, free giveaways and games.
- S.D. Asian Film Festival**  
6 p.m., Clarke Grande Salon. There will be a pre-screening "NA KAMALEI: The Men of Hula." Come out and support this event!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28:

- ASI's Homecoming Spirit Day**  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Kellogg Plaza. Come celebrate Homecoming Week with ASI and get some fun CSUSM spirit swag!
- Usuab Presents: Casino Royale**  
7 - 10 p.m., Clarke 113. A special homecoming celebration which will allow students to engage in a variety of social, fun and inclusive activities.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29:

- Homecoming Cougarfest**  
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Across Campus. Celebrate Homecoming by coming out to the second annual Cougar-Fest! There will be games, food, fun and cougar spirit.
- Job Fair Prep for Success**  
Noon - 1 p.m., Career Center  
RSVP <http://www.csusm.edu/careers/>

TUESDAY, OCT. 4:

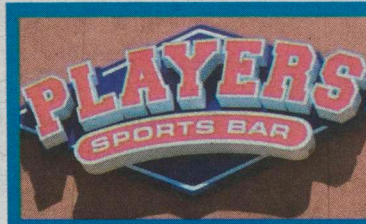
- Thank You For Recycling Day**  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., U-Hall Plaza. Enjoy food, prizes and giveaways. Help celebrate CSUSM's 7th straight RecycleMania victory.
- The Coming Out Monologues**  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m., McMahan House. Presented by the LBGTQ Pride Center is an evening of storytelling by students of CSU San Marcos. The stories represent diverse and unique experiences from people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allies.
- Employer Resume Critique**  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Career Center  
RSVP <http://www.csusm.edu/careers/>

THURSDAY, OCT. 6:

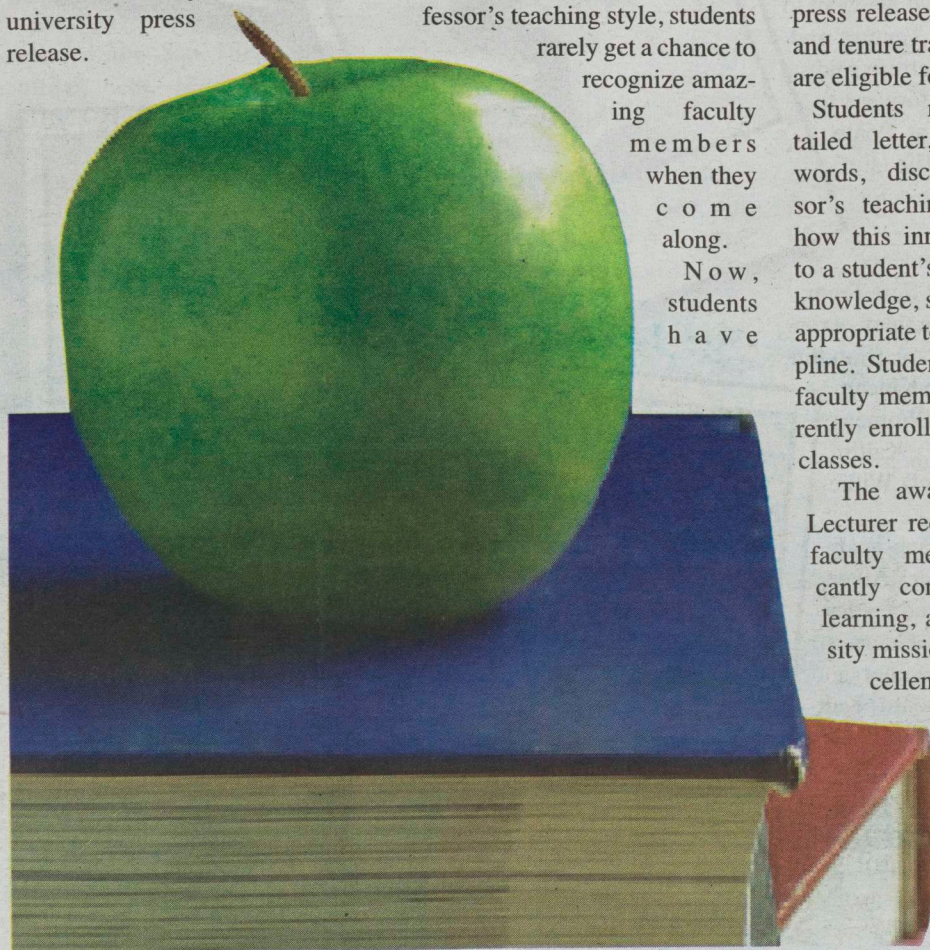
- Career Expo 2011**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Forum Plaza. Come learn about employment and graduate school opportunities directly from the recruiters.

SUNDAY, OCT. 9:

- Barbells For Boobs/ Mammograms In Action**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Forum Plaza. Barbells for Boobs fundraiser for Mammograms in Action. Athletes from North County are invited to participate in the CrossFit workout "Grace" to raise money to fund mammograms for women who could not otherwise afford them.



Turn to page 4 for our Happy Hour of the Week. Read all about the newly opened San Marcos Players Sports Bar and the multiple deals they offer.





## Red Bull Athlete Terry Adams takes a spin on campus

**Jessie Gambrell**  
Pride Staff Writer

At U-Hour on Thursday, Sept. 23, CSUSM students watched Red Bull Athlete, Terry Adams, do a BMX demo on campus at our very own Library Plaza.

Adams, age 28, has been a professional in Flatland BMX since he was 16 years old and has competed in tournaments all over the world, winning a Gold Medal in the 2005 X Games and also scoring Ride BMX Magazine's Number One Ride Award

in 2005 and 2008.

"I wanted to be a professional," Adams said.

When asked about what got him into Flatland, Adams continued, "When I looked it up, it looked more artsy. It was different."

Flatland is a freestyle BMX riding style performed on smooth, flat surfaces that do not include any ramps, jumps or grind rails. By some, it is called "artistic cycling" and can even be related to break dancing, according to Mick Ross of In Air on Ground Freestyle BMX.

Adams grew up in Louisiana and was homeschooled. He graduated at the age of 15 and then attended Louisiana State University for one semester before he decided he wanted to focus on his BMX career instead.

Red Bull sponsored Adams since 2003. He has been touring the United States these past few weeks doing demos at 50 differ-

ent colleges.

