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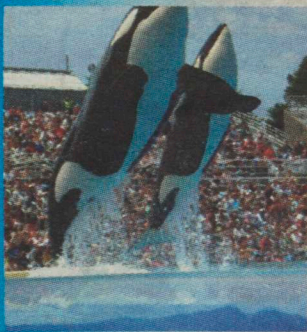
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CSUSM remains on course to win RecycleMania for sixth year in a row

BY JAMES ROCHE
Pride Staff Writer

Cal State San Marcos is currently set to win its sixth title in as many years in the international recycling competition RecycleMania.

CSUSM leads this year's competition, which finishes on March 27, since week one, according to Carl Hanson, an Administrative Analyst at CSUSM. "We're doing well," said Hanson, coordinator for the recycling campaign. "We started out in the lead and the lead has shrunk a little bit but were still up by good seven, seven and a half points, and we're hopeful that we'll continue to do well enough to come in ahead."



Image courtesy of CSUSM.edu



Photo by James Seabring

The results of the competition are announced in mid-April, once all the participants have sent in their data, according to recyclemania.org.

Universities and colleges compete against each other over a 10-week period to see which has the best recycling program. RecycleMania ranks participants according to which category they enter. These categories include most recyclables per capita, the highest amount of recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, and who has achieved the highest

recycling rate. For more information about the event go to www.recyclemania.org.

CSUSM enters the highest recycle rate category and holds the title of Grand Champion for the past five years in a row.

Hanson said the reason he feels the campus has done so well over the years is down to good planning. "First of all, when this university was established, we began the recycling program at the same time. So when everybody got their trash containers they got blue ones. So from the very beginning

in the offices and the classrooms everybody saw that you can recycle and it was just a given.

"It was like putting your seat-belt on. You just do it," Hanson said.

Recycle bins are located all over the campus and are placed next to trash containers. They are color coded and labeled to avoid confusion between the two.

Support has also been an important part of the success. "We have had great support from the

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ASI makes safety a priority for Spring Break fun

BY MALLANE DRESSEL
Pride Staff Writer

On Thursday, March 18 during U-Hour, ASI held an event to promote the concept that students can have fun during spring break while still keeping their safety in mind. Booths supplied information about alcohol consumption, sexual protection, transportation, and activities associated with spring break.

At the event the mock-tails of Screwdrivers, and Shirley Temples, gave the students not only a refreshment to enjoy with their Chick-Fil-A but informative facts about alcohol's effects on the body. Students who pledged not to drink and drive during spring break received free chicken sandwiches. Those who pledged also

wore a bracelet, showing other students through out the day that they had made the pledge.

When student Stevie Perez was asked about the pledge he made, he said, "It's a great reminder. I will keep the pledge bracelet on to remind me not to drink and drive, and to remember to not let my own friends drink and drive."

At the mock-tail booth, volunteers supplied pamphlets on alcohol poisoning, and information about designated drivers. The booth also promoted the RADD program, where designated drivers supplying the pledge card with the RADD logo would receive free non-alcoholic beverages at the 23 participating bars in the Pacific Beach and Mission Beach area.

If students are staying local,

the event promoted the Breeze Sprinter as a transportation alternative to driving. The Sprinter can transport drinking students safely to the popular areas by the beach,

Carlsbad, and Oceanside. Unfortunately, the Sprinter's last pick up from Oceanside is an early

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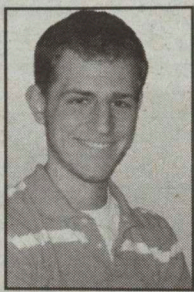
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Chatroulette will replace Twitter and Facebook

BY BILL RHEIN
Senior Staff Writer



I have a strong feeling Chatroulette will be the next big social networking website. The site, found at chatroulette.com, incorporates one-on-one instant messaging and video chat in a new way that could re-revolutionize online interaction.

Chatroulette, which launched in late 2009, is now generating high traffic in the US and around the world, according to the tracking company Alexa. I think part of this newfound interest can be attributed to the press it received about the some users exploit the video feature for sexual purposes.

The website could easily launch itself among the ranks of Twitter, Facebook, and MySpace by changing its anonymous, instant action set up to a site that requires users to create a profile, like the aforementioned network sites. This addition of profiles would have two radical consequences.

First, it would allow users to stay connected and chat with friends, similar to Skype or AIM, but still let them meet new people, who could be added as friends. This would result in a

personal touch for users to enjoy.

Second, it would decrease the amount of sexual deviants that lurk the website. Website moderators could ban and block profiles of users who act explicitly and expose themselves on camera.

I have estimated it is roughly ten percent of users who do explicit acts to give the website a bad reputation, and if moderators eliminated them, Chatroulette would flourish. Facebook and

MySpace have already proven that people enjoy staying connected with friends using profile systems.

By also allowing users to connect with strangers, Chatroulette could be part of the movement that earned the Internet a nomination for the Noble Peace Prize. The committee cited the openness of Internet communication around the world has allowed for ideas to be shared in a way that could bring global unity.

Since using Chatroulette, I have met people from Sweden, Korea, South Africa, and China,

just to name a few countries. This experience humanizes people from different countries, and it reemphasizes the sentiment that we are not that different, despite what country we live in.

Lastly, I have a hunch that Facebook will soon have a similar video interaction feature. Facebook, which managed to keep Twitter from overtaking it by the changing the the set up for status updates, might add a Chatroulette-clone feature as an application. Either way, the global implications are exciting.

