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#### **CSUSM** unvails new system for Advising Appointments

BY JONATHAN THOMPSON Pride Staff Writer

Advising appointments are now available through an updated online system called "The Web Scheduler". The Web Scheduler allows CSUSM students to schedule advising appointments according to their declared major or their major of interest. The Web Scheduler suggests that students with an undeclared major status or students with no specific major of interest visit the Career Center, located in Craven Hall Room 4201.

The older version of the Web Scheduler closed after midnight on Thursdays and reopened at 10 AM on Mondays. If no appointments were available then students had to continue logging onto the Web Scheduler daily to check for available appointments from Monday after 10 AM to Thursday before midnight. If students were not able to successfully make an advising appointment then they would have to wait until the following Monday at 10 AM to start the whole process all over again. For the Fall Semester however, the Web Scheduler no longer closes. Students can log onto the Web Scheduler to make an appointment whenever they want. Students can also make an advising appointment in advance of 7-12 days.

Advising appointments provide opportunities for students to meet with advisors for assistance in graduating. Students that meet with an advisor "leave know-

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# Craven Hall's new look



Artists rendering courtesy CSUSM Planning, Design and Construction

Above is an artists rendering of what the courtyard on the third floor of Craven will look like after it's completion in November. Picured below is the current view of the courtyard one roughly two months from completion.

BY DAVID GATLEY Pride Staff Writer

Over the next few months students and faculty at CSUSM will be noticing some significant changes to Craven Hall. As the ongoing construction indicates, Craven's first and third floors are being gutted and remodeled. Eventually the "one stop shop" administration hopes to implement will reside just past the courtyard on the third floor of Craven Hall. There student's will have easy access to Admissions and Records, Financial Aid and Student Financial Services plus much more.

The third and fourth floors have approximately 36,500 square feet that has been vacated following the occupancy of the Library Information Center in the Fall of 2003. The remainder of the space is occupied and will require phasing during construction. The second, fifth, and sixth floors are not included with this project.

The first floor move in is tentatively scheduled for the last week of October 2006. Phase 1 of the Third Floor move in is scheduled to complete in November 2006.



Photo by David Gatley / The Pride

#### **Electrical** repairs at **Academic Hall** disrupt classes

BY DAVID BAUER Pride Staff Writer

Before nine in the morning last Friday the Facility Services department announced that the lights and power would more then likely remain off for the remainder of the day in the ACD building. A contractor working in the Academic Hall accidentally struck and disabled a hidden electrical feeder for the lights on the third and fourth floor of the building. Fortunately, the contractor was not injured in the accident.

Shortly after the accident, the Facilities Services department notified the Communications Office who sent out a mass email to notify students of the situation. Yellow signs were posted on the doors of the ACD building warning students of electrical repairs being performed through out the day on the first, third, and fourth floors, with the corresponding classroom relocations.

The Academic Scheduling department was notified of the accident on Friday morning and made adjustments to classes in affected areas. Two classes, Communications 360 and Kinesiology 202, which are scheduled in classrooms on the fourth and first floors respectively, were relocated to Markstein Hall for the day.

The repair work went fairly smoothly and was completed by Facility Services during the day on Friday. Fortunately this prevents the need for further class relocations, and all classes are scheduled to be held in their regular rooms on Monday.

# Culmination of CSUSM Indian Week brings culture to campus



Photo by Jason Encabo/ The Pride

Tribal members from the Rincon and Sycaun Band of Indians play traditional drums last Tuesday in front of approx. 100 students.

BY SABRINA BAGLEY Pride Staff Writer

On Friday, September 22, local children from Rincon Elementary and Pauma Elementary performed "Contest Between The Mountain People and the Ocean People." This play, an interpretation of a local Indian legend, served as the finale of Cal State San Marcos' Indian Week, a week devoted to the local Native American cultures of the area. The script was adapted by Amy Admire, and with assistance

from CSUSM's Cultural Liaisons Office, teachers, and the administrations of Rincon and Pauma Elementary schools, was performed by students to an audience of beaming parents and cultural enthusiasts. In producing the play, the organizers hoped to educate students about their cultural backgrounds. The students performed with all the professionalism of adult actors, and it was clear that this was quite the educational experience



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ing what requirements they have already satisfied, what they are meeting in the current semester, and what requirements they still need to meet in order to graduate...," said Linda Astorga who is an Academic Advisor for the College of Business Administration (CoBA).

