

## Keep your receipts

### Campus offers reimbursement scholarship

BY AMY SALISBURY  
Opinion Editor

Students' pockets are only so deep. Once the car has a full tank, the rent is paid, and the new semester's books acquired, there isn't much left over. Luckily, a new scholarship from the University Bookstore may help remedy short-changed Cougars.

The Cal State San Marcos Foundation and Associated Students, Inc. created a program to award 10 students with \$450 scholarships to help pay for books and materials purchased at the University Bookstore. The scholarship works like a rebate coupon might at Best Buy: keep the origi-

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## Obama accepts Democratic nomination

BY BEN ROFFEE  
Managing Editor

It was a week in the spotlight for the Democratic Party as politicians, delegates, supporters, and protesters convened in the Mile High City to formally adopt a party platform and confirm Barack Obama as their presidential candidate. From Aug. 24 to Aug. 28, prominent Democrats including Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton, Howard Dean, Al Gore, Michelle Obama, and Barack Obama spoke on behalf of the Democratic party at this year's Democratic National Convention (DNC).

Barack Obama officially accepted the Democratic nomination on Thursday Aug. 28, the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King's famed "I have a Dream" speech. On Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium, Obama announced before a record crowd of 84,000 people, "With profound gratitude and great humility, I accept your nomination for the presidency of the United States."

10 cable and broadcast networks aired Obama's acceptance speech to more than 38 million television viewers, breaking all previous

Democratic and Republican convention audience records. The convention attracted an average audience of 30.2 million viewers over the course of the 4-day event.

During his speech, Obama paid tribute to John McCain, saying of his Republican challenger, "Now let there be no doubt. The Republican nominee, John McCain, has worn the uniform of our country with bravery and distinction, and for that we owe him our gratitude and respect."

However, Obama did attempt to distinguish himself from his rival throughout his speech. "We need a President who can face the threats of the future, not keep grasping at the ideas of the past," said Obama.

Having clinched the required delegates for the Democratic nomination

on June 3, Obama, then the presumptive democratic nominee, did not officially receive the party's nomination until the Aug. 27 roll call vote of the party's delegates. During the vote, Senator Hillary Clinton successfully motioned to suspend the roll call and nominate Obama by acclamation. Joe Biden also received the vice-presidential nomination by a voice vote on Aug. 27, the same day as his address at the convention.

The party's affirmation of Barack Obama as their presidential can-

didate marks the official end of a volatile and protracted primary season. The months leading up to the convention saw tension build around the seating of Florida and Michigan's delegates and the dissatisfaction of many Clinton supporters with the outcome of the primary. The credentials committee stifled some these concerns with their move to restore full voting rights to the Florida and Michigan delegates on Aug. 24, the day before the start

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## "I Have a Dream" not long forgotten

BY JACKIE CARBAJAL  
News Editor

On Aug. 28, the 45th anniversary of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, the Democratic Party cheered on as Illinois Senator Barack Obama, the first African American candidate for a major political party, accepted his nomination.

Over 84,000 supporters were present for during the 42-minute speech, making the gathering the largest at a Democratic convention ever.

In MLK's speech, he emphatically declared, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Two of his children spoke during the convention following a video tribute of their father to celebrate the historic occasion.

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## McCain announces Alaska Governor as running mate

For the second time in U.S. history, a woman assumes the role as running mate to a major party candidate.

BY JACKIE CARBAJAL  
News Editor



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A mother of five and self-proclaimed "hockey mom," Palin, 44, got her start in politics in 1992 when she ran for city council in Wasilla, Alaska.

On Friday, Aug. 29, a day after the close of the Democratic National Convention, the presumptive Republican nominee, Arizona Senator John McCain, announced Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his vice presidential candidate.

Palin is not only the first female running mate selected for the GOP, but also the first Alaskan on a major party campaign. A first term governor, Palin beat out Gov. Frank Murkowski for reelection in the 2006 Republican primary and defeated Democrat Gov. Tony Knowles in the general election.

In 1984, Democratic candidate Walter Mondale selected Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate. Incumbent President Ronald Reagan defeated them, however, in a landslide victory.

Commenting to Fox News on

the announcement of another female contender, Ferraro noted that McCain's choice could make a difference in the turnout of the election. "There are a lot of women who are disaffected by how Hillary [Rodham Clinton] was treated" during her run in the Democratic primaries, adding "I've spent a lot of time over the last 24 years saying, 'Gosh, I wish I weren't the only one.'"

In her welcoming speech, Palin addressed the female vote, reaching out to Hillary supporters.

"Hillary left 18 million cracks in the highest, hardest glass ceiling in America. But it turns out the women of America aren't finished yet, and we can shatter that glass ceiling once and for all," Palin said.

This Monday, Palin confirmed reports that her 17-year-old daughter, Bristol, is preg-

nant.

In a statement released by the McCain campaign, Palin adds that her daughter is about five months pregnant, going to keep the child and marry the father.

"We have been blessed with five wonderful children who we love with all our heart and mean everything to us," the statement said. "Our beautiful daughter Bristol came to us with news that as parents we knew would make her grow up faster than we had ever planned. As Bristol faces the responsibilities of adulthood, she knows she has our unconditional love and support."

The Palin family also requested that the media respect the privacy of the couple.

The McCain campaign also stated that McCain knew of the pregnancy before selecting Palin and did not consider it to be a deterrent in the election.

