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## Big plans for Black Student Union

BY BEN ROFFEE  
Pride Staff Writer

After spending last semester resurrecting the Black Student Union, a forward looking attitude and a revamped sense of involvement could bring success to this growing group of African American students at Cal State San Marcos this spring.

Under the motto, "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude," the BSU is stepping out of the shadows intent on becoming an integral part of the CSUSM campus community.

Having overcome the financial obstacles that stifled previous manifestations of the BSU, the new and improved BSU unveiled a calendar loaded with events and activities for the coming month at their Jan. 31 weekly meeting.

Involvement is something that will be central to the BSU's ambitions this semester as they do more than simply step out into the campus community. Bringing in representatives from ASI and the Women's Center to their meeting, the BSU is making an effort to work with other campus organizations to bring the entire campus together.

"I think it's more important for us to not just stay BSU in and of itself, but let everyone see us," said BSU President Sherry-Blythe to the group. "If you didn't want to get involved, you wouldn't be here"

In their biggest event of the month, the BSU will put on a dance called "Sensual Seduction" on Feb. 23 at the Clarke from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The BSU encourages students interested in participating to attend their Thursday during U-Hour in University Hall 101.

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## Super Tuesday

### Primary election season intensifies with voting

BY BEN ROFFEE  
Pride Staff Writer

Today, Feb. 5, Students, Faculty, and Staff at Cal State San Marcos will stake their claim in the 2008 Presidential race when they join millions of Californians at the voting booth to select delegates in the 2008 Presidential primary elections. In a day known best as "Super Tuesday", voters from 23 other states move alongside California to award delegates to candidates for the party's nominations at the national conventions set to take place this coming summer.

In what will be the largest to date of this already critical day in the primary election season, "Super Tuesday" offers to candidates more delegates than can be won on any other day in the primary election. As citizens of California, CSUSM students registered to vote have the opportunity to dramatically influence

the outcome of the primaries as residents of the largest delegate contributing state in the nation.

The staggering complexity of the Presidential primaries presents a stark contrast from the relatively simplicity in the General Presidential Election that follows. Varying rules and formats from state to state and party to party make the nomination process intensely unpredictable.

Unlike in the General Election here candidates seek electoral votes, the primaries see candidates campaign for nominations from party delegates that represent each state. While most states use the primary election system, other states like Iowa choose to award delegates to a candidate based on the outcome of large meetings known as caucuses.

In both cases, these delegates then go on to each party's national convention to

determine who the nominee will be.

Since the 90's, California's primary election system has changed 3 times. Until 1996, California used a "closed" primary system, allowing only registered members of a party to vote on a party's ballot.

With the passage of Proposition 198, Californians adopted an "open" primary system to allow voters to select a candidate regardless of political affiliation. In 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court determined the "open" primary system to be a violation of a political party's First Amendment right to free association, thus ushering in the current "modified closed" primary system under SB 28. If a party so chooses, they can notify the Secretary of State to permit unaffiliated "decline to state" voters to participate in their primary.

Since primaries are held at different dates and early performances set the tone for a

campaign, states often vie for influence by pushing their elections earlier in the season. In this manner of posturing, California and several other states moved their primaries to Feb. 5 this year, elevating the importance of "Super Tuesday" both for California voters and for candidates.

According to the Office of the Secretary of State, the American Independent Party and the Democratic Party will allow "decline to state" voters to request a party ballot for the Feb. 5 Presidential Primary Election. The Republican Party has decided to not permit unaffiliated voters to take part in their "Super Tuesday" selection this year. Party officials maintain the belief that members should determine the party's nominee while urging unaffiliated voters interested in supporting a Republican to join the Party.

## Seat available on Board of Trustees for CSU Student

### CSSA issues applications for coveted position

BY JACKIE CARBAJAL  
Pride Staff Writer

The California State Student Association is accepting applications in its annual search for a new student trustee to serve as the voice for CSU students on the CSU Board of Trustees.

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and student services that affect more than 450,000 students, easily making it the highest policy planning committee in the CSU system.

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dents. A student trustee holds the same powers and responsibilities of the other trustees and is paid \$100 a day for conducting the business of the Board as well as attending the seven regularly scheduled meetings per year.

Applications must be mailed to the Office of University Affairs, 401 Golden Shore, Long Beach, CA 90812 by 5:00 pm on Friday, Feb. 22. Inter-

ested students can get more information and instructions on how to apply on the CSSA website at [www.csustudents.org](http://www.csustudents.org).

Interviews for candidates are scheduled for Friday, May 12 at CSU Fullerton. Following the process, the CSSA will forward the names of two to five finalists to Governor Schwarzenegger who will then make an ultimate decision.

## University Village staff wins spirit award

### Resident Advisors present stress busters at annual conference

BY BILL RHEIN  
Pride Staff Writer

On Jan. 26, the CSUSM Resident Advisors and Resident Hall Council members traveled to CSU San Bernardino for the Southern Resident Assistant Program Conference. The annual gathering recognizes the achievements of student leaders in local college and university residence halls. Weeks in advance, students submit program ideas to share at the conference. This year, eight programs from CSUSM were chosen.

Students were able to spend the

day relaxing and sharing ideas with other college leaders before the distribution of awards later on in the evening. Of the ten programs recognized for 'Top Ten of the Year,' two were from San Marcos RAs. CSUSM student, Corbin Northington, received an award for his presentation on necessary first aid knowledge in resident halls.

Also garnering recognition was first year RA, Alexander Hoang. His program titled "Meditation Invigoration," challenged students to take risks in order to grow outside their comfort zones. The program's purpose is

combating stress among college students, inspired by the chilling statistic that stress is a top factor of death in the United States.

Hoang hopes that students can "be comfortable with oneself and make good choices away from materialism." Upon learning about his award, Hoang said, "It felt great. I'm glad to present something other student leaders could take something away from."

After the program awards, the event's most prestigious award, the Spirit Award, was announced. The Spirit Award, based on spirit at the conference, participation

in program presentations, and a video clip made prior to the day, was presented to CSUSM. The CSUSM RAs created a 'Cougar Lightning' video with the help of spirit leader, Brian Buttacavoli. Along with a three-dimension plaque, the awarded school keeps a 'Spirit Stick' for the year and returns it at the following year's conference.

"It was awesome to take the highest award," Hoang said.

CSUSM may be a small school but the strength of the University Village team and staff rose to the occasion.



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# Mini dorm debate put on hold

## City Council creates exploratory committee to assess situation

BY ELBERT ESGUERRA  
Pride Staff Writer

Three weeks ago, the San Marcos City Council delayed any further action towards approving ordinances that would provide limitations toward maintaining mini dorms for multiple college students and young adults.

