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CSUSM app provides information for emergencies

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CSUSM recently adopted safety precautions for students, such as emailing and calling services, alerting students technologically if their lives are in danger.
Since the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University massacre on April 16, 2007, when a single student killed 32 people and injured 25 others, safety regulations for college campuses nationwide have updated their emergency response notification services. Since the massacre, colleges and universities have adopted notification services to alert students in the event of their endangerment.
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Occupy San Diego bears little resemblance to New York protest

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It all started at the charging bull. On Sept. 17, a few protesters stood in front of the symbolic bull at the center of New York's financial district saying they represent the "99 percent," a reference to the one percent of the U.S. population that controls 40 percent of the country's wealth. Since then,

the "99 percent" movement has spread to 70 cities worldwide including San Diego, where protestors hold cardboard signs blaming banks and corporations for their nations' financial woes.
In San Diego, signs are not being waved in the air and chants of "occupy Wall Street ... all day ... all week" do not echo through the streets. There are only a few dozen protestors gathered in two locations—downtown's San Diego Civic Center Plaza and in Balboa Park. In North County, protestors gathered Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 for marches at the Oceanside Pier. At Cal State San Marcos, an Occupation Hour took place Oct. 20 in Library Plaza and flyers displayed in the Dome cafeteria say "We are the 99 percent" and "This revolution will not be pri-

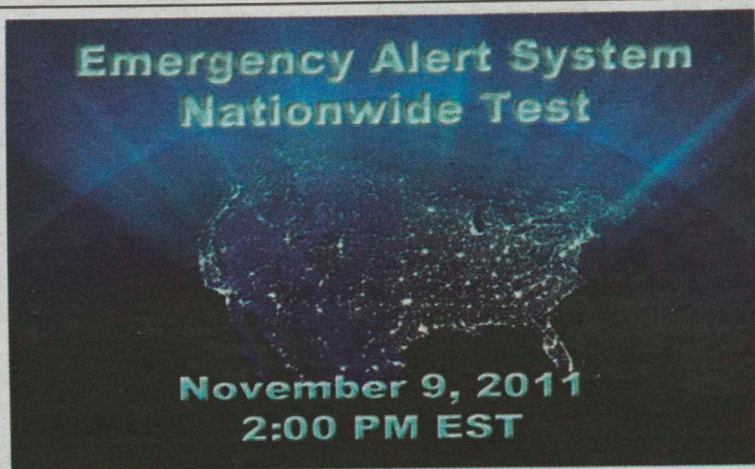
vatzed."
Civic Center Plaza is the central hub of the Occupy San Diego movement. One afternoon last month, about 20 people eating hot dogs and sleeping on blankets were gathered, some speaking into a microphone that America is a "rich are getting richer, poor are getting poorer" society. On Oct. 28, police forced protestors out of the plaza, though some have returned sporadically. Protestors in other cities have demonstrated stronger resistance to police relocation and removal.
Among last month's protestors were Phil Lopez and Robert Unger, union faculty members at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, who said that students and teachers fall into the 99 percent.
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Army ROTC program salutes military for Veterans Day

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The Veterans Success Center will hold its annual Salute to Veterans event tentatively scheduled for Nov. 10, during U-Hour in Tukwut Court-yard.
Veterans Day is special because "all military recognize it," Captain James Lehner of the CSUSM Army ROTC office said.
According to the Veterans Center, the event will host an Air Force Veteran/CSUSM professor guest speaker, offer information from veterans, have an Army Cadet color guard ceremony and provide refreshments for attendees.
The Army ROTC program is relatively new to CSUSM and works in conjunction with the San Diego State University Army ROTC program.
The program is intended to introduce or commission students to enter the U.S. Army by enrolling them in Leadership and Profession Develop-

ment course open to any students. Students continue with on-campus physical training sessions, labs and later, commission.
"We have three categories of cadets on campus...30 students [participate], freshmen through seniors," Captain Lehner said.
If students continue in the Army ROTC program, they commission and earn health benefits, advance degree options and are eligible for a student loan repayment program.
There is also the Simultaneous Membership Program where students in the Army Reserve or National Guard participate in the ROTC program as they complete further training.
The Army ROTC office is currently located at the UVA, where they also train.
For more information, contact Captain Matthew Horstman or Captain James Lehner at (760) 750-4874 or email horstman@csusm.edu.



FEMA will initiate a nationwide Emergency Alert System (EAS) test on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 11:00 a.m., Pacific Standard Time. The three-and-a-half-minute "live" EAS alert test will be transmitted to broadcast, cable, and satellite radio and television stations throughout the state. The test will look very much like the standard monthly local EAS tests that most people are familiar with. Audio messages will repeat "This is a test," but video text at the bottom of the television screens may vary in each county based on the equipment of the tel-

evision stations. Once the test is completed, regular programming will resume and broadcasters, cable, and satellite providers will provide the FCC with details of their participation.
The nationwide EAS test is being coordinated by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service (NWS).
From www.csusm.edu.



Campus Calendar
TUESDAY, NOV. 8:

-Community Games.
11 a.m. - noon, Fourm Plaza.
The Well will be hosting various games such as ladder ball and bocce ball to build community on the CSUSM campus.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9:

-Arts, Language & Cultural Revitalization.
5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Arts 111.
There will be a multi-media presentation based on the cultural revival in the production of handcrafts, that helps native artisans preserve, practice and reinterpret traditional and ecological knowledge.

THURSDAY, NOV. 10:

-Student California Teachers Association's cans, coats and cards drive.
Now until Nov. 30, Palm Court
SCTA, in conjunction with EOP, are hosting a canned food drive to support current CSUSM single parents in need. You can drop off any non-perishable food items, including canned or dried food items in the four collection bins provided on campus.

