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Hello from the Editor-in-Chief

BY VIRIDIANA PACHECO ISAAC
Pride Staff Writer

Due to the fact that I have been pretty much counting down the days until school starts, my friends have officially classified me as a nerd.

Sure, I measure my life by semesters rather than months and years, and I begin reading from my semester book list the minute it becomes available. They may or may not be right. The truth is, however, the root of my excitement comes from knowing this year will be a great one.

We have many developments going on both in our community and in the world: our campus community keeps growing and becoming more diverse while many administrative changes have swept out campus, not to mention we have an interesting presidential election ahead of us, marriage in California is granted to anyone regardless of sexual preference, among many other things.

More than anything else, it is an exciting time to be a journalist.

So what does this mean for you? Perhaps not much at first, but as you newcomers become more acquainted with our campus you will look for information on campus events and news, and that is where *The Pride* comes in. Having been in this organization for a year I have gotten to know

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Welcome Week

BY BEN ROFFEE
Pride Staff Writer

In an initiative to increase the visibility of events on campus, the Cal State San Marcos Programming Council has published a calendar of events for the first weeks of the new semester.

This newest calendar lists events up to Sept. 30 and comes as the first in a series of calendars set to be released throughout the semester.

Many of the events are meant to introduce students to the assortment of campus organizations and increase student involvement in campus activities.

According to the CSUSM Programming Council, the Welcome Weeks Calendar is the result of a combined effort by the following departments: Alumni Relations, Associated Students, Inc., Athletics, The

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CSUSM new faculty, promotions, tenures

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Our Campus

By The Numbers

Students Enrolled
8693

Student Organizations

80+
Sport Teams

10
Independent student newspaper
1

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Lo 64°

Sunny

THURS



85°
65°

Sunny

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86°
65°

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65°

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84°
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some great people that come and go, whether through our staff, interviews, advertisers, etcetera. However, the greatest pleasure has come from knowing a core group that has always stuck around to make sure *The Pride* is constantly improving to serve our readers, and that is the group of editors that week after week—even in the summer—have worked really hard to improve this medium of information.

As an organization, we are dedicated to the coverage of campus events and news in a way that is fair and unbiased. We strive to cover as much as the campus community as we can in each issue while at the same time celebrating diversity and bringing light to issues seldom talked about. As *The Pride's* leader, I expect and promote ethical behavior, learning and growth from our staff. Prior to *The Pride*, I dedicated my energy to covering issues mainly impacting the Latino Community and border and immigration controversies. I was also editor of an award-winning college newspaper prior to transferring to CSUSM, so journalism has been my religion and political affiliation for some years now.

I look forward to interacting with our campus and surrounding community as we work toward serving whom we are here to serve: you. Our readers.

Let this be the beginning of a wonderful year.

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Managing Editor's welcome

BY BEN ROFFEE
Pride Staff Writer

It was right around this time last year when I first stepped foot into *The Pride* office a tender footed newcomer to journalism. After only a year here it feels as if I have transformed into a weathered and battle-seasoned newshound.

By most standards we are considered a small campus, but we still seem to find a way to shake things up in a big way. Our campus and much of the rest of the county almost burned to the ground. Religious fanatics trumpeted damnations in our walkways.

Our Spring Fling ended early because somebody jumped off the boat. And even with all of the crazy happenings on campus we still managed to

pull off one of the most exciting and positive years CSUSM has ever seen.

Now in my second semester as the Managing Editor at *The Pride* and my third semester total, I can honestly say that I'm more excited than ever to be a part of this campus.

I know that summer is not an easy thing to let go of, but like all things that obligate us to be unwillingly optimistic, there is a bright side. The good thing about the end of summer—if there is such a thing at all—is that it offers up to us an unmarked chance to create a college experience that is our own.

Like hitting the reset button, those of us that are returning get a renewed chance to do the things we wished we had done the year before. Knowing the amazing things that people are capable of

doing with these opportunities is why I love working for our student newspaper so much.

I find it nothing but a privilege to document this college in its infancy. Instead of walking into someone else's traditions we have a rare chance to cement our own college legacy.

From where I sit, I am able to survey the changes and growth of a campus bristling with unrivaled potential. My only hope is that the *Pride* can keep up with all of it.

To our newest classmates, the class of 2012: Venture a little bit. Seize the limitless possibilities that our campus has to offer. It will make college infinitely better.

To CSUSM as a whole: Bring it. We at the *Pride* are only as good as the things you make happen.

From WELCOME, page 1

Clarke Field House/University Student Union, Office of Global Education, Student Health & Counseling Services, Student

Life & Leadership, University Events Scheduling Office, University Tribal Liaison, and University Village Apartments.

The Welcome Weeks calendar features events up to Sept. 30

and will be the first in a series of similar collaborations aimed at increasing the visibility of events around campus. More information on Welcome Week can be found at www.csusm.edu/sll.