"It is very chill, spreading awareness about what I do. It is a cool opportunity from Red Bull," Adams said. He continued, "Students here are in a good mood. They are a little more stoked," when asked about how it was performing here at CSUSM.

The big Red Bull truck, called the Red Bull MXT, came out and opened up its speakers, blasting party music throughout Library Plaza. Students gathered as Adams showed off some of his cool moves, including his own trick, Katrina, that he named after the 2005 hurricane Katrina. Students were handed "spirit" towels to twirl around which added to the festivity of the hour. With the crowds cheering, Adams continued to entertain the students by balancing, spinning and hopping with his bike.

On a break, Red Bull handed out two free T-

shirts to the first two people that showed up to the Red Bull MXT. One of the lucky winners was Dylan Baquero who started to "shuffle" in the center of the plaza after winning his T-shirt.

"I won a t-shirt! And it's cool spirit," Baquero said when asked what drove him to dance.

Throughout the demo, Red Bull's Wiiiings Team girls gave out free Red Bulls to the students.

"This is the coolest back-to-school event we've been to," Gina Lucas said, one of the Wiiiings team girls.

Students also responded to the event with enthusiasm. "It was a great experience. It shows the diversity of the campus," ASI VP of Marketing, Ken LaLonde, said.

If you would like to know more about Terry Adams, go to his website: [www.terryadams.com](http://www.terryadams.com).

Photos by Ashley Aronson and Morgan Hall

## Riding the waves

### CSUSM Surf Team attracts many for tryouts

**Morgan Hall**  
Pride Staff Writer

CSUSM surf team tryouts occurred Sunday, Sept. 18. Calm water and bad waves added pressure to student surfers interested in joining the fall 2011 – spring 2012 team.

"It is a little nerve racking because the waves aren't too good today," senior Tyler Noonan said. "You're lucky just to catch a few good waves," he added.

Noonan, who surfed for his high school team and was trying out for the first time, said that he looks "forward to being able to get back into surf competitions and meet new surfers this season."

This year, the Cal State San Marcos Surf Team tryouts gave each surfer three 15-minute heats to catch as many waves as he or she could with only the two highest scoring waves counting toward the overall score.

"We're looking for length, turns and connecting rides and, of course, the more you do the more points you will get," team captain, Ashley Aronson said.

Dave Kincannon, who was on

the inaugural team back in 2001, but had to leave CSUSM to work, said, "The way tryouts are set up this year is a lot fairer than the first time I tried out. Now you can walk away with a far better overall average."

Despite the bad waves, there was still a huge turnout for tryouts compared to years past.

"There are way more people here this year than there were last year. We now have enough for two teams and a few alternates," Casey Guerrero, senior and returning team member, said.

Junior Helina Beck was extremely impressed with the amount of women who tried out for this year's team. "Women's surfing is just blowing up right now, and it is nice to see that we actually have enough girls interested in trying out for the team," Beck said.

Beck participated on the team two years ago, but broke her ankle and could not return last season. "I still feel pain and haven't gotten my full mobility back, but surfing is almost therapeutic for me."

Beck did give some advice to those who don't make the team: "Don't let it bother you. We have such close competitions; still con-

tinue to surf and come to tryouts again next year."

Being a part of the CSUSM surf team allows students to do something they love while traveling to different California beaches.

"Last year I liked that we went to Huntington Beach, Ventura and Black's Beach," Guerrero said.

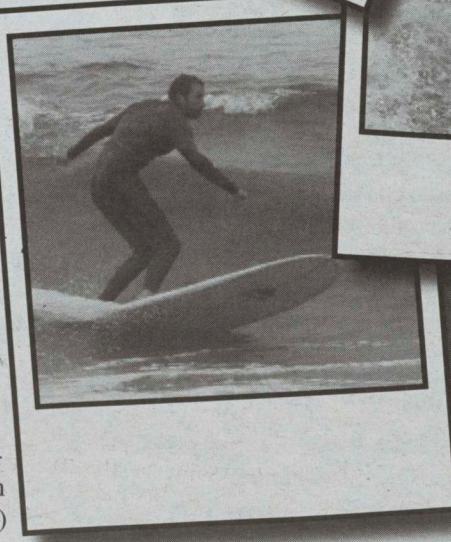
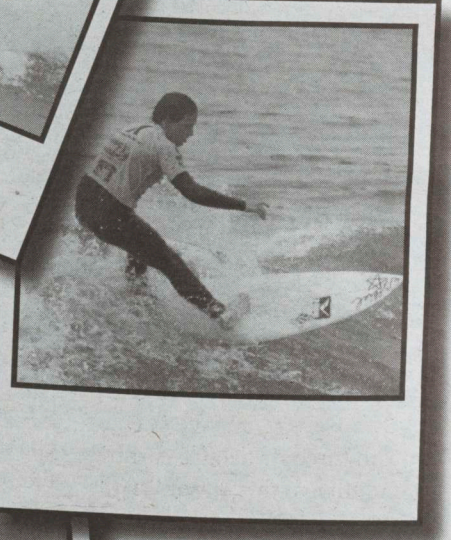
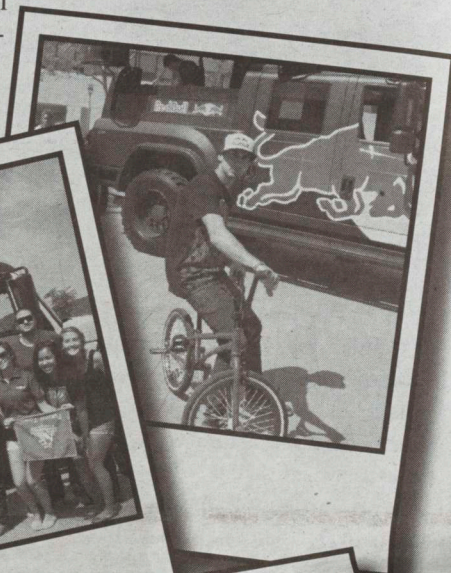
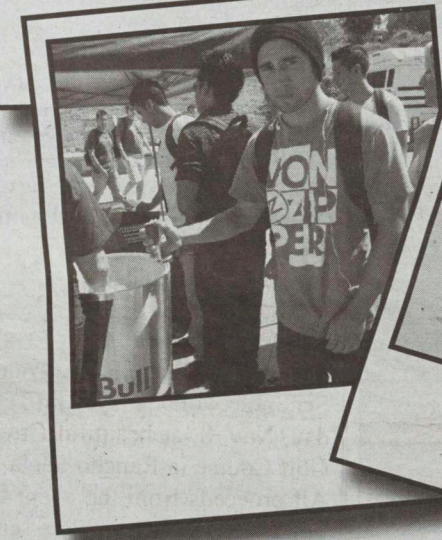
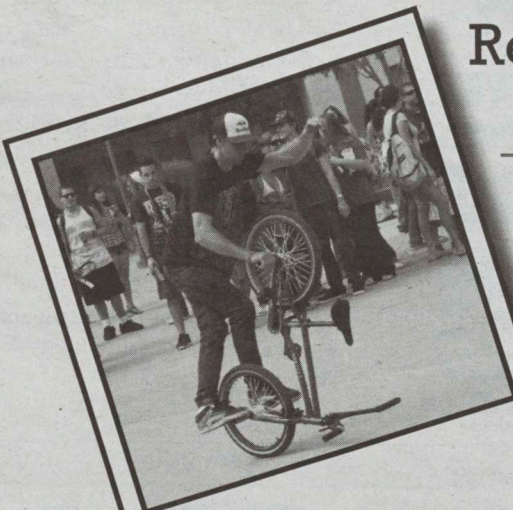
Kincannon looks forward to potentially surfing at Ponto, his home break. The surf schedule is still to be determined.