FRIDAY, NOV. 11:

-Campus Closed.
The CSUSM campus will be closed for Veterans Day.
NOV. 14 - 17

-International Education Week.
All events will be happening in the office of Global Education, Craven 3200
Monday, Nov. 14: International Game Day. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
There will be a variety of games from Pictionary to Dominoes, card sharks and gamers welcome.
Tuesday, Nov. 15: Voices from Abroad Returnee Roundtable. Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Hear students share their overseas experiences.
Wednesday, Nov. 16: Study Abroad Q and A. Noon - 4 p.m.
Bring your questions concerning study abroad opportunities and they will be answered.
Thursday, Nov. 17: International coffee hour. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Travel 101 Workshop. 4 - 5 p.m.
Tips and Tricks for planning your first overseas trip.
Travel Adventure Movies. 5 - 6:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-Register for Winter Intersession
Accelerate your time to degree completion or explore a new area of interest. Extended Learning will offer 28 classes during Winter Intersession in a variety of disciplines. Visit us at www.csusm.edu/el/winterintersession2012 to view the schedule. Registration is now open.
-Get your Flu Vaccine
Seasonal Flu Vaccines are available by appointments only at the Student Health & Counseling Services building. \$10 for Students and \$15 for Faculty/Staff. Please remember to bring your CSUSM ID for services.



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"Classes have been cut by 30 percent over the last three years and tuition has gone from zero to \$46 a unit," said Lopez, an English teacher. "This budget crisis has been caused by corporate greed."

He said the budget cuts are short-sighted because education is the gateway to upper mobility and the gates are closing. One student protestor echoed their sentiments.

"Because of the effect of budget cuts, I wasn't able to attend summer school," said Mateo Montañó, a student at San Diego City College. "Right now I should be at Chico State instead of another semester here. The one defense against all injustice is education. This protest isn't to destroy or deconstruct, it's meant to create reform."

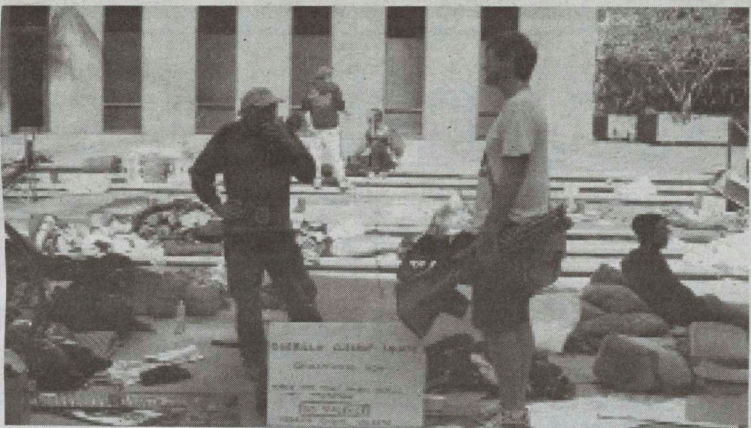
There isn't overwhelming evidence that Wall Street is bringing

down the school systems, though budget cuts have had a negative impact. Gov. Jerry Brown has endorsed a 10 percent CSU fee increase, which will increase student debt in the face of a dissolving job market.

The bull in finance represents a strong stock market and New York protestors have targeted their anger at banks selling loans to the secondary market (thereby washing their hands of the sub-standard loans they'd profited from). When the financial sector failed, American taxpayers got the bill.

An Associated Press poll last month showed that 37 percent of Americans support the Occupy protests. Some of the local protestors say they're committed to sticking it out and building public support. When asked what it would take to end their campout, Unger said "A statement by congress or the president."

Photos by Rogers Jaffarian



The U.S. State Department issues a warning to prospective travelers

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The Office of Communications sent an email out Oct. 25 warning students of a possible new safety risk when traveling abroad.

The U.S. State Department sent a worldwide notice to CSUSM's Risk Management and Safety Office. Risk Management and Safety, RMS, handles hazardous materials, waste management, environmental concerns, safety concerns and Workers compensation.

The department distributed the official warning via emergency-email.org.

The United States travel warning alerted students, faculty and staff to the possibility of "anti-U.S. actions." The concern of terrorist activity stemmed from an alleged plot to assassinate the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States.

According to an official release from the Department of Justice, two men with ties to Iran were

charged with conspiracy to murder a foreign official and at least three more conspiracy charges. The release continued to say one conspirator, Manssor Arbabsiar, was captured Sept. 29 at JFK International Airport in New York after a failed attempt to fly out of the country. The other man remains at large.

The Foreign Travel Update from CSUSM advised students to review the campus's Foreign Travel Insurance program at csusm.edu/rms/. This program protects students, faculty and staff while they travel out of the United States on university sponsored trips by providing medical benefits, political evacuation benefits, trip cancellation or interruption benefits, accidental death benefits and travel assistant benefits.

According to the RMS website, travel assistant benefits include pre-departure information, lost baggage and passport aid, flight modifications, legal assistance and emergency cash.

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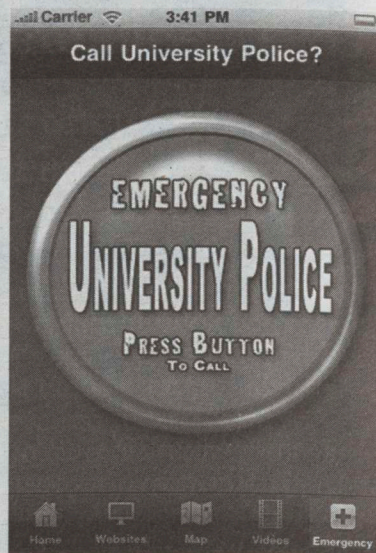
Last year, the emergency notification system was used when a report was issued of a sighting of a gun on campus. Students who were signed up for the service received calls, voicemails and emails directing students to take shelter and informing teachers of the steps they should take to protect themselves and their students.

Via iTunes, students are able to download the "CSUSM Safety" application that provides information during emergencies on campus or information to reference in the future. This application provides information for campus threats including chemical spills, shooters on campus, fire, tsunami

and hurricane warnings.

The app also gives safety procedures, a navigation map and directions to each parking lot, safety instructional videos, links to The Pride Student Newspaper, CSUSM homepage, University Police, Emergency Management, Risk Management and Safety, as well as parking and facility services. The last page provides an Emergency button in case students are unable to reach the multiple emergency call buttons located in various areas on campus.

If you don't have a smartphone and have yet to sign up for the emergency response service, register at <https://ondemand.mir3.com/csusm/login/> and find



more information at <http://www.csusm.edu/em/NotRegistration.html>.