From FACULTY, page 1

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Professor
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Sociology Department

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Computer Science and Information Systems



Calendar of Events

Tuesday, August 26

Picnic with the Presidents
12:00-1:00 PM

Orientation Reunion with
the O-Team 7:00-9:00 PM

Wednesday, August 27

Student Orientation Fair
11:00 AM-1:00 PM

New Student Survival
Series Info Session 12:00-
1:00 PM

Clarkefest 6:00-10:00 PM

Thursday, August 28

Student Organization Fair
11:00-2:00 PM

Celebration of Culture
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

How to Get a Job on
Campus 12:00-1:00 PM

New Student Survival
Series Info Session 6:00-
7:00 PM

Texas Hold'Em
Tournament 7:00-10:30 PM

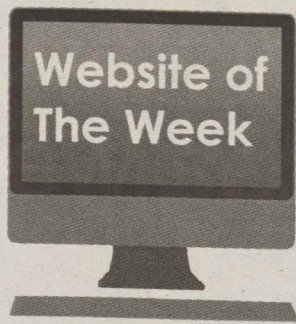
Photo Scavenger Hunt
9:00-11:00 PM

Monday, September 1
Labor Day Campus Closed

Tuesday, September 2
Unveiling of Tukwut Statue
11:50 AM-12:50 PM

Tukwut Leadership Circle
Workshop 12:00-12:50 PM
Thinking Outside the
[LUNCH]box 12:00-1:00
PM

(Email event submissions to pride@csusm.edu ATTN: Calendar of Events)



Your one stop site for all your automobile needs

BY CRYSTAL EVANS
Pride Staff Writer

Even with the recent drop in gas prices, the exorbitant amount of money we spend on gas is still a hot topic with everyone looking for ways to save at the pump.

We've seen the commercials about keeping your tires properly inflated and driving slower to get the most out of a tank of gas. MSN brings us another way to make our money go further.

The MSN Autos Web site, autos.msn.com, allows you to input your ZIP code and search for the lowest gas prices in your area. The search comes with a map that shows where gas stations are located and a list of all the gas stations within the ZIP code and their price for regular unleaded gasoline in addition to plus, premium, and diesel when available. It also gives you the lowest, average and highest gas prices for your ZIP code and for the nation.

The Web site is updated nightly and receives its information from more than 90,000 gas stations across the nation. However, because gas prices can change during the day the information is not always 100

percent accurate.

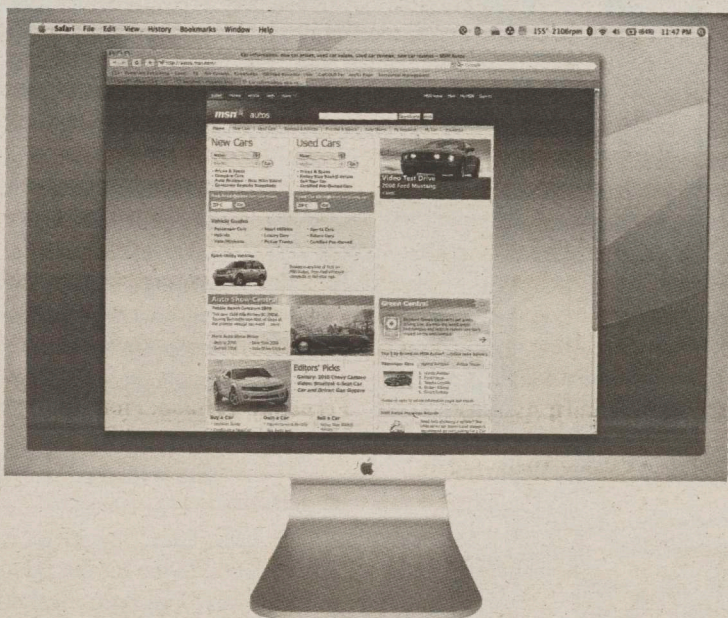
The site also has other information related to cars and driving.

They have a traffic page that maps out how fast traffic is moving on different freeways and flags accidents and indicates whether it is minor, moderate or severe. It provides a list of why the traffic is heavy whether it is due to an accident, an event, or just normal congestion. It also provides a start time and an estimated end time for the congestion.

Another feature the Web site provides helps you to

manage your car. For this feature, you must register with the Web site and provide your e-mail address, ZIP code and the year, make and model of your car. The Web site will send you notifications on any recalls related to your car and send you reminders of when you need to get your oil changed and get major and minor preventative services on your car.

The site also has links to their sponsors' sites where you can get information on cars for sale, financing and insurance.



Cougars go Google

Gmail boasts improved quality

BY AMY SALISBURY
Pride Staff Writer

Returning students are in for a surprise when they first check their school e-mail accounts this semester. As a result of increased enrollment and more communication via the Internet, the Instructional and Information Technology Services (IITS) chose to make a permanent switch to Gmail during the summer of 2008.

Since 1995, CSUSM has offered free e-mail accounts for its students. The system was relatively basic compared to the more advanced (and universally free) Yahoo, Google, and MSN e-mail services. With more and more students sending large e-mail attachments, IITS started making sweeps through the university's server and deleting old emails so as to keep some space free. Eventually the students outgrew SquirrelMail so Gmail took over.