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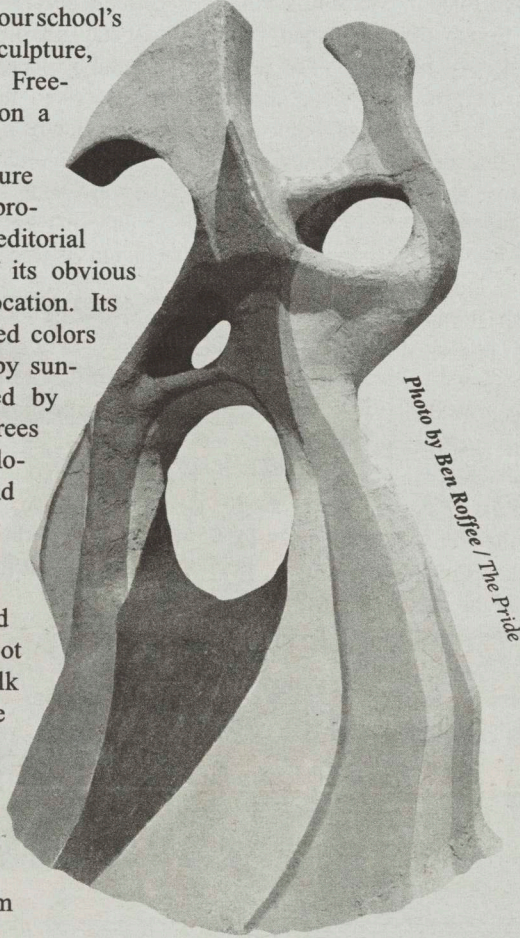
Anish Kapoor's "Cloud Gate", but playfully nicknamed abstract sculpture, "The Bean", highlights, reflects and reinterprets Chicago's skyline. Located in Millennium Park, the enormous stainless steel sculpture acts as a three dimensional mirror of the city. It is perfectly located so that left side reflects buildings to the west and the right side reflects buildings to the east—it is a sculpture that reflects earlier sculptures.

The location of our school's new "Focus" sculpture, by artist Robert Freeman is located on a dirt mound.

The sculpture was met with opprobrium by the editorial staff because of its obvious and awkward location. Its bright and spirited colors are washed out by sunlight and ignored by moonlight. Trees surround the inglorious dirt mound it stands embarrassingly proud on. The only way to get a good look at this 14-foot sculpture is to walk right up and stare at its ashamed face. Abandoned sloppily to the side of Kellogg, the 14-foot freeform

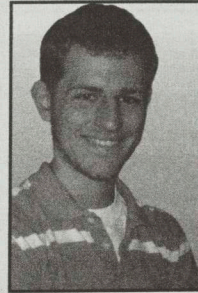
sculpture of dancing yellows, greens, purples, reds and blues is dwarfed by its surroundings.

"Cloud Gate" became part of Chicago's community. It gives back to the people that interact with it. It is at the center, revealing what the artist thought to be the best of Chicago. Who is going to interact with our sculpture? And more importantly, how is it going to interact with us?



## Bill of Rights

## Wall-E was the best movie of the summer

BY BILL RHEIN  
Pride Staff Writer

As the cinemas switch over from summer blockbuster mode to fall Oscar hunter mode, it's time to reflect on the outstanding pieces put forth this past season.

Though there were many fine works put forth, two rose to the top. These high caliber films were Warner Brothers "The Dark Knight" and Disney/Pixar's "Wall-E." Both were tremendous works of entertainment, but I put it forth that "Wall-E" was the better film.

I am aware of the large following surrounding "The Dark Knight," so I will address its merits and how it was bested. The best way to put it is that "The Dark Knight" was a more entertaining movie, but "Wall-E" was better film and piece of art.

"The Dark Knight" was very good and I give it credit, but there were some elements that made it far from perfect.

For one, it was too dark. It was so obsessed with being sinister that it stumbled a bit and lost some of the audience. It used irrelevant dark moments to make the audience uncomfortable and halted progress of the plot.

The film might have been rated R for its calm viciousness, but it was not, which leads me to believe that

it compromised itself to get the PG-13 rating and thus get more viewings.

On the other hand, "Wall-E" remained spectacular from beginning to end. It was beautiful to look at. Every shot of the earth, the land, and space were treats for the eye. And that is just the art aspect of the film.

It was engrossing in its story about humanity finding itself. Its message was clear without being in your face. The subtext of mankind losing its way so dramatically that it takes a non-human to bring them back is timely and impacting.

"Wall-E" also had heart and emotion, whereas "The Dark Knight" failed to produce characters one could care about. They were both good films, but "Wall-E" had all the details nailed down, such as its soundtrack. The music to "Wall-E" subtly enhanced the mood, while many moments of the "The Dark Knight" had an overly dramatic scoring that ejected the viewer from the moment by being distracting.

Besides both films having main characters voices enhanced by computer, both flicks will be remembered as the best of the 2008 summer. Yet "Wall-E" is a timeless masterpiece, which I can see cleaning up very well this spring at the Oscars.

Attention to detail and a brilliant story made "Wall-E" the best film of the summer and year so far.

## Reactions to largest US immigration raid insensitive

BY VIRIDIANA PACHECO-ISAAC  
Editor-In-Chief

I always say the reason I got into the field of journalism was to educate my readers on issues they did not know about.

Well, here is your lesson for today.

Last week, the largest single-workplace immigration raid in U.S. History took place in the small town of Laurel, Miss. According to an article published by the Associated Press last Tuesday, Federal agents reportedly swept nearly six hundred plant workers suspected of being illegal immigrants while their "legal" counterparts applauded.

That is, for lack of a better word, disgusting.

No, this is not some sort of over told statement in which I will try to convince you that we should have open borders. Nor is this a rant on how I feel migrants without "papers" should be allowed to stay in the country.

My objective is simply to get someone—anyone—to ponder the whole immigration controversy from an angle seldom expressed in the media. It is not about being legal or illegal, Mexican, German, Pacific Islander or American.