The following students made the 2011/2012 Surf Team:

A Team: (Men) Ashley Aronson, Jason Hdez, Paul Brandlin, Daniel Jacobs, Dave Kincannon, James Elkins. (Women) Annie Howe and Kaitlin Maguire. (Longboard) Willie Peterson.

B Team: (Men) Zach Rudy, Leo Welnick, Tyler Aiken, Tyler Noonan, Andre Ramoska and Casey Guerrero. (Women) Laura Thatcher and Helina Beck (Longboard) Kaitlin Maguire – needs to choose between A Team Women or B Team Longboard.

Alternates: Mike Fiocco, Robbie Torres. (Longboard) Sean Malter. (Shortboard women) Danielle DeFritas.



Photos by Morgan Hall



# Cornwell, women win; men finish third at UC Riverside

**Kyle Trembley**  
Contributor

Competing in their second race of the season, Cal State San Marcos women's and men's cross-country both had strong showings at the UC Riverside Invitational. The women remarkably swept the top-five collegiate spots to win the 5K Open, while the men placed third in a stacked field in the 8K Invitational.

Running against a field that featured NCAA schools like San Jose State and Cal State Los Angeles, the two-time defending NAIA National Champion and #2-ranked CSUSM women's

team dominated the 5K on Saturday, Sept. 17. Suzanne Cornwell won the race outright with an outstanding time of 17:11 – the second fastest in CSUSM cross-country history.

After four unattached (non-collegiate) runners crossed the finish line, including CSUSM alums Whitney Patton and Jennifer Albright, the next collegiate finisher to cross the line was Carol Schryver. A 2010 All-American, Schryver ran 17:44 to place seventh overall and second in the collegiate competition.

Two more Cougars were right behind her as Chelsey Cortez continued her strong start to the season by placing eighth at 17:47,

and two-time All-American Cady Villarreal taking ninth at 17:48. One spot later, Kelly Thompson finished in eleventh place at 18:02, giving the Cougars a sweep of the top-five collegiate spots.

Leading the remaining competitors for CSUSM were Heidi Swanson (14th, 18:09), Cassidy Reich (20th, 18:17), and Aubriele Rowe (28th, 18:30).

On the men's side, the Cougars posted a strong third-place finish, only finishing behind Southern Utah and host school UC Riverside and finishing in front of NAIA competitors Cal Baptist and Master's College in the 25-team field.

So far this season, Danny Lyon and 2010 All-American Western Nelson have established themselves as the two top runners for the Cougars and that held true on Saturday, Sept. 17. Nelson placed eighth in the field of nearly 250 runners, coming within 2 seconds of breaking the school record for the 8K with a time of 24:16.

Right behind him was Lyon, who took ninth with a time of 24:19. Nelson and Lyon are both All-American threats, and having two runners of that class is a major reason why Coach Steve Scott's #7-ranked men's cross-country team is in the hunt for its first National Championship.

Of course, to win a national title

it takes depth and CSUSM will be looking to build that throughout the 2011 season. On Sept. 17, Ismael Rodriguez placed 43rd at 25:20, Ryan Jensen took 48th at 25:22 and Armando Lara rounded out the team's top-five by placing 58th at 25:29, all finishing within 10 seconds of one another to help the team to its third place finish.

Leading the remaining Cougars were Easton Tackett (72nd; 25:36) and Lenny Santana (75th; 25:37).

CSUSM cross-country will be back in action in two weeks at the Pomona Pitzer Invitational.



## Padres close season last in league Diamondbacks defeat Padres 5-1

**Juliana Stumpp**  
Pride Staff Writer

The Arizona Diamondbacks defeated the San Diego Padres Sunday, Sept. 18, 5-1, avoiding a three-game sweep at PETCO Park.

The scoring began in the third inning when Padres player Cameron Maybin nabbed a homerun from a Jason Bartlett ground-out. Miguel Montero then tied the game the next inning with a solo home run to center field off Aaron Harang who later allowed another solo homer to rookie first baseman Paul Goldschmidt in the sixth inning. Harang went six innings, allowing two runs on eight hits with three strikeouts, earning his seventh loss this season versus 14 wins.

The Diamondbacks rallied for two runs in the seventh inning against Padres relievers Brad Brach and Josh Spence on RBI singles from Diamondback players Aaron Hill and Goldschmidt, who also scored Justin Upton in the ninth inning for the game's final score. Goldschmidt finished

the day at two for three with three RBIs and a walk. Diamondback pitcher, Joe Saunders, dazzled in the game, allowing just one run on seven hits in eight and two thirds innings, earning his twelfth win of the season. Arizona closer J.J. Putz recorded the final out, which gave him his 41st save, good for third-overall in the National League.