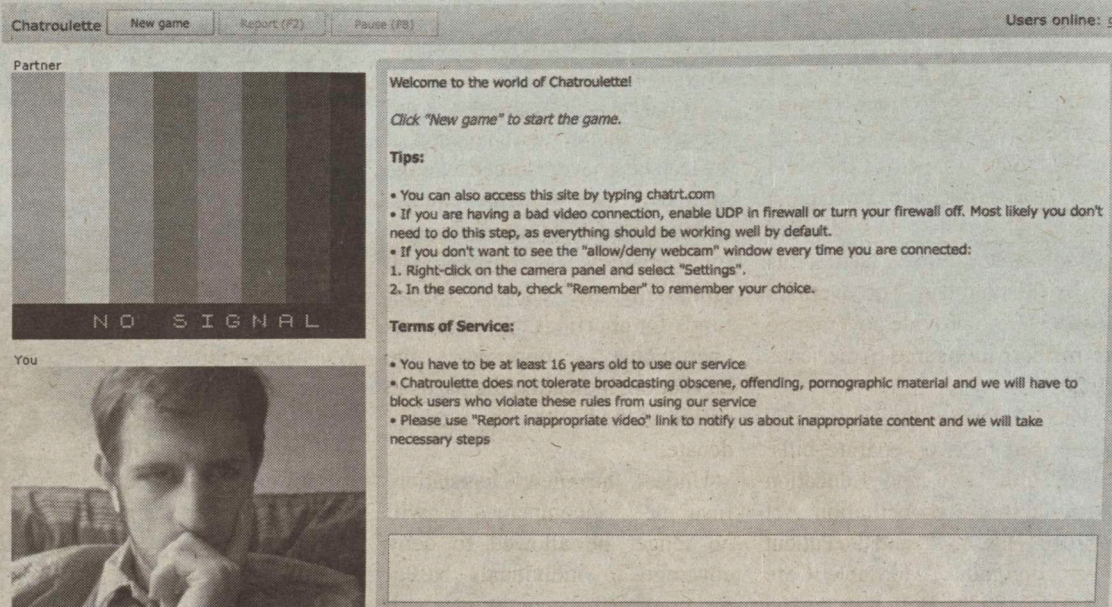


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administration, from every president right on through to President Haynes. The students have been supportive and involved from the beginning as well," said Hanson.

The competition started in 2001 with just two schools, Ohio University and Miami University, and it now covers over 600 schools, including international participants in Canada and Qatar. The growth of RecycleMania can be

further illustrated since such large corporations as Coca Cola now sponsor it.

CSUSM also recycles construction materials like metals, tiles and wood as well as green waste and hazardous waste like

lamps. The next step for the university is to create a composting program to deal with the food service areas. This extra work will not affect the results of the competition, said Hanson.

CSUSM student group announces charity concert

San Marcos, California, March 18, 2010 –

This concert event is a collaboration between CSUSM student group Reggae Relief, The Communication Society and the Associated Students Inc. (ASI). The fundraiser, Reggae Relief for Mama's Kitchen, is a charity concert to benefit San Diegans who are affected by AIDS and cancer. Three local Reggae/Hip Hop bands will be performing and the student group's goal is to sell 400 tickets. All proceeds will go directly to the Mama's Kitchen organization in San Diego.

Bands performing: Through the Roots, Irideside and Tacs.

Date: Tuesday, April 6th from 7pm to 9pm

Location: Clarke Field House Terrace

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8:33pm, so the mock-tails booth also endorsed the idea of getting a room in the area where drinking was to take place, or taking a cab home.

Many students at the event believed that the purpose of the event, safety while having fun, was great to have right before spring break, but some students thought that the purpose of the event was not being fully repre-

sented.

Student Akeisa Abercrombie commented about how influential the event was actually on students. "They are giving awareness, it's not enough, but at least they're taking the initiative to help

people make smart decisions."

The event may not be enough to guarantee that every student will have a safe Spring Break, but it definitely was presented to enough students to make a difference.

House of Representatives approves sweeping health care overhaul

BY BEN ROFFEE
News Editor

A year long debate on health care in America has come to an end as House Democrats passed legislation this last weekend to fundamentally overhaul the nation's health care system in the coming decades. President Obama is expected to sign the legislation on Tuesday, marking the end of a drawn out and polarizing public debate that has divided Republicans and Democrats across the country. The overhaul is expected to provide coverage to 32 million uninsured Americans by 2019.

The reform legislation is comprised of two separate bills, the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010 (H.R. 4872) and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3950). Both bills passed

with a vote of 219-212, a narrow victory buoyed by a majority coalition of House Democrats.

The House Republicans unanimously opposed the legislation, an indicator of a lasting partisan divide on the issue that has come to dominate the debate.

To secure support from wavering Democrats, advocates of the legislation were forced to make some key concessions, abandoning ambitions for a government-run insurance program and prohibiting the use of federal funds for abortions. Republicans unanimously opposed the legislation, indicating the partisan nature of the health care overhaul debate.

Under the new legislation, Insurance companies will no longer be allowed to deny coverage to individuals based on pre-existing conditions and

will eventually be barred from charging higher premiums or canceling services for these individuals. The overhaul also includes requirements for workers to insure their employees and citizens to obtain insurance, instituting steep fines for failures to comply.

Last Thursday the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) placed the cost of the overhaul at \$940 billion in the first ten years, with a \$138 billion reduction in the deficit during that time. The CBO also projected a potential reduction of the deficit by as much as one half percent of the GDP in the subsequent decade.

President Obama

commented on the passage of the reforms, saying, "Congress finally declared that America's workers, America's families, and America's small businesses deserve the security of knowing that here in this country, neither illness nor accident should endanger the dreams they've worked a lifetime to achieve."

House Minority leader, Rep. John Boehner (R-Ohio), expressed his frustration with the bill just before it went

to a vote, saying, "In this economy, with this unemployment, with our desperate need for jobs and economic growth, is this really the time to raise taxes, create bureaucracies and, and burden every job creator in our land? The answer is no."

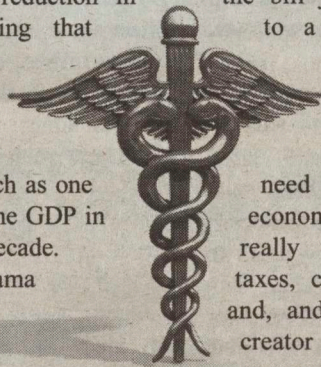
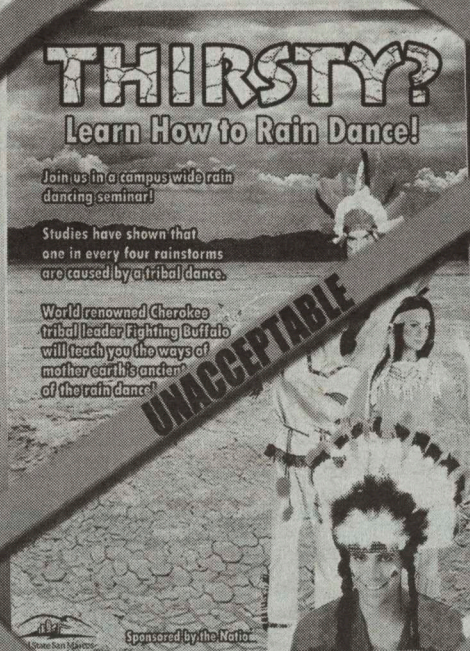


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Learn how to lighten your load

Foolproof foundations for easier packing and travel

BY AMY SALISBURY
Editor-in-Chief

Luggage can make or break a trip. Most major airlines charge a fee to check only one bag. Public transportation is a potential nightmare when you're lugging 50 extra pounds of stuff around with you. "Backpacking" is redefined when your pack is too big to carry on your back. With some planning and paring down, your pack and mood will improve.