The biggest modification is certainly the obvious "yourname@csusm.edu" changing to "yourname@cougars.csusm.edu." Other than that, IITS promises only improvements. Rather than occasionally deleting old e-mails, Gmail provides 6.5 gigabytes of storage, which is apparently increasing by the minute.

Luckily, until December 31, 2008, mail sent to old accounts automatically forwards to Gmail preventing anything from getting lost in the cyber-shuffle. However, the wise option is to make sure important contacts know of the switch as soon as possible.

Advantages to Gmail compared

to CSUSM's past e-mail server extend beyond campus life. The account provided by Gmail is for life, as long as current students obtain diplomas.

Google Apps has downloadable software that facilitates e-mail access from Blackberries, iPhones, and other J2ME enabled phones. Also, Gmail comes with a calendar that can send out text message reminders for upcoming events.

Unfortunately, some students have received and continue to receive e-mails claiming to be from the university concerning the switch to Gmail. The emails request the recipient provides birthdates, passwords, and other information that IITS would never ask for. Teresa Macklin, IITS's Information Security Officer, identified these e-mails as phishing attacks, urging students to delete these emails immediately. If you did respond to the email and included sensitive information, call the IITS Help Desk (760)750-4000, Ext. 4790.

As of Aug. 7, approximately 70 percent of the student body experienced a successful migration to Gmail, while the other 30 percent of students' accounts should be in working order soon. Gmail access links are on the new CSUSM Web site under Student—Webmail.



Multi-phase Milestone

CSUSM upgrades website

BY AMY SALISBURY
Pride Staff Writer

Not only is fall 2008 a new semester, but it is also a groundbreaking time for Cougar technology.

The month of August signified a culmination of the Instructional and Information Technology Services (IITS) and the Office of Communications' project to spruce up the CSU San Marcos Web site. Advancements include increased content, easy to navigate drop-down menus, and a more powerful search engine provided by Google.

Since 2007, IITS planned to create a Web site that catered to current students and faculty as efficiently as to potential students and employees. Intensive research over several months concluded that Web site audiences desired easier access and navigation, both of which IITS considered throughout the redesign stages.

Though the campus' Web page looks finished, the project will actually continue through December 2009. By October of

this year, supplemental CSUSM Web sites will all have adopted the new design. Right before the University's 20th anniversary in 2010, all new features plan to be in operation.

The homepage highlights important links that the CSUSM community accesses often. The new MyCSUSM, introduced in the spring of 2008, connects students directly to class scheduling, fee payment options, and contact information. A "news and events" icon directs browsers to campus calendars, student news, and university links. Athletic information is also available from the homepage.

The Cascade Content Management System created the Web site in such a way that CSUSM can update information frequently. Software advancement provided by Cascade keeps the pages stocked with the most up-to-date Cougar news.

For more information about CSUSM's Web site development, visit csusm.edu/redesign.

University Voice

What are you most looking forward to this year at CSUSM?

"Having a really good school year and learning new things."



"Meeting new people."

Marissa Foreman
Undeclared
Freshman



"Going to the career center and being able to get a better job."

Megan Tyner
Criminal Justice
Junior

Leslie Coronado
Sophomore
Criminology



"Making new friends and having the college experience."

Semiera Palaseyed
Freshman
Undeclared



"Learning new things."

Topacio Nguyen
Sophomore
Criminology



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Alternative Spring Break

chance to give back

Looking back

President Haynes hosts second open forum with students

Super Tuesday and Fat Tuesday Go Greek

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BY THE NUMBERS

1500+	Homes destroyed
369,396	Acres burned
7	Fire-related deaths

SEE coverage inside, PAGES 8-11

free pizza!

meet the staff

Tues. Sept. 2
4:00-5:00 pm
Commons 206

Summer Timeline



May 13 The Sichuan earthquake, with a magnitude of 8.0 M strikes the Sichuan province of China and can be felt as far away as Beijing, resulting in the confirmed deaths of 69,197 and leaving 4.8 million people homeless.

May

May 14

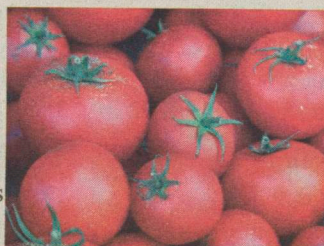
May revise restores \$97.6 million to CSU budget.

Apple, Inc. introduces the iPhone 3G. The upgrade to the original iPhone boasts 3G capabilities, GPS system, and additional new features.



June 3

The United States Food and Drug Administration receives 167 reports of incidents of Salmonellosis from eating tainted raw tomatoes in 17 states. New Mexico and Texas are the worst hit states and results in the removal of tomatoes as ingredients in restaurants and fast food chains throughout the nation.



June 9

Illinois Senator Barack Obama surpasses the necessary delegate count of 2,117 to win the Democratic Party presumptive nomination, becoming the first African American to be nominated by a major party.



June 11

June

June 16

Same-sex marriage in California comes into effect after a court ruling rules in its favor on May 15, 2008.