The Padres closed out play on Sept. 18, 23 games behind Arizona for the division lead. As of the morning of Sept. 26, the Padres are now 24 games behind the Diamondbacks. The D-Backs remain nine games ahead of the Giants for the division lead. San Francisco ended playing Sept. 18 four games behind Atlanta for the wild card division lead.

San Diego has had a rough year after a surprising 2010 campaign in which they won 90 games while losing 72 and were one game behind the Giants for the division. As of yesterday, Sept. 26, the Padres are 69-90 with two games to play, mostly because of lim-

ited offensive production without Adrian Gonzalez, their All-Star first baseman, who was traded for promising minor league prospects Casey Kelly, Anthony Rizzo and Reymond Fuentes. Also, the departure of Ryan Ludwick to the Pittsburgh Pirates contributed to less offensive production.

However, the Padres ranked first in the National League in bullpen ERA, led by All-Star closer Heath Bell, as well as leading the NL in stolen bases this year at the end of Sunday, Sept. 18. The Padres also saw good seasons from Jesus Guzman as well as Nick Hundley, along with improved defense from middle infielders Jason Bartlett and Orlando Hudson. Right fielder Kyle Blanks also contributed after having a good season in Triple-A Tucson and will give the Padres more power in the middle of their lineup next year, along with Chase Headley who faced injuries during most of the second half of this season.

The starting rotation for the Friars also saw a good season, led

by Mat Latos and Aaron Harang. Injuries plagued starters Dustin Moseley and Clayton Richard for most of this season along with Tim Stauffer who had a great 2010 season and helped contribute to their postseason run.

The Padres rounded out the season with a sweep against the Colorado Rockies, followed by a series against Los Angeles Dodgers (1 win – 2 losses) and the Chicago Cubs (series started yesterday) here at Petco Park. The team is preparing for 2012 as highlighted by calling up promising minor leaguers such as Rizzo, who was acquired from the Gonzalez trade last December with Boston, as well as James Darnell, Logan Forsythe and other surprising contributors that may see more action in the major leagues next year. The Padres are looking forward to many key players to be healthy for an entire 2012 season to help them compete in an increasingly competitive National League West division.

Photo by Sarah Green

## Raising money for CSUSM athletics

**Kyle Trembley**  
Contributor

San Diego Padres Hall of Fame pitcher Randy Jones will be playing in the fourth annual CSUSM Cougar Scramble Golf Tournament and registration for the limited spots remaining in the field is now open to the public.

Hosted by Cal State San Marcos Athletics and the CSUSM Alumni Association, the Cougar Scramble will be played on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at beautiful Crosby Golf Course in Rancho Santa Fe. All proceeds from the event will go towards student-athlete scholarships and Alumni Association endowed scholarships.

"This is the second year that we will hold the tournament at The Crosby, which is an unbelievable course and the reason we sold out last year," said CSUSM Athletic Director Tom Seitz. "With the addition of Randy Jones this year we expect the field to be full very soon. This is our major fund raiser for the year and we need everyone's support to provide student-athlete scholarships for our expanding athletic program."

Participants will enjoy fun on-course games and contests, a raffle with terrific prizes and of course 18 holes of great golf at one of the most scenic courses in Southern California. A dinner and live auction will follow the round.

Randy Jones will be joining the field for the round and the festivities. The 1976 National League (NL) Cy Young Award winner is excited to be a part of the Cougar Scramble.

"I'm thrilled to be involved with the Cougar Scramble and helping raise money for student-athletes and scholarships," Jones said. "Both my daughters graduated from Cal State San Marcos, so this is an exciting opportunity to help future graduates."

Registration is \$295 per player or \$1,100 per foursome. Corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information or to sign up online, visit [www.csusmcougars.com/cougar-scamble](http://www.csusmcougars.com/cougar-scamble).



# Cougar Pride

## The best of Homecoming Week

Brianna Cruz  
Pride Staff Writer

This week, Sept. 26 – Oct. 1, our third annual homecoming week takes place, with multiple campus spirit events presented for CSUSM students.

Some of the most notable events are the Polynesian Festival, CSUSM Cougar Spirit Event, Alumni Employee Luncheon, CougarFest (the equivalent to last year's Homecoming Festival), the Homecoming Game and BBQ and the infamous Masquerade Ball. The Homecoming Committee has been building new traditions over the last three years and the events vary every year.

"[Homecoming] is a week to unite students, faculty, staff and alumni with university pride and create a sense of tradition. It is a week that highlights school spirit and promotes and supports our

athletics teams," Sara Gallegos said, Associate Executive Director of ASI and member of the Homecoming Committee.

The Polynesian Festival occurs today, from noon – 1:30 p.m. in the Library and Forum Plaza.

Wednesday, Sept. 28, from noon – 1 p.m., the Alumni Association and USUAB will provide a free BBQ lunch for Alumni Association Members and students, in the Tukwut Courtyard. Everyone else will need to pay \$5 for entry. Face painters and balloon artists will also be present. All attendees must RSVP in advance.

For the first time ever, CSUSM has adopted the classic homecoming tradition of a homecoming King and Queen. Students cast votes online from Sept. 19 to today. Eight candidates ran for king and 11 candidates for queen. The top three candidates will be announced during CougarFest on Thursday, Sept. 29. Winners will

be crowned during the homecoming soccer game, at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1.

Students are encouraged to come to CougarFest on Thursday, Sept. 29 not only to hear the top three candidates for Homecoming Court but to also see the amazing food trucks selling meals to guests. Foods available for purchase will be from restaurants such as Carl's Jr., Hot Dog on A Stick, Flippin' Pizza, Sweet Treats and Super Q BBQ.

Students, staff, faculty and community members are invited to support our women's and men's soccer teams as they play against Bethesda University Oct. 1. The women's soccer game starts at noon and the men's soccer game takes place at 2:30 p.m.

You can get more information on how to vote for King and Queen and a list of homecoming week's events at [www.csusm.edu/homecoming](http://www.csusm.edu/homecoming).