The first failure of persistent over-packers is that they do not plan ahead. Making lists isn't just for the obsessive compulsive anymore. Lists help you prioritize what items you need versus what items are most used.



Student Katie Freligh combats common problems when she packs her bags.

"I always want to pack too much," Freligh said, "because I never know what to pack just to cover the basics."

Think about the type of trip you're planning and pack for it. For example, most hotels have blow dryers, saving you the extra five pounds of weight a blow dryer would add. Opt for versatile casual shoes or sneakers instead of shoes for every occasion. Do you need that giant North Face coat? Pack your warmest sweatshirt and sacrifice some shivers.

Remember to consider whether you will have access to laundry services or Laundromats. Besides remembering to pack plenty of quarters, think about the number of each item you should bring. Instead of three jeans and two shorts, pack one pair of each, and alternate your items until you get a chance to wash your clothes.

Senior Shannon Brogan suggested an alternative to the traditional tri-fold for clothes.

"Roll your shirts and pants, and sit on [the bag] if you have to," she said. "I'm pretty good at getting everything in a carry-on."

The kind of bag you use is as important as what goes in it. Doug

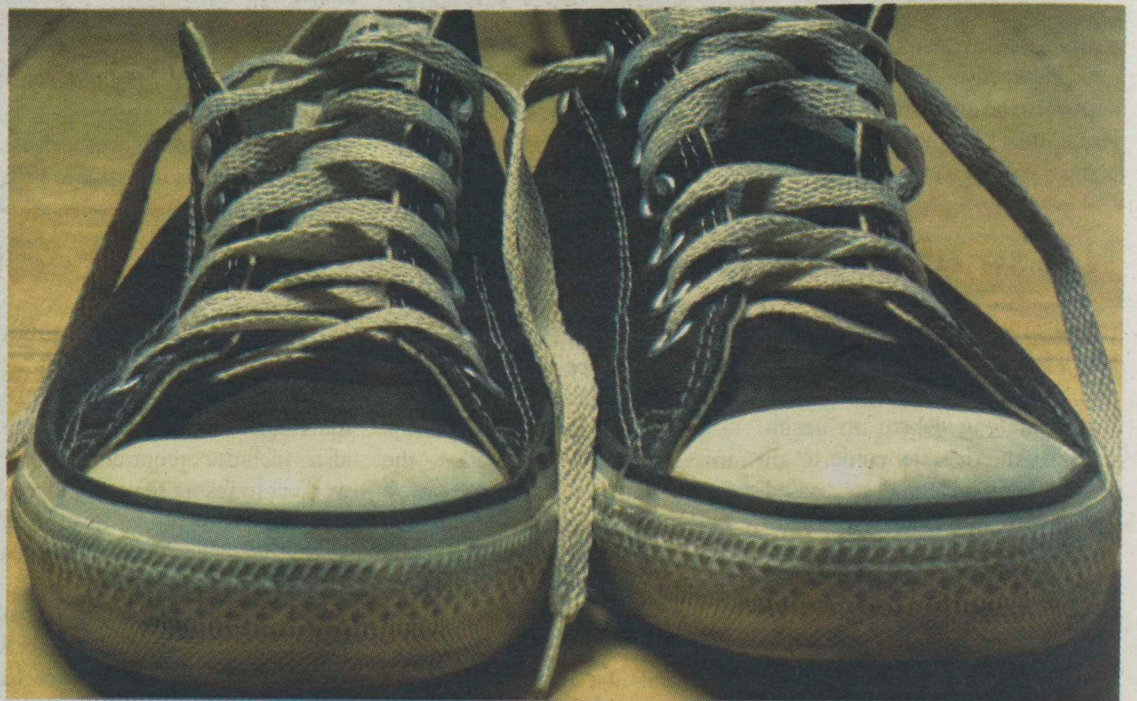


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Dymont, "The Go Light Guru," offers three aspects to take into account when choosing luggage: quality, transportability, and airline carry-on limits.

Dymont said, "you want a bag that's no larger than carry-on size with soft sides and sturdy construction."

"Soft-sided luggage is much to be preferred over the hard-shelled variety. Hard bags are heavier and do

not cope with the rigors of extended travel nearly as well as their more yielding counterparts."

If you are flying and decide to carry on, remember to check your airline's prohibited list. Adhering to the rules will ensure a quicker check-in and help avoid being forced to throw anything out because it violates the Transportation Security Administration's rules.

Buying travel-size shampoos or

lotions will also lighten up the weight of your luggage.

The TSA allows most items they deem hazardous in checked bags. Their website, tsa.gov, offers a downloadable PDF for quick reference.

For the truly impaired, Mats Henricson created the Universal Packing List, an interactive, user-friendly list customizable to the individual's travel needs. Find the UPL at <http://upl.codeq.info/>.

UniversityVoice

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"What are your plans for spring break?"



"For my spring break, I am actually going to Bend, Oregon to build houses for Habitat for Humanity. So that's what I will be doing for the week."

Akeisa Abercrombie
PSYCHOLOGY



"My plans for spring break are to go on the trip with the school, through ASI Center. So I am going on the spring break trip to The Grand Canyon, Zion, and Bryce. I think it's like a six-day excursion. It should be really cool."

Sammi Carr
LITERATURE & WRITING



"I will probably just be here, in San Marcos, relaxing and either catching up on homework or just enjoying not having any and maybe visiting my family who live in Palm Desert."

Kayla Richardson
LIBERAL STUDIES



"I will be working on my senior experience project and finishing all my homework."

Rachel Peeler
BUSINESS MARKETING



"For spring break, I'll be working, unfortunately, and I will be going up to L.A. to meet up with some assistant directors, photographers, and other people in the movie business."

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Conquer San Diego for spring break

BY KATRINA KISTLER
Pride Staff Writer

Staying local for spring break doesn't have to be boring, San Diego County offers more fun than many of us have yet to notice.