A mini dorm is a rental property found relatively close to college areas primarily with the purpose to accommodate students by providing additional living space. This remodeling may include

converting garages into extra bedrooms and paving lawns to provide more parking.

The precarious situation between homeowners (who argue the rowdy tenants disrupt neighborhoods) and students (who believe affordable housing goes a long way) leaves the two communities embattled over the issue.

The current answer provided by City Council right now lies in the creation of a "Student and Neighborhood Relations Commission." The eight members will oversee potential solutions

for neighborhoods disrupted by loud, unruly college students and any other disruptive conduct.

Two members of City Council will join the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and a USMC Camp Pendleton representative from Oceanside. The remaining four include students from Cal State San Marcos and from Palomar College.

In Jan. 2007, the City of San Diego passed an ordinance for the owners of single-family homes to pay additional permit fees up to \$1000 a year for households that

have six or more adult occupants. The surrounding college area at San Diego State University is the most affected by the ordinance.

Whether this will affect the San Marcos area remains unknown. Over the past several months, complaints among homeowners of the area have risen, mainly citing things such as loud partying, littering, and limited street parking.

For information concerning this issue, visit <http://www.ci.san-marcos.ca.us/ccouncil.asp>.

## Police Beat

**1/24/08 1:40 AM**

On south Twin Oaks, officers stopped a vehicle for a moving violation. The Ford was occupied by five non-student females celebrating a birthday. Officers arrested the driver for DUI, and found a 15-year-old female that had been drinking at a local San Marcos bar.

**1/24/08 11:00 PM**

Officers reported to local apartments to assist SD Sheriffs with a disturbance call. During the course of investigation, they found a male non-student in possession of 1.4grams of marijuana.

**1/25/08 1:20 AM**

On Craven, an officer made a traffic stop on a vehicle for using high beams. Officers found the student to be under the age of 21 in possession of 2 cans of beer, and reported the incident to the Dean of Students.

**1/26/08 9:21 AM**

Officers responded to Lot K for a hit and run report. The incident happened between 3:45 PM and 8:00 AM. The damage included two small scratches and paint transfer on the center rear bumper. Any info, please contact UPD.

**1/27/08 6:30-6:45 PM**

A student parked in Lot N discovered her parking permit stolen from her unlocked vehicle.

**1/29/08 12:00 AM**

Officers responded to a noise complaint at the UVA. Two roommate students and a visitor argued about moving furniture. There was no physical violence. Offices kept the peace while the furniture was moved.

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OBAMA VISIBILITY  
UNIV PLAZA

11:00 A.M.  
GREEK FAIR  
FORUM PLAZA, LIB  
PLAZA

12:00 P.M.  
BUDGET FORUM IN  
MARKSTEIN HALL  
ROOM 106

12:00 P.M.  
WORKSHOP: HOW  
TO PREPARE FOR AN  
INTERVIEW  
ACD 408

12:00 P.M.  
RESUME WRITING  
CRA 1400

12:00 P.M.  
GEOGRAPHIC  
INFORMATION SYSTEM  
MARK 104

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6  
11:00 A.M.  
FRATERNITY/SORORITY  
RECRUITMENT TABLING  
LIB PLAZA

4:00 P.M.  
REAL LIFE 101: A  
PROGRAM FOR SENIORS  
CRA 1400

THURSDAY, FEB. 7  
11:00 A.M.  
FRATERNITY/SORORITY  
RECRUITMENT TABLING  
LIB PLAZA

12:00 P.M.  
THINKING OUTSIDE OF  
THE [LUNCH]BOX  
MARK 101

12:00 P.M.  
THE IMPACT OF HATE:  
HATE CRIMES AND ISMS  
MARK 102

12:00 P.M.  
CHOOSING A MAJOR  
THAT FITS  
CRA 1400

SATURDAY, FEB. 9  
7:00 A.M.  
ELEMENTS &  
PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN  
MARK 304, MARK 305

MONDAY, FEB. 10  
8:00 A.M.  
COUGAR BAZAAR &  
STUDENT FUNDRAISING  
WEEK  
LIB PLAZA

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## Church's Influence on Sports NHL Trade Deadline Approaches

BY DAVID CHURCH  
Pride Staff Writer

With the Feb. 26 NHL trade deadline approaching, it is time for teams to decide to sell or buy. But buyers beware: the Anaheim Ducks failed to make a blockbuster trade at the deadline and still marched to their first Stanley Cup championships.

Despite have Conn Smyth (playoff MVP) Scott Niedermayer returning and last seasons leading scorer returning to their lineups instead of retiring. The Ducks are just one of many teams looking to lock up a big trade before the deadline.

But with Atlanta Thrashers Marian Hossa, Toronto Maple Leafs Mats Sundin and Colorado Avalanche John-Michael Liles on the trade block. But even the Thrashers and Avalanche are still in the playoff hunt.

With 12 teams within eight points of the playoffs, there will be more teams thinking they are buyers than sellers. The sellers have the upper hand. This year's sellers should consist of the Tampa Bay Lightning, The Maple Leafs, Los Angeles Kings, Edmonton Oilers and Columbus Blue Jackets.

Then the question becomes who goes and what can we get. The Lightning continue to have one major need they would like to fill and that is goaltending. Problem with this need is that quality goaltending available isn't available.

They could try and go after unproven Ottawa Senators goaltender Ray Emery, but Emery's \$3.3 million salary is a turndown. Whereas, if they are willing to send a draft pick and a prospect to the Oilers for Mathieu Garon, they would have a number one goaltender for next year.

The Maple Leafs have no option. The only trade bait they have is Sundin, who is the best player available in the trade market. You can expect the Maple Leafs to be asking for top prospects as they are still years away from building a Stanley Cup caliber team.

The Kings are once again in the dog house and going nowhere. They tried to rebuild their team with veteran free agents, but that failed miserably. Now it is time for them to trade their recently signed free agents and veterans and allow their young talent to show their skills.

Finally there is the Blue Jack-ets. The Blue Jackets have Adam Foote, Sergei Federov and Michael Peca who all have Stanley Cup final experience. But realistically, the Blue Jack-ets won't be able to move these players and will have to do their rebuilding in the free agency like many other teams.

But there is still a wild card out there that won't cost any prospects. Peter Forsberg is the most sought out player right now. The upside to Forsberg will be that he won't cost any prospect.

The downside is every team in the playoff hunt wants him. The upside for Forsberg is he gets to choose and it seems like he will be headed back to his home team. The Philadelphia Flyers have to be the front runners with their big turnaround and salary cap room.