Women are R.A.D. CSUSM promotes awareness with women's self - defense

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"I will survive and keep going, no matter what!" is one motto for the Rape Aggression Defense System (R.A.D.) courses hosted on campus.

This women's self-defense program is a four-day course that occurs Nov. 8, 10, 15 and 17 from 4 - 7 p.m. at the University Police Department. It teaches basic physical defense for women to prevent abduction, harassment, assault or rape.

"Statistics show that when women resist [assault] they have a higher likelihood of escaping," CSUSM Police Officer Yosaren Panza said. Although CSUSM is comparatively a safe campus, attacks happen.

There were two reported rape

incidents on campus in 2008 and one in 2010, according to the 2011 Jeanne Clery report.

CSUSM has scored in the bottom three lowest in terms of crime at CSU campuses, according to Officer Panza.

"Sexual assault is the most underreported crime," Officer Panza said.

R.A.D is a non-profit program meant to offer services to people with limited time or money, according to Officer Panza. The techniques are easy to learn and effective.

According to oneinfourusa.org, "One in five college women has been raped at some point in her lifetime."

The cost of the program is \$20 but is free to returning participants nationwide who have the participant manual in their

possession. The state government subsidizes a portion of the program for CSUSM to create a lower cost for students.

The program started at CSUSM in 1996 and currently takes place three times during the year, available to female students and community members.

R.A.D is a nation-wide program founded in 1989 by former police officer Lawrence N. Nadeau and "has trained more than 300,000 women since the program began," according to their website. The R.A.D. program promotes risk awareness, reduction, recognition and avoidance as well as self-defense.

Reserve a space at www.csusm.edu/police/RAD.htm or call (760) 750-4567.

Project Homeless Connect seeks to bring community together

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Many are not so lucky to have the luxuries of food and a place to live. Project Homeless Connect helps take care of this problem by "connecting services and resources to the people that need them" according to a flier.

The event takes place Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Clarke Field House. It is the first event in more than 10 years in North County that helps provide service for the homeless community from cities such as Escondido, Poway, Carlsbad, Del Mar and cities in between.

Project Homeless Connect hopes students, staff and the community to come together to take part in the cause. Organizers are looking to collect supplies and have volunteers for the event. Anyone can put together different survival kits including toiletries, first aid, clothing items, utility items and canned food.

"If students want to participate, there will be training U-Hour on Nov. 10 and 15. They can collect things to drop off. That's a good thing to do, so it's open for

anybody - even the community," Valerie Knox Community Partnerships Coordinator said.

The project started in response to President Obama's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.

Beginning in May, our campus applied to take part in the challenge. President Obama selected CSUSM as one of a handful of college campuses across the nation to take part in the challenge. During the summer, two representatives of CSUSM went to the White House.

"The idea [began with] interfaith and culture tied into community service...With the idea being that when you can become more tolerant of someone by working toward a common cause," Director of Office of Community Service Learning (OCSL) Darci Strother said.

Knox also said CSUSM is centrally located in North County and is large enough to house the event. The Alliance for Regional Solutions (ARS) and OCSL teamed up to sponsor the event. According to a Project Homeless Connect flier, "ARS is a collaboration of North County Non-Profits, nine municipalities, County

of San Diego, healthcare agencies and universities." Donations go directly to the homeless and benefit them.

Different campus organizations and clubs are currently holding drives for different items. The canned food drive stemmed from OCLS Office Coordinator, Alejandra Sánchez.

"I saw a need to get canned food. Anyone can participate in donating canned items," Sánchez said.

In addition to the training events and main event, there will also be a stuffing party.

"On Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Clarke Field House, there's a stuffing party," Knox said.

Sánchez continued that different organizations will bring their collected items to the event to stuff into bags.

Overall, the main goal of the event is the community.

"[The event] will hopefully serve as a first step for serving [the community]. It'll break down barriers, so people see there is a need," Strother said.

To see a list of items needed or to volunteer for the event go to csusm.edu/ocsl/special-events



The dark side of energy drinks

Attempting to boost athletic performances falls flat

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Energy drinks are a source of energy for most of us students these days, but are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Most energy drinks contain a mixture of caffeine, sugar, taurine, guarana, cola nut and B vitamins. These mixed components can cause heart palpitations, increased heart rate and blood pressure and dehydration.

"The moderate dose of caffeine per day is 250mg which is the equivalent to three cups of coffee," Dr. Michelle Barrack, a professor in the Kinesiology department, said.

In 1994, Congress enacted the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act, which enabled any company to be unregulated by the FDA.

"What is in the energy drinks is [sic] reacting with your body in a physiological way," Kaitlyn Stewart, a CSUSM alumnus with a Bachelor's of Science in Kinesiology, said.

Some people use energy drinks as a boost for athletic performance.

"If you are an athlete, they probably improve performance in moderate to intense exercise... If you are a regular or average individual, benefits are probably less...this has just as much to do with the fact that most physi-

cal activity they [sic] do does not merit energy drinks or supplement use, and that research is sparse in less trained persons...." Dr. Todd Astorino of the Kinesiology Department said.

But energy drinks are beneficial to athletic performance.

"We don't want to show that caffeine is bad for exercise. Caffeine within the limits of caffeine intake can be productive and safe," Dr. Barrack said.

Students felt the same.

"I used to drink an energy drink before gym session, but after a while you're left off with stomach cramps and a useless sugar rush," CSUSM student Koresh Dashtizadeh said.

Happy Hour of the Week: Boston's The Gourmet Pizza

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Boston's large location in Encinitas provides frequent and diverse happy hour deals for the restaurant, supporting its motto "Play hard. Party harder."

Boston's, The Gourmet Pizza, is a restaurant and sports bar that is a great place for budgeted students to fill up on cheap, delicious food. They venture beyond greasy bar food and serve items like Chipotle Chicken Salad, ravioli and potato skins. The drink variety is wide, including specialty drinks and some local draft beers.