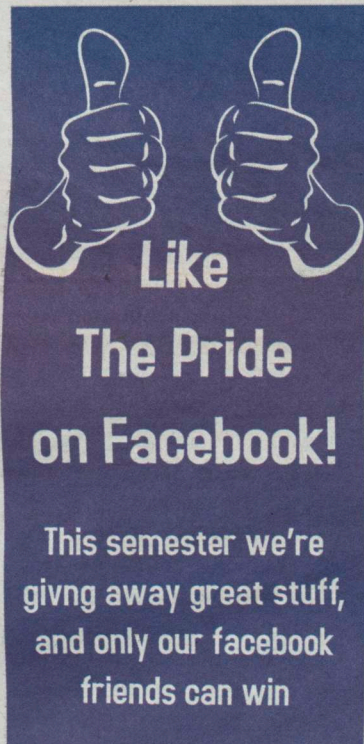
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#### Retraction:

"Tips for textbook buying"

In the Sept. 13 issue of *The Pride*, the article, "Tips for textbook buying" incorrectly listed Interlibrary Loan (ILL) as a resource for obtaining textbooks. ILL is a service available to students for obtaining different forms of research for course related projects.

"Interlibrary Loan staff search and order requested materials from a worldwide database. Material requested through ILL typically arrive at the Library within one to two weeks. You are notified via your CSUSM email account when the material arrives, books are held for pickup and articles are delivered to you electronically," Teri Roudenbush of Library Resource Services said.

Also, materials from ILL are never delivered to your home but rather held at the circulation desk on the third floor of the Kellogg Library.

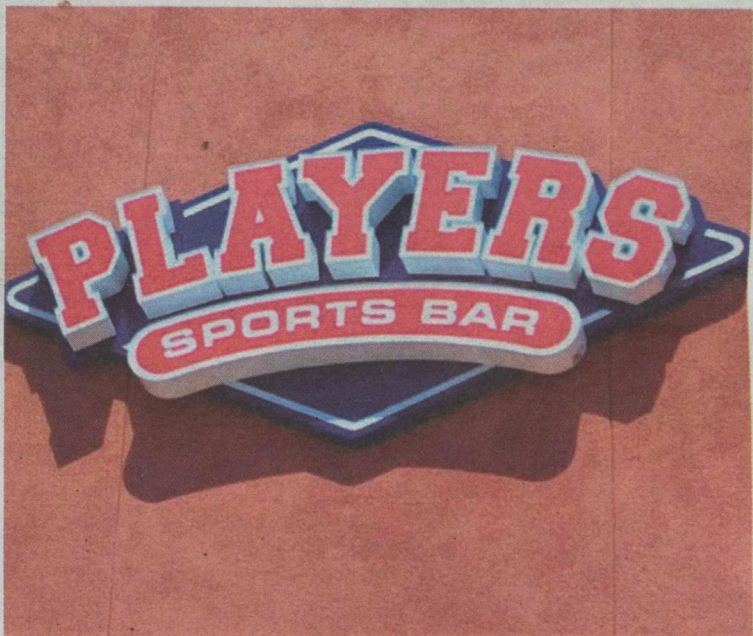
For more information on ILL, contact Teri Roudenbush at [troudenb@csusm.edu](mailto:troudenb@csusm.edu)

## Photos From CSUSM flash mob



Photos by Morgan Hall

Our next issue will feature  
**Homecoming**



## Happy Hour of the Week: Half-time at Players Sports Bar

Kristin Melody  
Pride Staff Writer

All of us CSUSM students could use at least an hour of happiness, and Players Sports Bar delivers all the way, including TVs over the urinals.

I spent this week's Happy Hour at Players off Twin Oaks Valley Rd. across from campus, which is open from 10 a.m. – 2 a.m. and has Happy Hour from 2 – 7 p.m. Monday – Friday. For all you local or new students, this is a great place to meet fellow students because it is close to campus and supports a young scene. If you have any love for Padres or Red Sox, this place will sympathize with you.

The Happy Hour deals included \$1 off wine, beer and wells; you will also get \$2 off appetizers including their delicious, picante chips and salsa. Enjoy the tasty potato wedges while watching a late season baseball game on one of their 21 large TVs. Another commendable part of Players was the beer list that included

local breweries like Lost Abbey, Ballast Point and Green Flash as well as foreign and domestic brews. Indulge in craft beers like Lost Abbey's Red Barn Ale and Rogue's Hazelnut Brown for \$2.75 each while gawking at the 100 oz. "tubes" of domestic beer at the next table. The beer happy hour prices ranged from \$2.75 - \$9 for 16 oz. For those transplant students from the northeast, Players' beer includes Magic Hat #9, the famous craft beer of that area. If you are free on a Wednesday, head over to "Kick the Keg" to enjoy that week's domestic beer keg at \$2 - \$4 a pint from 2 p.m. until the keg is empty.

Other enjoyment for family, 18+, and 21+ included the two pool tables and outdoor seating with fire places and sporty atmosphere. Players is a great place to meet new friends from CSUSM, take someone on a date or relax after a long day of classes.