With Forsberg wanting a two year deal and Forsberg's love for Philadelphia, it seems like the right match again. Especially with the Flyers five points behind the Senators with two games in hand. One thing is for sure, only time will tell.

Any comments or questions can be sent to [churc009@csusm.edu](mailto:churc009@csusm.edu) or [pride@csusm.edu](mailto:pride@csusm.edu).

## Blood, Sweat, Tears, Stupidity

BY TORIA SAVEY  
Pride Staff Writer

Last Saturday, I was pondering what I should do. I'd already taken a nap, gone for a walk, eaten more breadsticks than my body had room for at Pat and Oscar's, and attempted to go to work. WHAT WAS LEFT TO ME, KIDS?!

I turned to my significant other, and I said words I never thought would come out of my mouth. "I know it's wrong but...can we rent *Transformers*?"

I wrote a rather scathing review of the movie *Transformers* last semester. Probably because the acting was, talent wise, on par with a Downy fabric softener commercial.

But, sometimes on a Saturday night, you need giant robots. And explosions. And to watch the kid from Even Stevens make out with Megan Fox, who could crack oysters on her stomach like an otter.

Look, there's no shame in these needs, people. Sometimes we all need stupid

things.

There's going to be a day when you watch one of those break dancing movies that's a little short on plot, but you still cry when the hero does that move that his brother invented before he got shot by those gang members.

Not that I've ever seen such a movie. Or perhaps you spend the entire day watching a marathon of any show on MTV. Except *Pimp My Ride*—*Pimp My Ride* is never stupid.

The point is that you should never be afraid to share the things that bring you comfort. How do you know that the guy sitting next to you in your communications class didn't watch the marathon of *The Girls Next Door* the other day?

Or perhaps the reason they didn't have the Usher movie at Blockbuster is because the girl next to you in Psych had already rented it.

So the moral is: don't judge. Because everyone has watched at least one movie on either Oxygen, Lifetime, or the Family Channel. Now, I'm going to watch my *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* DVDs.

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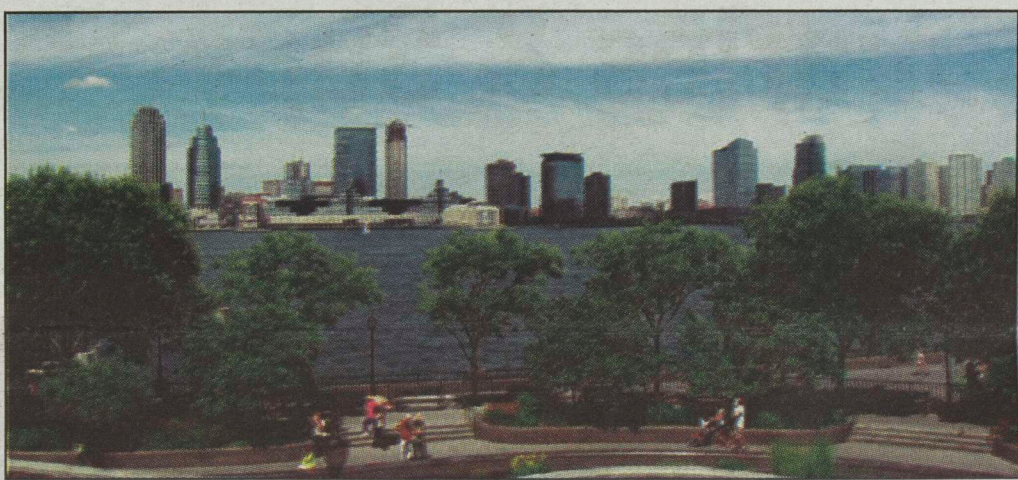
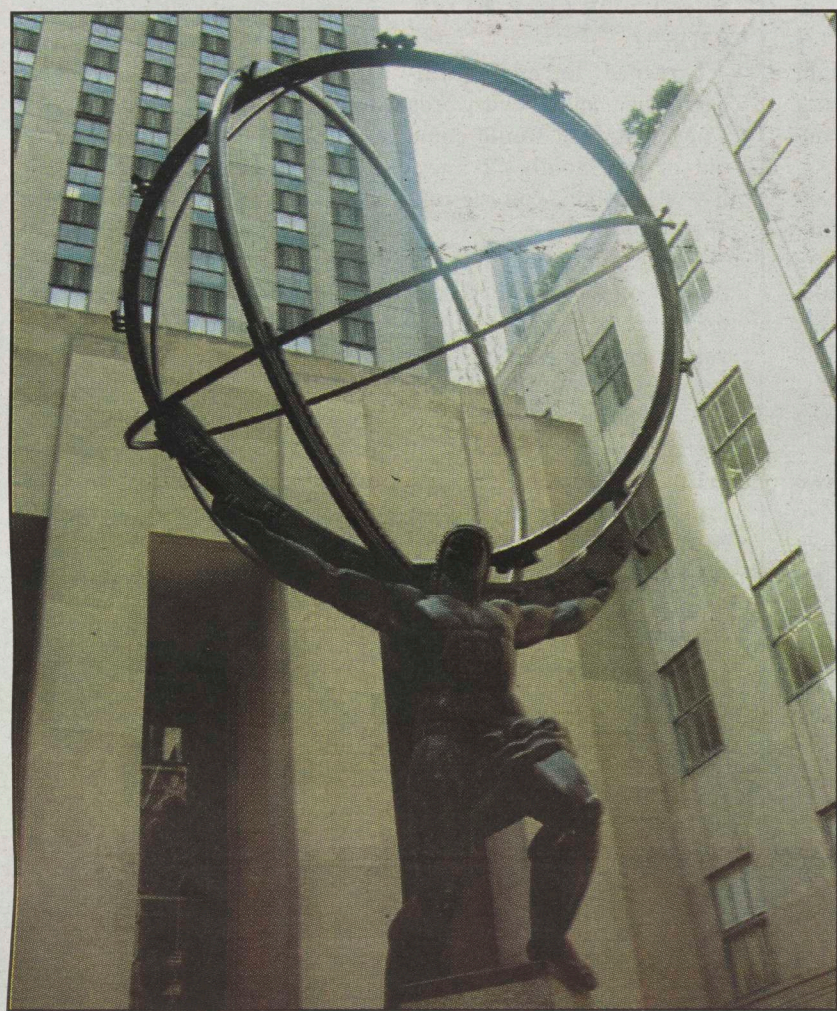
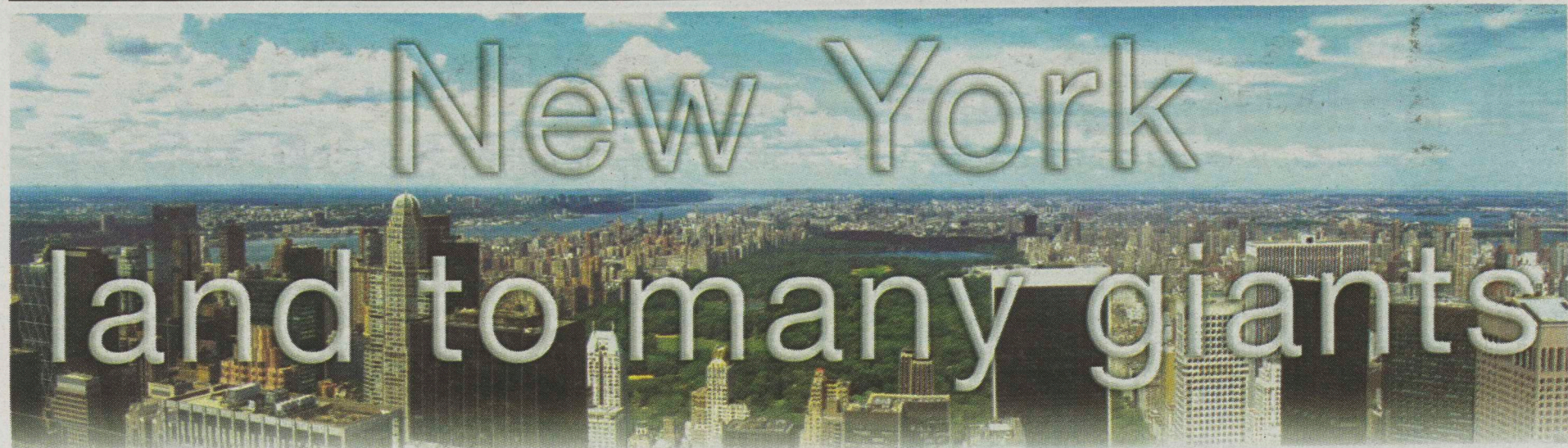
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Clockwise left to right: 1. The two-ton statue of Atlas in Rockefeller Center, located across the street from St. Patrick's Cathedral. 2. Flags from all over the world in Rockefeller Center. 3. Overlooking the New Jersey coastline from the Irish Potato Famine Memorial. 4. Lady Liberty still standing proud amidst the gloom.