Boston's has a daily happy hour and weekend specials. The happy hour is Monday – Friday 4 – 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. – close at the bar and outdoor patio. The special includes \$1 off pints, house wine, well drinks and classic margaritas and \$2 off their 32 oz. schooner of beer. The guiltless Baja Bob's Margarita has no sugar and no carbs and is \$6.49 during happy hour. For eats, they provide Boston's Tostada Nachos, Irish

Nachos and wings at discounted prices. A must try is the Southwest Ravioli stuffed with ricotta, cheddar and Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeños and red peppers for \$5.49 during happy hour. People on a budget can order one topping individual pizzas for \$5. The specials include half portions for half prices on many items.

The weekend specials are from open – 5 p.m. and include food and \$5 Bloody Marys, \$4 Screwdrivers and \$7 pints of Coors Light with a shot.

The Encinitas location has three sections: restaurant, bar and outdoor patio. The setting is mellow except football Sundays, when excited fans watch games on many TVs. Boston's televises most major sports and recently started showing rugby. They also support local community sports teams.

Other nearby locations include Rancho Cucamonga and Long Beach. Phone: (760) 753-6300
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Rising marketing company places emphasis on community

Kyle M. Johnson
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With the help of companies likegroupon.com and dailydeals.com, internet users have been able to receive financial benefits in their local communities during the present economic decline.

NeighborhoodInc., a company with the same offerings of coupons and daily deals as well as other features, including job services, is developing with an ultimate "people helping people" mission statement: of the money that comes into the company, a percentage goes back to community schools and charities.

According to www.neighborhoodinc.org, "[20-50 percent] of membership fees go back to their local schools." While it is free for the Basic Membership and the Charity & Non-Profit Membership, the annual Deluxe Membership is listed at \$249 and the annual Premium Membership is listed at \$499 meaning with every Deluxe and Premium Membership, 20 – 50 percent will be given back to schools.

When it comes to Community Deals, "Our daily coupon site gives 10 percent of net proceeds back to schools [and] charities, a percentage of our yearly net-profit will be given back to the community."

NeighborhoodInc. also offers job services, a work placement program system headed by a staff of recruiters. Through this

service, each placement will be followed up with the "Cash Referral & Charity Bonus Program" which gives back a cash referral to the person who assisted in finding a member's job, as well as a bonus towards any non-profit charity.

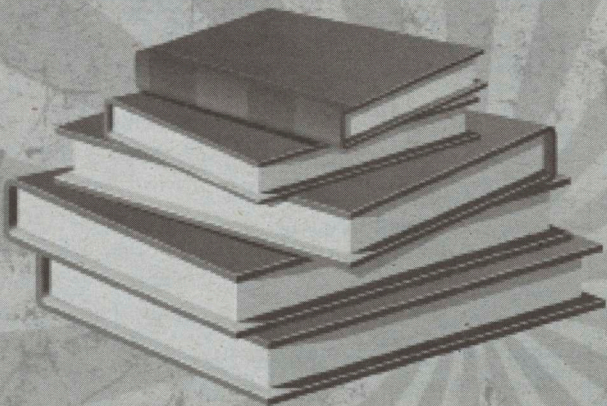
The company also provides users of the site with Local Community Calendar. "[The] community calendar offers free advertising for all non-profit organizations so you can connect and support their event."

Nick Bandedjas, founder of NeighborhoodInc., left the corporate world to start the company, which grew from a series of developments originating from giving back to charities to giving back to charities and the community.

Bandedjas decided to develop the company with a socialistic approach. "[NeighborhoodInc.] is not just a marketing company, it's a neighborhood company. We help people find jobs and save money," Bandedjas said.

Bandedjas went on to say that through offering lower costs to businesses, money is given to schools and charities strengthening the company's other services which leads to more money, creating the first truly "green" economy. "The ultimate goal is for NeighborhoodInc. to come full circle as a self-generating cycle. [It will] ultimately be a goodwill network through loyalty."

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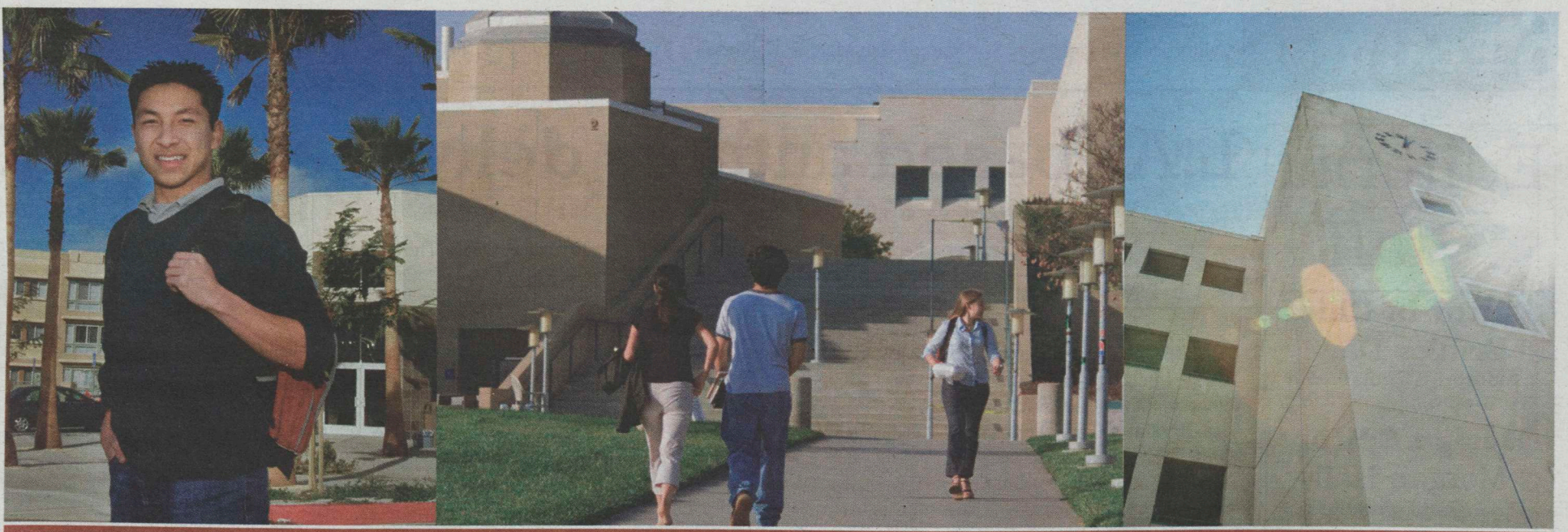
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L.A.-based authors deliver at CSUSM

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CSUSM's Community and World Literary Series (CWLS) featured authors Amina Cain and Tisa Bryant reading their works on the night of Oct. 27.

