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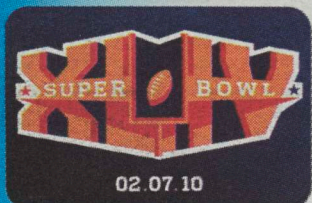
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CSUSM celebrates its 20th anniversary

BY BEN ROFFEE
News Editor

Jan. 28—Students, Faculty, and Staff came together to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Cal State San Marcos last Thursday with a special celebration during U-Hour. The special event was held in Craven circle, which was closed off to traffic for several hours to allow the festivities to take place.

The event drew hundreds of students who lined up for free food and special 20th anniversary memorabilia. San Diego radio station, 91X, provided music, entertainment, and even gave away concert tickets and other prizes to participating students. However, the biggest prizes of the afternoon were the two parking passes that two lucky students won in a raffle.

President Haynes was among many campus and community

figures on site to help celebrate the occasion with students. "Cal State San Marcos has evolved into a campus with a pioneering can-do spirit, committed to building on our role as a driver of economic, cultural, and social development for this entire region we call home," said President Haynes. "Thank you all for joining in this special kickoff event for Cal State San Marcos' milestone year. I look forward to seeing you and celebrating all year our 20th anniversary."

Vice Mayor of the City of San Marcos, Hal Martin, was also present at the event on behalf of the San Marcos City Council. Vice Mayor Martin thanked CSUSM students, saying, "CSUSM has contributed to the economic growth and success of our region, with nearly 90% of its alumni staying in the region, providing a pool of skilled and tal-

ented workers." Vice Mayor Martin also recognized the work students do for the community, acknowledging the more than 165,000 community service hours students perform annually for the city of San Marcos.

Vice Mayor Martin concluded his speech with the proclaimed the City of San Marcos would officially recognize Jan. 28 as "California State University San Marcos Day. Students cheered at the news, a recognition by the community of the pivotal role CSUSM plays in the area.

One of the major highlights of the event was the unveiling of a special 20th anniversary flag. Members of the University Police Department were present to raise the new flag, which will now fly alongside our state and national flags for the remainder of the year.



Photo courtesy of Ben Roffee

Women's Softball team makes school proud on new field

BY MALLANE DRESSEL
Pride Staff Writer

The women's softball team started out the season with a double-header win over the University of Redlands, the final scores being 6-1, and 4-3.

This first game of the new season was a monumental occasion. It occurred on the new softball field located behind the Clarke building. The attendance of the game was over triple of last seasons off campus games.

Alyssa Dronenburg, who was responsible for two homeruns in the first game, thinks that the new field will help develop the program further, and give the team more support. This season she looks forward to beating her batting stats from last year, as well as winning a National Championship with her team.

The new coach for the Cougars, Dave Williams, even put in labor and tractor driving time in order to get the field completed for this season. He said the field was made possible with the strong backing of the University. He believes the new field will give the team the comfort, and fans they were lacking last season.

Coach Williams is blessed with a veteran heavy squad, which he believes will give the team added confidence and composure under pressure. This definitely seemed the case in the second game, when the Cougars were down three in the 5th, and made a comeback to tie in the 6th.

Chanel Rose pitched two outs, and with bases loaded, Brenna Sandberg came in to get the last out. Together they held off the Redland Bulldogs to keep the tie.

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Budget proposal offers hope for CSU budget woes

BY BEN ROFFEE
News Editor

Amidst a statewide financial crisis, Governor Schwarzenegger unveiled a new plan earlier this month to assist California's beleaguered public higher education systems. Gov. Schwarzenegger unveiled to the state legislature

his budget for fiscal year 2010-2011, which would restore \$305 million to the CSU budget. Alongside that, the new budget would also allocate an additional \$60.6 million to account for enrollment growth.

The restoration of funds lost in the so-called "one-time" budget cuts of 2009-2010 is good news for the CSU system and

higher education in California as a whole, which has suffered heavily during California's most recent budget crisis.

Though this is certainly good news for an ailing university system, California must receive a base amount of federal aid before it extends the additional \$60.6 million in aid. The other \$305 million restored in the

proposed budget would not be affected by this requirement.

Just days before revealed his new budget, Gov. Schwarzenegger said in his State of the State address, "Because our future economic well-being is so dependent upon education, I will protect education funding in this budget. We can no longer

afford to cut higher education."

In the same speech Governor Schwarzenegger pointed to the longstanding discrepancy between funding for prisons and higher education as an impetus for re-prioritizing higher education in government spending programs.

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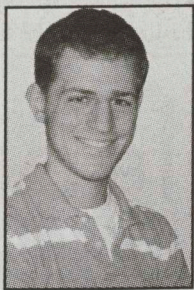
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What is happening to John Travolta?

BY BILL RHEIN
Senior Staff Writer



When I was younger, I used to love the fast-paced action movies. Thanks to my library card, I was renting R-rated flicks with explosions, guns, and violence before I could see them anywhere else. One of the common ingredients in these films was John Travolta.

I used to love films like "Broken Arrow," which is still fun to watch occasionally for a 90-minute romp in outrageous action. After that, I also saw other Travolta films such as "Pulp Fiction," which is one of the best films ever, and "Face-off," which I still have mixed feelings about, but it is still pretty good.