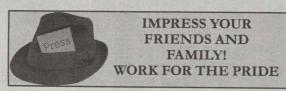
Students are urged to cancel their advising appointments through the Web Scheduler as early as possible if they know in advance that they will not be able to meet with an advisor at the time they have previously chosen. The Web Scheduler suggests this for the sake of other students who may not have advising appointments due to their lack of availability.

Advising appointments have not always been available through the online form. Prior to Web Scheduler, students had to contact advisors "via telephone, e-mail, or in person just to set an appointment," said Astorga. She also said that scheduling appointments online allows advisors to "review [students'] files ahead of time."

Despite the less cumbersome system, problems do still exist. "One change we would like to see is an increase in the number of advisors hired to keep up with the growth of the student population," said Astorga. CSUSM advising staff members are not the only people to see a deficiency in the current system for advising appointments. Students often see this deficiency as well.

Logan Goolsby, majoring in Psychology and planning on graduating Spring of 2007, said that she had had personal experiences with the lack of counselors, and that it "especially considering the amount of students keep increasing, there are not enough councilors or advisors to meet the students needs."

As CSUSM evolves the advising appointment system evolves as well. "We have several committees on campus involving advisors who are working to improve efficiency through the introduction of higher technology, improving the methods of communication among the various advising units, University offices, and students...in addition, we are developing in-house training workshops for advisors geared toward better serving our students," said Astorga. She also said that students are urged to "schedule advising appointments early in the semester [to] lessen stress levels at registration time."

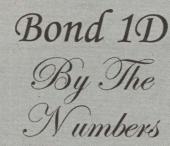


# November's \$10.4 billion education bond

BY DAVID BAUER Pride Staff Writer

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Legislature placed Bond 1D, a \$10.4 billion dollar education bond, on the November 7 ballot to be decided by California voters. The bond, whose official name is the "Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities State of California", was proposed as part of a 37.3 billion dollar package of public-works bonds for transportation, housing, and flood control. According to a summary Prepared by the State Attorney General, Bond 1D is designed to refurbish older schools and build new facilities for California public schools including K-12 schools, community colleges, UC and CSU campuses. If voters approve the bond the state could sell \$10.4 billion in general obligation bonds for education facilities, \$7.3 billion of which would go to K-12 school facilities and \$3.1 billion would go to higher education facilities. Bond 1D was created to repair, upgrade and improve earthquake safety in public schools, as well as building new classrooms and funding vocational education. Due to the newness of most of CSU San Marcos's buildings, most of the funds that would be given to CSUSM if Bond 1D were to pass would not need to be used for refurbishing. While this means that less total money might find its way to CSUSM, it also means that the funds would almost entirely used to build new facilities. Some projects that have been

suggested on campus are new parking structures, labs and lecture halls. The public-works bonds which are being run along with Bond 1D for transportation, housing, and flood control, (titled Bonds 1B, 1C, and 1E respectively) may make the passage of each individual bond more difficult. The proposed package is considerably larger than previous bond packages, the previous largest state bond proposal being the \$15 billion dollar deficit reduction bond in 2004. That bond, which was named at the time Proposition 57, was a one time Economic Recovery Bond to pay off the state's accumulated General Fund deficit. Seen by voters as necessary to avoid a state fiscal crisis, Proposition 57 passed by an overwhelming margin of 63% to 36%. The bond package 1B-1E however does not carry the same level of necessity in the minds of some voters as Proposition 57 did. This difference in perception along with the hefty price tag may lead to the bonds' eventual defeat. Last month a poll by the non partisan Public Policy Institute of California stated that 59 percent of California voters considered the \$43 billion in debt that would be accumulated by the bond package's passing would be "too much". To help shore up support for the it, Governor Schwarzenegger along with the four top legislative leaders-including Democrats state Senate President Pro Tempore Don Perata and Speaker Fabian Núñez-are scheduled for several news conferences on October 3 and 4 to promote the bond package.



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"With November's elections approaching, what are your thoughts on smear campaigns?"



"I think it's a joke, it just discredits the candidate or the person showing the ad more than it discredits the person it is about."

"Not only do smear campaigns distract voters and candidates from the real issues, but they also degrade the ideals of a democratic society. Personally, I lose

respect for candidates who choose to resort to such

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tactics.'