Prior to the CWLS event, Cain and Bryant joined Professor Sandra Doller's creative writing workshop course for an hour-long private panel.

Doller assigned students Cain's book "I Go to Some Hollow" and Bryant's book "Unexplained Presence."

By taking part in this intimate Q&A panel, the class gained insight into the authors' experiences regarding such topics as authorial research, the publishing process, small-press publishing and personal experiences in workshop settings.

Shortly after 7 p.m., Dr. Mark Wallace introduced Bryant as a brave risk-taker in her writing—

her risks both bold and subtle.

Bryant told the audience how happy she was to be reading. "It's like a little vacation out of L.A.," she said. After, she read her short story "Under Cover of Darkness" from her book "Unexplained Presence."

During her reading of the text, Bryant paused to refer to the inter-textuality of the classic film "The Women" mentioned in the story. She acknowledged her vocal reference as a type of intertextuality.

She followed "Under Cover of Darkness" with an excerpt from her manuscript called "The Curator."

Wallace introduced Cain and her collection of short stories, which touched on issues of sensitivity and loneliness.

First, Cain read her short story "Ugly Things." She followed with a reading of "Two-Dimensional War" from her book "I Go to Some Hollow."

After the readings, the authors

held a short Q&A. They touched on such topics as networking, personal inspiration and their interests in writing in other mediums, including screenplays.

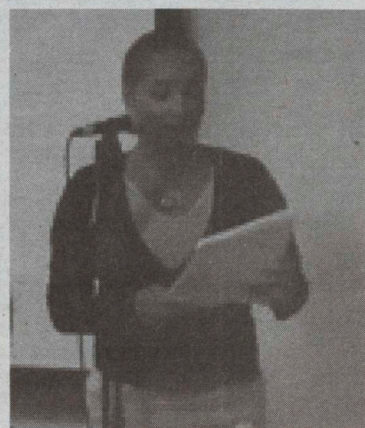
Bryant and Cain's readings and presence at the CWLS event defined why these events are held, with Bryant's insight into her work and Cain's voice complementing her text.

"If [students] want to aspire to be published authors, they need to go [to CWLS]," Literature and Writing Studies student Morgan Orr said.

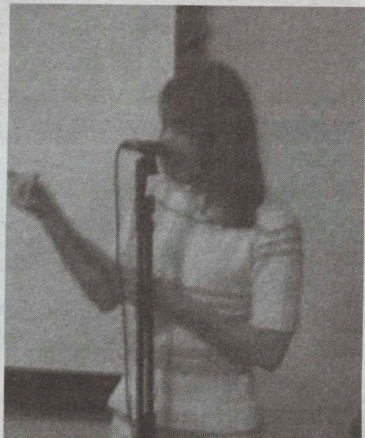
These two featured authors precisely revealed the importance of these events being held at CSUSM: to educate students on the literary community and world with firsthand experiences and interactions with writers.

The next reading series will present Clayton Eshleman on Nov. 17 at CSUSM.

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Author Tisa Bryant



Author Amina Cain

"The Mug"



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Occupy Wall Street brings to mind three things: protest, politics, and pepper spray. I could have included police brutality in that list, but I couldn't think of a synonym for "brutality" that started with a P.

Anyway, Occupy Wall Street is indeed the sticky-sweet topic of choice on every American's lips right now, especially considering the movement's expansion to downtown San Diego.

The Civic Center lay empty in the early hours of Oct. 28 after San Diego police took 51 campers into custody for a variety of charges—unsanitary conditions damaging city property, illegal lodging, encroachment and curfew violations—according to the Union Tribune.

The journalist writing the Tribune article interviewed many protesters, but only one of them—the event organizer—directly commented on the purpose of the evening's sit-in: they were protesting a plan to spend \$200 billion over the next 40 years on transportation projects.

Occupy Wall Street's origins have little to do with California building projects. In fact, every "Occupy" incarnation has a different aim. While the majority of its related demonstrations have something to do with American finances (thus the use of the 99 percent versus the one percent idea), there is no collective objective that occupiers can name.

I have little faith in a nationwide movement operating under a shared name that can't explain what a successful result of said movement would be. Sure, protesters want less corporate fingers

in their pockets, but there is a way protesters could have prevented that in the first place: by having a bit of foresight.

A lot of civil unrest is directly related to banks offering loans to people who can't make the payments—quite reflective of the Californian foreclosure disaster a few years ago. It was stupid for banks to offer \$500,000 home loans to people making a \$30,000 a year salary. It was equally stupid for people making \$30,000 a year to take a loan of that size to pay an epically large mortgage.

Likewise, it is stupid for students to take out loans to go to college if paying it back is not something feasible within the next couple of years. However, many occupiers cite the difficulty of paying back student loans as one of the many items to protest.

If occupiers really want to shake up the system, they need to pull their money out of the banks that have done them wrong. Loans are the lifeblood of banking; without them, the banks will have to find another way to survive. Living outside of your means, as many Americans tend to do, will bite back faster than you can hang up on a collections call. Take this opportunity to fight the one percent with what they love most: your money.

At any rate, the irony of Occupy Wall Street exists in the youth of the nation passing along information about sit-ins through Facebook and iPhones. As much as people are protesting the system, they have to realize that their actions keep them comfortably tethered to it.

A&E

"Harold & Kumar" an early Christmas present

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Christmas comes early this year with "A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas." The result is a fun Christmas film that also acts as a loyal sequel to its film series.

This time around, stoner buddies Harold and Kumar (John Cho and Kal Penn, respectively) are back several years after the incidents from the previous films "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle" and "Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay." They each live their separate lives, Harold a successful married man and Kumar still the same old Kumar, but depressed over his recent break-up. A mysterious present arrives for Harold at Kumar's apartment which reunites the old friends for a Christmas Eve of outrageous events.