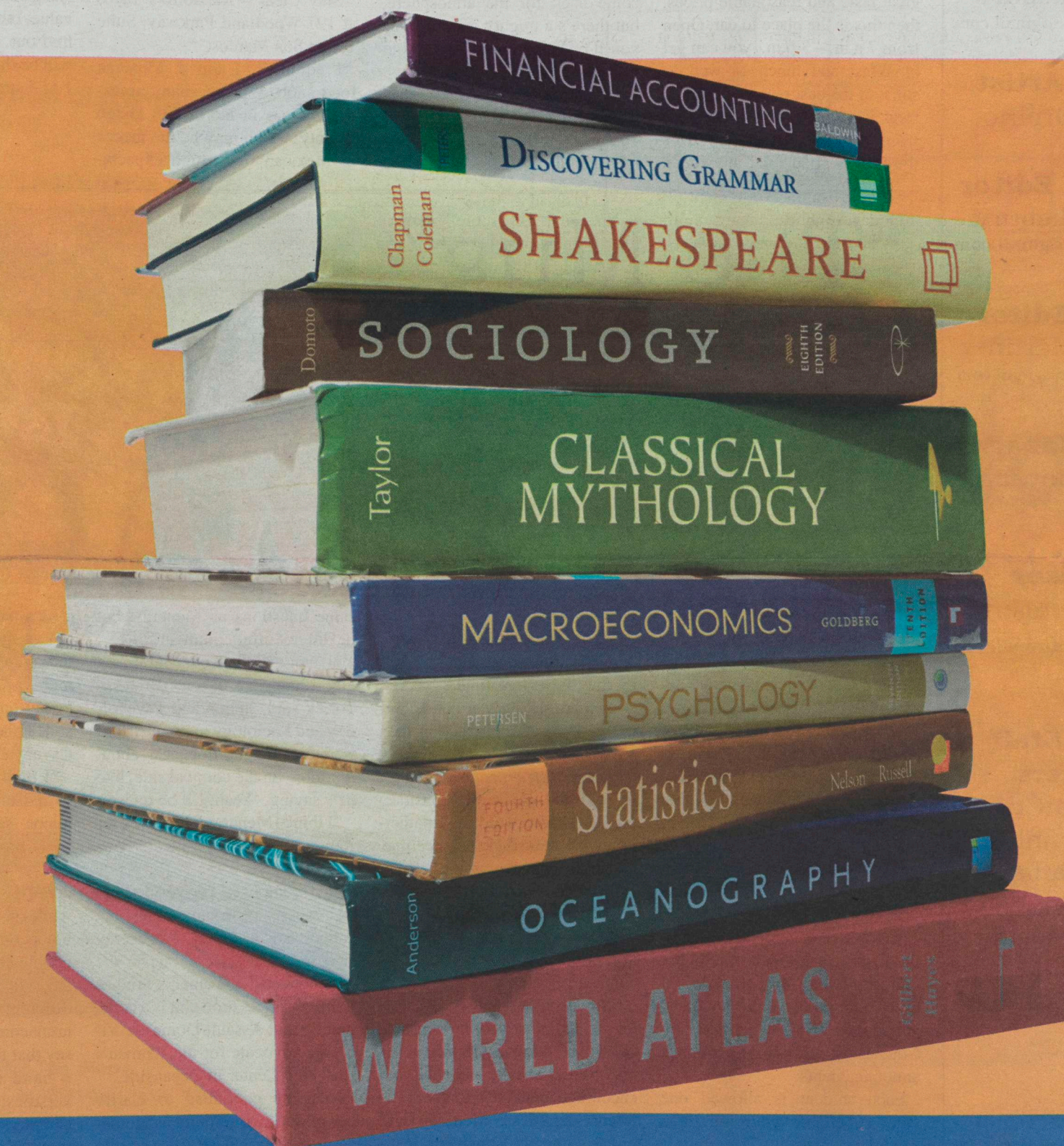
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## Where to eat East of campus food finds

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Eat Here – Debbie's Restaurant and Pie Shop at 740 Nordahl Road, Suite 114 just north of the 78 freeway.

This is good old fashioned, down home cooking. If you're looking for home style cooking made with fresh ingredients, great taste and reasonable prices, then this is the place to eat. Open from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., you can get breakfast and lunch as well as some of the best pies around. The food is always freshly prepared from fresh ingredients, and that's the key to good food anywhere.

Portion size is generous and the recipes range from traditional favorites such as yummy biscuits and country gravy to innovative dishes such as the huevos rancheros served smothered in Debbie's own fresh bell pepper sauce. Get past the surprise of this novel approach to the dish and take one bite; you'll be hooked. The service is always pleasant and welcoming. The décor is pure country kitchen. I doubt you'll ever come back for the atmosphere, but there's a mighty good chance you'll be back for the food. 4 out of 5 stars.

Eat Here – Pita's Mediterranean Grill in the 763 Center Drive # 104 north of the 78 and just west of Nordahl Road.

The restaurant gives patrons a chance to enjoy fresh food in a healthier form than Debbie's. The interior of the place is rather chic for fast food; pleasant, yet not too flashy. The food is excellent with choices from Lamb Shawarma to Baba Ghanouj along with more familiar choices such as Chicken Kebabs and Pita sandwiches served with tasty fried pita chips. Take the opportunity to pass up the Mickey D's, KFC and the other fast fried Frankenfood on the way here and treat your body and taste buds to a better choice in dining at reasonable prices. Oh, and did I mention the Baklava? Mmmm... 4 out of 5 stars.

Stay Clear – Randolph's Tacos at 197 Woodland Parkway, Suite 103 in San Marcos.

I admit it, I am a Mexican food snob. With so many amazing choices in North San Diego County, which may be the mecca of Mexican food, high expecta-

tions can easily be unmet. On my only visit here, the inside of the restaurant was clean, the staff polite and attentive and the menu selection good. I ordered the meal that is standard fare when trying a new place, the nachos with carnitas. Although the presentation was nice, along with freshly shredded jack and cheddar cheese on top, the portion size was skimpy at best with about half the size of other taco shops yet at the same price. The worst was hidden underneath—a liquid cheese substance of the 7-11 nacho variety, and it tasted as bad as it looked. Perhaps other menu items provide a more satisfying eating experience and better value, but alas, I will likely never find out. The best Mexican food will be the focus in our next issue. 1 of 5 stars.

## “The Mug”

The politics of royalty

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I can't tell whether this university wants to have a homecoming celebration or not. Based on the limited school spirit and developing athletic department, one can't really expect to enjoy any sort of traditional homecoming events. Enter King and Queen elections.

Yes. You get to witness the first Cal State San Marcos Homecoming King and Queen receive his and her crowns at the homecoming soccer game at noon on Oct. 1. On Thursday, Sept. 29, the top three candidates based on the results of an electronic ballot (currently live through today at csusm.edu/homecoming) will be announced at 12:30 p.m. during CougarFest according to campus announcements.

Each student is allowed one vote, so choose your top three candidates wisely. The student body nominated eight candidates for king and 11 for queen; students can read about the candidates' reasons for running in short statements posted on the ballot.

The ballot interestingly makes a distinct separation between king and queen, perhaps because there are candidates of both genders running for both positions.

Jennifer Meneray and Arthur Silverstein are running for king and queen, respectively. Notice that I did indeed get my order of words correct: we have a female running for king and a male running for queen.

When I first discovered this nontraditional homecoming ballot, the first thought to enter my mind was something to the effect of, “Why haven't I heard of this

yet?”

“I could not care less,” senior Amanda Puckett said. “I'm happy they have free time,” Puckett continued, saying that homecoming is more of a distraction than anything.

Puckett's statement bears validity with me, especially considering her choice word of “apathetic” when describing her feelings about homecoming in general.

“[Meneray and Silverstein] want people to question gender identity. They want voters to question why a king is a king and a queen is a queen,” Puckett said.