It is a matter of being human, and it is about tolerance. Simple as that.

Think of it this way: children in this town are now not only not

being sent to school in fear of being deported, but many are also without their fathers, while their mothers have been released for "humanitarian" reasons, awaiting a court date while being forced to wear electronic monitoring bracelets as if they are dangerous criminals. Panic has swept the immigrant community of Laurel, Miss., and my money goes to say these people are even afraid to answer the door.

How would I know? I have been there.

When my family came to the United States in 1993, and Prop 187 was in full rage, I clearly remember living in constant fear, overhearing my parents trying to decide whether they should separate my brother and I so at least one of us could stay here in the event they got deported. Yes, my parents were illegal immigrants and so was I, and no, we didn't jump a fence. We simply came to this country as visitors and decided not to leave.

For someone who teaches classes at Juvenile Hall, I know very well the importance of laws and the reason they must be followed—no argument there. When it comes to the over-beaten topic of immigration, however, there is so much more to it than the black-and-whiteness of "this is the law and you cannot be here," mentality.

People from all over—namely Latin America—often leave fami-

lies behind and risk their lives to cross a desert in hope of better monetary opportunities in the United States. If you could trace your family tree back to when someone in your family immigrated to the US, feel free to ask them why they did so.

It is not that they are trying to be defiant for no reason. It is because sometimes that is the only option they have.

There is a horribly misconstrued stereotype surrounding illegal immigrants, portraying them as wanting to come to the United States solely for the purpose of stealing healthcare and education benefits, and of course to take the jobs from Americans.

The fact is, however, that most, if not all, of the "desirable" jobs that Americans cherish so much require a social security number, not mention the mastery of the English language, something most immigrants do not have right off the bat.

As opposed to another horrible stereotype, most children of illegal immigrants do not turn out to be criminals who clog our jails. Sure, there are a few bad apples who give the rest a bad name, but that goes with everything. In turn, most learn to take education very seriously and learn early on what hard work really feels like. When one grows up with very scarce opportunities, one learns to not take anything for granted, and learns that education is

the only way out.

What is most upsetting is not the fact that 600 immigrant are now facing deportation, or that some women were put on electronic monitoring bracelets, or that their children will be pulled away from their schools and homes—for many, the only home they have ever known.

Rather, it is the intolerance and ignorance that came out of their co-workers. Applauding at someone else's misfortune is the most disturbing fact, because it shows people's inability to show a human side, to show compassion and to feel anything other than happiness at another person's expense.

Like it or not, there are millions of illegal immigrants in this country already, and more and more keep coming in every single day. Out of those millions, most of their children will grow up to be hard-working, educated individuals. I know because I am a product of it and have lived it and grew up with it all around me.

What we are is eager individuals who want to get ahead, who want to make something of ourselves so that the sacrifice of our parents was not in vain. And perhaps that is what America needs: more people who will contribute to the beautiful diversity of this country.

And that, indeed, deserves applause.

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# Auto Atrocities

## Campus traffic more painful than ever

BY CRYSTAL EVANS  
Features Editor

Every time the word parking is mentioned on campus, there are bound to be at least a few moans and groans, and often a muttered swear word or two.

Parking is a heated subject among the college crowd. Not only do we pay an astronomical fee just to have the privilege of parking on campus, but it also wastes a good chunk of our time in the mornings.

If your first class begins at 9 a.m., you can live five minutes away and it will still take you a good half an hour to get from your house to a parking space. However, even though we complain most loudly about finding parking, this is not really the issue.

If you are willing to walk a little further there is always a space, even during the first weeks of school. It is getting to the parking that is the issue.

Approximately half of the 30 minutes it takes to get to school are spent getting through the lights on Twin Oaks Valley Road.

Every large planned project, such as the building of a University, has to be well planned in advance. According to the California Environmental Quality Act, the entity building the project

must do an environmental survey of the lot they plan on developing, and provide mitigation measures to lessen the impact it will have on the surrounding area.

Most of these mitigation measures are related to traffic, meaning they have to widen roads, add turn lanes, retime traffic lights or do whatever it is that is necessary to help keep traffic flowing.

Unfortunately, Cal State apparently did not plan as well as they should have, as we have all been stopped at every single light on Twin Oaks pretty much every single day.

And if the timing of the lights is not bad enough, once you get into the school Craven Road is always backed up because everyone is using the right lane and the flow of traffic is disrupted by the stop signs.

With the Campus Way exit off Barham Drive as the only other entrance to the school, it is no wonder the traffic is always so bad in the mornings.

Let's hope as the college expands and enrolls more students that something is done to reduce the amount of traffic present in the mornings and make it easier for everyone to get to a parking space.

# The price we all pay

## McCain, Obama collide on coastal drilling

BY JONATHAN E. THOMPSON  
Pride Staff Writer

Obama is for change and as I like to say, McCain will make it rain. Yes that is a hip hop reference.

I would first like to state that this is an opinion piece that I happen to be writing. I encourage you to form your own opinion and do more research on the issue if you desire.

Write to the editor or go a step further and write for your school paper. There is a voice to be heard and that is your voice, our voice, a Cougar voice. Regardless of your political affiliation, if you are a donkey or an elephant or neither, discussing these issues is important as the deadline nears for the next president.

A good place for finding relevant information on matters such as these is Google News.

Offshore drilling? What is it? Well, there is available oil on the shorelines of the United States. While the effect would not be instant, ultimately, drilling offshore would lower gas prices stateside.

Even though I drive a Honda Civic that gets 35 miles per gallon, I didn't like paying \$5 this summer for gas and more recently \$4. I care about the envi-

ronment but I care about the people in the environment even more.

I hope research continues and automobile manufactures constantly work on improving their MPG. In the meantime I want the U.S. to become less dependent on foreign oil.