Blessed with warm spring weather, Southern California outdoor activities prove to be endless. Hot air-balloon rides, kayaking and beach camping only offer a glimpse of what students can enjoy this spring break.

With this teasing weather whispering "its almost summer" students can head to one of our local beaches in North San Diego to soak up our beautiful Southern Californian rays. Oceanside, Carlsbad, and Encinitas are close enough for any student to drive to from the CSUSM area. These beaches offer scenic bike or jogging paths, volleyball courts and unique dinning experiences that are easy on the wallet. Juanita's taco shop on Encinitas Blvd. offers filling burritos and other Mexican cuisine that fills beachgoers' appetites and welcomes sandy toes and flip-flops.

Other beach activity students



Photo by Rudy Martinez

can do during their spring break is go camping. Locally, there are two campsites students can camp and soak up the sun, one location is San Onofre State Beach as well as, Carlsbad State Beach. Prices for renting a beachfront campsite site starts at around \$40 a night. For more information about the San Onofre State Beach campgrounds and Carlsbad State Beach campgrounds visit <http://www.parks.ca.gov>.

Students can also spend their spring break hiking around San Diego. There are trails in San Marcos area, but there are also hiking trails located at Palomar Mountain. A hike along Observatory Trail on Palomar Mountain would be a good way to exercise and experience the outdoors. The park located off Highway 76, up

Highway S6, and then left on Highway S7 at the junction near the mountaintop.

In Mission Bay and near La Jolla Shores, students can spend a day kayaking around the San Diego Waters. Students can generally pay \$15-\$25 for a one-person or two-person kayak for a one to two hours. Rates and fees are different for each business, but prove to be a fun inexpensive way for students to enjoy their spring break.

Students can also visit the Birch Aquarium in La Jolla. The aquarium provides ocean science education and promotes ocean conservation for patrons and students alike. The Birch Aquarium offers special student pricing and also includes interactive hands-on exhibits. A student can buy a general admission ticket

for \$9 with a valid student ID.

Students can also head to a vacation destination near the San Diego area. Big Bear and Palm Springs are just two hot spot locations in near proximity of the San Diego area. CSUSM and the U.S. State Department are stressing to please check the U.S. State Department web site for important information regarding travel advisories and alerts to those students that are planning to travel locally and internationally for spring break.

Another activity students can participate in is going on a hot air balloon ride. Although this may be on the pricier side for students, it would be a memory that would last a lifetime. Students can get together with a group of friends to make this flight a little more within a reasonable price range. Locally, in Del Mar, a private sunset hot air balloon ride for two can start at \$800. Group rates can start at \$175 per person. Hotairflyer.com offers more information on prices and other options and locations for balloon flights in San Diego.

Students can also head to one

of our local theme parks. Students can head to SeaWorld or the Wild Animal Park for a day of fun with friends.

The Wild Animal Park offers a butterfly jungle March 27- April 18, this butterfly jungle allows guests to walk through and enjoy a simulated South American rain forest with a variety of butterflies available to see and interact with.

Sea World celebrates spring nights with a firework show and special late night sea lion show. For information about SeaWorld, please visit www.seaworld.com.

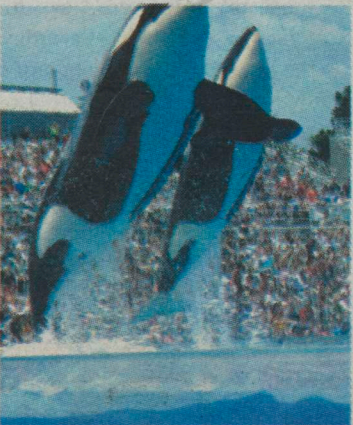


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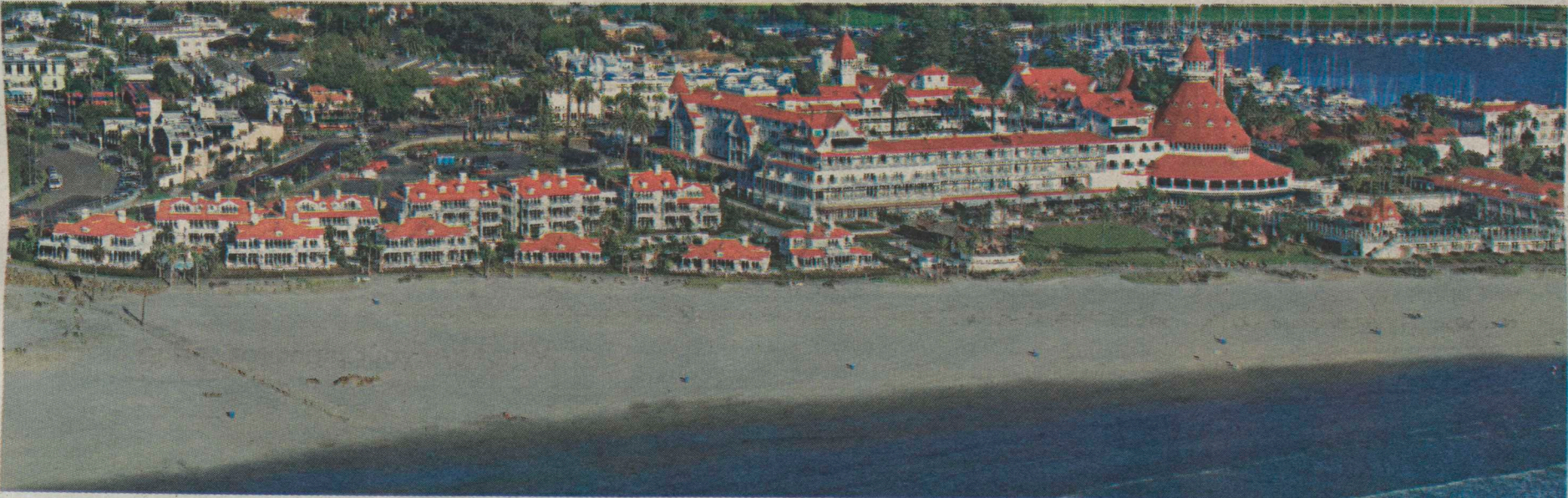


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Spring break travel advisory

BY SANDRA CHALMERS
Editor-in-Chief

The constant concern over traveling abroad for students becomes a growing worry as spring break gets closer and students brainstorm great travel plans.