July 1

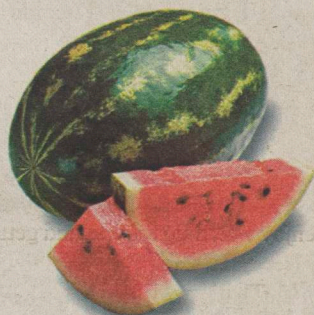
Starbucks announces that it will close 600 underperforming coffee shops in the United States.

July 12-16

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) hosts its annual conference in San Diego. Guest speakers included Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders, and Presidential candidates Senator Barack Obama and Senator John McCain.

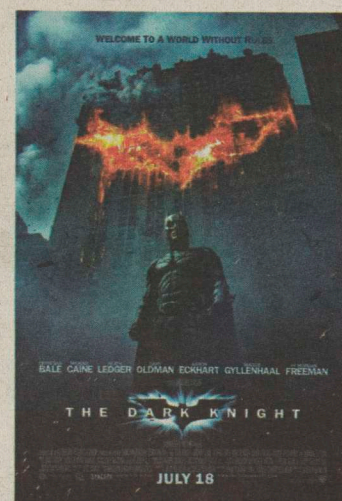
July 5

Watermelon consumption has been found to have similar effects as Viagra. The Texas A&M's Fruit and Vegetable Improvement Center reports its studies have found that the amino acid citrulline, found in watermelon, affects the body in a similar way as Viagra.



July 20

The Dark Knight, Christopher Nolan's second installment of the classical comic book hero, Batman, becomes a box office phenomenon, setting box office records for advanced tickets sold, biggest opening gross with \$66.4 million, and for an overall opening weekend in the United States with \$158.4 million earned. The performance by late actor Heath Ledger for the Joker receives Oscar buzz from numerous critics.



July 29

A 5.4 magnitude earthquake hits Southern California in the LA area. The earthquake is felt from Los Angeles to San Diego and more slightly in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Aug. 9

The 2008 Summer Olympics begin at the Beijing National Stadium in China with a memorable Opening Ceremony featuring over 15,000 performers.



Aug. 17

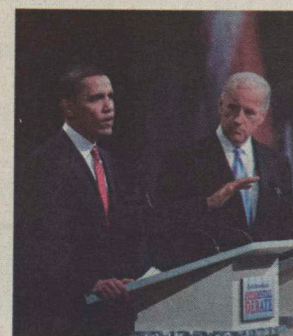


American swimmer Michael Phelps wins his eighth gold medal in the Men's 4x100 medley relay team, beating the previous record of seven golds in an Olympic games set by Mark Spitz in 1972.

Former U.S. Senator and Democratic ex-presidential candidate John Edwards admits to an affair with former campaign worker Rielle Hunter after having denied it earlier.

Aug. 17

Senator Barack Obama announces Senator Joe Biden as his pick for vice-presidential running mate.



August

Chargers look towards Super Bowl as new season starts

BY CRYSTAL EVANS
Pride Staff Writer

Charger fever is beginning to heat up as we approach the home opener on Sept. 7 against the Carolina Panthers.

With last year being the first in 13 years that the Chargers were able to win a playoff game, everyone is already treating the Chargers as if they are going to the Super Bowl XLIII.

This season the Chargers not only have the best team on paper, they also have the easiest schedule and a thirst to prove themselves after their loss to the then undefeated Patriots in the Conference Championship.

Even though 12 Chargers underwent surgery during the off-season, the Chargers have an extremely strong roster. With 20 of their 22 starters from last year returning and the remaining two starters being brought up from within, the Chargers are going to have a very strong team with plenty of experience.

The team's offense is all but unstoppable. Phillip Rivers will be returning after an ACL surgery as quarterback for the team. His play at the beginning of last season was questionable as he got used to Norv Turner's style of coaching, but once he, and the rest of the offense, adapted they charged through every team's defensive line.

LaDainian Tomlinson, also coming

back from surgery, won the rushing title the last two years and is the best runningback in the NFL. Tight end Antonio Gates had foot surgery during the off-season but is reported to have healed well and will be returning to play for the season opener. He is an elite pass catcher and will serve the team well. Tailback Darren Sproles and Wide receiver Vincent Jackson also add strength to the team.

Unfortunately the team suffered the loss of free agent Michael Turner, who was a backup runningback for the Chargers for the last four years. He will be playing for the Atlanta Falcons.

On defense the Chargers also present a strong front, that even Ted Cottrell, the team's all too conservative defensive coordinator, can not ruin.

Despite defensive tackle Jamal Williams off-season surgery and 32 years of age, he is a tank of a man who requires constant double teams. Shawne Merriman plays outside linebacker and leads the NFL with 39.5 sacks in the last three years. His current playing status is unknown as he has two torn ligaments in his knee that require surgery if he does not want to risk his career. It seems most likely he will opt for a minor surgery that will only have him out for the first few weeks of the season.

Cornerback Antonio Cromartie is another amazing player. The Chargers

lead the NFL with 30 interceptions last year, ten of which were made by Cromartie. Of those ten he returned three for touchdowns including the never-to-be-forgotten 109 yard missed field goal that he returned for a touchdown.