McCain seems to agree. He wants states to be able to drill offshore. President Bush's recent announcement of his plans to do so sent the crude oil price stumbling down. Imagine how much further prices would descend if we actually began drilling.

However, McCain doesn't want the states to be forced. That is why his plan simply allows states to drill offshore if they willingly chose to.

Obama and McCain disagree. Obama wants to focus renewable energy resources. The both seem like possible solutions to our current gas crunch. I wish we could combine both ideas. That would really be a perfect solution.

Both candidates are going to say things that they are not going to be able to do. This happens with all politicians regardless if they are red or blue.

Don't give up. Don't lose hope. People die for your right to be able to vote. Come December, help decided who our next president is going to be and cast your vote.



# Calendar of Events

## Tuesday, September 2

**Unveiling of Tukwut Statue:** 11:50 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Tukwut Courtyard in Craven Hall

**CSUSM Tribal Liaison Academic Resource Fair:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Library Plaza

**Thinking Outside The [Lunch] Box:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Commons 206

**Free Movie Night:** Time TBD. Edward's San Marcos 18

**Open House:** 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Commons 206

## Wednesday, September 3

**Threat Assessment Training:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Craven Hall 4400

**Cougarlympics:** 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Forum Plaza.

**Intervarsity Christian Fellowship:** 07:00 p.m. - 09:00 p.m. Clarke 113

**MyStudentBody Requirement Information & Mocktails:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. UVA Classroom.

## Thursday, September 4

**Blood Drive:** 09:00 a.m. - 04:30 p.m. Campus Way Circle

**Service Learning Fair:** 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Library Plaza.

**Commuter Student Resource Fair:** 12:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Forum Plaza.

**ASI's Casino Night:** 05:00 p.m. - 09:30 p.m. Clarke 113

## Saturday, September 6

**Sailing on Mission Bay:** 8:00 a.m. Meet at Clarke Field House.

## Monday, September 8

**Add/Drop Period Ends:** 5:00 p.m. Cougar Central. Cougar Central

**Immunization Walk-in Clinic:** 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. SMACC Suite 100.

**Arts & Lectures Series:** Gang Project Screening: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Clarke Field House Grand Salon.

**LGBTQ Social Hour:** 5:30 p.m. Commons 201.

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nal receipt from the bookstore, and the original purchase total determines the amount of money rewarded, up to \$450. According to ASI, "The Textbook Scholarship Program was established to further support students in their quest for higher education."

To be eligible for the scholarship, undergraduate or graduate students must be enrolled full time, and maintain at least a 2.5 GPA. Strong campus and community involvement is also desired. 10 scholarships are awarded each semester, and individuals chosen for one semester will be ineligible for the Textbook Scholarship Program in the future.

To apply, fill out the Textbook Scholarship Program application on the ASI website at [www.csusm.edu/asi/](http://www.csusm.edu/asi/). In addition to the ASI forms, submit a typed essay explaining why and how the scholarship would help achieve future goals in higher education. Be sure to attach receipts from the University Bookstore to these two papers. Submit the application to the Associated Students, Inc. office in FCB 5103 by noon on September 15.

30 days after the deadline, the Textbook Scholarship Selection Committee, made up of CSUSM faculty and staff, will select the top 10 applicants for the scholarship.

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"We're all children of the dream, and he is in all our hearts and minds. But not only that, he is in the hopes and dreams, the competence and courage, the rightness and readiness of Barack Obama," declared Martin Luther King III.

MLK's daughter, Rev. Bernice King, marked Thursday as "one of our nation's greatest defining moments."

In 1963, Martin Luther King dreamed for change. Today, Obama pledges to be the "change you can believe in."

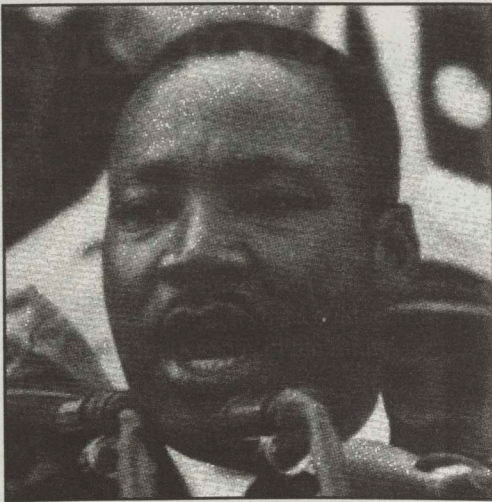


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of the convention.

Still, some Clinton supporters have been reluctant to throw in their lot with Obama after Clinton suspended her campaign in June and endorsed Obama. Since then, Clinton and Obama have worked to mend the rift in the party that formed throughout the primary season, though some voters insist they plan on writing Clinton in or voting for McCain.

In her speech on Aug. 26 at the convention, Clinton addressed these disaffected supporters saying, "Whether you voted for me, or voted for Barack, the time is now to unite as a single party with a single purpose."

"Barack Obama is my candidate. And he must be our President."

The effect of the DNC on voters remains to be seen, though candidates typically experience a "bounce", or slight jump in the polls following their party's convention. McCain's announcement of Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate on the day after

Obama's acceptance speech may complicate this however, as media coverage of this eclipsed post-DNC coverage on Aug. 29.

In response to Obama's acceptance speech, the McCain campaign issued the following statement on Aug. 28 : "Tonight, Americans witnessed a misleading speech that was so fundamentally at odds with the meager record of Barack Obama. When the temple comes down, the fireworks end, and the words are over, the facts remain: Senator Obama still has no record of bipartisanship, still opposes offshore drilling, still voted to raise taxes on those making just \$42,000 per year, and still voted against funds for American troops in harm's way. The fact remains: Barack Obama is still not ready to be President."