Nearest to CSUSM, Mexico is a popular travel destination with cheaper hotel costs than other vacation spots and is known for a high tolerance of underage drinking, great beaches and fun activities. Although a spring break get-a-way to Mexico sounds like the perfect adventure, this popular student vacation spot is also known for dangerous drug activity and caution must be taken when traveling aboard.

The U.S State Department, Bureau of Consular Affairs have issued a recent travel alert expressing that a number of locations along the U.S Mexico border are experiencing rapid growth in the rates of robberies, homicides, carjackings and petty

thefts, notably in Tijuana and northern Baja California within the last year.

"Mexican drug cartels are engaged in violent conflict, both among themselves and with Mexican security services, for control of narcotics trafficking routes along the U.S.-Mexico border. To combat violence, the government of Mexico has deployed military troops throughout the country. U.S. citizens should cooperate fully with official checkpoints when traveling on Mexican highways," said the travel alert.

"Common-sense precautions such as visiting only legitimate business and tourist areas during daylight hours, and avoiding areas where prostitution and drug dealing might occur, can help ensure that travel to Mexico is safe and enjoyable," continued the advisory.

More safety tips for traveling include always taking the main roads and traveling during the daylight hours, travel in a group, do not travel alone, and never dis-

play expensive watches, purses or even jewelry as these items can viewed as easy targets for crimes.

Another precaution when traveling is to check with your cellular provider for international

cell phone reception and service. Many carriers offer this service for a limited amount of days, not a long-term contract, and for a sensible price. For convenience and safety, a cell phone can be

used in case of an emergency. U.S citizens can contact the nearest U.S consulates or the U.S Embassy in case of any trouble. Contact numbers are listed on the travel.state.gov website.



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COUGARS

VISITORS

Across the board in Sports

Baseball wins double-header, completes three game-sweep of CSULA

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

Strong, timely hitting and resilient pitching were keys for Cougar baseball on Saturday, as the squad took both ends of a double-header at Cal State Los Angeles, 10-8 in game one and 9-4 in game two.

CSUSM completes the three-game road sweep of the Golden Eagles, members of NCAA Division II and the CCAA Conference. The Cougars improve to 17-7 this season, while CSULA drops to 12-13.

In game one, the Cougars got down early, battled back to take a commanding lead, then held on for dear life at the end. Starting pitcher Travis McCracken gave another strong effort, allowing four runs in six innings of work. All those runs were scored in the third inning, and McCracken was able to bounce back and shut out CSULA for the rest of his outing. The win improves him to 5-1 this season.

A Matt Jenkins solo home run put CSUSM up 1-0, but the team found itself down 4-1 after CSULA's big third inning. The Cou-

gars would cut into that lead in the fourth and fifth innings, with Mike Pena driving in Josh Miller in the former, and Miller driving in Kevin Silvett in the latter.

CSUSM's patience at the plate played a huge role in the win. The Cougars drew 11 walks in the contest, and they played a key role in a six-run sixth inning that ultimately decided the game. Pena and Omar Manzanarez led off the frame by drawing walks, and Ricardo Moran drove in the inning's first run with a base hit. Secciani, Silvett, and Miller all walked, pushing home two more runs, and a Ryle Parks base hit brought two more runs home. Finally, Pena earned his second walk to extend the inning, and an error pushed the Cougar lead to 9-4.

CSUSM stayed patient in the seventh, as Moran, Secciani, Silvett, and Miller were walked in order to lead off the inning, making it 10-4.

The Cougars got a taste of their own medicine in the eighth; however, as the bullpen walked three men to start the inning and CSULA took advantage, scoring

four runs to cut it to 10-8. But closer Spencer Pardon was able to work out of it, getting all three outs in the eighth and working a relatively easy ninth to pick up the save.

Game two would play out much the same way, minus the late comeback attempt by the Golden Eagles.

Starting pitcher Johnny Holtman earned his first win of the year, striking out two and walking none in four innings of work. He gave up four runs in the third inning, but like McCracken, was flawless in the rest of his work.

Silvett got things started for CSUSM in the first, belting a solo home run to, but once again the Cougar offense didn't really kick in until they were down 4-1.

In the top of the fourth, Johnny Omahen singled in Mitch Ferguson to make it 4-2, and the Cougars would go on to take their first lead the following inning. Moran led off the fifth with a single, and with two outs, Miller reached on an error, and Parks made the defense pay with a huge three-run home run to put

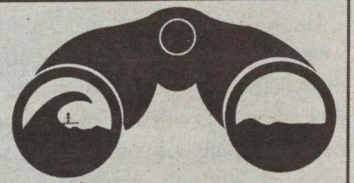
his team up 5-4.

After reliever Ricky Chavarria worked a 1-2-3 bottom of the inning, Miller doubled home Secciani to put CSUSM up 6-4. CSULA threatened in the bottom of the sixth, putting two on with no outs, but Julienne entered the game and put out the fire, inducing a double-play and fly out to get out of the jam unscathed.

In the top of the seventh and final inning, the Cougar offense put it out of reach. Ferguson and Omahen led off with singles, and after a failed sacrifice bunt, Manzanarez drew a walk to load the bases for Moran. Moran would put the cherry on top of what has been a brilliant series at the plate for virtually the entire Cougar lineup, ripping a triple down the right field line to clear the bases.

Julienne struck out the side in the seventh to earn his first save of the season, secure the 9-4 win, and finish off the huge sweep.

The Cougars are off to a great start to their tour of the CCAA conference, but things won't get easier at #2 UC San Diego on the road on Monday at 2:00 PM.



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Cougar Softball cruises to So-Cal sweep

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

Brenna Sandberg's 19 strikeouts highlighted a pair of dominating wins for #20 Cougar softball at the Sun West Tournament on Thursday. CSUSM defeated Kenyon College 11-0, then the U. of Puget Sound 10-1.

The wins push CSUSM's win streak to 8 games, and improve the team to 16-6 this season. Sandberg improves to 15-3 this season.

Against Kenyon, the Cougar offense powered the team to three runs in the first, one in the second, two in the third, and finally five in the fifth to close the game out via the mercy rule.

Shanti Poston led all batters with three hits, and teammates Elizabeth Bush, Alicia Ingram, Alyssa Dronenburg, and Erica Coelho all tallied a pair of hits. Coelho and Lauren Nelson drove in two runs each in what was a very balanced effort at the plate.