Yet now, Travolta seems like he is losing his touch. He is now competing with Nicolas Cage

for the most ridiculous hairstyles. In his new film "From Paris with Love," in theaters this Friday, he looks exactly like he did in his previous piece, "The Taking of Pelham 123." He is moving all his hair from his head to his

face.

If the "Paris" trailer is any indication of how Travolta's performance is going to turn out, it seems like he will just be phoning it in, just as in "Pelham." Not only does he look more ridiculous, he is missing the fire in his eye and the swagger he used to have in earlier films.

Going back to his career, it now seems laughable the he was the star of "Saturday Night Fever" and "Grease." I might not be the biggest fans of those movies, but I cannot deny they are iconic, as

well as Travolta's performances. Now, he seems to be spiraling out of control.

His new bald look makes him look deranged and nothing like his former self that got me excited to see his movies. I

hope that this film star can pull himself together and get back to acting with his lovable cockiness. If his downfall continues, Quentin Tarantino might be needed to defibrillate his acting and career again.



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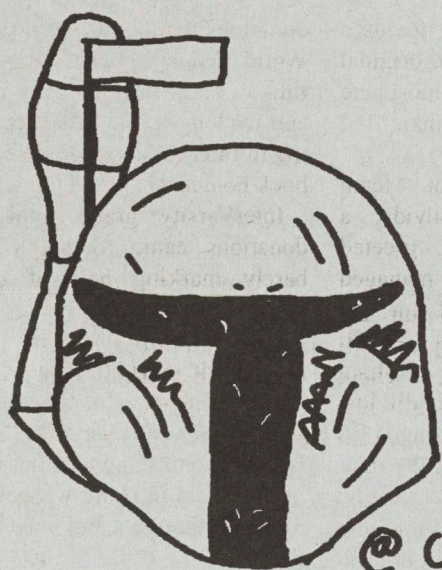
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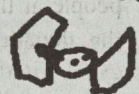
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"30 years ago 10 percent of the general fund went to higher education and three percent went to prisons. Today, almost 11 percent goes to prisons and only 7.5 percent goes to higher education. Spending 45 percent more on prisons than universities is no way to proceed into the future," said Governor Schwarzenegger. In his address, He also indicated his intentions to amend the California constitution to never permit state funding for prisons to exceed that of higher education.

CSU Chancellor Reed expressed gratitude for the good news, saying, "We commend the Governor for his renewed investment in the California State University. In this extremely difficult budget climate, we recognize and very much appreciate the Governor making higher education a priority. Clearly, he understands how important restored budgets for higher education are for jobs and California's economic recovery.

If passed, the Governor's budget could set the CSU system on a path to reverse the unfavorable cost-cutting measures taken under the current budget constrictions. Though the news offers hope to those affected by the budget cuts, funding for the CSU system is still well below what it was in 2007-2008. It remains to be seen what impact these funds will have on the CSU system, but according to Chancellor Reed, "This budget will help start us on the path to recovery."

Corporations now able to donate without restrictions

BY BEN ROFFEE
News Editor

Campaign Finance law is set to undergo one of its most revolutionary transformations to date following a recent Supreme Court ruling banning restrictions on campaign donations by private corporations. On Jan. 21 the Supreme court made a controversial ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, a landmark free speech case that ruled elements of the 2002 campaign finance to be a violation of the First Amendment.

The decision overturned precedents set by two earlier Supreme Court cases, *Austin v. Michigan Chamber of Commerce* and *McConnell v.*

Federal Election Commission. In both of cases the Supreme Court upheld the right of the government to limit corporate spending in elections.

The decision ultimately came down to a narrow 5-4 vote, indicating a divided court that fundamentally differed on whether corporations should be granted the same free-speech rights, protections, and freedoms that individual citizens under the First Amendment.

For the majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy's written opinion said, "Because speech is an essential mechanism of democracy -- it is the means to hold officials accountable to the people-political speech must prevail against laws that would suppress it by design or inadvertence."

The dissenting opinion

was written by Justice John Paul Stevens on behalf of the minority. "The conceit that corporations must be treated identically to natural persons in the political sphere is not only inaccurate but also inadequate to justify the Court's disposition of this case," said Justice Stevens.

The extent to which this decision will alter the dynamics of electoral politics in America will remains unclear, but many opponents of the decision have already started mobilizing efforts to overturn the ruling.

Rep. Alan Greyson (D) of the U.S. House of Representatives has launched an online petition in hopes of rallying public support against the Supreme Court's decision.

"This morning, five

Supreme Court Justices stabbed at the heart of democracy, our electoral system. They overturned over 100 years of statute and precedent, and declared that corporations can spend all the money that they want to buy elections. In fact, these five men in robes declared, they have a constitutional right to do so. Now, we have to fight."

Voters that have signed the petition send the following message: "We cannot have a government that is bought and paid for by huge multinational corporations. We need a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. The online petition is still open and has already garnered 102,533 signatures, suggesting that this issue will remain hotly contested in the weeks to come.

InterVarsity helps Haiti heal

BY SANDRA CHALMERS
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Students and community members gathered to show support in an effort to raise \$3,000 to benefit earthquake victims and their families in Haiti at the InterVarsity free concert.