This entry in the "Harold & Kumar" series surpasses the second film in entertainment value and humor and comes close to the original. With an abundance of the series' conventional racial stereotyping, drug use and absurd plot development, the film remains consistent to its predecessors.

Some of the humor is very tongue-in-cheek, as Harold is referred to as Sulu (Cho's character in the most recent "Star Trek" film) and Kumar is told from a friend that if anyone asks, he works at the White House (which

Penn did in between the second and third films of the series).

Neil Patrick Harris's return to the series is something to be enjoyed with his real-life partner David Burtka as a married straight father who is paid to act as Harris's lover in order to widen Harris's appeal. Burtka's cameo, which is even shorter than Harris's, is one of the funniest parts.

The 3D presentation of the film may be a more rewarding experience for viewers with the technology manipulated and played up for humorous effect. Also, several references to 3D technology play their part in execution, as well.

If you enjoyed the first two "Harold & Kumar" films, you're sure to like this one. If zany, over-the-top, offensive comedies aren't your preference, you might want to pass.

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Book Review: "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro

Alternate reality novel embraces readers

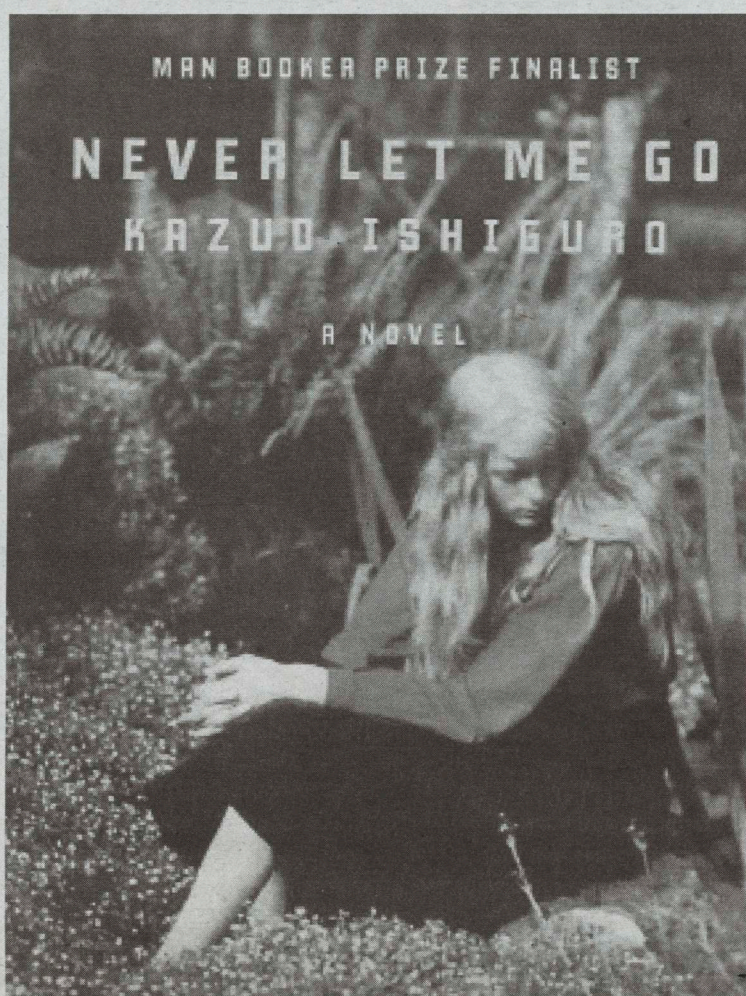
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In Kazuo Ishiguro's novel "Never Let Me Go," readers are invited into the unfamiliar society at Hailsham boarding school. In three parts, the story chronicles the protagonist Kathy's experiences from the point of being a child at the mysterious Hailsham, until her young adult years in the life which she and her fellow students were born into and prepared for as part of their education.

It is difficult to tell much of the plot without giving away any details that may spoil elements of the novel. However, Ishiguro's story is exceptionally well-crafted. Through Kathy's narration, Ishiguro speaks about this world he has created very casually and very matter-of-factly as if it is a society readers would already be familiar with. In its telling of an unknown society set in the 1990s, "Never Let Me Go" is a type of modern science-fiction novel.

Kathy is accompanied through much of the novel by her friends Tommy and Ruth who all three develop into a love triangle as they grow up. Through their companionship, they set out to uncover the mysteries of the school in their education, lifestyle expectations and mysterious rumors of ways to avoid their predestined duties. However, their curiosity often leads to shocking findings.

While elegantly written, the narration might discourage read-



ers due to the readers' unfamiliarity with many of the references made to the world in which the characters inhabit. Be reassured, though, because all uncertainties belonging to the reader, as well as the characters, are answered. By the end of the novel, the world for the students of Hailsham, as well as other boarding schools founded with the same mission

statement, will be made known to readers.

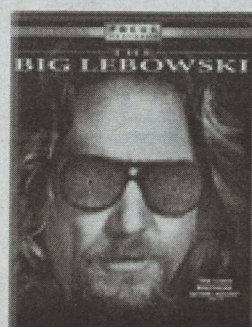
"Never Let Me Go" is one of the most beautiful, rewarding novels in recent literary history. It offers all elements of a great novel as it touches on such themes as friendship, purpose, love and loyalty. This novel is very deserving—it deserves to be read and readers deserve to have read it.

Tales from the Nerd Side

Joining the cult: Former flops revisited in cult classic cinema

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It is a shame when good movies don't find success with a wide audience. Though some films struggle in mainstream theaters, select few have the potential to become what are known as "cult classic" films. These cult classics are often successful in home media sales years after their initial release. It is difficult to narrow the field as there are so many forgotten classics, but here are my top four cult classic films to be enjoyed.



The Big Lebowski (1998, Universal)

No cult film list would be complete without a mention of comedy film, "The Big Lebowski." The story revolves around Jeff "The Dude" Lebowski (Jeff Bridges), a deadbeat bowling enthusiast who becomes involved in a kidnapping plot. The film also stars John Goodman and Steve Buscemi, as The Dude's best friends Walter and

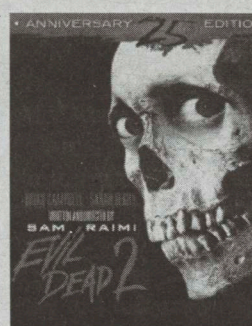
Donny. As he becomes further entangled in a web of deceit, The Dude encounters many absurd and strange characters who provide him conflicting sides of the same story.