On the mound, Sandberg cruised to the victory, tossing four innings of three-hit, zero-walk shutout ball. She struck out five hitters before Ciera Ashman came in to close out the game.

It was much of the same in the second half of the double-header, as CSUSM jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the second and never looked back. Ingram, the speedster, and power-hitting Dronenburg led the way, with the former going 4-for-4 with 3 runs and 2

RBI, and the latter going 3-for-5 with her ninth home run of the season and 5 RBI.

Sandberg survived a season-high 7 walks by striking out a season-high 14 in six innings of work. She allowed just three hits and one run before giving way to Chanel Rose, who threw a perfect seventh to cap the victory.

CSUSM will continue play at the Sun West Tournament on Saturday when they face St. Mary's and host school Chapman.

Cougar Track & Field competes at PLNU Collegiate open meet

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By Kyle Trembley, 3/20/10

Cal State San Marcos track & field competed locally on Saturday at the PLNU Collegiate Open Meet, and added to its already-impressive list of athletes qualified for the NAIA National Championships.

Krystle Osby won the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.39 seconds. That time earns her the "B" qualifying standards for Nationals. She also finished second in the 200-meter

at 25.43.

Andrea Talhami won the triple jump with a distance of 11.31 meters.

Monika Valenzuela took third in the 400-meter dash at 58.76 seconds. Brianna Murdoch placed fourth in that same event at 58.78, Tiffany West was fifth at 58.89, and Ruth Spitsbergen was sixth at 1:00.75.

Lucia Asbury placed third in the 800-meter run at 2:19.83.

Marissa Daly and Talhami cleared 1.52 meters in the high jump to take third.

On the men's side, Anthony Harbour earned the "A" stan-

dard in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.34 seconds. He also won the 110-meter hurdles, earning another "A" standard in the process with a time of 14.45 seconds. Harbour has now qualified for Nationals in an impressive five events.

Brett Campfield, already qualified in two events himself, added a third when he easily met the "A" standard in the 800-meter run. His time of 1:50.97 got him second in the field as well. He went on to earn the "B" standard in the 1,500-meter run, winning the event at 3:55.58.

Dave Edwards took second

in the 1,500-meter at 3:57.91.

Nick Stein took second in the 400-meter at 49.12 seconds.

Nicholas Henderson placed second in the 100-meter dash at 10.89 seconds. He took third in the 200-meter at 22.26 seconds.

David Freund earned second place in the pole vault, clearing 4.65 meters.

In the field, Yuto Someya took fourth in the 400-meter hurdles at 55.36 seconds, and Scott Jeffers placed fifth in the long jump at 6.70 meters.

The CSUSM track & field team will compete at Point Loma again and at the Cal/Nevada Meet next weekend.

The new wave of cinematic experience

BY JAMES ROCHE
Pride Staff Writer

The current cinematic experience is in transition with more and more films being released in three-dimension as opposed to the regular two-dimension format.

As advertized, the 3D experience is the next step on the road to creating the ultimate viewing pleasure. The latest 3D movies claim to have achieved this ultimate in audience involvement, and entice viewers to spend that little bit extra to witness the next generation in cinema.

Anyone who has seen a movie in 3D at the cinema will know that it does cost more to see a movie in that format than if it was in 2D. Most cinemas will offer the customer the choice of whether they want to pay extra to watch a film in 3D.

Some cinemas, on the other hand, will only offer that movie in 3D because that is the format the movie was intended for and the revenue for the cinema will be larger. If the audience is desperate to see a movie and it is only shown in 3D at the only cinema they can go to, then the power is with the cinema and the customer must pay

more than they would like to. The question still remains as to whether it is worth a person paying more for this supposedly better viewing experience.

Recent releases of 3D movies have resulted in mixed reviews of the format. Avatar, the most expensive and greatest selling movie of all time, is shot entirely in 3D. This movie has received both positive and negative reviews across the board. The success of Avatar, which recently passed Titanic in terms of revenue, could be attributed to the visual effects, but also the widespread attention it received due to how much it cost to make.

Another film released in 3D was Final Destination Four. This film is an example of a film's 3D effects used as a gimmick to increase sales. The 3D effect did not save a movie that lacked a substantial plot and believable characters. In fact, the new format seemed to make the movie worse.

The effect 3D had on these two films shows that this format is not yet ready to take full control of the cinematic world. Movies screened in 3D must be carefully selected, as the consequences of putting a film in 3D that should be in 2D could be disastrous.

Watching a movie in 3D can be great. It is a clear sign of progress from 2D and it can be worth the extra money. The

technology needs to be developed more and the "virtual reality" experience will surely not be too far away. When it

comes down to it, if the experience is good enough, audiences should be prepared to pay that little bit more.