CSUSM's Christian student organization, InterVarsity, teamed up Christian humanitarian organization World Vision last Wednesday at the Clarke Field House to creatively raise money for the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti. Inter-

varsity's benefit show featured two live student bands, original artwork and a lively atmosphere that attracted more than 150 people.

InterVarsity student team member, Allison Ogilvida, a freshman at CSUSM, greeted people at the door and managed the donation box. "I am just excited to do something for Haiti and this is definitely a school wide turn out," said Ogilvida. Attendees were encouraged to make a \$10 donation at the door but the concert was offered at no charge. "We wanted to not only send money to Haiti, but also send our prayers to them."

InterVarsity members also made an extra effort to generate more money for Haiti by selling hand-made hemp prayer bracelets at the door for \$5 each. All

donations made will be given to World Vision to benefit the victims in Haiti in immediate need and for long-term needs, according to InterVarsity's group Facebook homepage.

InterVarsity grand total for donations came to \$1148 just barely marking half of their expected goal.

"We want to bring life and hope back to Haiti," said Tyler Allreb, a member of the administration for InterVarsity. "This is a chance to stand together with our brothers in Haiti, we want to offer our thoughts and prayers to them."

In between band performances, Becky Jenken presented her original artwork inspired by the recent Haiti tragedy. She presented a painting of a tree that's growth showed pre-earthquake

Haiti images and below the trees undergrowth of branches showed post-earthquake images. She asked the audience to write words of encouragement on the her painting that would signify the tree's roots and the words would represent the tree's growth and recovery. The interactive art piece was followed by a moment of silence in respect to the lives lost in Haiti and a prayer for the survivors.

Not only did this concert generate money for Haiti but also generated awareness. "I just heard about the earthquake today," said Jesse Sanchez, an InterVarsity member of the Mira Coast College chapter. "I am really self motivated to be here, I didn't make a donation with money, but I made a donation with my prayers."

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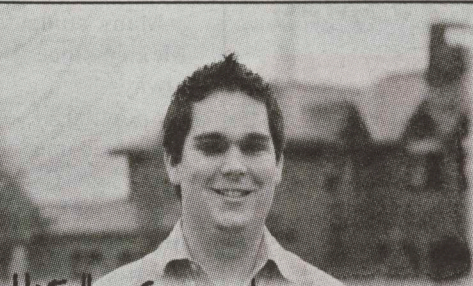
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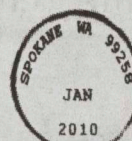


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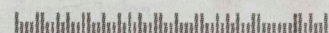
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Avoid the El Niño nightmare

Ten things to do if you're stuck inside

BY KATRINA KISTLER
Pride Staff Writer

Students at Cal State San Marcos started this spring 2010 semester with hoods and umbrellas. Southern California has been experiencing an unusual amount of rain, which leave many trapped indoors. Here are just ten suggestions for activities for students that are stuck indoors.

Clean your house or apartment.

During the week, students are busy and do not always have time to vacuum, do the dishes, or throw that pile of laundry in the washing machine. Being

indoors would allow any student to tidy up their living spaces.

Play a game.

Passing the time indoors by playing Monopoly or a card game proves to be a fun and interactive game with any group of individuals. In addition, playing a video game with friends is also an interactive way to have fun.

Watch television.

Keeping up with the latest weather reports on television is important for any student. Students should be aware of the weather and update themselves on any weather threats, especially considering the tornadic activity Southern California experienced.

Make some food.

By making one of your favorite meals or making a new dish, any student could spend a few hours making some good food.

Do homework.

Keeping up with classes during the semester can be hard with a busy schedule, but on a rainy day, one can work on homework all day. Any student could also do work to get ahead in classes while stuck

indoors.

Read a book.

Reading a book can both stimulate a student's mind and pass the time. Any student could get hours of entertainment by reading an interesting book.

Listen to music.

The semester has started and you have not had a chance to listen to some of your favorite artists or bands. Put some of your favorite jams on and enjoy being stuck indoors on a rainy day.

Organize your schoolwork.

Staying organized at school is a helpful way for students to succeed and become more prepared for classes.

Browse the web.

The world-wide-web is something that has played a vital role in the twenty-first century and many college students use on a regular basis. Browsing the web for something that interests you such as, online shopping, researching your favorite movie star, or checking the surf are just some of things students can do on the web.

Watch a movie.

Students during the semester can



Image courtesy of home-businesses.com

Organizing anything is a focused, task-oriented activity that is also productive.

overwork themselves constantly being on the go. Popping in a movie can help students to relax and take their mind of their busy lives.

Though these may seem like the obvious answers, desperation often arouses creativity. Make the mundane new again on your days inside, and you might find a day without sunshine is exactly what you need.



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Monopoly is a classic game that is never the same twice

Students lowering travel expectations

BY SARAH GADDIS
Pride Staff Writer

Who doesn't love to travel? College students are notorious for their vacations and with spring break just around the corner, trips are already being planned. Cancun, Vegas, and Cabo San Lucas are just some of the trendy hot

spots. But let's face it: with the current economy and student fees rising, traveling just isn't a priority. Some students will settle for less recognized retreats or even stay home.