With other talented players like wide receiver Vincent Jackson and cornerback Quentin Jammer on defense the Chargers are going to be difficult to score against.

And even the Chargers' special teams are good. Punter Mike Scifres has a 38.6 net punting average over the past four years and has put 125 punts down inside the 20 yard line. And kicker Nate Kaeding is one of the most accurate, showing last season that he was also good under pressure when he had a 4-4 field goal performance against the New England Patriots in the conference championship.

And as for their schedule it could not be better. They will be hosting the Patriots and the Colts, their biggest competition. They only have two East Coast trips, one of their road games is at a neutral spot in London against New Orleans, and the only road game they have against a team with a winning record from last year is against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

With a schedule like that and a winning team, the Chargers just might make it to the Super Bowl this season.

Olympic Medal Count

United States

Gold : 36
Silver : 38
Bronze : 36

Total : 110

China

Gold : 31
Silver : 21
Bronze : 28

Total : 100

Russia

Gold : 23
Silver : 21
Bronze : 28

Total : 72

Britain

Gold : 19
Silver : 13
Bronze : 15

Total : 47

Australia

Gold : 14
Silver : 15
Bronze : 17

Total : 46

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Phelps breaks Spitz's record

BY JACKIE CARBAJAL
Pride Staff Writer

Many stories come out of the Olympic Games and though record setting and medal counts are always under the spotlight, the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing gave viewers the opportunity to witness history in the making. Michael Phelps, the 23-year-old swimmer from Baltimore, Maryland broke the world record for most gold medals won in a single Olympic Games, winning his eighth gold medal in the men's 4 x 100-meter medley relay on August 17, 2008.

Previous record holder, Mark Spitz, also a swimmer, won seven golds in the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. After Phelps tied Spitz for seven golds in a single Games, Spitz told the Associated Press, "Epic. It goes to show you that not only is this guy the

greatest swimmer of all time and the greatest Olympian of all time, he's maybe the greatest athlete of all time. He's the-greatest racer who ever walked the planet."

In addition to winning the gold for each event he participated in, Phelps also set 7 world records in Beijing. The only event he did not set a record for was the men's 100-meter butterfly, his seventh event, in which he beat Serbian-American swimmer, Milorad Cavic, by 1/100 of a second.

The rest of the U.S. men's swim team and the women's volleyball team have also received high acclaim for their performances in Beijing. Michael Phelps made swimming the most watched event of the Olympic Games for 2008.

In 2004, Phelps won 6 gold medals in Athens, Greece.

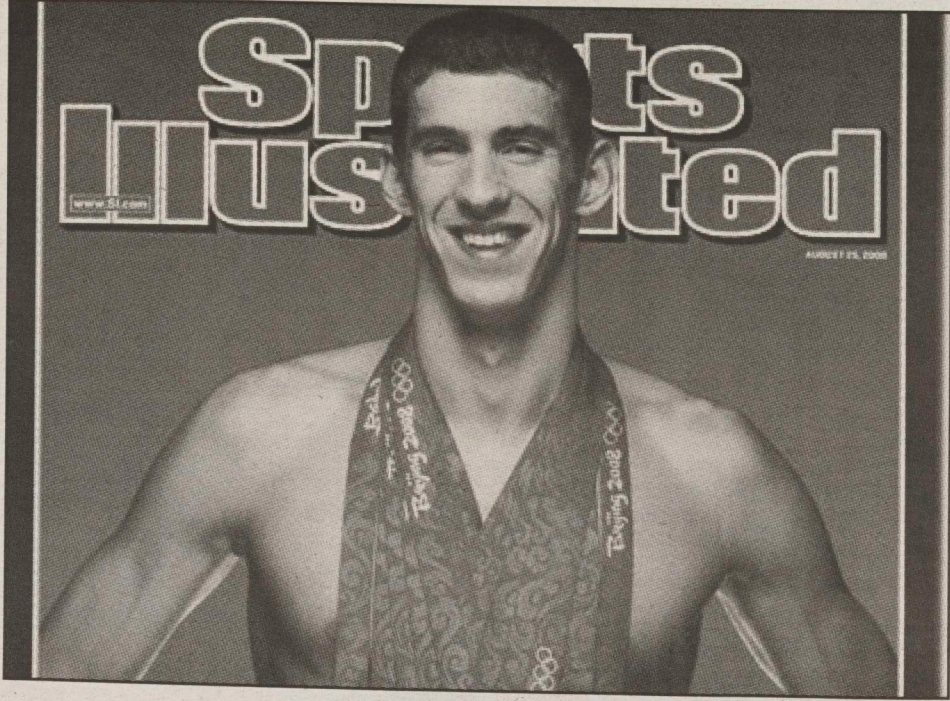


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Great food for less money El Callejon

BY KATHRYN MCBRAYER
Pride Staff Writer

The tradition of going out for dinner and a movie on a Friday night is alive and well.

The Krikorian Metroplex off Main Street in Vista houses movie theaters, restaurants and a variety of other kinds of entertainment. It is also conveniently located within walking distance from the Vista Transit Center Sprinter station.