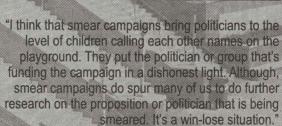
Dee Dee Love Junior Liberal Studies

"I feel that not enough of what the candidate truly stands for is being addressed. A solution, I propos is that these individuals take that time to address the issues or have public debates more centered on the reality of it, less on the playing on the emotions of the



There are smear campaigns?"

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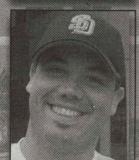
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If feel that smear campaigning really is a bad thing because it puts people in a position where their life becomes public domain, and negative issues are brought up that may have happened twenty or thirty years ago in the past, but because of that they get a negative image in society, and I think that's just a really bad thing and it sheds a negative light on them."

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## Jock Talk With Josh:

# Padres vs. Dodgers

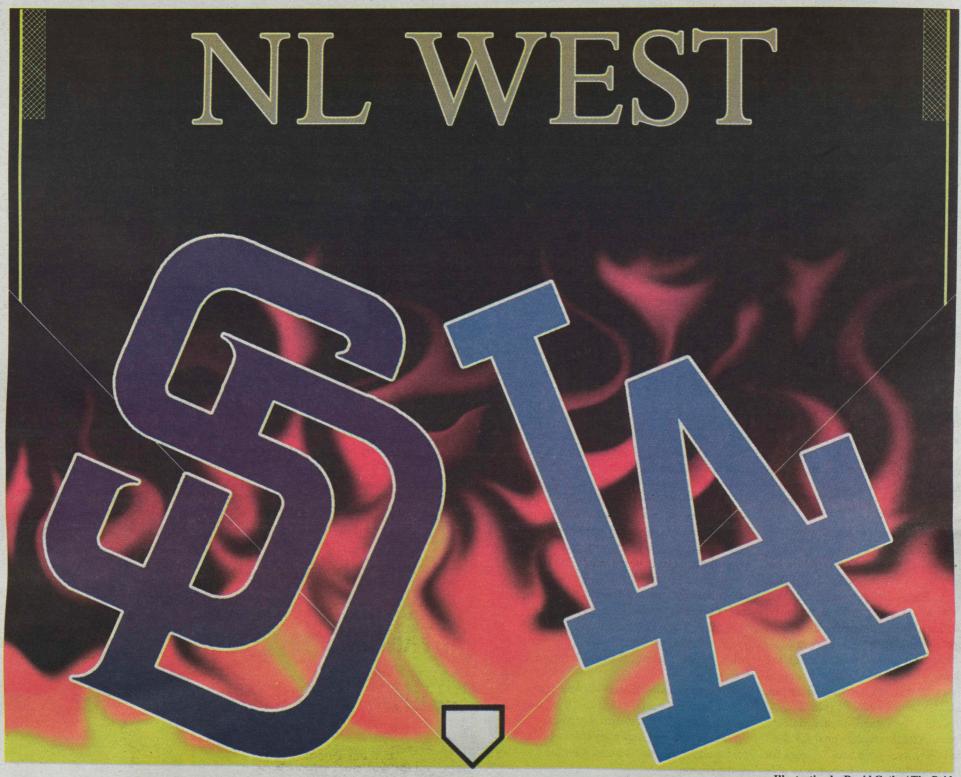


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BY JOSH SANDOVAL **Pride Sports Writer** 



high or too low when my

team wins or loses, which is why I can work in the sports industry and still maintain my sanity. Last time I lived and died with my team I was in little league. At least that was the case until September 18, when the Padres and Dodgers played one of the most remarkable games I have ever seen.

On that day the Padres gave up back to back to back jacks in the ninth inning and a game winning homer in the tenth inning to lose to the Dodgers 11-10.

Being a Padres fan, you would think I would hang around more Padres fans than Dodgers fans, but that is not the case. Some of my closest friends roll with the

blue crew, so as this division chase winds down between the two teams, friendships are being don't tested. The following are the sports conversations I had with several as a fan. I people on the evening of Sepdon't get too tember 18 through the morning of September 19.

At 9:54PM the Padres took a lead of 6-4 in the eighth inning so I text messaged my friend Paul, a dodgers fan, "Oh yaaaaa".

He simply responds with a couple of expletives.