Samara Shamoon, a psychology major, goes places that are easily accessible but never get old. Big Bear, Palm Springs and Los Angeles are some of

the trips that she plans with friends. Shamoon's last big trip was to Virginia on a family holiday. Many students find that their most expensive or biggest vacations have been family ones. In today's economy, catching a ride with the parents on their vacation is the closest some students will get to having any sort of trip.

Shamoon's ideal vacation would be hanging out in Miami and partying with the guy from Miami Ink. But Miami is just one of many places that are popular for college students.

Many students may head south with Mexico since it is so close. Cancun has always been a hot spot. But because of its popularity, other Mexican locations have become popular. Less than five years ago, Cabo San Lucas was a standard costal beach town in Baja California. Now it's one of the most popular vacations spots for young adults and celebrities. Cabo has grown by leaps and bounds with amazing resorts and great excursions offered to tourists.

Another future 2011 graduate, Mari Ortiz, has her own idea of a perfect getaway. Ortiz's perfect retreat would be to New York. A self-proclaimed theater geek, people watching during the day and Broadway shows at night is at the top of her vacation list. Since she is on a budget and planning to work during

Spring Break, Ortiz spends time with family and friends most weekends. She also plans trips to more local locations like Disneyland and hanging in San Diego with friends.

The average college student is much more budget conscious than portrayed in the media, and so many students will forget about their desired trip. However, there are ways to make the perfect destination fit in the college budget. Several places don't advertise but some travel agencies will offer great deals to the struggling student. Just one of the ways to save for a student is STA Travel, a website targeted to students and their travel needs. They offer many different packages and discounts for all trips from Vegas to Africa. Don't worry if you're the homebody whose ultimate trip is closer than farther, you can save this year as well.

One great offer is the Southern California City Pass, purchased through citypass.com. A total savings of over one hundred dollars can give you a three day pass to Disneyland and three one day passes to Sea World, Universal Studios, and either San Diego Zoo or Wild Animal Park.

With Spring Break just around the corner and summer soon after, your top travel destination can be closer than you think.

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Your time will come

What to do when under 21?

BY KATRINA KISTLER
Pride Staff Writer

The college lifestyle includes students whom are constantly on the go making it a high stress atmosphere. On weekends, students need to find ways in order to blow off some steam, such as heading out to a bar with friends which age plays a factor. The drinking age within the United States in twenty-one years old and underage drinking is prohibited. Students that fit into the under twenty-one age group must find creative ways to entertain themselves. If you happen to be short on ideas, The Pride has a few suggestions, 21 to be exact, to provide an evening fit for any age.

Watch a movie.

Rent a movie from your local movie rental venue or go to the movie theatre to check out the latest releases.

Go to the gym.

Staying physically active helps any student to feel good and healthy. Locally there are several gyms located in the San Marcos area, but on campus, we have The Clarke Field House for students to work out.

Go out to dinner.

Students can head to Restaurant Row on San Marcos Blvd. where there is a wide variety of restaurants to choose.

Go to the beach.

Within the San Marcos area, we have

three main beaches students can drive to: Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Encinitas.

Go to an 18 and over restaurant/bar.

Head over to the Elephant Bar to hang out with friends, which is located at 105 South Las Posas Road. For Elephant Bar's hours of operation or questions, call: (760) 736-4357. Another place students can head with friends is Rossi's Pizza, which is located 156 South Rancho Santa Fe Road. Any questions about Rossi's Pizza call: (760) 727-4747.

Go to a friend's get-together.

Get in touch with friends and socialize.

Head to Boomers.

Enjoy go-carting or miniature golfing with friends' located 1525 West Vista Way. Questions please call: (760) 945-9474.

Get ahead or do homework for class.

It is always important to keep up with your studies.

Go ice-skating

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Go to get some dessert.

Students can head to one of San Marcos's local businesses such as, Froyo Love located at 300 S Twin Oaks Valley Rd. Any questions please call (760) 744-3831.

Schedule a bonfire.

Oceanside has provided fire pits for first come first serve visitors.

Go on a hike.

There are many local trails located around San Marcos such as, Double Peak, Discovery Lake, Cima, and Jack's Pond.

Go to a concert.

The Del Mar



Photo by Rudy Martinez

Fairgrounds located in Del Mar on 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. They have different bands and artists that perform for 18 in older. Questions or concerns they reached by phone at: (858) 755-1161. Another venue in which students can go to is the House of Blues located in downtown San Diego that also has performances for 18 and older. The House of Blues is located on 1055 5th Avenue and for questions call (619) 299-2583.

Go to a play.

The Howard Brubeck Theatre at Palomar Junior College has many performing arts activities. They are located at 1140 West Mission Road. Questions about ticket information call (760) 744-1150 Ext. 2316.

Go to the Clark Field House.

There are activities scheduled during the day and night for students to get involved. Take the sprinter or the coaster to any destination.

The sprinter can take you to the coaster in which can have a wide array of destinations such as, downtown San Diego.

Go to a rock climbing facility.

Locally there is an indoor rock climbing

facility called Solid Rock Climbing Gym located 992 Rancheros Drive and questions, please call (760) 480-1429.

Learn how to cook or bake something new.

Pull out a cookbook and find something new and interesting to make.

Go karaoke with friends.

The Karaoke International Inc. located in San Marcos at 120 North Pacific Street offers a place for friends to get together and record some of their favorite songs. For further information or questions, call (760) 744-3699.