“Homecoming Kings are often looked at as people who take charge of things, who are leaders, who challenge injustice and encourage understanding of different identities,” Meneray said in her campaign statement, leading readers to believe that she is in the business of redefining who can fit that role.

“I did not nominate myself for homecoming court,” Meneray said in an email interview with me. The person who nominated Meneray only nominated her to run, but not for king or queen specifically. “To be honest and true to my personal identity and to support one of the communities I am part of, I knew that I had to run for king.”

I wondered why Meneray felt she could not be as effective of a leader if crowned as a queen. She responded, “Queen just doesn't feel right to me, and I would hate to try and take on that label without identifying with it.”

The Pride asked Silverstein the

same questions as Meneray, but he did not offer comment.

“I work with [Silverstein], the guy running for queen,” Brandon Torres said, junior and Psychology and Sociology major. “Arthur is more tongue-in-cheek about it—more on the comical side, like he's saying, ‘Yeah, I'll be queen’

“I think [Meneray's] reasons for running are more political,” Torres continued.

“On campus I am very active in a variety of organizations that support social justice,” Meneray said in an interview. She is the president of the Women's Studies Student Association and is a certified Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence advocate for the Women's Resource Center in Oceanside.

Meneray continued to clarify her reasons for running as Homecoming King: “Does it have to do with the politics of the labels and how exclusive the labels are? Yes, it has a lot to do with the labels and how they normally distributed.”

Although Meneray has not run for homecoming court at any other institution, she did attend high school prom with her same-sex partner. Although she said she has not experienced any negativity from CSUSM thus far about her choice to run as king, she did feel some resistance to expressing her lifestyle in high school. “People said we made a great couple, but our yearbook editors would not publish our prom picture in my yearbook since we were both women.”

Students on campus responded positively to the news of Silver-

stein's and Meneray's choices to run as queen and king. “I think times are changing. People are more accepting and I'm really happy about that,” sophomore and Kinesiology major Joanne Cayabyab said.

“I think it's great,” Julio Zuniga, History and Political Science major, said. “We passed a barrier—broke down a wall.”

After talking with several students, I've come to conclude that while no one really cares about homecoming on this campus, people are happy that the university will allow students to express different lifestyles through the homecoming celebration. I can't say that this means our university is more accepting than other universities; from my years on this campus, I've come to determine that CSUSM is a conservative institution that is quite concerned with maintaining a certain image. But, I won't go there today.

It would appear that “not caring” is one of the first steps toward progress. Acceptance seems to create a positive blindness to social change—sort of that, “Oh, I didn't notice” effect.

When I asked Torres why he thought people didn't seem to react much to the news of Silverstein and Meneray, he responded quite appropriately: “Why should you?”

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Photo provided by Jennifer Meneray





# The Pride Playlist

Taking the next step on the treadmill

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As much as we dread it, the "Freshman 15" happens to all of us at some point in our college lives. With a new school semester comes along the time for a new workout regimen. Here are some songs to go the extra mile—literally!

"How Do You Like Me Now" by The Heavy was the anthem song in the Oscar winning movie, "The Fighter." This 80s rock and roll vibe will inspire, as well as pump up, your much needed adrenaline.

"Cherry Bomb" by the all girl band, The Runaways, is perfect for punk rock fans. This is a good song to get in the zone because when you think of giving up, Joan Jett and Sandy West will keep you going.

For the gym-goers who enjoy some hip-hop instead of rock music, while breaking a sweat, David Guetta's new song, "Little Bad Girl" featuring Taio Cruz is the perfect song to get up and move around.

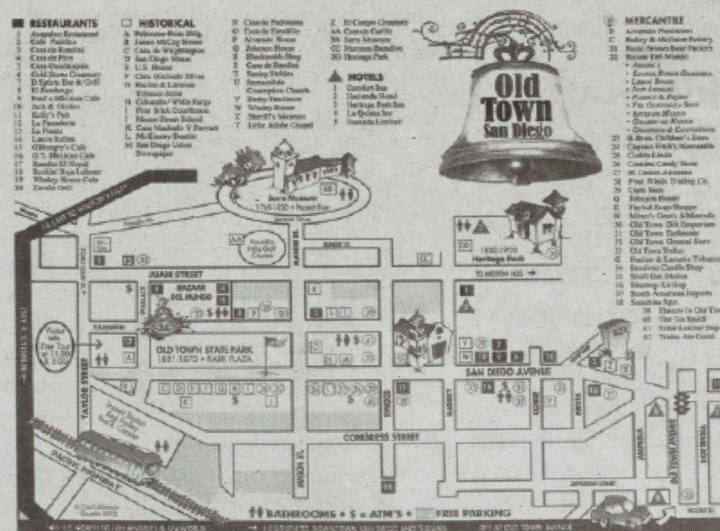
Lupe Fiasco's "Till I Get There" from his album, "Lasers," is an encouraging song. The title says it all. Setting goals is fundamental for working out; this song inspires you to accomplish those objectives.

"Violet Hill" by Coldplay is a fantastic cool down song after any type of workout. The beat is good for cardio or stretching.

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# Cougar Sudoku

Fun without the debt  
Local entertainment on the cheap



Brianna Cruz

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Now that the school year has started, students need to have places to go to forget about school and without worrying about spending a lot of money. Old Town San Diego is a great place for groups of friends to go any day of the week and enjoy different things that won't burn a hole in your wallet.

Old Town San Diego has 24 full-service restaurants (some award winning) to choose from, a few choices are Rockin' Baja Costal Cantina, home of the "Big" bucket for two; Pizza Bella featuring gourmet pizza with secret recipe homemade bread; Old Town Mexican Café, a Mexican landmark featuring a famous bar; Berta's featuring popular South American recipes; and Harney Sushi featuring traditional style sushi.

Old Town San Diego has more than 100 shops to choose from, three historic parks and more than 30 historic sites, such as El Campo Cemetery, Seeley Stables, Mason Street School, Casa de Pedrorena, Alvarado House and a Blacksmith Shop.

Also, on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., enjoy San Diego's artisan market where you can browse through goods such as jewelry, photography, pottery, clothing, paintings, hand painted glass, glass blowing, woodworking and handmade works from local artists. There is also live music every weekend. The best part is that it's free.