At 10:12PM the Dodgers grabbed one of those runs back and Paul replies to me, "I don't think I can handle much more of this game."

10:25PM rolls around and the Padres score their first of three runs in the ninth inning. Paul responds with, "Okay... that's it...we aint getting 2 off Trevor...1 and a half back."

I respond with quite possibly the most clairvoyant prediction of my life, "I dunno man. This game is sketchy. 3 runs I am still not confident with."

10:30PM comes and the Padres finish the inning with a 9-5 lead and Paul says, "How about now?!"

Making that transition from journalist to fan I say, "Haha. I am satisfied now."

He responds with a "Good! We just had to keep giving you runs until you were."

The clock reaches 10:34PM and I am feeling stoked about being a game and a half ahead. Then Jeff Kent homers and Paul responds sarcastically "Yay...3 more."

10:35PM comes and J.D. Drew jacks one so Paul responds with an "Oh s\*\*t."

Before I know it I am being bombarded with phone calls. Paul calls first and my first words were, "Told you I was uneasy."

Those of you who live in Temecula, where Paul was viewing the game, know that area gets the Dodgers telecast, where as San Diegans get the Padres on channel 4 San Diego. What most don't know is that the Dodgers

telecast is on 6 second delay compared to the Padres telecast.

10:38PM and Trevor Hoffman is finally called into the game and the first pitch is sent over the fence. As this happens I am seeing it before Paul does and I simply respond with a few expletives of my own this time. Frantically he is confused for those first 6 seconds until he sees my hopes go over the fence. One pitch later I let out some more expletives and Paul responds with a, "you're kidding

The Padres got out of the inning and I got a call from my Uncle Rene, a Padres fan who lives in Los Angeles. He is watching the game at a sports bar with a bunch of Dodgers fans and among others, Eric Davis, a former Dodger. I make him look like a genius with the whole 6 second delay as he wins several bar bets on what's going to happen next in the game. That would be the highlight of the night for either of us.

The game goes into the tenth inning and the Padres grab a 10-9 lead, so once again I am feeling confident. I finally settle down and decide to join my grandfather for the bottom of the tenth inning. As I sit down, Nomar Garciaparra jacks a 2 run homer over the left field fence to win the game.

Then the phone calls start ringing in again, but that isn't the half of it. As I finally get to sleep that night, I figure I won't have to relive that nightmare. That is until I get to my second class on September 19. My friend Karin, a Dodgers fan, gives me a look as I sit down, and I know exactly what she's thinking so I simply say, "Don't say a word."

To this day I am still being mocked for that game. So, if you're a Dodgers fan, just don't say a word until the playoffs.

As you can see I am still not over it.

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# Sports Shorts with Kyle Trembley

**CSUSM Sports Information Director** 

#### 2006 Men's Golf Preview: Experience, new talent should make for exciting play

August 21, 2006. A roster with plenty of experience and a few strong newcomers should make the 2006-2007 season an exciting one for the men's golf team.

Last year, the squad placed well in many tournaments, including second place finishes at the Bill Cullum Invite, Pala Mesa Invitational, and Cal State San Marcos Invitational. This success came despite not having a single senior on the roster. Now, eight golfers return from last year's team, each with another year of experience under their belts.

Scott Conway and Matt Determan should lead the team. Conway, who was named to the All-Region Team following last season, posted the fourth best overall score in the entire field at the Region II National Championships. He has also been putting up great scores in off-season

tournaments. Determan, a junior, has also posted great scores in tournaments following the season. These tournaments help the golfers prepare for the fall season, and both Conway and Determan appear poised to have great years for CSUSM.

To complement that experience, four new golfers are in school and will compete for spots on tournament rosters. Talented freshmen Ryan Brotman, Kyle Kelch, and Arek Legarra will be on the competition roster beginning this fall, and junior Markus Wendel, a transfer student from Sweden, will bring excitement to the squad.

Between the talent that the team brings back from last year and the incoming players, San Marcos has a great season to look forward to.

#### Men's Soccer back on winning track; defeating Biola 1-0

first loss since its opening match, the Cal State San Marcos men's soccer team (8-2) quickly righted the ship on Friday, defeating a previously unbeaten Biola squad (4-1) by a score of 1-0 in what was a tremendous soccer game.