Go to a baseball or football game.

Head out to see the Padres or Chargers play at QUALCOMM Stadium located at 9449 Friars Road. For game times and questions, call (619) 641-3100.

Go golfing.

There is a local driving range located in Carlsbad located at 2711 Haymar Drive. Questions please call 760-720-GOLF (4653).

Even though it seems like being 18 only gets you jail time, wartime, and cigarettes, there are actually quite a few public activities to enjoy without being 21.



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Hiking is an enjoyable and easily accessed activity on the many Cleveland National Forest trails in the area.

Obama addresses the nation after one year in office

BY JAMES ROCHE
Pride Staff Writer

President Barack Obama has now officially been in office for over a year, having been sworn in as Commander In Chief on Jan. 20, 2009.

President Obama admitted in his State of the Union address that the devastation from

the effects of the economy still remained. He said, "One in 10 Americans still cannot find work. Many businesses have shattered. Home values have declined. Small towns and rural communities have been hit especially hard. And for those who'd already known poverty, life has become that much harder."

He spoke about the introduction of the

Recovery Act, also known as the Stimulus Bill, as the plan that has helped get the economy back on its feet by allowing tax cuts and saving and creating jobs.

President Obama had promised to impose new financial regulations, according to polifact.com. This bill which, among other things, would allow the government to intervene in companies that are failing and will pose a risk to the economy. This bill has passed the House of Representatives and is awaiting the approval of the Senate.

Health Care reform was one of the President's main election promises and he admitted in his address that the country had never been closer. He said, "After nearly a century of trying -- Democratic administrations, Republican administrations -- we are closer than ever to bringing more security to the lives of so many Americans."

Another election promise involved the withdrawal of troops from Iraq, "As we take the fight to al Qaeda, we are responsibly leaving Iraq to its people. As a candidate, I promised that I would end this war, and that is what I am doing as President. We will have all of our combat troops out of Iraq by the end of this August," said President Obama.

He also pledged to increase troop num-

bers in Afghanistan; this is a promise he has already kept. "And in Afghanistan, we're increasing our troops and training Afghan security forces so they can begin to take the lead in July of 2011, and our troops can begin to come home," he said during his address.

President Obama has decided to make the creation of more jobs his top priority in 2010 by creating a new jobs bill. In the 2008 election, Barack Obama received 66% of the 18-29 year old voting bracket, according to CNN.com.

Jessica Drizin is an avid Democratic supporter, who believes Obama has had a difficult but good first year. She said, "I think considering the opposition that he has faced from the far right, he's achieved as much as he can. I think his policies and ideas will help America head in the right direction, if we can get both sides working together."

However not all students are in favor of Obama.

Scott Silveria, vice chairman of the College Republicans here at Cal State San Marcos thinks the country is in a worse state under Barack Obama than it was a year ago. He said, "I think he's doing this best he can but I don't agree with how he's fixing our problems and the direction he's taking us in."



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Across the board in Sports

Superbowl XLIV preview

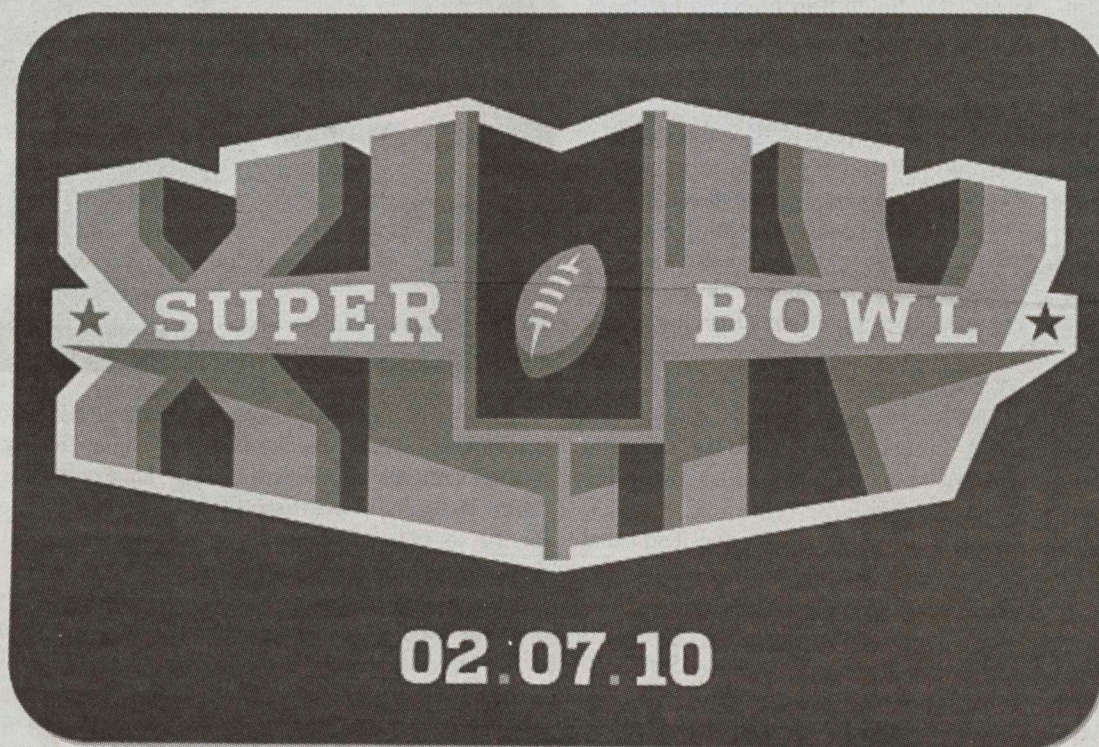
BY JEFF ECONOMEDIES
Pride Staff Writer

The much anticipated Super Bowl XLIV will air on February 7, 2010 at 6:00 pm ET live at Sun Life Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida USA. This year's Championship match will feature the American Football Conference Champion Indianapolis Colts vs. the National Football Conference champion New Orleans Saints.

For Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts, the nerves and intensity leading up to the big game will be somewhat familiar considering this will be their second trip to the Super bowl in four years. For Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints, however, the Super bowl is a level of competition the entire organization has never experienced.

For the people and city of New Orleans, life in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina's devastation has been difficult. This Super Bowl birth has proven to be a sign for how well the city has recovered. A win would definitely give the city reason for celebration like never before.

After starting the season 14-0, the Colts made a controversial decision to begin to prepare for the Super Bowl by resting their starters instead of chasing to join the legendary company of the 1972 Dolphins to finish a perfect, undefeated, season with a championship. The Colts are four quarters away from vindication headed by one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time. The Colts also have other offensive weapons that will make them a force to be reckoned with.



Most notably these include wide receiver Reggie Wayne and tight end Dallas Clark, who has proven to be a most reliable target for Manning over the years. Also, expect a couple of big plays from Austin Collie, a fourth-round rookie out of BYU who has been an outstanding out of the slot and is coming off of a career-high 123 receiving yards in the Colts AFC Championship win over the Jets.

Overshadowed by an elite offense, the Indianapolis Colts defense is most likely going to be the biggest X-factor in this game. Under new defensive coordinator, Larry Cover, the Colts have played more effective one-on-one coverage, mixed up their zones, and utilized blitzes efficiently. Gary Brackett, middle linebacker and team captain will surely set the tone for keeping the New Orleans offense in check.

The biggest question mark for the Colts defense heading into Sunday will be how effective Dwight Freeney will be given his current ankle injury. Being so quick around the edge this season, he was capable of accomplishing 13 1/2 sacks. Drew Brees and the New Orleans offense will definitely benefit if Freeney is incapable of performing to his potential.

Drew Brees (4,388 passing yards, 34 TD, 11 INT this season) is undoubtedly the heart and soul of the Saints in this paramount year for the New Orleans franchise. In order for the Saints to be successful this Super Bowl, they are not only going to need an all-star performance from Brees, but are going to need much help from their running game headed by Reggie Bush and Pierre Thomas. Reggie Bush hasn't had

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the greatest statistical year of his career, but opposing defenses still fear his big play capability. Pierre Thomas has totaled over 1,100 all-purpose yards as the Saints' lead back this year and you can expect similar productivity this upcoming match up. The running game is going to be necessary in order to open up the field for Brees to find his key targets Marques Colston, Devery Henderson, and Robert Machem.

My Prediction: The high octane no huddle offense headed by the 4-time MVP Peyton Manning is going to be too much for the New Orleans Saints to keep up with. More importantly, the Colts defense is considerably superior to the defenses that the Saints faced from the Cardinals and Vikings this post season. Score: 34-27

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In the bottom of the last frame Lauren Nelson slid home to clinch the win for the Cougars after Erica Coelho drove a single. Coelho also made several great catches from her third base position that helped the Cougars attain that perfect defense which Coach Williams thought, along with excellent hitting, lead the Cougars to victory.

The team faces three consecutive home games on the first weekend of February. This seems like a grueling schedule, but Coach Williams believes that "...early in the season, getting more games is a healthy thing because in practice certain situations don't come up." From these early games he hopes to see the missing pieces in the team, and fix them in order to prepare them for Nationals.

I spoke to several students; most had never attended a softball game before for the school. They believe that more people will attend now that the home field is on campus.

Travis Wilson, a first time attendee, hopes to come to all the home games this season, just as long as it does not impend on his studies.

Wilson came to the game to support his fellow students because he believes that the schools commuter school stereotype needs to be destroyed in order to build stronger school spirit. With more students like Wilson attending games, the team will receive great support, as well as make other students realize the pride that they should have for their school, even if they do commute there.

Complete effort propels baseball to sweep Oregon Tech

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

Playing on Sunday at Vanguard University, Cougar baseball put forth a total team effort to sweep Oregon Tech. The Cougars won game one 6-3 and game two 5-2.

CSUSM improves to 2-0-1 on the year, while Oregon Tech drops to 1-4.

After managing just one run in 12 innings against Point Loma earlier in the week, the Cougar offense entered Sunday's games with something to prove – and did so promptly by plating five runs in the first inning of game one.

Johnny Omahen started things off with a leadoff walk. After a sacrifice bunt, Kevin Silvett struck out, but reached when the ball got past the catcher. Josh Miller then came up and rocketed a home run over the fence in left to make it 3-0.

Ricardo Moran was then hit by a pitch, and Steve Harris ripped an RBI double to the gap to extend the lead to 4. Finally, Ryle Parks knocked a base hit to center, plating Harris to give the Cougars a big 5-0 lead.