BY AMANDA ANDREEN  
Pride Staff Writer

New York is home to many giants: the victorious NY Giants, giant skyscrapers, a giant statue, giant bridges, giant pretzels, giant hot dogs, and giant musical productions. That said, any venture to New York City is bound to be one monumental occasion, and so too was mine last year.

Arriving in the city at 3 a.m. one Saturday morning, it only took seconds for the infamous saying that NYC is "the city that never sleeps" to ring true. Crammed into the backseat of a taxi (my first NY taxi ride of many), adrenaline pulsed through me as our cab driver proceeded to get out of the car come close to blows with another driver over who's turn it was to merge into the right-hand lane. I never heard so many violent profanities in different languages at one time before.

Once on Manhattan Island, we made our way to Times Square. A hub of fluorescent lights and mayhem, in the center of all the action we arrived at our hotel,

which stood adjacent to the glowing Coca-Cola marquee and next to the Legally Blonde Broadway show. A world all its own; the lights, action and smells mystified and excited me.

Throughout the duration of our Manhattan adventure, I experi-

**The thing about New York is that there is so much to see and do, that it is nearly impossible to capture it in words, and see it all in under a week.**

enced many firsts. My first NY hot dog, my first time hailing a cab on my own, my first time getting lost in a such an overwhelming city, and the first time I had the opportunity to see so many historical and famous places.

The thing about New

York is that there is so much to see and do, that it is nearly impossible to capture it in words, and see it all in under a week. Our first night in the city my group of companions and I made a list of all the things we wanted to do and see. Then, we attempted to organize the locations geographically and maximize every minute of every day. Forget sleeping—we were in New York, and who knew when we were going to be back there

again—we were going to try to do it all.

Day one began with a privately guided limousine tour of the city to get our bearings of how to navigate the island. I must say if you have the money, seeing New York through the sunroof and windows of a private limo, complete with bubbly and beverages galore, is hands down the way to go.

The city was under water on day two. It poured all night, and continued to pour all day, and this was the day we planned to visit the Statue of Liberty. I must admit it was not our best idea. Walking miles in the rain to the harbor and waiting in line at the Statue for two hours constituted the most miserably wet and uncomfortable

able day of my life. However, it was bittersweet, as it will forever be one of the most memorable days of my life. Seeing Lady Liberty in all her glory and breathing in the musty history that filled the hallways and stairs, awakened a new sense of adventure and patriotism.

The rest of our trip continued in this fashion, with a lot of bitter, and almost as much sweet. Sludging around the city in the sticky heat and moody weather at times created problems, such as ending up on the subway line that went to the Bronx all by myself, and running out of clean, dry clothes. Thankfully, there were plenty of "I heart NY" shirts to build a wardrobe for the remaining few days.

In all its glory and infamy, NYC should be at the top of your places to see, as it has more to offer than any other city in the country.







BY JON THOMPSON  
Pride Staff Writer

# OurSpace comes to CSUSM

Gathering news and information into one easily accessible source

Space is a separate entity from the CSUSM homepage, which serves as a student resource, rather than a news source. OurSpace seeks to provide an up-to-date news function for on-campus news and announcements relevant to students and the university.

According to Kane Thompson, Senior Director of Communications for CSUSM's OurSpace;

"Our goal is to re-educate the campus community on how they access their news, making information easy to locate and clickable. OurSpace provides users links to the campus events calendar, as well as, the The Pride Online. It is however, important for students to know OurSpace is a news announcement board, not an event calendar itself."

"We would like to hear feedback from the students about OurSpace, which is under con-

struction, as well as about the CSUSM homepage which will be undergoing a process of renovation," said Thompson.

Due to OurSpace's recent release, the site is still in the developmental phases; however, it is completely functional. Students are able to submit feedback by simply clicking the feedback link from OurSpace's menu tabs.

OurSpace runs in conjunction with InSight, also launched in November of 2007 which serves the same news and announcement functions for staff and faculty that OurSpace provides to students.

A source such as OurSpace can only help to serve students' awareness of what they need to know about the university. As students are generally notorious for lacking in any spare time, this site is yet another step towards

the growing ease, convenience—and most importantly—the speed that we continue to crave from our news sources.