The Republican National Convention will take place this coming week from Sept. 1 to Sept. 4 in Saint Paul Minnesota.

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1 MONDAY

Turn in paper @ 4:30am  
Study for Bio exam

Work: 5pm - 11pm

Mocha Monday  
Special prices for all Mocha hot or iced drinks.

2 TUESDAY

Turn in Spanish project @ 9am  
Starbucks during U-Hour

Work 3 - 9pm

Tazo Tea Tuesday  
Special prices for all Tazo Tea's hot, or iced including bottled teas.

3 WEDNESDAY

~~Work 5pm - 11pm~~  
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Hit up the gym tonight

Weight Watcher Wednesday's  
Special prices for all skinny hot or iced drinks, including Frappuccino light.

4 THURSDAY

write paper due Monday @ 10:30

Work: 5pm - 9pm  
Swim @ gym after work

Thirsty Thursday's  
Special prices for all Venti iced beverages.

5 FRIDAY

Finish Paper !!!

Beach Zentire @ La Jolla - 9pm

Freebie Friday  
One free\* substitution (syrup, soy, shot, energy)  
\*max discount of 35 cents

6 SATURDAY

touch with parents - ~~can't~~ make it out

7 SUNDAY

concert @ some 7pm

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Make sure to check out Starbucks daily specials only available at Starbucks\* on campus by KELLOG library

\*Available only at Starbucks on CSUSM campus



## Mentorship opens for juniors and seniors

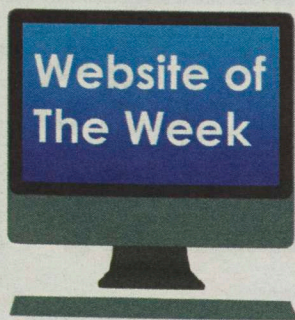
BY JACKIE CARBAJAL  
News Editor

The Faculty Mentorship Program (FMP) is currently accepting applications for any first generation or financially disadvantaged juniors and seniors for the fall 2008 semester. The program, now in its fifth year, aims to close the gap between students and faculty by teaming up students with a faculty member within their academic department.

The deadline to submit applications is this Friday, Sept. 5 and may be submitted online at [www.csusm.edu/fc/fmpmain.htm](http://www.csusm.edu/fc/fmpmain.htm).

According to the FMP website, student protégés arrange meeting times with their mentors throughout the academic year. Mentors can provide students with academic advice and career planning goals. Both students and mentors may attend FMP sponsored events. FMP also sponsors workshops, graduation activities, and grant support for graduate school admissions testing.

Student protégés have the opportunity to renew their membership with the FMP at the end of each semester.



BY BILL RHEIN  
Pride Staff Writer

Jott.com is another Internet innovations that make staying organized a little bit easier. Essentially, it is a note taking system with a twist. Its tagline is, "put words into action." It is a to-do list that can be viewed from any computer and can be added to from literally anywhere.

After creating an account with Jott, users can post "jotts" or notes and reminders, which

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can be viewed on the user's profile. And while these can be added from the Web site, what makes Jott so unique is its other features.

When creating an account, Jott can be synced with a user's mobile phone. Then the user can simply call 1-866-JOTT-123 and leave notes while on the go. Jott will take the call and translate it to text on one's list.

This is very handy for people when pen and paper are not available or they are prone to losing sticky-notes. Clever college students could put this to good use to stay on top of assignments, readings, and appointments.

The site not only allows users to leave notes for themselves, but also they can add phone numbers and email addresses of others to a con-

tact list. This allows jotts to be sent to friends, family or coworkers in the form of an email or text message. Jotts can also be sent to other Web applications such as Twitter and Google calendar.

The site does have a few drawbacks. First, one must speak very clearly when leaving a jott via phone, otherwise the message will not appear properly. Also, be sure to know who has you on their contact list, otherwise you can be plagued with messages. When sending jotts to others, make sure they do not mind and be

careful as to what you send.

All in all, Jott.com is a unique Internet assistant and is another way to maximize one's cell phone, for free. It is easy to use and makes staying organized very efficient. It is breakthrough that could lead to more innovations in the future.



## Pride Comics

Just For Shiggles by Jenny Bigpond



## Go on a date for less

BY CRYSTAL EVANS  
Features Editor

As college students we all pretty much have one thing on our minds, dating. It is by far the best way to get to know a potential partner. Unfortunately, the cost of dating has soared with the price of everything else. The classic dinner and a movie date will easily cost over \$50 and if you want to go out for drinks the tab can quickly hit the \$100 mark. However, dating doesn't have to break the bank. With a little creativity you can come up with amazing dates that don't cost a lot.

**Local Bands-** Several venues host local bands with cheap covers. The Jumping Turtle, located off Rancho Santa Fe, hosts a variety of rock bands and generally has a cover under \$10. They also provide decently priced drinks and a full restaurant.

**Museums-** Museums are a great place to share your passion for art, science, air and space, or natural history. Most museums offer free admission once a month. Go to the Balboa Park Web site for the free Tuesday schedule.

**Sports-** Get a group of couples together for a little Ultimate Frisbee. If you would rather watch than play, catch a Chargers game at a local sports bar or enjoy the last few nights of summer at a Padres game, Park Pass tickets are just \$5.

**Hiking/Biking-** Head south on Twin Oaks Valley Road and you'll run into San Elijo Hills. The master planned community with over 18 miles of hiking and biking trails with panoramic views of San Marcos and the ocean.

**Coffee-** Get a cup of coffee at

a local bookstore and peruse the aisles of books, magazines, movies and CDs.