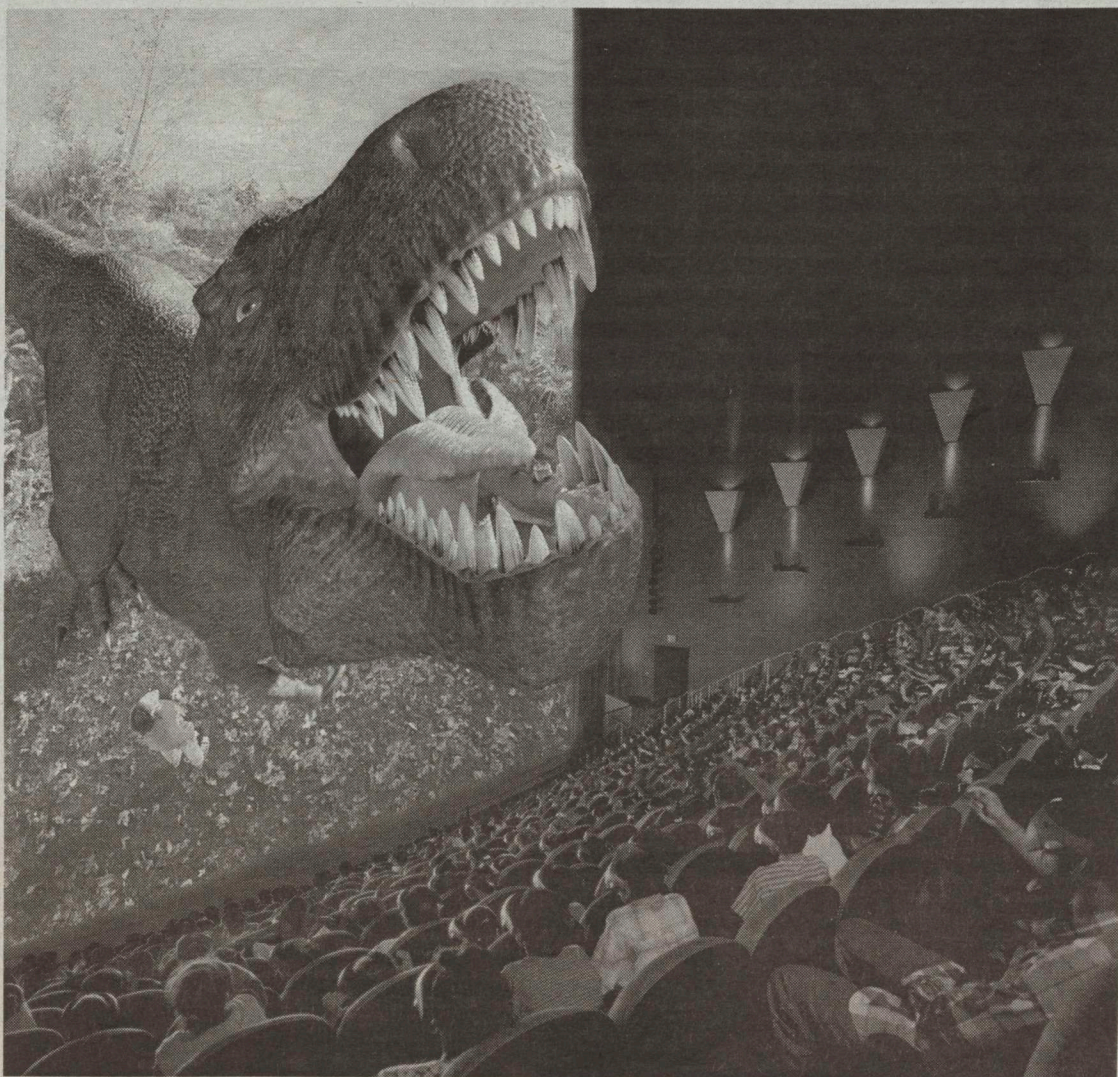


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Coming to theaters

BY BILL RHEIN
Senior Staff Writer

March 26

How to Train Your Dragon

Starring Jay Barchel and Gerard Butler

Directed by Dean DeBlois and Chris Sanders

This latest 3-D animated flick from Dream Works Studios is a combination of Vikings and Pokémon. As the title suggests, this is the story of a boy on a quest to capture and befriend a dragon.

Hot Tub Time Machine

Starring Steve Pink

Directed by John Cusack and Craig Robinson

This film is trying a new twist on the worn time-travel story. Four grown men end up in the 1980s after sitting in an empowered hot tub. This film reunites Cusack and Pink, who worked together on other classic comedies, such as "Grosse Pointe Blank" and "High Fidelity."

Also out in limited release are "Chloe," a relationship drama starring Amanda Seyfried, and "Greenberg," an indie comedy about life starring a toned down Ben Stiller.

April 2

Clash of the Titans

Starring Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, and Ralph Fiennes

Directed by Louis Leterrier

This action epic in 3-D has been in production for years. "Avatar" star Worthington plays Perseus, who is on a mission to stop Hades from dethroning Zeus in this film that borrows from Greek mythology.

The Last Song

Starring Miley Cyrus

Directed by Julie Anne Robinson

This is the next Nicholas Sparks novel to be adapted into a film.

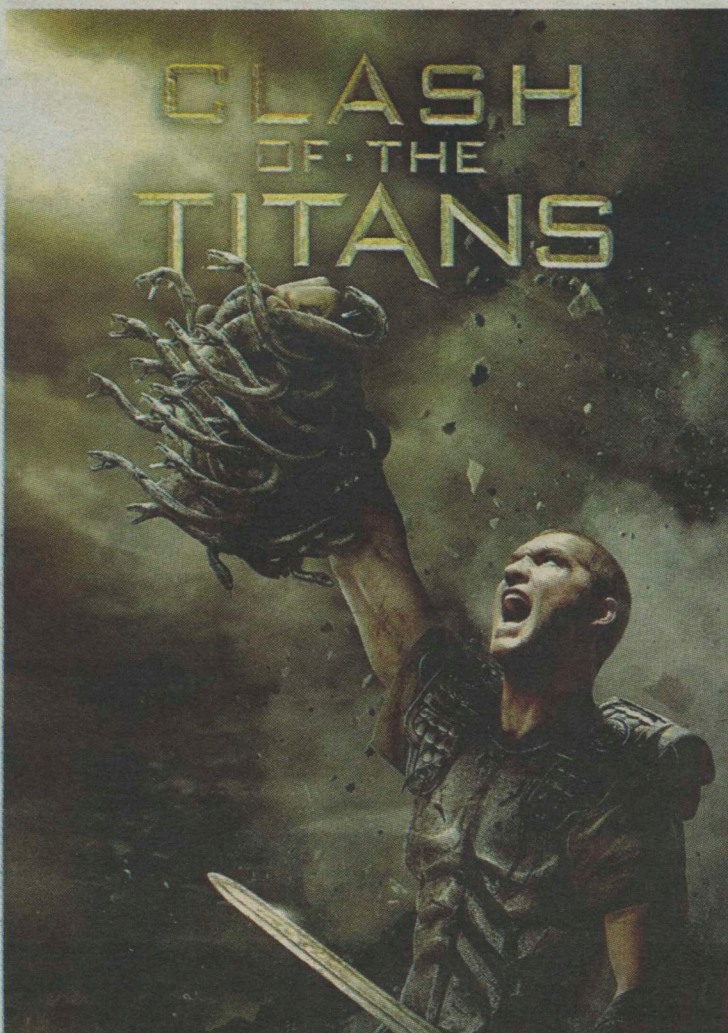


Image courtesy of Warner Brothers Pictures

Cyrus plays a young woman who falls in love while visiting her estranged father.

Why Did I Get Married Too

Starring Tyler Perry and Janet Jackson

Directed by Tyler Perry

Tyler Perry's latest film drips with traces of the 2009 flop, "Couples Retreat." The plot reunites four couples in the Bahamas for a marriage retreat in this melodrama.