CSUSM students who live and work in North County may find themselves drawn to the vista Metroplex at some point during the semester for a distraction from studies. Students will have access to a range of discounts such as movie tickets from ASI for a better price than is available at the ticket window.

Also, a round trip Sprinter ticket cost about the same as a gallon of

gasoline for only \$4. Dinner can also be expensive in these vulnerable economic times so I suggest the El Callejon Mexican restaurant for its happy hour menu and convenient location.

The happy hour menu is available Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. in the bar area only and offers a two-for-one discount on margaritas and well drinks. There are also a variety of food options available priced between \$2.50 and \$7.25.

From the regular dinner menu I recommend the Al Pastor tacos for a Ciudad de Mexico meets California experience. Slow cooked chicken or pork topped with cilantro and pineapples rested on a bed of freshly made corn tortillas.

Check out the full menu and other locations from their website at <http://www.el-callejon.com>.

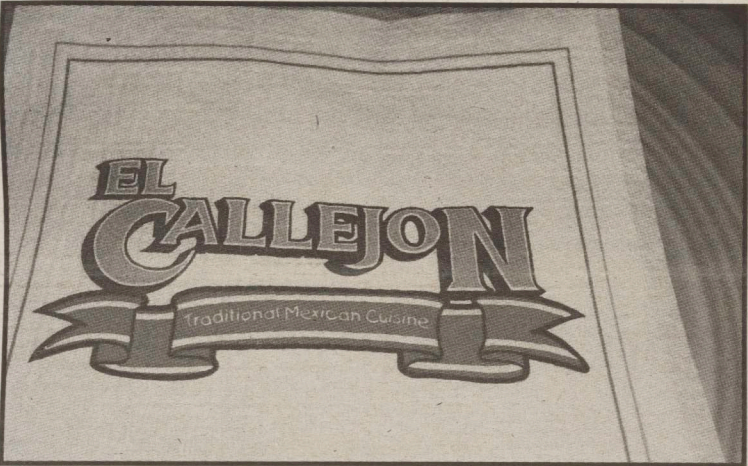
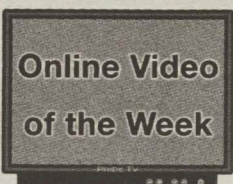


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BY CRYSTAL EVANS
Pride Staff Writer

Obama Girl vs. McCain Girl Olympics Part 1 on YouTube makes fun of both the Democrat and Republican candidates.

The skit opens with two news anchors who are talking about the events that are going to take place and they go to a reporter who is on location with the guy who is carrying the torch. He trips and falls, catching himself on fire in the process.

The video takes you back to the anchors who take you to the events.

Each candidate is represented by a girl who competes in a

Obama Girl vs McCain Girl Olympics Part 1

series of events, most of which they do in bikinis. The events represent the important topics for this presidential election.

For the immigration debate the girls compete in shot put, which is to represent how far they are going to throw out the illegal immigrants and they arm wrestle to show their strength in dealing with foreign issues in addition to several other "events".

In every event, the McCain girl calls on her alternate, a large muscular woman that competes for her in

the events, commenting on the importance of a running mate.

The video is well made though unprofessional and entertaining but not informational and is sure to leave a smile on your face.



Photo courtesy youtube.combarelypolitical

I know what you saw last summer

BY KATHRYN MCBRAYER
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Batman topped the summer charts as viewers flocked to see Heath Leger's last movie. His role as the Joker in "The Dark Knight" prompted whispers of posthumous awards and raked in over 471 million dollars at the box office. Batman draws ever closer to destroying the crime syndicates of Gotham city grappling the blurring the line between a right and wrong.

"The Dark Knight" hosts a stunning cast including Christian Bale as Bruce Wayne/Batman, Maggie Gyllenhaal as Rachel Daws the love inter-

est of Wayne, and Harvey Dent/Two Face played by Aaron Eckhart. Directed by Christopher Nolan, the picture was filmed all over the globe in Chicago, LA, London, and Hong Kong.

The latest Jack Black film, "Kung Fu Panda" brought in more than 200 million dollars at the box office and gave audiences a laugh out loud good time. The awkward panda, Po (voice of Jack Black), saves the Valley of Peace from the infamous snow leopard Tai Lung (voice of Ian McShane).

The DreamWorks Animation film stars a Blockbuster cast with Dustin Hoffman as the voice of Shifu, Jackie Chan as the voice of Master Monkey, Lucy Liu as

the voice of Master Viper, and Angelina Jolie as the voice of Tigress.

Phyllida Loyd's "Mamma Mia!" is a cheesy-musical-lovers dream come true. An adaptation of the Broadway musical with a strong cast of Meryl Streep as Donna, Pierce Brosnan as Sam, Amanda Seyfried as Sophie, Colin Firth as Harry, and Stellan Skarsgard as Bill.

Sophie is getting married, but wants her unknown father, one of three men, to give her away. Viewers who loved the Broadway show will love the enhancement of Greek vistas and enjoy the familiar music. Still in theaters if you are dying for an ABBA fix.