Scoring opportunities were few and far between in the tightly contested match. Luckily for CSUSM, Curtis Marcikic got the Cougars on the board early. Just under 6 minutes into the match, Chris Wyatt controlled a ball in Biola territory. From a sharp angle, he struck a cross to the opposite side of the net, finding Marcikic all alone at the far post. Though the cross handcuffed him, Marcikic managed to redirect the ball into the net with his hip, giving CSUSM an unlikely 1-0 lead

That would be all the Cougars' defense would need. After Marcikic's goal, CSUSM managed only one more shot on goal for the duration of the match, but was able to fend off all of Biola's attacks. Cougar keeper Trent Painter was his usual self, barking out instructions to his defenders, making good decisions, and stopping both shots on goal he faced.

In the waning minutes of the match, Biola mounted a ferocious charge, nearly equalizing the game multiple times with

September 22 2006. Coming off its some hard shots and free kicks that just missed. But despite all this, CSUSM never lost its composure, weathering the storm until the final whistle blew.

> For the Cougars, Friday's win should be a major confidence builder. The squad was coming off a tough loss, playing on the road, and involved in one of its first night games in cold and windy conditions, yet still managed to best a very good Biola team that entered the game 4-0. Following the game, assistant coach Bobby Renneisen had nothing but praise for both teams.

"This was the best team we've faced all year," says Renneisen. "It was just a great college soccer game. It could have gone either way."

Renneisen added that Biola has 4 or 5 players with "special" talent. All of this makes the Cougars' performance on Friday even more impressive, and bodes very well for the team's outlook for the rest of the season.

After a well-deserved week off, the Cougar men will be in action again when they host a very tough La Sierra squad on Sunday, October 1st. Kickoff is at 3:00 PM, and all CSUSM supporters are welcome to head down to Mangrum Field to cheer on your Cougars!

#### Another close loss for Women's Soccer

September 19 2006. Though the Cougar women (1-6) played a tough, close game, the team once again failed to notch a victory, losing 1-0 to the visiting Vanguard University Lions (5-0-1) on Tuesday.

Both squads had scoring chances, and CSUSM never allowed Vanguard to establish total control of play. Still, Vanguard held the upper hand for most of the match, out-shooting the Cougars 12-6 with a 9-3 advantage in shots-on-goal.

Vanguard tallied the only score of the match in the 20th minute. The Lions' Heather Hutton made a run through CSUSM's defense, finding some space deep in the Cougars' territory. She spotted teammate Rachel Housepian across the box, sliding her a pass that neither the Cougar keeper or defense could get to. Housepian struck the ball into the back of the net, giving the Lions a lead they

would never relinquish.

Most of the Cougars' opportunities came early on, with forward Clarissa Hidalgo leading the charge. Hidalgo recorded all three of CSUSM's shots on goal for the day, but opposing keeper Marissa Swift let none past. Tessa Smith and Kelly Wherry created chances from the midfield, and defender Lucia Asbury kept the Vanguard offense in check for most of the match.

While the Lady Cougars have been playing better as of late, they're still searching for a way to earn a second victory in their inaugural season. They'll try again on October 1st in a game against La Sierra University. The match will kickoff at 1:00 PM on Mangrum Track & Soccer Field, so come on down to cheer on your Cougars!

#### 2006 Women's Golf Preview: Carryover from last season places performance bar high

August 21 2006. It was an overwhelming end to last season -- the squad not only won the NAIA Region II Championship, but went on to place fourth at Nationals; the team's highest finish in the seven years since its inception. With the bar set high, the coming year will be more intense than ever.

Fall and spring will prove to be a busy time for the Lady Cougars, as the tournament schedule is more full than usual. Five tentative tournaments are scheduled for the fall, and the spring season is highlighted by the annual Cougar Invitational. During this event, the top NAIA schools travel to San Marcos to compete. Though the competition will be fierce throughout the fall and spring seasons, it will serve to prepare the team to be in National Championship contention once again.

Within the team itself, competition will be ratcheted up as well. The combination of four talented newcomers with the fact that last year's team featured just one senior means this squad will be full of competition, experience, and excitement. With the great finish to last season, the ladies on this team know what they are capable of achieving and anticipate stretching their skills and abilities to

This year, the team will feature six active returning players. The squad will be led by senior Jennell French, and she should shine in her last year as a Cougar. French's drive and determination will help her develop into a player capable of competing at the professional level.