For more information about bus routes and upcoming events, visit Old Town San Diego's website at [www.oldtownsandiego.org](http://www.oldtownsandiego.org). For more information about Saturday's artisan market, visit [www.oldtownsaturdaymarket.com](http://www.oldtownsaturdaymarket.com).



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## Hot Off the Reel

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### Investing in "Moneyball"

It's almost prophetic that a film about one of the poorest franchises in Major League Baseball will likely be one of the most underappreciated sports films of all-time. It's a shame, too.

Billy Beane (Brad Pitt), the general manager of the Oakland Athletics, sets out to compile a successful baseball roster with the help of Peter Brand (Jonah Hill) and an incredibly modest budget. With the entire MLB against them, Beane and Brand set out to prove that it's possible to create a winning team with comparatively little money.

"Moneyball" is a baseball movie with an asterisk: it features very little field action of the game. In fact, it isn't until the last half hour of the movie until we're placed on the field with the players during a game, but with good reason. With Beane's distance he keeps between himself and the game, it makes sense that viewers wouldn't witness

any field-action until Beane puts himself near the field.

Instead of your conventional baseball film, what "Moneyball" offers is a behind-the-scenes look at the mechanics of what goes into developing a baseball roster and a successful franchise.

Pitt delivers a realistic portrayal of a man who missed his own major league victory and wants to give it to those deserving of it. Hill is warm as the driven assistant who somehow ended up working in baseball despite his educational background. Also, look out for Kerris Dorsey as Beane's concerned daughter, who rather impressively performs a cover of Lenka's "The Show" as a way to reach out to her dad.

"Moneyball" offers a true story about the heart and determination that must go into success and the compromises needed to reach life's little victories.

### How killin' is "Killer Elite?"

With movie trailers and posters for "Killer Elite" marketing it as "based on a true story," one may think that this be Jason Statham's return to action films with substance. However, upon viewing the film, audience members may ask how much of this is true, with some scenes leaving you consumed in disbelief and awe.

Danny (Statham) is a retired special-operations agent who returns to his old lifestyle in order to save his partner, Hunter (Robert De Niro), who is being held captive. Hunter's captor is a man who has lost three sons in war and wants justice from his sons' killers to be carried out by Danny. He must obtain the soldiers' confessions and make their deaths look like accidents. While carrying out his mission, Danny is then confronted by Spike (Clive Owen), who intends to put a stop to these killings due to his attachment and association with the targets.

The actors are all very entertaining to watch. Statham, playing a layered-version of his usual self, is determined to prove that

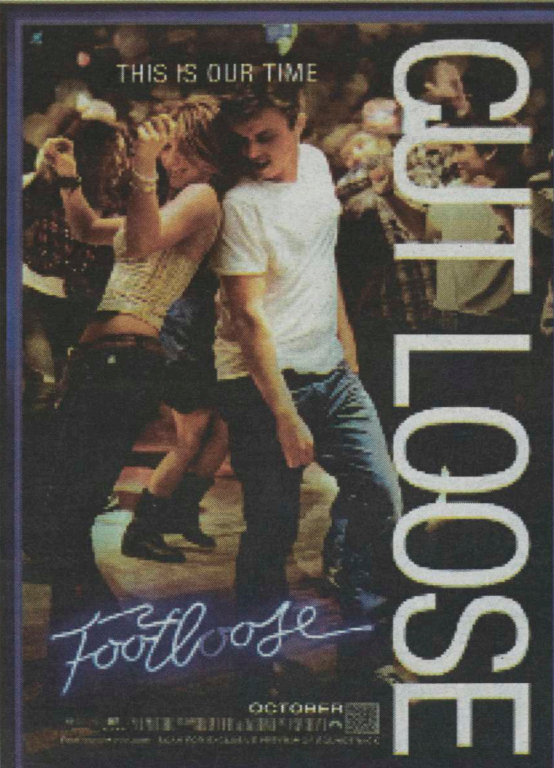
what we do does not define us. De Niro is fun as the wisecracking mentor, leaving us wishing for more screen-time. Owen plays a strong roadblock in Statham's path.

The action sequences, while immensely exciting, are sporadic. We are often left with many (in comparison) slower sequences. These sequences, however, are necessary to the plot and entertaining in execution. One such scene involves the developing of a mallet that matches the tiles of one target's shower, in order to make his death seem like an accident.

The dialogue is cheesy with the formulaic, bad (but fun), popcorn-flick one-liners being spouted regularly. A notable catch phrase worthy line involves a character shouting, "B-I-N-G-(expletive)-O!"

If you're looking for a cat-and-mouse action/thriller with refreshing and perhaps ridiculously, complex action sequences, see "Killer Elite."

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## Hakuna matata

Reliving a childhood almost forgotten

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Do you remember picking up your dog and singing incomprehensibly at the top of your lungs while you held your poor pup in the air? This signature stance derives from none other than Disney's 32nd classic film, "The Lion King," that made its debut into the world and our hearts in 1994.

The critically acclaimed animated classic was tremendously successful in the box offices and was quite popular, winning three Golden Globes for Best Original Score for a Motion Picture, Best Original Song for a Motion Picture and Best Motion Picture in Comedy/Musical as well as two

Oscars for Best Musical Score and Original Song.

With the "The Lion King" in theaters this September, 90s kids as well as children everywhere were given the opportunity to relive their childhood and experience the tragic but musically genius adventure in a way no one has ever experienced before: in 3D. A friend and I went to the opening weekend and we weren't able to contain our joy as soon as "Circle of Life" started playing. We, along with many 5-year-olds and their stressed out parents, watched in awe as Mufasa and Simba came to life right before our very eyes.

Though I have seen this movie countless times, the experience of watching it restored and three-dimensional was something I never

thought I would be able to witness. Colors and scenes danced out right in front of me, and the elimination of the unpopular song addition titled "Morning Report" to the DVD version was delightful. Watching Mufasa's infinite wisdom, Scar's evil antics and the silliness of Timon and Pumba brought back memories of a childhood when my biggest concern was me falling asleep before Rafiki got Simba back to Pride Rock in time before the hyenas took over—a time before school, work and adult responsibilities consumed my life.

Though the viewing is limited, the experience of reliving my childhood was irreplaceable.

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### Student A: "Back To School"

By Faith Orcino