**Open House-** Dress to impress and visit an upscale community that is showing model homes and take some tours.

**Poetry Reading-** The San Diego Poetry Slam downtown hosts reading competitions that anyone can join as long as they pay the \$5 competitor's fee. The judges are picked right out of the audience and the winner gets a cash prize. If you have stage fright you can just watch the show for free.

**Movie Marathon-** When you want to stay in, pick a couple of movies and make a night out of it. Make some fresh popcorn and sprinkle with a chopped up chocolate bar for a sweet and salty, cheap treat.

**Wine Tasting-** If you're both over 21, visit the Witch Creek Winery in Carlsbad where you can participate in a wine tasting for a \$5 fee and you get to keep the logo glass.

**Ice Skating-** Escape the heat of the last few days of summer at Iceoplex in Escondido. Public sessions cost \$10 including skate rentals.

**Comedy Show-** If you are looking for a good laugh head to Lestat's Coffeehouse in Normal Heights where they have live entertainment nightly. They host a weekly comedy show and open mic nights in addition to live local bands and poetry readings. Check the schedule online at [lestats.com](http://lestats.com).

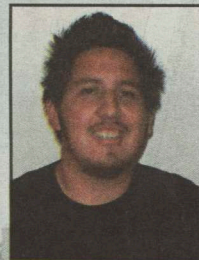
**Drive-in Movie-** If you are itching to see a movie on the big screen, go to the drive-in. Admission is \$7 per person for a double feature at the South Bay Drive-in.

## UniversityVoice

What do you think of the new Focus sculpture on campus?

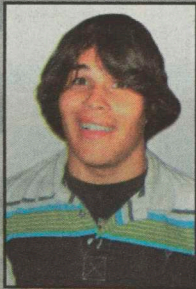
"It's pretty artistic. I'm impartial to it. It's a different thing, it's a change and change is good."

Alex Duran  
Junior  
Business



"I guess it's interesting. It would be cooler if it were a cougar."

Brian Buttacavoli  
Junior  
Business



"It looked better without the paint, but it's a beautiful sculpture."

Caroline Del Mazzio  
Junior  
Psychology



"It looked like someone dumped trash. I can't believe it came out to be something."

Ryan Marsh  
Junior  
Business



"It looks kind of pointless. It doesn't make the school look like college, but more like grade school."

Mike Sapp  
Junior  
Marketing



"I think it's cool because it brings a lot of attention to the campus."

Klarysa Carmona  
Sophomore  
Undeclared



Photos by Bill Rhein / The Pride



# No cash and no plans? Free Art Performances Coming to CSUSM

SANDRA CHALMERS  
Pride Staff Writer

Beginning Sept. 3, CSUSM invites students and the community to enjoy its free annual Arts and Lectures Series that is set to host a variety of visual, musical and cultural performances.

With over ten scheduled events that run from Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> through the beginning of December, CSUSM organized a unique lineup that showcases local talents indulging in their creative spirits. Performances range from short films, to a jazz trio and even interactive art segments.

"It's really a unique series, it's FREE!" said Karen Schaffman, the current chair member of the Arts and Lectures Series Committee. "The series is committee driven, people propose ideas and we make them happen," Schaffman continued to say about the passion the committee has for organizing the performances.

With the series serving as a showcase for many new artists, the diversity between

each scheduled performance is immense.

The series begins with "United & Severed: That Window of Time," which is set to debut on Sept. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Escondido Center for the Arts. It is a modern take on the true stories of women who live with traumatic injuries. It is performed in a combination of dance, sculpture, audio and video, according to [www.csusm.edu/diekman/un\\_sev/](http://www.csusm.edu/diekman/un_sev/).

"United & Severed can be viewed as interactive art, you can choose to listen to voiceovers or watch the video, it is set to create a multi-sensory environment," said Schaffman. This performance is also set to present a sculpture of a preserved tree that was burnt in the North County Oct. 2007 wildfires.

The Arts and Lectures Series Committee are involved with many other programs around the community, such as the City of Vista Community Outreach Program and the Vista Sheriff's Department that sponsored the video piece "Never too Late, Never too Early," "No Es Muy

Temprano, Nunca Es Muy Tarde," about gang violence prevention. The video is set to premier on Sept. 8 at Noon in the Clarke Field House, Room 113 as part of the Arts and Lectures Series.

According to Kristine Diekman, the developer of Community Video Project, a program used for students to work with non-profit organizations to create media projects, said it is intended to educate parents about the legal, emotional, and physical effects of gang activity in their children. The video is available in English and in Spanish.

"The video was produced in an year and shooting the piece was long, hard work, but extremely rewarding as everyone, those interviewed as well as those on the crew, gave so much of themselves," said Diekman.

For more information and schedule of future performances please visit: [www.csusm.edu/diekman/un\\_sev/](http://www.csusm.edu/diekman/un_sev/) or call (760) 750-4400.

## Station Pizza

BY LANCE ROSENBERGER  
Pride Staff Writer

Station Pizza isn't like most of the other so-called "New York Pizza" places that seem to be popping up all over. Maybe it's because they use filtered water instead of tap water for their dough or because the pizza sauce is made fresh with whole tomatoes (I personally think what sets them apart is their brick ovens, a rare luxury these days).

Whatever the reason, Station Pizza, themed around the Grand Central Station in New York, is definitely a place to check out.

They have some great deals going on that will make your visit worthwhile.

12 different types of pizza ranging from cheese to buffalo chicken and back again are available by either the slice or the whole pie for a price even a starving college student can afford.

Speaking of college students, anybody who goes to Station Pizza and shows his/her CSUSM Student ID gets two slices and a drink for only \$5!

And these aren't tiny slices we are talking about, each is a good 9" of true New York Pizza.