Right behind French is junior Carly Ludwig. Ludwig led the team at the National Championships, finishing in the top 20, which Coach Segura says is just a preview of what this young lady can do. Ludwig, along with French, should lead the Cougars to achieving their goals for the upcoming season.

Along with those experienced golfers. new additions to the team include freshmen Irene Atkins (Laguna Niguel, CA), Marissa Reino (Huntington Beach, CA), Adriana Borman (West Covina, CA), and Kathryn Hansen (Moorpark, CA). They will compete for spots on tournament rosters, and help push their teammates to stay on top of their games.

Though last season was a great year for the lady cougars, it is believed that this year's roster is even stronger, and that the team can once again put itself in National Championship contention.



# Beer of the week

BY DAVID BAUER Pride Staff Writer

The end of September marks the beginning of Oktoberfest, a two week festival which has for almost two hundred years attracted millions to celebrate in Munich, Bavaria in Germany. To mark the occasion, the Beers of the Week for the next few weeks will be seasonal and special Oktoberfest brews, beginning with Beck's Oktoberfest.

Oktoberfest originated in

Bavaria in 1810 to commemorate the marriage of King Ludwig I and Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen. It is in modern times celebrated with considerable amounts of beer drinking in large public tents. The festival is held at Theresienwiese, which is often refered to as "d' Wiesn", and begins with a keg of beer being tapped by the Mayor of Munich who announces "O'zapft is!" (It is tapped!). The beers served in the Munich

## Beck's Oktoberfest

that lasted for a few minutes.

mouthfeel; but with only 5.0%

alcohol by volume (a mere 0.2%

higher than original Becks), it

did not seem to fit the charac-

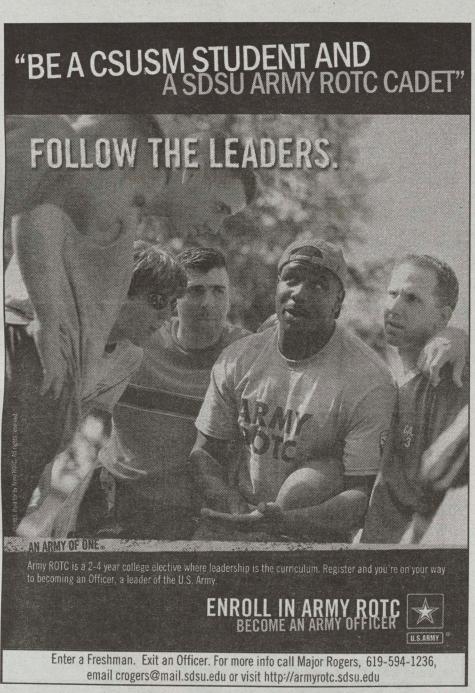
Oktoberfest local and generally darker and have higher alcohol content than those generally brewed by the local breweries.

The Oktoberfest poured a clear copper color and had a frothy head

Photo by David Gatley/ The Pride

While Beck's Oktoberfest As the head settled, it left a fair wasn't unpleasant to drink, it amount of lacing and smelled was somewhat forgettable for of toasted grains, light caramel a special seasonal brew. Since malts and a touch of spice. It had Oktoberfest is only two weeks in a medium body and a pleasant duration, one should spend their time looking for the best possible beers available; and while it is not bad, it may be necessary to skip Beck's Oktoberfest for a better seasonal beer. Next week we will take a look at another domestic Oktoberfest beer that

#### ter of most Oktoberfest beers. The taste was mildly sweet and malty, with a light aftertaste. should be a better use of time.



# MMA: Gracie Jui Jitsu

BY FRANCISCO MACIAS **Pride Sports Writer** 

A young Brazilian man once brought an idea to the American media: a dream of making his family's unique style of martial arts the number one style to beat. Unless your last name was Gracie, nobody at that time had ever heard of Brazilian Jui Jitsu, which would later be known as Gracie Jui Jitsu. This was a style of martial arts where being on your back meant you were in control. The Gracie family felt they could revolutionize the martial arts world. The Gracie's put out a challenge to anyone who would listen, especially those of the Martial Arts world. November 12, 1993, Rorion Gracie introduced the world to the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC). It was a venue where the Gracie family could showcase their own style of Martial Arts; a no holds barred, 'vale tudo' (anything goes), no rules style of fighting. Unlike the traditional ring boxers and wrestlers use, the UFC uses an Octagon, an eight sided ring linked together by a fence and poles. The main objectives were simple, make your opponent submit or "tap out", knock him out or get knocked out. Two men would enter and only one would leave and go on to the next round. At that time, fighters were not well rounded. They only knew one or maybe two styles of martial arts. The first three shows of the UFC fights were dominated by one Gracie. He was