OurSpace can be accessed at: [http://insite.csusm.edu/archives/ourspace\\_full.php](http://insite.csusm.edu/archives/ourspace_full.php)



# Primaries & Super Tuesday Preview

BY PAUL WYSOCKI  
Pride Staff Writer

Today is Super Tuesday, the day when more than 20 states across the country will hold their primary elections. This means that the states involved in the primaries (24 to be exact, including California) will have voters cast their ballots toward the candidate they believe to be the best individual for the job of president of the United States of America. Furthermore, the more states a candidate wins, the better chance he or she has at being the front-runner. To put it simpler: Super Tuesday is kind of like a mini-election, or a preliminary round in American Idol.

The official presidential elections are not until November; but that's November, and this is now, giving us ten months to go; unofficially marking Super Tuesday the beginning of the race!

The winners of the majority of the 24 states will be recognized as the front-runners, and begin to campaign nationally. Before, campaigning was only for states that held earlier primaries, such as Iowa or New Hampshire, in order for candidates to save money and secure victories, propelling them through the race.

However, after Super Tuesday the front-runners take the lead, the battle lines will remain drawn until November.

A year ago there were countless candidates campaigning all across the country. As of Super Tuesday, there will only be

six left: two from the Democratic Party, and four from the Republican side. And the candidates are:

We have Barack Obama, a Democratic senator from Illinois, who has been a senator since early January 2005, making his professional career a little over 3 years. Obama's platform rests on his promise/vocalization of change, which has inspired millions and his following only seems to be growing (in January alone his campaign acquired \$32 million through contributions). He was recently voted #1 Liberal Senator by the National Journal, and has support from big names like the Kennedy's and Oprah.

The other Democrat running is former First Lady Hillary Clinton, the current New York Senator. Alongside Obama, they make this presidential race a historical feat, being that neither a woman nor an African American have ever made it so far along in the primaries. Clinton also stated she would bring change, and emphasized her 30 years of experience as a strong point in her campaign.

For the Republicans, there is John McCain, a Senator from Arizona. Senator McCain served as a captain in the Vietnam War, received several awards and medals, and was a Prisoner of War for almost 6 years in Vietnam.

Next we've got Mitt Romney, a republican and former governor of Massachusetts, who has lengthy experience with budgetary finances because of his successful career as a CEO and president of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Last but not least is Ron Paul; the Republican Congressman from Texas who feels our country is straying away

from its founding principles. Paul is increasingly popular among younger voters, college campuses, and Google.

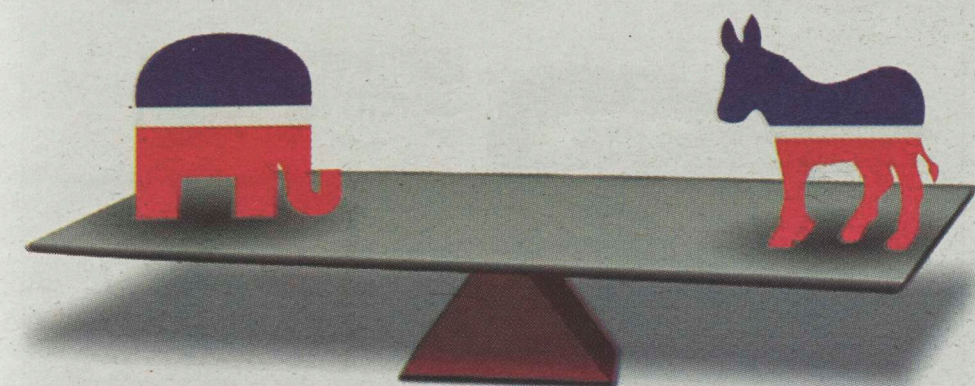
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# RecycleMania 2008 begins

BY JONATHAN THOMPSON  
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It is that time again. The RecycleMania 2008 contest begins February 8th. The annual recycling contest happens for 10 weeks, and is open to competing colleges nationwide. In 2006 and 2007, CSUSM won the Grand Champion Award, and in 2005, when the contest only contained two categories, CSUSM almost won the Per Capita category and placed first in the Recycling Rate category.

Currently, the 2008 con-

test includes more than 400 colleges, whereas last year's contest only included a little more than 200 schools. San Diego State University and University of California San Diego have entered the competition again.

This year there are four main categories in the contest: Largest Amount of Recyclables Per Capita, Largest Amount of Total Recyclables, Least Amount of Trash Per Capita, and Highest Recycling Rate. Participating colleges can also compete in the

Targeted Materials category. In the Targeted Materials category, schools may choose one item from the following to focus on: bottles and cans, corrugated cardboard, food service organics, and paper, and then the competition mandates measurements in pounds on a weekly basis throughout the duration of the competition. For their efforts, campuses receive trophies, awards, and certificates.

The Green Team and Blue Crew are major components in the competition. The Green Team constantly focuses on reducing,

recycling, and reusing at CSUSM while the Blue Crew handles the actual collection and sorting of CSUSM's trash. Based on their combined efforts, CSUSM continues to be a fierce competitor in the contest.

When asked if CSUSM will win the competition, Junior Business Major Kyle McClellan responded with, "Win? Heck yeah! Our school is the stuff!"

For more information, please visit: <http://www.recyclemania.com/> and <http://www.myspace.com/recyclemania>.



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## Mardi Gras: Let the good times roll

BY AMY SALISBURY  
Pride Staff Writer

I would be willing to bet that nearly everyone in the continental United States and Western Europe has at least heard of Mardi Gras. That's right, the greatest free party on earth; narrow, cozy streets in the French Quarter, beads flying from balconies bursting with eager celebrators, free alcohol, countless floats, outrageous costumes, and raucous behavior in every nook and cranny of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day, or most commonly known as, Fat Tuesday, is in fact today. As the

last day before the Catholic observance of Lent, Mardi Gras calls for merriment and festivity to run thick throughout New Orleans, not to mention innumerable other locations around the world.

Arriving as early as February 3 or as late as March 9, Mardi Gras serves as a last-ditch effort to treat yourself prior to the dry month preceding Easter. Simply known as Carnival or *Carnivale* internationally (namely, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), the celebration's intentions are universal while still incorporating the great music and over-indulgence synonymous with the revelry here in the States.

Most partygoers have no idea

that Mardi Gras actually ends today, Fat Tuesday, with January 6 as the real beginning of the festivities. On Epiphany, twelve days after Christmas, Orthodox Catholics believe that Jesus Christ "shone forth" as God in human form. Western Christians also celebrate this day as the visitation of the Magi and commemorate the event with a feast.