DROPPING: Tuesday, Aug 26 CD RELEASES

By Rudy Martinez / Pride Staff Writer



ROCK/ALTERNATIVE

Forth
THE VERVE

The British rock band, The Verve, sends us on a musical journey with an album packed full of songs that just make you want to sit back, relax, and zone out while watching your favorite iTunes visualizer. The first single on the album is "Love is Noise."



HARD ROCK/METAL

All Hope Is Gone
SLIPKNOT

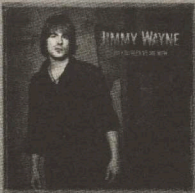
Fast, hard, and powerful- three words to describe Slipknot's fourth release "All Hope is Gone." The hard rock heavyweights have once again come at us with their fast and furious style we have come to expect from

Slipknot. The new single, "Psychosocial," will please fans and leave them wanting more.

COUNTRY

Do You Believe Me Now
JIMMY WAYNE

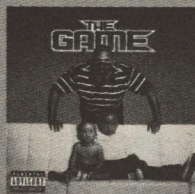
A maturing artist, Jimmy Wayne, releases his sophomore album, "Do You Believe Me Now." The album features the title track and hit single, "Do You Believe Me Now" and "No Good For Me," featuring a duet with Patty Loveless.



HIP HOP/RAP

L.A.X.
THE GAME

The Game returns with his third album "L.A.X." with guest vocals by Keisha Cole, Ice Cube, Raekwon, Ludacris, Bilal and Raheem DeVaughn. Travis Barker also lends a helping hand with drums on "Dope Boys."



METAL

Ultra Beatdown
DRAGONFORCE

From the guys who brought us the finger-twisting Guitar Hero III track, "Through The Fire And The Flames" comes Dragonforce's new album "Ultra Beatdown," which promises to be just as epic and lightning fast as their previous album, "Inhuman Rampage." Their first single, "Heroes of Our Time," definitely does no not disappoint.

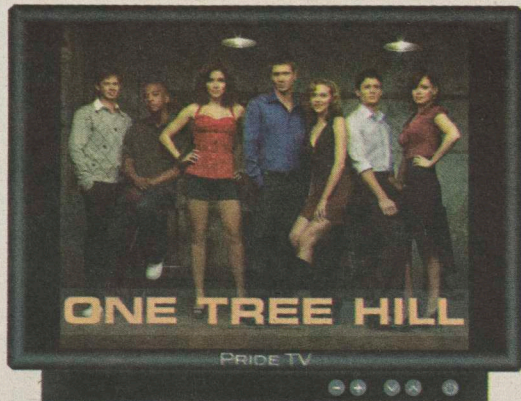


Fall TV Line-Up

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It's fall again and you know what that means, its back to school with new professors, classes, homework, and challenges but a great way to give yourself a break is with the exciting new seasons of the old/new TV shows. Once again, *The Pride* has your back and has taken the liberty of sorting out the good ones from the bad. So just sit back, relax, and enjoy. Too busy to watch TV? Well we have good news. These shows can now be watched from the internet the next day at your soonest convenience. So with no further interruptions, here is the guide for the average student.

MONDAY



Heroes (NBC, 9pm)

Thanks to the writers strike, this show left its viewers in the dark for 10 months. Now with its new season entitled *Villains*, it promises to make up for past time. The season starts out with Claire trying to kill future Peter and Dr. Suresh injects himself with the serum he developed to cure Maya and gains super powers of his own. This high action series is planning on going where it hasn't gone before—and that is steamy sex scenes. Seeing as to this show is geared towards the young, male audience, this show will now officially have everything they

need to be entertained.

Gossip Girl (CW, 8pm)

Based on a popular novel series, this show provides you with non stop drama about the lives of young adults growing up on New York's Upper East Side. In the season finale Serena spills her heart out to Dan in order to try and save their relationship but he ends up breaking up with her and the season ends with Serena and Nate hanging out. Wonder what Gossip Girl with have to say about that?

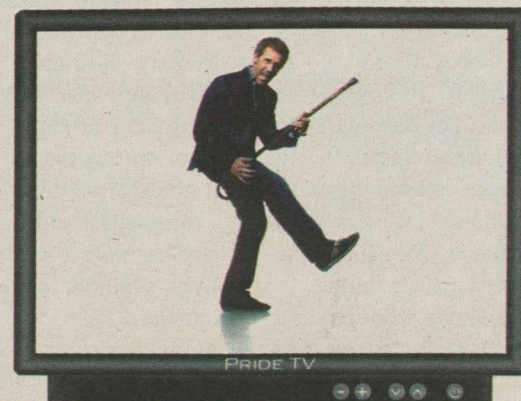
One Tree Hill (CW, 9pm)-

Last season this show jumped ahead 4 years and left its viewers wondering who Lucas was finally going to decide to be with. This season picks up where the last one ended showing who Lucas is on the phone with planning a trip to Vegas to get married. Will it be Lindsey, Brooke, or Peyton? Stay tuned and find out.