The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the 8th Dimension (1984, 20th Century Fox)

Sometimes the premise for a movie is so farfetched, so absurd, and so outrageously unbelievable that the movie could actually be enjoyable. Meet Buckaroo Banzai, a scientist, pilot, neurosurgeon, and rock star whose style and charisma made him a legend. Buckaroo

Banzai is played by Peter Weller who is most famous for his role as Robocop in the film of the same name and its sequel. The film begins with Buckaroo attempting to test drive a jet-powered car fitted with a device to allow the vehicle to pass through solid matter. Buckaroo successfully passes through a mountain, but the vehicle returns from the 8th dimension with a strange creature stuck to it. Buckaroo Banzai and his band, The Hong Kong Cavaliers, piece together the mystery of the organism as they foil an alien plot to take over the world.



Evil Dead 2: Dead by Dawn (1981, New Line Cinema)

The second zombie-horror film in the Evil Dead trilogy, "Evil Dead 2," solidified director Sam Raimi's legacy as a master of fun yet frightening cinema. This installment finds Ash (Bruce Campbell) and his girlfriend Linda (Denise Bixler) taking a trip to a seemingly quaint cabin in the woods. There, Ash finds a

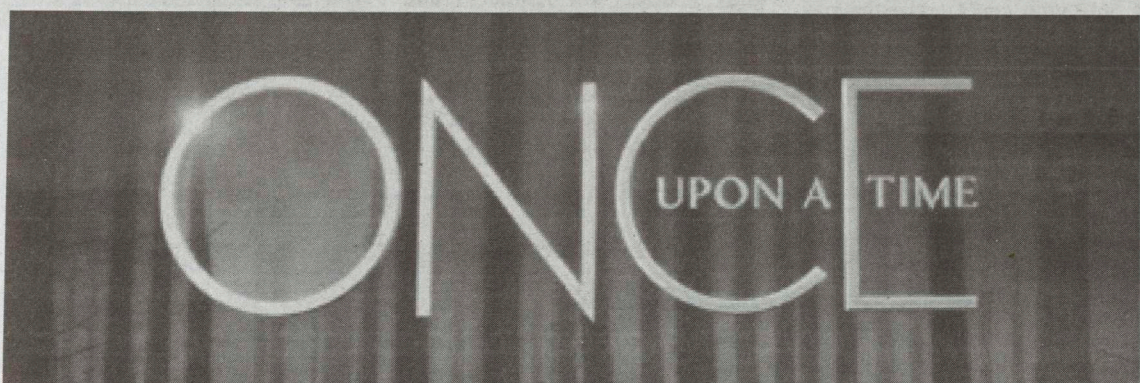
tape recording of a man who dictates passages from an occult book called the Necronomicon. Upon playing the tape, evil demons are let loose upon the cabin. Ash fights for his life against the possessed cabin with his trusty shotgun and chainsaw. One hilariously weird scene involves a paranoid Ash being viciously mocked by the ornaments and fixtures in the cabin.



Blade Runner (1982, Warner Bros. Pictures)

Though Blade Runner did not fare well in the box office upon initial release, the film has since garnered a strong cult following within the sci-fi community. Based on the Phillip K. Dick novel "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" the film follows Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford), a Blade Runner assigned to

track down and eliminate rogue androids. Deckard distinguishes human from android by administering a test which records the subject's reactions to hypothetical situations in which empathy is questioned. Set in a futuristic Los Angeles, "Blade Runner's" story unfolds much like the old film noir cinema of the 1940s and 1950s.



"Once Upon A Time"

ABC drama primed to charm audiences

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ABC's new show "Once Upon A Time" premiered Sunday, Oct. 23 at 8 p.m. This new fantasy series takes the memorable fairy tales and fables of childhood, like Snow White, Pinocchio and more, and transports them to reality.

The evil queen threatens Snow White and Prince Charming during their wedding. While visiting the imprisoned Rumplestiltskin, Snow White discovers that a horrible curse will be placed upon her family, and only her daughter Emma, upon her 28 birthday, will be able to stop the queen. On the very day of Emma's birth, the

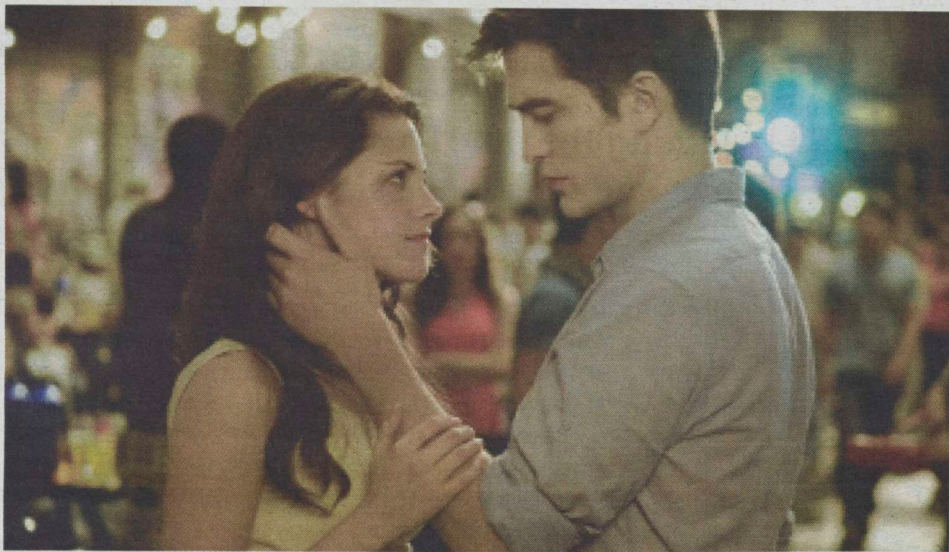
curse takes hold of the kingdom, and although she is placed safely inside a magic wardrobe, she along with the other characters of the kingdom are inevitably transported to a place devoid of happiness — our world.