What's more, the tradition began in the United States even before the territory fell under American rule. Nearly one hundred years before the Louisiana Purchase, King Louis XIV reigned over a large part of our now united country. As a means of defending his

newly acquired land, the French monarch sent for Iberville and Bienville LeMoyné to go sailing up the Mississippi River in hopes of establishing a new settlement. The brothers called the area they came upon Point du Mardi Gras. Throughout the years, proud French descendants inhabiting the Bayou, known as Creoles, passed on their traditions to make honorary Creoles out of all taking part in the bash.

As interesting as all the history is, the mere mention of Mardi Gras causes most Americans to conjure up thoughts of flowing beer and women shamelessly bearing their chests in exchange

for plastic beads. Obviously, there is no objection to this on Bourbon Street, but has anyone ever stopped to ask: Why beads?

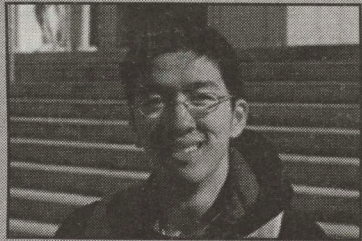
It all started in the 1920s with the Rex Company's float tossing inexpensive glass necklaces into the parade's crowd. Thus, a tradition was born. Nowadays, it is quite common for float Krewe (groups who produce and ride on parade floats) to shell out thousands of dollars on the enticing purple, green, and gold necklaces.

All in all, Mardi Gras is not solely a French celebration; it is rather a means of uniting different people and cultures all looking for the same thing: a good party.

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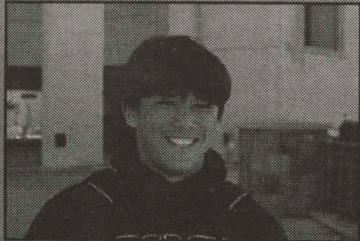
Erica Brandes - Freshman



"Whoever we pick is our choice, our decision. It's part of why our votes really do count."

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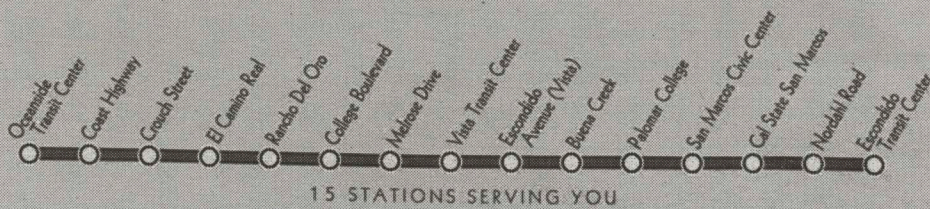


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# Giants break Patriot's perfect season

BY TIM MOORE  
Pride Staff Writer

In a game with prime-time storylines on both sides of the field, it is almost fitting that it ended the way it did. The New York Giants edged out the New England Patriots 17-14, Sunday, in a game that has been billed as one of the biggest upsets in Super Bowl history.

The Patriots were 18 games deep into their quest for immortality and one game short from true perfection at America's most opulent sporting spectacle; Super Bowl XLII.

On the other side of the fence were the New York Giants. The underdog in nearly all aspects. Fortunately for them, the Giants were not lacking one intangible aspect of the game - momentum. The Patriots had not lost a game all season, but their route to the big game had nothing

on the path that Eli Manning and the New York Giants had to take.

Super Bowl XLII was the Giants 11th straight victory away from Giants Stadium, truly giving new meaning to the phrase "road warriors."

In front of over 70,000 at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, the Giants posted the first points on a 32-yard Lawrence Tynes field goal.

The Patriots would take the lead on the first play of the second quarter, as running back, Laurence Maroney rushed in a one-yard touchdown. The score would remain 7-3 through the remainder of the second quarter, into halftime, and through the third quarter.

The Giants struck early in the fourth quarter, on an Eli Manning to David Tyree five-yard touchdown reception.

At the three minute mark in the fourth, the Patriots took back the lead with a six-

yard touchdown pass to Randy Moss.

With just 35 seconds remaining in the game, down by four, Eli Manning hit wide receiver, Plaxico Burress, for a 13-yard touchdown that will go down in history as the lob that derailed perfection.

"It's the greatest feeling in professional sports," said Burress, who caught only two passes for a total of 27 yards after rumors swirled of the possibility that a swollen knee and ankle injury would leave Plaxico sidelined for the game.

Burress, who guaranteed a victory to the media on Tuesday, endured the cynicism and stood by his claim, silencing the critics with one catch.

The Patriots had one final chance to score in the closing seconds, but three incomplete passes and a ten-yard sack by Giants defensive tackle, Jay Alford sealed the victory.

The Giants defense played a large roll in the upset, anchored by defensive end, Justin Tuck's five tackles, two sacks, and one forced fumble. Safety, James Butler racked up 10 tackles and linebacker, Antonio Pierce had eight.

Despite the loss, the Patriots maintain the title of the only team in the 17-week regular season era to orchestrate a perfect 16-0 season. "It's disappointing," said a dispirited Patriots coach, Bill Belichick after the game.

According to Nielsen Media Research, Super Bowl XLII set a television record as the highest rated Super Bowl ever, drawing in 97.5 million viewers. The game also went down as the second most watched television broadcast ever, falling short 8.5 million viewers of the 1983 finale of television series M-A-S-H.

# Cougars split home opener against Vanguard

BY LANCE CARTELLI  
Pride Staff Writer

The Cougars (2-4) split their home opener. doubleheader against Vanguard (1-1) on Sat. losing the first game 8-3, and winning the final game 1-0.

Vanguard dominated the first game on a strong pitching performance from Dustin Jones, who went six shutout innings and surrendered only two hits. Michael Anderson pitched the final three innings giving up the only three runs the Cougars scored.

Vanguard broke the game open in the top of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> innings. In the top of the 5<sup>th</sup>, RF Jason Machado hit a one-out solo homerun to give Vanguard a 3-0 lead.

A two out two-error mishap lead to Vanguard's second run in the inning. In the top of the 6<sup>th</sup>, Machado struck again with a two-RBI single up the middle. He ended his day 3-4 with four RBI's.

By the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>, the Cougars were down an insurmountable lead 7-0. Jared Suwyn ended the Vanguard shutout by hitting a two-run HR off of Anderson in the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Cougars, just playing for respect, added one more run in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> to make the final score 8-3.

Game two of the double header was a different story for the Cougars shutting Vanguard out 1-0, in a pitchers duel using three pitchers to combine for a one-hit shutout.

Steve Triolo, the starting pitcher for the Cougars, went 5 1/3 strong innings giving up the only hit while striking out five and giving up four walks.

The game was scoreless until the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup>, when CF Tristan Gale lead off the inning with a solo homerun to center

field, turned out to be the game-winning home run.

Eric Julienne and Jared Suwyn combined to go 1 2/3 innings of no hit baseball to shut-out Vanguard in a seven inning contest this is the Cougars second win of the season, and first win at home.