They also have 28" pies for anyone planning on pigging out or throwing a party. That means each slice is over a foot long, for those of you who are sick of your math courses.

But don't think for a moment they only have pizza. They have great sandwiches, salads, pasta and even some delectable appetizers to choose from as well. They even have a good selection of beers to choose from.


Visit Station Pizza, chat it up with the owner, enjoy the nice atmosphere.

Once you go there I'm sure you'll want to be heading back there again and again.

They're just three miles off campus, easily accessible with the help of a car. And if you don't have a car, or maybe you just don't feel like driving, no worries, they deliver also. You can find them at 1531 W. Mission Rd, or simply order up by dialing 760-891-0100.

This is definitely the place to go if you need some good party food, or are just tired of eating the same old slop everyday.

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# All Smiles at Radiohead's Sold Out Concert

SANDRA CHALMERS  
Pride Staff Writer

Radiohead hit the stage on August 27, on Wednesday night, at the Cricket Wireless Amphitheatre in Chula Vista to a full house of over 19,000 fans, according to the amphitheatres information website ([cricketwirelessamphitheatre.com/radiohead-concert.htm](http://cricketwirelessamphitheatre.com/radiohead-concert.htm))

Their sold out show was one of many on their international tour that began in the U.S in early May taking them through Europe, Japan and back to the U.S by late August, according to [www.radiohead.com/tourdates](http://www.radiohead.com/tourdates).

Radiohead's opening act, Liars, an Australian band that seemed out of place took a droning tone to their vocals. Their sound was gothic, and their performance was less than satisfactory. Occasional wolf howl screams performed by lead singer/guitarist Angus Andrew and song titles such as "freak out" set no melodic mood for Radiohead's vocalist Thom Yorke's raw sound.

At 8:30 p.m., Radiohead began their 25 song set list with "15 Steps" from their latest album "In Rainbows" and was followed by "Air Bag" which was featured on "Ok Computer" that made its debut in 1997.

The stage was decorated with LED screens that draped across the backdrop, with each screen focused directly on each band member, changing color along each riff and note played harmoniously. Soft blues to deep reds, neon colors flickered

to black and white silhouettes of drummer Phil Selway, guitarists Ed O'Brien and Jonny Greenwood and bassist Colin Greenwood.

The show peaked at the sixth song, "Talk Show Host," which was featured on 1996 soundtrack for the film "Romeo and Juliet". The crowd immediately recognized the intro and excitedly welcomed the song with cheers and praise.

Simple utters of "thanks", were the only words uttered by Yorke throughout the show.

The set list continued with popular singles such as "Jigsaw Falling into Place" and "Just."

Sadly, Radiohead missed favorites such as "Karma Police" and "Creep."

The show slowly ended with the song, "Everything in its Right Place," in their final encore at 11:30 p.m.

"The show was really pretty exciting, the screens in the background really made me feel like I was closer to the stage!" said Vanessa, a Radiohead fan that enjoyed the show in the theatre's 300<sup>th</sup> row.

Radiohead quietly advocated their involvement with an MTV program called "Exit," to raise awareness for human trafficking and exploitation at their concert Wednesday with pamphlets dispersed throughout concert grounds, but they made no verbal mention of it during the performance.

A Radiohead music video exclusive for the song "All I Need" can be downloaded at [www.mtvexit.org/radiohead](http://www.mtvexit.org/radiohead)

# Sweet and Soothing Organic Beer

BY JONATHAN THOMPSON  
Pride Staff Writer

Private Weissbier-Brauerei Georg Schneider and Sohn brews and bottles Weisen Edel-Weisse in Bavaria, Germany. Manneken Brussel Imports Inc., out of Austin, Texas, imports the genuine German hefe-weisen.

Georg I. Schneider began the brewery in 1872. The 136 year old brewery remains family owned and operated. Georg VI. Schneider currently oversees the company.

Hi-Time Wine Cellars in Costa, Mesa, sells 23 fluid ounce single bottles. The dark brown glass bottle displays a mint green label with shiny gold outlines.

A cream and green colored bottle cap seals an ale with 6.2% alcohol by volume.

The organic beer pours mildly smooth creating a three quarters inch thick head. Surprisingly, the head retreats within a few minutes leaving a solid lancet.

The rich golden textured ale releases an exceedingly bitter aroma. A visual inspection of the recently poured brew excites the brain and taste buds.

Most ales appear soft and transparent. However, the ale's murky appearance distinguishes itself from the majority of ales

on the market today.

The beer enters sweet and soothing like the beginning of any popular fairy tale. A brief moment passes before a prickly wave washes over all areas of the mouth. The organic brew tastes extremely yummy as peculiar flavors of wheat, malt, barley, and hops swash around.

The lips and tongue smack in sheer joy.

Longer gulps generate a prolonged shocking sensation to the taste buds. Completion of the beer satisfies the stomach without creating a bloated feeling. Given the ales mild density the beer should pair well with lunches and light dinners such as chicken and fish.

With the stress of crashing classes, seeing ex-girlfriends and ex-boyfriends, purchasing overpriced text books, Cougars should knock off the tension of a new semester with their own glass of Weisen Edel-Weisse.

Welcome back fellow Cougars! Cheers to new beginnings!