April 9

Date Night

Starring Steve Carell and Tina Fey

Directed by Shawn Levy

Fey and Carell, two of the biggest television comedy stars, play a couple in this screwball comedy. The ordinary middle class couple plans an exciting night out, but it turns out to be even more thrilling after a case of mistaken identity.

Letters to God

Starring Tanner Maguire and Jeffery Johnson

Directed by David Nixon and Patrick Doughtie

This film will be walking the fine line of inspiration and mushy. The story follows a postal worker who attempts to deliver the titular letters written by a boy with cancer.

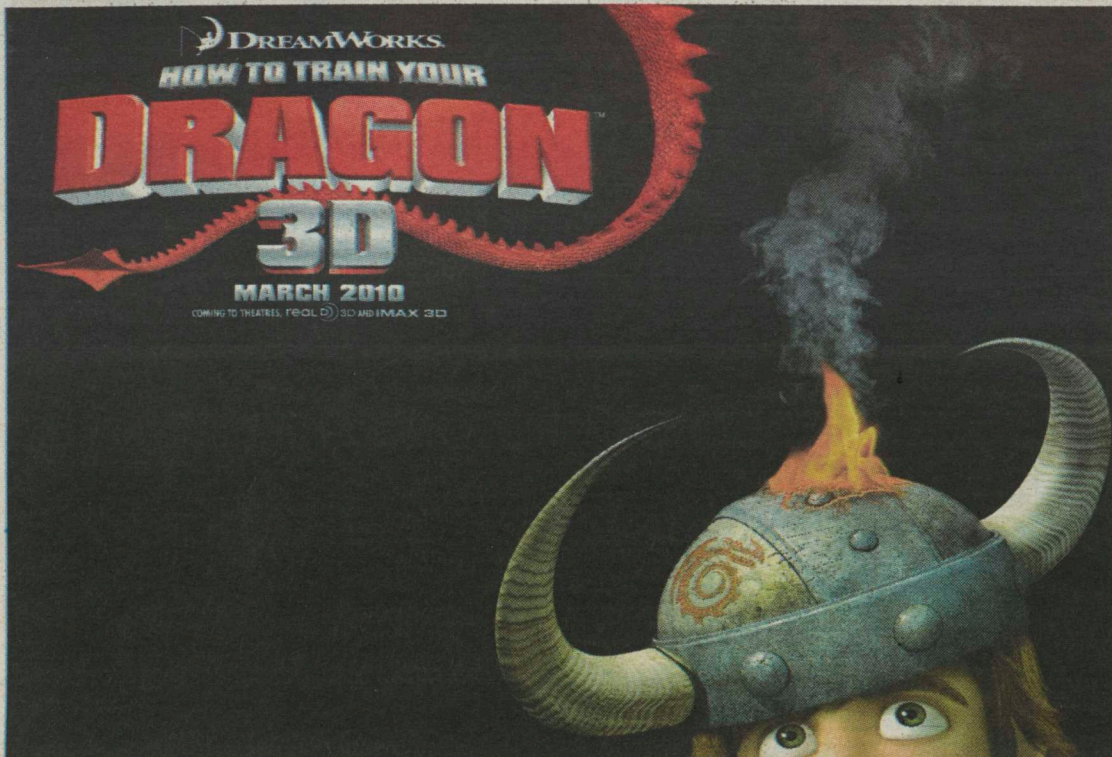
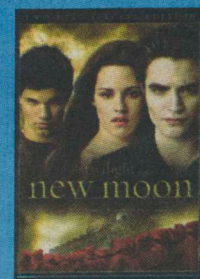


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DROPPING: DVD RELEASES

By Bill Rhein / Senior Staff Writer

Saturday, Mar. 20



"THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON"

This lengthy sequel and second film in the adaptation of the popular books broke several box office records. It certainly will please fan of the vampire and werewolf book, but may fail to draw in other viewers.

Rotten Tomatoes: 28/100

Internet Movie Database: 4.6/10

Tuesday, Mar. 23

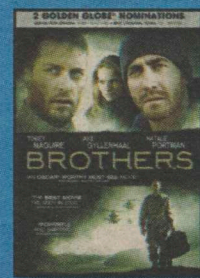


"FANTASTIC MR. FOX"

Director Wes Anderson made his leap into animated films with this flick, but he maintained his usual amount of quirkiness. This story of a rebellious fox stars George Clooney and Bill Murray and is highly suited for all viewers.

Rotten Tomatoes: 93/100

Internet Movie Database: 8.1/10

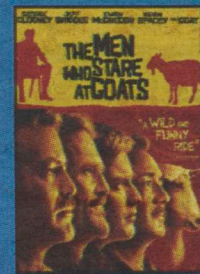


"BROTHERS"

This English adaptation of the Danish film by Susanne Bier might not have lived to the drama in the original, but it features some great performances from Tobey Maguire and Jake Gyllenhaal. The plot involves family drama when a man goes too far comforting his dead brother's widow, and a twist when the brother returns alive.

Rotten Tomatoes: 59/100

Internet Movie Database: 7.4/10



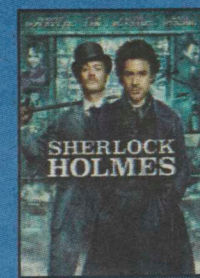
"THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS"

This war comedy did not live up to its expectations, but it is still worth a rental. It is a silly story about the Army's use of psychic soldiers starring George Clooney and Jeff Bridges.

Rotten Tomatoes: 54/100

Internet Movie Database: 6.5/10

Saturday, Mar. 30



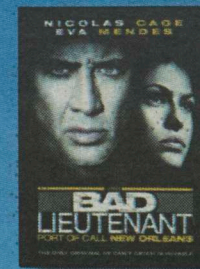
"SHERLOCK HOLMES"

Robert Downey Jr. gives a riveting performance as the famous detective in this film by Guy Ritchie film. It is definitely worth a rental for interesting story and Downey Jr.

Rotten Tomatoes: 68/100

Internet Movie Database: 7.6/10

Tuesday, Apr. 06



"BAD LIEUTENANT: PORT OF CALL NEW ORLEANS"

Director Werner Herzog manages to pull a great performance out of Nicholas Cage. This is Cage's best film in years, and is recommended for any one who likes a thrilling cop drama.

Rotten Tomatoes: 86/100

Internet Movie Database: 7.1/10

Rotten Tomatoes scores are based on a percentage of critics who liked the film and are found on rottentomatoes.com.

Internet Movie Database scores are based on the average rating of voters on imdb.com.

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