## GUTS OR CAREER

## WAS IT THE RIGHT DECISION?

BY LANCE CARTELLI  
Pride Staff Writer

The aftermath of the Super Bowl has arrived and the NFL season is over in disappointing fashion for San Diego Charger fans.

With a severely hurt 'Big 3' in Philip Rivers', torn ACL, LaDainian Tomlinson's, hyper extended knee, and Antonio Gates', dislocated big toe, the Chargers lost 21-12 on Jan. 20 to the New England Patriots. Sorry to remind you Charger fans.

The question I raise is 'Was Philip Rivers decision to play with a torn ACL in his right knee, the right decision?'

The evidence on why it was the wrong decision: Rivers hurt his knee the week before against the Indianapolis Colts game; back up QB Billy Volek showed that he was more than capable, leading the game-winning drive against the previous Super Bowl champions.

Volek would have been a game manager and would not have been put into situations where he would throw interceptions as Rivers did.

Rivers had arthroscopic knee surgery just so he could play in the AFC championship game, meaning he was unable to practice for the most important game of his life against one of the greatest teams of all time.

On a personal level, Rivers is a young QB with a long career ahead of him that is facing surgery that will require at least 6 months for recovery. One hit could easily have ended his career and lost him millions of dollars with the chance of returning to the playoffs.

There is no doubt Rivers decision to play was gutsy and should be praised for his dedication to his team and his desire to win. But we have no crystal ball, no way to tell the future.

His play was that of a man with a hurt knee throwing three interceptions, the same as godlike Tom Brady.

Would back-up Billy Volek played better than a hurt Rivers? With a healthy Tomlinson would the Chargers have won? Would all of it matter? We just don't know, it's all speculation to say it was the right or wrong decision.

## Men's soccer tryouts

BY TIM MOORE  
Pride Staff Writer

CSUSM men's soccer is holding its annual open tryout on Saturday, February 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Mangrum Track and Soccer Field. Students interested in trying out can visit [www.csusm.edu/athletics](http://www.csusm.edu/athletics) before February

11th to fill out the appropriate documents.

"We are hoping to identify any students currently on campus who may have the ability to contribute to the men's team and solidify a roster spot," said assistant coach Bobby Renneisen.

The team is going into its third year of existence, and has an 18-13-1 record over the first two years of play.

## SOFTBALL 1-1 IN DOUBLEHEADER

BY TIM MOORE  
Pride Staff Writer

CSUSM Softball kicked off its second season in existence Saturday, splitting a doubleheader with Biola University.

Biola struck early on in game one, doing all of their damage in the team's 6-4 victory in the first two innings. CSUSM scored three runs in the bottom of the second inning on four singles, and one run in the bottom of the sev-

enth on a triple hit by sophomore, Erica Coelho.

CSUSM won game two of the doubleheader by a score of 2-1, thanks to a complete game, six strikeout outing by junior, Melissa Lerno.

The split opens the season with a 1-1 record. The Cougars face Bethany University on Saturday and the University Redlands on Sunday. Both games will be played at Mission Hills High School.

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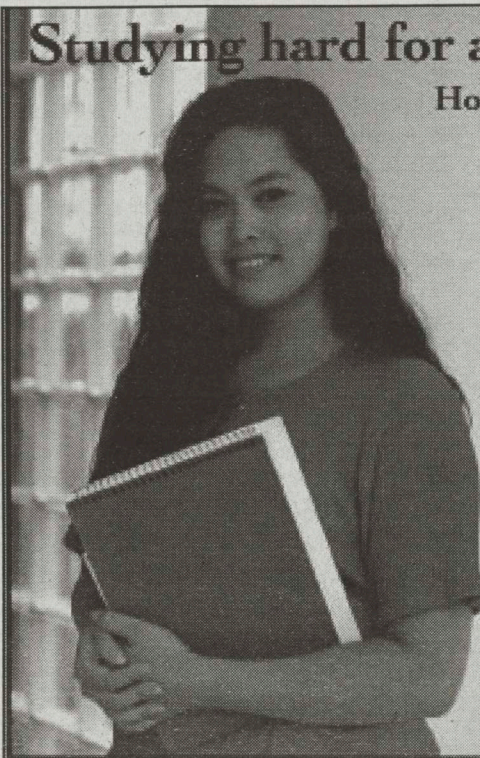
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## CD Review

## The Cool

BY TOM COCKING  
Pride Staff Writer

Lupe Fiasco's new CD, "The Cool", is by far one of the best hip-hop CDs I have invested in.

A more grown up Fiasco now sings of much deeper things. Songs like "Little Weapon" deal with youth rebel soldiers in Africa and the things they go through at such a young age. Many of the songs are politically driven and deal with many of the issues going on today such as A.I.D.S, rape, school shootings, and drug use.

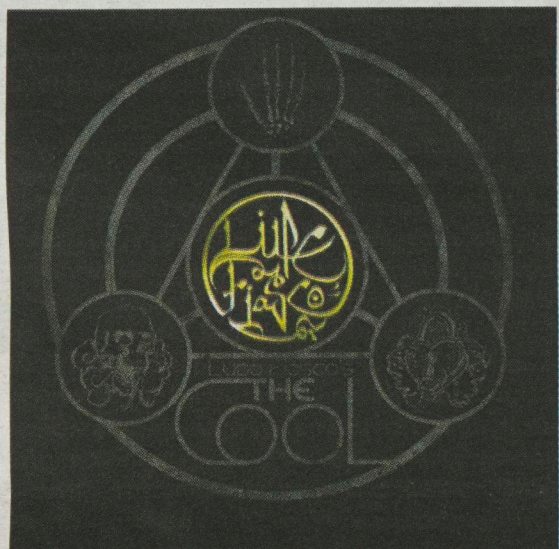
He even changes up his rapping style in songs like "The Die" in which he has a Twista-like, rapid delivery sound. Then

there are the dark songs like "Put You On Game", in which Lupe raps as if he is evil.

With each song differing in style, it makes the entire CD enjoyable. This is one of the rare CDs that I can listen to from beginning to end without changing a song. What hip-hop has needed is a message behind the music, and Lupe does this perfectly.

Each song makes you think and want to listen to his every word, not to mention the amazing beats and Kanye West style synths.

I recommend that everyone go out and buy this CD right now. It's a must have.



## Racer 5



BY JONATHAN THOMPSON  
Pride Staff Writer

Bear Republic Brewing brews Racer 5 India Pale Ale in Healdsburg, California. Richard R. Norgrove and wife Sandy, along with Richard G. Norgrove and wife Tami, own the brewery which has been independent since 1995. The brewery distributes nationwide. In 2007, the brewery won the Great American Beer Festival's "Small Brewing Company of the Year" award. The brewery is in transition to a new facility in Cloverdale, California which will double their production capabilities.