28-year-old Emma Swan works as a bail bondsman, and while her demeanor is tough, she carries loneliness within her. But all of that changes when a boy named Henry arrives claiming to be her son and seeks her assistance in taking him back home to Storybrooke, Maine. All the while, he asserts that the stories existing in his fairy tale book are real and that the citizens of Storybrooke are these same fairy tale characters trapped in the real world with no memory of their magical selves.

While Emma remains logically skeptical of his words, Henry's claims prove to have truth.

Fans of the film "Enchanted" and Hallmark's miniseries "The 10th Kingdom" are sure to find some aspects that border the familiar but still deliver an interesting take on the fairy tale world. The pilot contained a lot of information, yet it was nothing difficult to follow. Rather, it set up various situations that will keep viewers curious as to what will happen next.

There is a reason fairy tales never grow old, and with "Once Upon A Time," the tradition of building upon classic stories is sure to continue thriving. "Once Upon A Time" airs Sunday nights at 8 p.m. on ABC.



Dawn breaks with fourth film installment of "Twilight" saga

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November marks the beginning of the end of the cultural phenomenon: "Twilight." "Breaking Dawn Part 1" will answer the question we've all been dying to learn: does Edward turn Bella into a vampire?

"Twilight" has certainly made an impact on our generation, regardless of the fans' genders, with the addictive story line of a human falling in love with a vampire. The first of the series introduced Bella, an average girl who moved to Forks, Washington to live with her father. She soon fell in love with the youngest member of the local

vampire coven named Edward. This love immediately put her life in danger.

The sequel, "New Moon," separated Bella and Edward, which put Bella into a deep depression. Upon realizing if she put her life in danger, she could feel Edward with her, she decided to be reckless. When Edward's sister, Alice, had a vision of Bella jumping off of a cliff—apparently committing suicide—Edward decided he could no longer exist without her. It was then he decided to end his life by exposing himself as a vampire when the Volturi, the largest and most powerful coven of vampires, refused to grant his wish of being destroyed, leaving it up to Bella to prove that she

was still alive.

The third in the series, titled "Eclipse," brings Bella's number one enemy, Victoria, back to kill her in revenge for Edward killing Victoria's partner.

The last book in the series, "Breaking Dawn," puts Bella in the biggest predicament of her life. After her wedding, Edward impregnates Bella. Since the child is half-human, half-vampire, the developmental process for the baby is extremely fast and if Bella continues with the pregnancy, she will die.

This November will bring answers to those who have yet to finish the saga. "Breaking Dawn Part 1" will be in theatres Nov. 18, 2011.

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The Pride Playlist

Remembering our heroes

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In honor of our veterans, this playlist includes songs that remember the men and women who have committed their lives to protecting our country.

"Where'd You Go?" by Fort Minor is a heartbreaking song that tells the story from the families of those who are away fighting for freedom, trying to continue their without their loved ones.

"Wake Me Up When September Ends" by Green Day recounts the feelings for those who want September, a tragic month for our country, to end.

Billy Ray Cyrus tells the story of a man named Sandy Kane who devoted his entire life to protecting our country so that we, as citizens, can be free in his heartbreaking song, "Some Gave All."

The song, "8th of November" by Big & Rich, tells the story of a boy who fought for his life on this day in 1965 because it was the right thing to do for our country.

"If I Don't Make it Back" by Tracy Lawrence is about a man who knew his chances of coming home were slim, but he fought for his country, though his chances of returning were slim. Even though he didn't make it back, his friends still honored him by fulfilling their promises in the chorus of the song.

The Wallflowers' "Beautiful Side of Somewhere" might bring some of the emotions of those affected by the past and present wars. Though life may become disorientating and troubling, it is important to push on through.

"Flying in a Blue Dream" by Joe Satriani has a lot of power and brings a majestic feel. It brings to mind the many service men and women who voluntarily sacrifice their lives.

Thievery Corporation's "Resolution" is very calming and peaceful. The DJ duo's song from their 2002 album "The Richest Man in Babylon" conjures up scenes of those after the battle. There may be many pieces to pick up, but there is now peace.

"Down River" by Temper Trap follows encourages people to strive and rebuild. Even in a time of war and disarray, a strong and positive outlook is necessary to continue. Life may not go perfectly back to normal, but it will go on.

"Mellon Collie Reprise" is a rare recording by the Smashing Pumpkins. The original song it was based on is "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness" from the same group. This instrumental track has a soft, nostalgic feel.

Cougar Crossword

Across

- 2) Branch of the military that specializes in aerial warfare. (Two Words)
- 5) Camp Pendleton is a base for which branch of the military?
- 6) A gesture associated with the armed forces.
- 7) A person who has or is serving in the armed forces.
- 10) Military uniforms use this type of fabric to blend into different environments.
- 12) Branch of the government organized by each individual state. (Two Words)
- 14) "The cost of _____ is always high, but Americans have always paid it," John F. Kennedy.
- 15) Another word for bravery.
- 17) Known for naval warfare.

Down

- 1) Another name for Veterans Day. (Two Words)
- 3) Name of military based action figure.
- 4) A United States military decoration. (Two Words)
- 8) Enforcer of maritime law. (Two Words)
- 11) Veterans Day is in what month?
- 13) James Brown song, "Living in _____"
- 16) Oldest established branch of the U.S. military.

Find the answers online

Hurwitz brings "Arrested Development" to big screen

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In early October 2011, "Arrested Development" fans received the news they have been waiting for. "Arrested Development" tells the lives of the Bluth family who all have their own set of problems, all while they try to keep the family life afloat. Actors that play such characters include Ja-

son Bateman, Michael Cera and Will Arnett.

According to the New York Times, creator Mitchell Hurwitz and the main cast showed up at the New Yorker Festival to tell people that both an "Arrested Development" movie and small TV season were in the works, which may begin next summer. The Fox sitcom lasted for three seasons with 53 episodes total. It

has many devoted fans, but their love for the show was not able to improve its low ratings. Since its absence, fans used petitions and protests signs, such as the infamous "Bring 'Arrested Development' Back" sign, to plead for their beloved show. Now, they no longer need to worry and hopefully fans will once again be able to watch the Bluth family chicken dance.