On the mound, CSUSM starting pitcher Chris Skaalen looked very good. He allowed

just one run through five innings before surrendering a two-run shot in the sixth and exiting. The bullpen was excellent, with Eric Julienne, Johnny Holtman and Spencer Pardon all holding Oregon Tech scoreless. Pardon tossed an easy ninth to pick up the save.

The defense behind those pitchers was also strong, not committing an error over the course of the game. Silvett drove in the team's final run with an RBI double in the sixth inning.

In game two, Cougar starter Travis McCracken pitched a

brilliant ballgame against an Oregon Tech team desperate for a win. Working quickly throughout, the senior lefty worked the strike zone and relied on his defense, which once again played an error-free game. McCracken threw six innings of three-hit shut-out ball, walking just one and striking out five.

At the plate, the Cougars put themselves in positions to get runs, and forced Oregon Tech's defense into some costly miscues. The Cougars plated two runs in the second when a hard-hit ball by Mike Pena was booted by the third

baseman with two outs, and CSUSM added another in the fifth on an RBI single by Manzanarez after a wild throw by the catcher.

CSUSM's final two runs would come in the sixth when Patrick Gray and Jordan Polchow scored on RBI's from Pena and Mitch Ferguson. Oregon Tech would get a two-run home run with two outs in the seventh and final inning, but that would be it as Richard Martin closed out the win.

The Cougars will play a home weekend series against Patten next week, starting at Mission Bay on Friday.

You are what you wear

BY VANESSA CHALMERS

Life IS a fashion show. I don't care what your mom said the day you insisted, foot-stamp and fist curled, that she buy you that tie dye off-the-shoulder tee with a screen print of a werewolf (or some such nonsense) when you were 14 (or was that last year at the *New Moon* premier?). People are always watching. There is always someone to impress (or depress) by your outfit. To get somewhat philosophical, what you wear communicates the essence of your three w's: who you are, what you're about, and what you believe. Basically, you *are* what you *wear*, which is why a pair of sparkly gold TOMS have recently won me over.

Prior to falling in love with sequins, I thought TOMS to be the most unattractive piece of shoe wear in America, but put sequins on anything and I WILL buy it. In this case, my beloved sequins found themselves on a pair of TOMS and my wild desire to own them led to some research on what the shoe company is all about. TOMS, short for Shoes

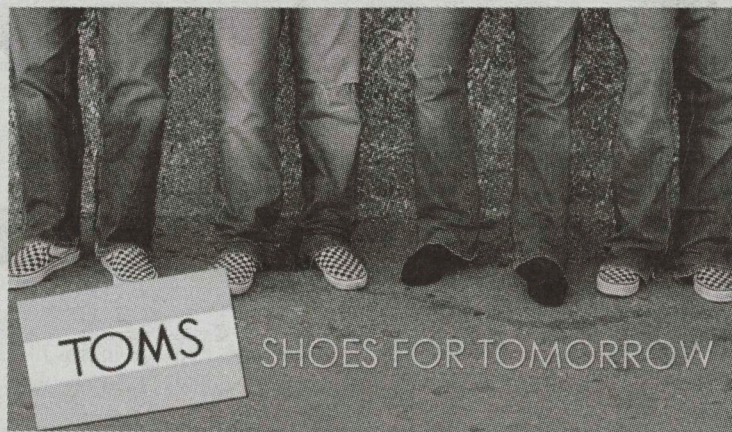
for Tomorrow, are a California-based company, but have converted fans all over the world. According to the TOMS official website, for every pair of TOMS purchased, a pair is donated to a shoe-less child in need in Ethiopia, Haiti, South America, and even here in the U.S.

Having stopped in Argentina during his stint for *Amazing Race II* in 2002, "Chief Shoe Giver" Blake Mycoskie returned to the country

four years later to do volunteer work and was astounded by the number of children who roamed barefoot, thus the TOMS project was born. Mycoskie enlisted craftsmen from Argentina to design a durable canvas shoe modeled by the rope-soled *alpargatas* - handmade canvas slippers worn by local farmers.

For many children in third world countries, owning a pair of shoes allows them to receive an education, otherwise denied to them by schools that prohibit attendance to barefoot students, based on health and hygienic concerns. In most of the countries where TOMS are distributed, walking is a primary mode of transportation. Walking with no shoes makes bare feet susceptible to cuts, sores, and parasitical infections contracted from contaminated soil, which often lead to amputation, or death. These debilitating infections are absolutely preventable by wearing shoes!

In 2009, Mycoskie was awarded the ACE award by Hillary Clinton which acknowledged his "leadership and innovation in the global



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industry." Recently, Ralph Lauren was invited to guest design a line of vegan-friendly TOMS. Scarlett Johansson, Sienna Miller, and even the great Karl Lagerfeld (even my computer knows who he is, I was just spell-checked) are also TOMS supporters. Whether we'll ever see a pair of TOMS on a Chanel catwalk remains to be seen, but the message is clear: what we wear is who we are. To wear TOMS is to be a part of a movement working to improve the lives and health of children we'll probably never meet but feel

compelled to bless. According to Mycoskie blog each pair of TOMS you see on the street represents one of the 500,000 children so far that has been shoe-ed by our purchases. To the altruistic fashionista, sequin gold TOMS are a fun and flamboyant way to show the fashion show of life that you are stylish *and* humanitarian (match made in heaven!). However, if gold sequin TOMS are too Elton John for you, they also come in silver.