The brewery offers some unique items on their company website. Noteworthy is Brew-opoly a must for avid Monopoly collectors. Also on the website are the names of specialty beers thecom-

has produced. From El Oso to Grandma's Home-grown Ale, the company experiments with a wide variety of ingredients and styles to create unique beers.

The cardboard packaging contains six brown glass 12 fluid ounce bottles. A checkered flag in grey and white tones fills the back ground while a yellow and red number five dominates the centerpiece.

A distinguishing yellow trim outlines the corners of the container. The bottles contain the same images along with a note from the brew master "Don't drink and drive." Unlike the majority of bottle caps, the brewery chose to leave the golden caps blank most likely trying to give the bottles a homegrown feel. The award winning ale has a staggering seven percent alcohol, by volume.

The ale pours thick and foggy. The ingredients collide creating a murky golden brown mixture. A quarter-inch thick head develops and resides for a few moments. With the disappearance of the head, a small lace remains. A burly aroma arises from the chilled glass. The powerful scent signifies strong ale. The ale enters politely then ravishes the mouth with rolling waves of intense flavor. A distinctive flavor stings the mouth for a few seconds. The ale leaves a bitter residue on the tongue after the combative assault.

The ale's bold characteristics are not for the inexperienced beer connoisseur. Nonetheless, for an ale of a good time, check out Racer 5. The taste buds will be grateful.

For more information, visit [www.bear-republic.com](http://www.bear-republic.com).

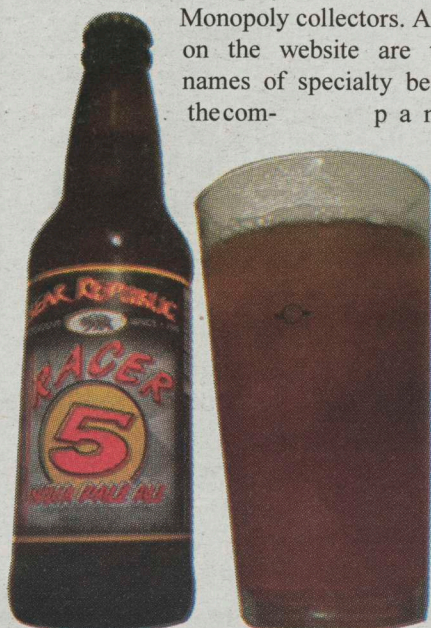


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## Academy Awards nominations overshadowed by strike

BY ELBERT ESGUERRA  
Pride Staff Writer

The writers' strike did not stop Hollywood from announcing the nominations for the 2008 Academy Awards last month. Atop this year's list are: "No Country for Old Men" and "There Will Be Blood," with eight nominations each.

"No Country," easily the most acclaimed film from directors Joel and Ethan Coen, tells the tale of a sheriff and his hunt for a psychopathic killer set in West Texas. The Coen Brothers are up for best director as well.

Director Paul Thomas Anderson was also nominated for "There Will Be Blood," a story which takes place during the early oil boom in California and stars Daniel Day-Lewis as a self-made oil-tycoon in the early days of business.

Rounding out the films for best motion picture include the legal thriller "Michael Clayton," the British romance drama "Atonement," and indie teen pregnancy hit "Juno." "Michael Clayton" trails with seven nominations including best actor for George Clooney and Tony Gilroy for best director and original screenplay. Clooney plays the title role in the film, which circles around the plot to cover up dealings of a major client within his law firm.

"Atonement," the film adapta-

tion of Ian McEwan's 2001 novel, also received seven nods. The film includes nominations for best adapted screenplay and 13-year old actress Saoirse Ronan for best supporting actress. It also stars James McAvoy and Keira Knightley as two people caught in the middle of passion, accusations and misunderstandings that follow them into World War II.

Other surprises to the list include Cate Blanchett receiving two nominations for best actress for "Elizabeth: The Golden Age" and best supporting actress for "I'm Not There," a role in which she plays a version of musical icon Bob Dylan.

Director Jason Reitman earned himself a nomination for "Juno." Actress Ellen Page, who plays the title role as the ultra-cool chick who has to deal with the scorn of being pregnant and being in high school, will be contending for best actress. Upon the news, Reitman was called Page's nomination "absolutely humbling."

Johnny Depp's performance in Tim Burton's "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" earned him a best actor nomination for his portrayal of the demonic barber from Stephen Sondheim's musical. Depp has already won the Golden Globe for best performance by an actor in a musical or comedy.

After years of producing numer-

ous hits for Disney animated films in the 90's, like "Aladdin" and "Beauty and the Beast", composing duo Stephen Schwartz and Alan Menken have earned three best original song nominations. The songs are all from last year's holiday hit "Enchanted."

Some of the notable snubs that did not get deserving attention include Helena Bonham Carter's portrayal as Mrs. Lovett from "Sweeney Todd," "The Simpsons Movie" for best animated feature, Sean Penn's film "Into the Wild," and "American Gangster" from Ridley Scott.

The 80th Academy Awards show is scheduled to take place on February 24th with political funnyman Jon Stewart as the host once again. However, producers have still been unable to reach an agreement with the Writers' Guild of America and are still threatening cancellation of the show entirely.

Earlier last month, producers cancelled the 65th Golden Globe Awards show because of the strike, becoming the first major casualty of the award show season. In support of the writers, many invited celebrities, including nominated actors and actresses, declined to attend and winners were announced via an NBC press conference.

For a complete list of all the nominees can be found at [www.oscars.org](http://www.oscars.org).

## DROPPING:

By Tom Cocking / Pride Staff Writer



## ROCK

Vampire Weekend  
VAMPIRE WEEKEND

Vampire Weekend's self titled LP is finally out, and definitely up to the hype. With their amazing fusion of both indie and tribal music, it is hard to not get lost in their sound.

## FOLK

Keep Your Eyes Ahead  
THE HELIO SEQUENCE

The Helio Sequence takes modern folk music and brings it to a new level, throwing in some reverb and turning folk electric. With amazing acoustic songs like "Shed Your Love", you feel like you've lived the song. "Keep Your Eyes Ahead" definitely brings folk music back into the light.



## EXPERIMENTAL/ROCK

The Bedlam in Goliath  
THE MARS VOLTA

As usual, The Mars Volta has found a way to frighten yet amaze their listeners with their new CD "The Bedlam in Goliath". With their 70's experimental sound, each song once started is hard to stop.