Honorable Mentions:

Samantha Who? (ABC, 9:30pm)
Prison Break (Fox, 9pm)
Dancing with the Stars (ABC, 8pm)
Chuck (NBC, 8pm)

TUESDAY



90210 (CW, 8pm)

Talk about a blast from the past, 90210 comes back with an all new cast including alumni Jennie Garth and Shannon Doherty returning as well. The new spin off is told through the lives of Annie and her brother Dixon Wilson. They are new to the school and their dad being the new principal doesn't prove to make their lives easy. Sources are conflicting as to whether or not Tori Spelling will be returning as well so we will just have to wait and see.

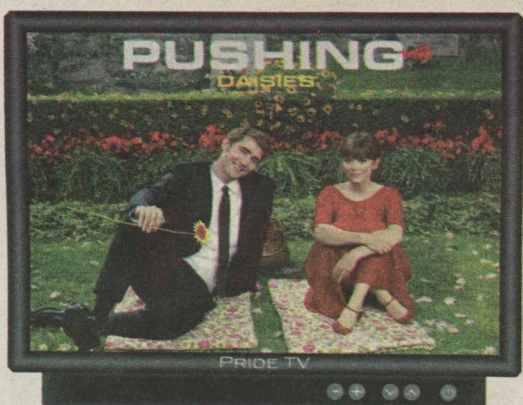
House (Fox, 9pm)

Like those nasty doctors scenes but don't want the drama, then this is the show for you. It's dry, edgy, and downright sarcastic. It's just what you need to get you through that paper you don't want to do. The two-part season finale left viewers wanting more and now they can finally have it.

Honorable Mentions:

Law & Order Special Victims Unit (NBC, 10pm)

WEDNESDAY



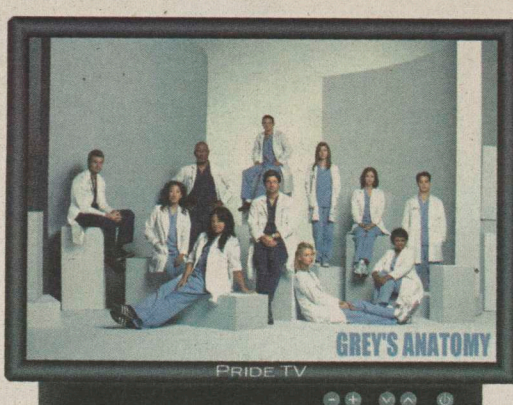
Pushing Daisies (ABC, 8pm)

This shows brings people up from the dead, literally. Last season started out with Ned discovering as a young boy that he had the ability to bring back the dead. After bringing back his one true love in the first episode they are unable to touch for it would reverse and she would be gone forever. Will they find a way to be together while solving mysteries and providing justice for the deceased? We are just dying to find out.

Knight Rider (NBC, 8pm)

This remake of the classic 1980s television show steps it up a notch with the new technology of an amazing new car named KITT (Knight Industries Three Thousand) and features Justin Bruening, Deanna Russo, Sydney Poitier, Bruce Davison, Yancey Arias, and Paul Campbell.

THURSDAY



Greys Anatomy (ABC, 9pm)

With hot new romances and Meredith and Derek possibly living together this season promises to be the hottest season ever. This show will keep you on your toes and help you to get over those "its not Friday yet" woes. Will Meredith and Derek finally be together forever? Will Christina finally get over Burke? You will just have to watch and find out.

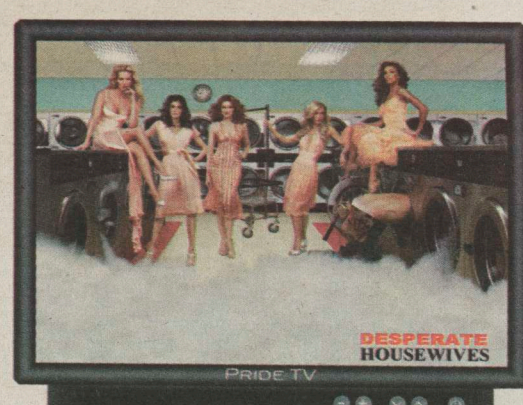
Kath & Kim (NBC, 8:30pm)

Kath is finally free to do with her time as she pleases when her spoiled daughter Kim moves back in after being recently separated from her husband. Featuring Molly Shannon as Kath and Selma Blair as Kim, this show looks promising for a few good laughs.

Honorable Mentions:

The Office (NBC, 9pm)
My Name is Earl (NBC, 8pm)
Ugly Betty (ABC, 8pm)

SUNDAY



Desperate Housewives (ABC, 9pm)

Taking the same road that One Tree Hill did, the show jumps ahead but this time 5 years into the future. Gaby with 2 kids? Susan with another man? Lynette's boys as teenage delinquents? Edie Married? This season has lots of twists and turns and a lot of catching up to do.

Brothers and Sisters (ABC, 10pm)

Justin and Rebecca kiss after realizing that Rebecca is not the sister that they had all thought they had. Which leaves us to wonder who is? With new romances and new mysteries this is the perfect way to end your week.

Honorable Mentions:

The Simpsons (Fox, 8pm)
King of the Hill (Fox, 8:30pm)
Family Guy (Fox, 9pm)