Do your own research at www.TOMSShoes.com



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Coming to theaters

BY BILL RHEIN
Senior Staff Writer

WIDE RELEASE

Dear John
Starring Channing Tatum and Amanda Seyfried
Directed by Lasse Hallstrom
Tatum stars as an off-duty soldier in love with Seyfried, yet he feels compelled to do another

tour of duty after 9/11 in this film based on a Nicholas Sparks novel.
From *Paris with Love*
Starring John Travolta and Jonathan Rhys Meyers
Directed by Pierre Morel
Travolta plays an unhinged secret agent working with Meyers's character to stop a terrorist attack in Paris in this fast-paced action flick.

LIMITED RELEASE

Frozen
Starring Emma Bell and Shawn Ashmore
Directed by Adam Green
Green, a modern cult horror director, directs this chilling film about a group of snowboarders stuck on a chairlift and the deadly tension that ensues.

channing tatum

amanda seyfried



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DROPPING:

Tuesday, Feb. 02

By Amy Salisbury / Editor-In-Chief

CD RELEASES



POP

Smoke and Mirrors
LIFEHOUSE

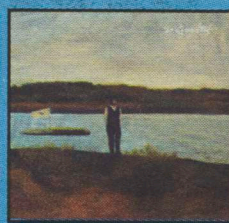
Lifehouse's sophomore album, *Smoke and Mirrors*, has a lot to live up to after their debut, *Who We Are*, exploded into the charts in 2007. After the release of a successful single in October, fans already love this 12-track release.



RAP

Rebirth
LIL WAYNE

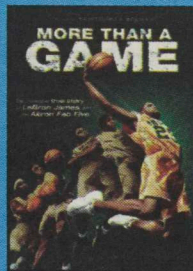
After much anticipation, Lil Wayne's *Rebirth* finally enters the world. As described by some as a rock-rap hybrid, *Rebirth* breathes fresh life into Lil Wayne's repertoire and is as much old as it is new.



ALTERNATIVE

A Chorus of Storytellers
THE ALBUM LEAF

Fans of The Album Leaf will surely be satisfied with this raw reemergence of the band as a whole. All five members return to *A Chorus of Storytellers* for their first collaborative effort in years.



"MORE THAN A GAME"

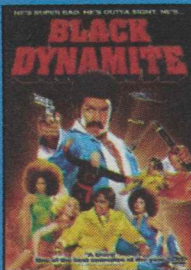
This story following LeBron James and the struggle to play professional basketball has excitement and inspiration that will please more than sports fans.

ROTTEN TOMATOES: 73/100

INTERNET MOVIE DATABASE: 7.2/10

DVD RELEASES

By Bill Rhein / Senior Staff Writer

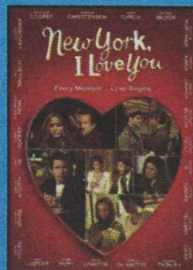


"BLACK DYNAMITE"

This homage to blaxploitation film combined humor and action in a tale of urban revenge to satisfy male viewers and film fans.

ROTTEN TOMATOES: 83/100

INTERNET MOVIE DATABASE: 7.7/10

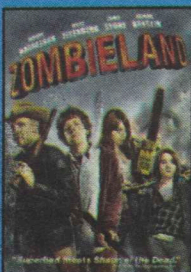


"NEW YORK, I LOVE YOU"

Similar to "He's Just Not That Into You," this flick is a series of vignettes about love in the Big Apple and should please any rom-com fan.

ROTTEN TOMATOES: 41/100

INTERNET MOVIE DATABASE: 7.3/10



"ZOMBIELAND"

Despite the new wave of zombie films, this one remains fresh and funny thanks to the acting of Woody Harrelson and the well-written road trip story.

ROTTEN TOMATOES: 89/100

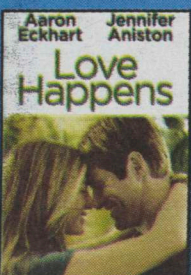
INTERNET MOVIE DATABASE: 8.0/10



"HOUSE OF THE DEVIL"

This horror film is not for the squeamish. Though it holds back on the blood and gore prevalent in modern scary films, it is ripe with skin-crawling tension.

ROTTEN TOMATOES: 86/100 INTERNET MOVIE DATABASE: 6.7/10

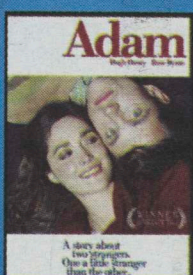


"LOVE HAPPENS"

This is a perfect film for fans of romantic stories, yet its reliance on convention and unoriginal ideas leave this flick, starring Jennifer Aniston and Aaron Eckhart, flat.

ROTTEN TOMATOES: 18/100

INTERNET MOVIE DATABASE: 5.4/10



"ADAM"

This romantic film about a man with Asperger's Syndrome may not please all audiences, but will be a treat for fans of independent films.

ROTTEN TOMATOES: 65/100

INTERNET MOVIE DATABASE: 7.3/10

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