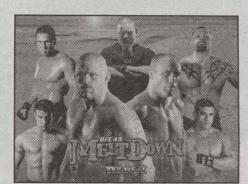


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the chosen one, the one who would represent the Gracie family; Royce Gracie. Everyone and anyone who thought they could fight or thought that their style of martial arts was the best were proven wrong that night Royce stepped into the Octagon. For the first 4 years he was the "UFC". Nobody was able to beat "Gracie Jui Jitsu" let alone handle the submissions. After the phenomenon of Gracie Jui-Jitsu took over, everyone jumped on the Jui- Jitsu band wagon. The UFC of today is different then in the Gracie days. Today's fighters have mastered Jui Jitsu and have moved on, adding Muay Thai Kickboxing and Boxing to their arsenal. Introducing Mixed Martial Arts, which in laymen's terms means any style of martial arts that one trains in. Today you can find an increasing number of MMA training facilities gearing up to accommodate all those eager for the challenge of Mixed Martial Arts.





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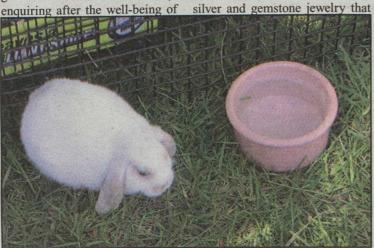
## Bunny lovers gather together for Bunnyfest 2006

BY SOPHIE BRINK Pride Staff Writer

It was a clear and lovely morning at Heritage Park in Old Town, San Diego, the warm September sun promising a hot afternoon. Tents created a fair-like atmosphere, and furry fair-goers, accompanied by their devoted human companions, began to arrive at Bunnyfest 2006, sponsored by the San Diego House Rabbit Society. Friends greeted each other warmly,

each other's bunnies. The bunnies were conveyed around the festival, some in their owners' fond embrace, others in carriers, and still others equipped with harness and leash so they could romp and play, enjoying the feel of the soft grass between their fuzzy toes.

Southern California bunny lovers filled the park by 11 a.m., exchanging bunny tales and perusing the wares of the various vendors. Rabbit Rescue Inc's tent offered charming, rabbit-themed silver and gemstone jewelry that



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attracted a swarm of shoppers. Proceeds went to fund their rescue organization.

The Lagomorph Lounge was at hand to provide bunny-sitting, a cool and shady spot for bunnies to relax while their significant humans browsed. The similarly adorable-titled Cottontail Café offered a tantalizing array of refreshments, while the booth across the way sold bunny treats - small bags of hay and bunnyfriendly cookies. Other vendors offered books, calendars - which included the highly sought after Men With Buns (bunnies, people, bunnies) calendar - toys, bunny housing, and treats.

Events included the annual photo contest, categories ranging from "men with buns" to "caught in the act" - oh those naughty rabbits. Quite popular was the demonstration on clicker training for rabbits by Andrea Bratt Frick from the organization B.U.N.S., located at the Santa Barbara County Animal Shelter. She enthusiastically explained training rabbits as an enriching experience for both bunny and human. Besides improving the bunny-human bond and providing an engaging form of exercise, clicker training also can improve a bunny's behavior, often turning vorpal rabbits into affectionate friends.

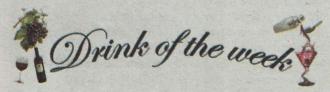
Also available was "aska-vet" and a photographer specializing in bunny portraits. The tent to visit during Bunnyfest, however, seemed to be the information booth operated by The House Rabbit Society. Not only could a bunny owner get questions about behavior, care and diet answered, but they could meet Chaz, a gentle bunny boy whom the Society rescued. Chaz and many others are

looking to be adopted into loving homes where they will be appreciated for their unique personalities and capability to be lively and loving companions. Pictures

of homeless bunnies and

information about The House Rabbit Society, San Diego Chapter can be found at http://www.rabbit. org/chapters/ san-diego/. TO BE AN

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"My mojito in La Bodeguita, my daiquiri in El Floridita." So proclaimed Ernest Hemingway, icon of American literature, war hero, expatriate, and adventurer - a man who definitely knew his way around a bottle - of two of his favorite drinks in two of his favorite bars in one of his favorite cities, Havana, Cuba. Lucky for us, the mojito has found its way out of Cuba and into our hearts as the new "it" drink.