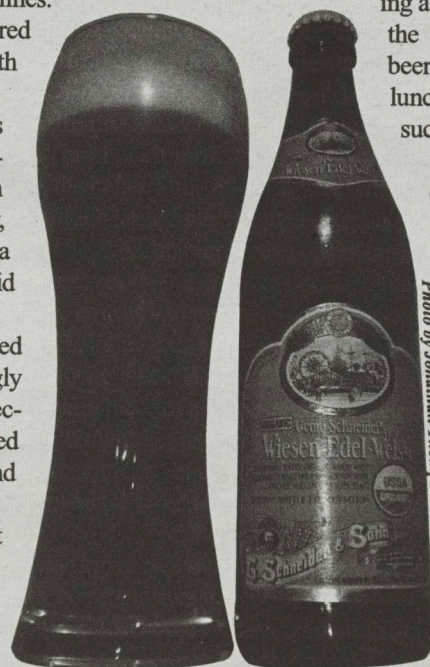


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# Cruisin' Grand A night of nostalgia

BY KATHRYN MCBRAYER  
A&E Editor

My first experience with Cruisin' Grand was completely by accident.

Photo by Kathryn McBrayer / The Pride

My friend and I were looking for a place to hang out while we were in Escondido. We had heard there was an Irish pub on Grand Ave.

The evening seemed normal enough exiting the freeway and looking for the correct street and then we fell into a time warp.

As my friend and I turned onto Grand Ave that a hot summer Friday night I realized we had wondered into the movie "American Graffiti" come to life.

American and international hot rods cruisin' up and down the main drag, parked along the Grand Ave and lined up along the side streets. Since that moment I have been a fan.

I am a confessed lover of American muscle cars and enjoy a good car show, but what I love most about cruisin' Grand is the feeling that for one night a week in the summer I get to be a part of history come to life.

Cruisin' Grand is a community event that attracts families and car lovers from all over San Diego County.

Every Friday night from 5-9 p.m. from April through September hot rodders descend on Grand Avenue in Escondido to parade their beautiful pre 1974 classic cars. Grand Avenue from Orange Street to Ivy is lined with spectators and car owners examining the stunning cars.

The city of Escondido posts changes to the schedule and provides a map for parking along with all the need to know dos and don'ts for the events on [www.downtownescondido.com/cruisin.html](http://www.downtownescondido.com/cruisin.html). Nights are dedicated to specialty car clubs and kinds of cars.

This September schedule begins Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September with Classic Fire Trucks and Police cars along with desert off road vehicles.

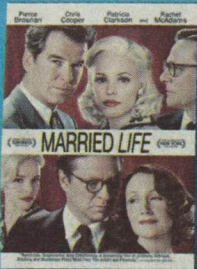
September 12<sup>th</sup> is Packard night hosted by Packards International Motorcar club and San Diego Miata Club.

September 19<sup>th</sup> is Nitro Night hosted by The Palomar Mountain V8s and special guests the oldest low rider car club, The Dukes.

Winners Circle is September 26<sup>th</sup> finishing the summer by giving the winners a chance to show off their prize automobiles one last time until next April.

## DROPPING: DVD RELEASES

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### MARRIED LIFE

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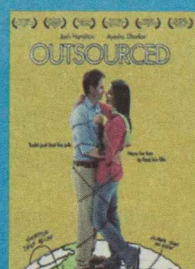
This dark comedy starring Pierce Brosnan and Chris Cooper is about life in 1940's suburbia and a man's deceptive plot to kill his wife. Though some of the acting is good, the overall story is unoriginal and in the end it is heavy letdown.



### THEN SHE FOUND ME

GRADE: C

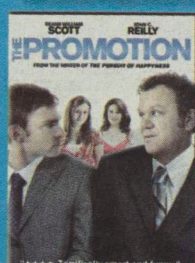
Helen Hunt directs and stars in this film about a woman in her midlife crisis. Her life becomes a wreck around meeting her birth mother, played by Better Midler, going through a divorce, and going back and forth between two affairs. Ultimately the characters are not engaging, and so is the movie.



### OUTSOURCED

GRADE: B+

It is a very timely drama about an American salesman who must travel to India to train people at a call center that will be taking his job. The collision of cultures ensues as he adapts to his situation. Comedic moments and romance give this film heart and make it definitely worthwhile



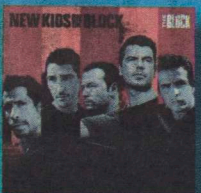
### THE PROMOTION

GRADE: D

From the very beginning this film fails. The story of two men fighting for a job is not clever and unoriginal. The plot of this office comedy does not have any depth and fails on its weak attempts at comedy.

## CD RELEASES

By Rudy Martinez / Pride Staff Writer



### POP

The Block

THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Blast from the past? I think so. And no, this isn't a greatest hits or an autobiographical CD. This is the real deal. Still shocked? It's ok, I am too. 14 years have gone by since The New Kids on The Block have released a new album.

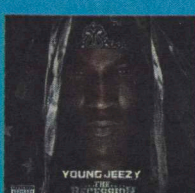


### RAP / HIP HOP

Swan Songs

HOLLYWOOD UNDEAD

Hollywood Undead's debut full length album "Swan Songs," is finally here. The album features remixed/remastered versions of "Undead", "Sell Your Soul", "No.5", "Black Dahlia" and "Bottle and a Gun". Their current single is "Undead".

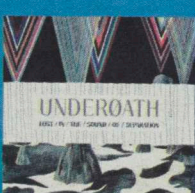


### RAP/HIP HOP

The Recession

YOUNG JEEZY

Young Jeezy's "The Recession" comes at us with lyrics representing his true-life struggles. Featured guests on some of the tracks include Kanye West, Nas, and Jay-Z. The first single off this album was released earlier this summer entitled, "Put On." The current single is "Vacation."



### HARDCORE/SCREAM

Lost In The Sound Of Separation

UNDEROATH

The highly anticipated release of Underoath's "Lost in the Sound of Separation," is finally here! It also comes in a deluxe version, which comes with the audio CD, a DVD, and a Double Vinyl box set. Oh, did I mention that it was also hand signed? This all comes bundled up in a white cloth covered 4-fold box. Neat, huh?