With its magical mixture of

rum, lime, mint, and sugar, the mojito (which means "little spell") has entranced the American cocktail-drinking public with its simple, refreshing flavor. Originally made with aguardiente, the mojito is said to have been invented by the notorious Francis Drake's partner in pirate crime Richard Drake. Known as El

Draque,

early mojito extolled for its medicinal properties.

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Though simple in its ingredients, the Mojito is actually a difficultdrink to get just right. Bartend-"secrets" involve superior rum and meticulous muddling. Mud-

dling, by no means to be confused with the interference of one's well-intentioned motherin-law or the busybody next door, involves the use of a tool called (you guessed it) a muddler. This traditionally wooden utensil resembling a pestle (as in a mortar and pestle) is used to crush mint leaves and lime in order to extract their mojo. Here, I like to use organic mint and limes as there are no nasty pesticides to lessen the (cough) medicinal effect. After one muddles the 12 fresh mint leaves and

½ of a lovely lime in a Collins or highball glass, it's time to add the 2 tablespoons of sugar or sugar syrup followed by ice. Then pour in 1 ½ ounce of light rum and top with club soda. Stir, garnish with a wedge



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Movie Review:

# Put down the Red Bull and go see Crank

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"Crank" is so extreme, so hardcore, so painful, so gory, so profane and so unbelievable that three days later I still feel like I've just been slapped across the face, punched in the stomach, run over by a bicyclist, dragged through all of the dirt school parking lots, and thrown into a pool of freezing-cold water. Sound like fun? You bet it is! The thrilling cardiac-arrest inducing roller coaster ride that is "Crank" comes highly recommended by this reviewer.

Not having been to a movie in a few months and having heard my father rant and rave about this film, as well as a plethora of my guy friends, I was fairly skeptical upon entering the movie theater to see a film that critics have pigeon-holed as a "guy flick." "Is

this really going to be worth the \$7.50 for the ticket and the \$4.25 for the Mr. Pibb I just shelled out?" I thought as I walked through the vacant theater. Having missed the credits entirely, my friend and I entered the stadium just as Jason Statham (from "The Transporter") woke up from his "Beijing Cocktail." What ensued next was 85 minutes full of mind-blowing (literally in some parts) action—we're all-bets-are-off-don't-trythis-even-if-you-do-only-have-onehour-to-live gnarly stuff-not to mention plenty of blood and gore and a fair share of profanity and scantily clad women.

Chev Chelios (Statham), a professional hit man who is poisoned by a sleazy rival gangster, Verona (Jose Pablo Cantillo), opens up the movie with the discovery that he's been injected with a lethal Chinese toxin

and only has one hour left to live. Poison blocking the adrenal receptors in his body, the only way Chelios will hope to stay alive in the movie is to constantly keep adrenaline pulsing through his veins. This being the case, he resorts to insane methods of keeping his adrenaline pumping, and I can't imagine anyone attempting the outrageous stunts that Chelios pulls off in "Crank." Ever. Period.

I won't ruin the plot or any of the pants-wetting action scenes for you if you do choose to see it, but I will say "Crank" delivers your money's worth and more. Next time you find yourself reaching for a can of Redbull or Monster, put it down and head to your local theater to see "Crank." It'll cause more adrenaline than you can handle to pulse throughout your body. "Crank" will have you up for

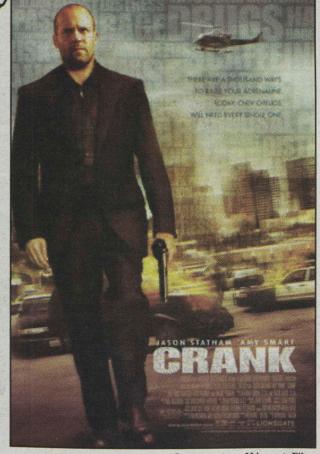


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