

Pam Houston delights CSUB audience during visit

By Melissa Stewart
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, the Dezember Room filled briskly; and more chairs were added quickly as the latest edition of the California Writer's Series presented author Pam Houston. Whispering ceased as Houston took her place behind the podium. As she looked up from behind the mic, a smile appeared from corner to corner of her face and she began to speak.

Houston, who now heads the Creative Writing Department at UC Davis, began her education at Denison University in Granville Ohio where she received her B.A. She was the first to tell the audience she earned her Master's from the University of Utah, but don't ask to see it. She never went to pick up her diploma.

Nor her coat, as she put it, the day she dropped out of the PhD program three months shy of graduating.

"Pride was my fatal flaw," Houston explained about dropping out. "My dissertation was already published and I wanted to have fun with those on the outside."

Wednesday evening she began her reading, in



Melissa Stewart/The Runner
Pam Houston interacts with an attendee during her reading last Wednesday.

the Dezember Room, with two small excerpts from her latest book, Sighthound.

Beforehand she gave a short background on the novel. She explained it was first a set of independent short stories. But as her writing progressed so did the story plot. The finished product is a cohesive novel with 12 narrators.

"It is important for me to get the form before I know what the book is about," Houston says.

The excerpts out of Sighthound focused on two of the narrators. One is the voice of a main character, who is the terminally ill three-legged Irish Hound Dante. The other a cynical cat named Stanley. "I'm a dog person. I don't like cats myself," says Houston as preface to reading Stanley's part.

After reading from her latest novel, Houston transitioned into reciting part of a new project by explaining, "what makes a reading so fun is reading something new and something you are not sure of."

These excerpts were more biographical. Each story presented a picture in the listener's mind. Her vision of the landscape or feeling of emotions of each moment allowed a reader to place themselves in her narrative.

Having not finished her PhD has not affected her stature as a writer. Her work and her presence are full of life and humor. "It was really good, I really enjoyed her," says audience member Tracy Hill.

Houston spoke with a sly smile and often made the audience laugh with a humorous side. "Her writing was fresh and entertaining" said English student Catherine Starling.

"I'm comfortable writing in the first person," Houston admits when asked about how close to her own life is her work.

Her humor didn't stop at the reading. In conclusion, referring back to the days at the University of Utah, she gave the audience members a moral to her story, "So your lesson here is don't finish your degree. Just kidding."

At that, Dr. MacArthur, head of the California Writers Series stood, to close the reading and the packed room stood in applause.

Rec Center receives over 30 bids for contracts

By Chris Doggett
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, more than 30 different bid packages were offered to S.C. Anderson for various parts of the planned Rec Center. They ranged from hiring contractors for the electrical work to carpentry and concrete.

S.C. Anderson is CSUB's contract liaison—they are the ones who listened to each proposal.

Currently the company is in the process of analyzing the bids to make sure they are qualified and are capable of being bonded and insured.

Once S.C. Anderson qualifies the 30 proposals, they will then create a guaranteed max price, which will then be the price of the Rec. Center.

Contract Administrator Frank Yap is in charge of the building of the Rec Center and is currently also heading the building of the new

Computer Science and Mathematics Building.

Yap says that once S.C. Anderson gets back to him with the max price, he will then present it to the Chancellor's Office. Once there, it will stay in the Financial Office for less than one month.

Around mid-May, if it passes approval through the Financial Office, it will then head to the Board of Trustees, which meets monthly. Yap says that everything is predicated on these approvals.

He remains cautiously optimistic, and says that with everything in order he expects to break ground around May 29.

Yap is asking for some student feedback and wants as much student participation at the ground breaking as possible. It should be known by the end of next week which proposals are going through to the Chancellor's Office.

CSUB students offer up work for fundraising efforts

By Nicole Sanchez
Assistant Features Editor

It is that time of the year again, time for the Art Club to display their artistic ability. The Art club is hosting their fifth annual art sale in the Student Union.

The club is selling everything from photographs to sculptures to charcoal drawings, all made by CSUB students.

There is no doubt that CSUB students have talent, this art sale is just a surface view of how deep that talent can go.

Michelle Lyon, president of the Art Club brings light to the event and insight to the meaning behind a few of the pieces displayed in the sale.

"The art decides what it wants to

be, you're just there to capture it," explains Lyon.

The sale began on Monday and will run every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Thursday. Most of the art displayed is for sale, while some of it is simply just for exhibition. There will also be a silent auction that will end on Thursday. The winners of the auction will be announced on Thursday during a reception starting at 3 p.m.

Lyon also has pieces displayed at the sale, but they are strictly for presentation. In addition to the art sale on campus, Lyon and the remaining Art Club officers are also displaying art at the 18th Street Gallery. The exhibition began last Saturday and will run until the end of April.



CSUB's campus community gathers for annual community event.



Juan Torres/The Runner

Survivors and supporters gather during annual event

■ Every six minutes, a woman is forcibly raped in America.

By Juan Torres
Photo Editor

According to statistics compiled from the book, "How to Make the World a Better Place for Women—in Five Minutes a Day" by D. Jackson, a woman is forcibly raped every six minutes in America. 57 percent of younger women who are raped are on a date.

What is even more disturbing is that the effects of sexual assault go way beyond the actual attack. In one study, one in five rape victims had attempted suicide and more than twice that many said they had seriously considered it.

CSUB's annual Take Back the Night event is part of a nationwide event where different demonstrations are held during the days in the month of April to raise awareness about sexual assault.

The Women's Network originally spearheaded the event with cooperation from

different campus organizations.

Before the event began, representatives from the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault along with the Kern County Probation Department were on hand offering information about their various services.

Janet Millar, Chair of the Campus Violence Prevention Committee, was one of the first speakers of the evening. She discussed the various services that the Counseling Center offers.

The Counseling Center has four counselors and the hours of the Counseling Center are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are available other hours by appointment or on a need basis.

Another speaker at the event, Patty Avalos, who is from the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault discussed the services her agency offers to the public.

"What brought me out here was the group that I work for. I work with people who have been affected by sexual assault. What also brought me out here is my personal experience because my family has been effected by it," said Avalos

One somber part of the program was when survivors and others who have been affected were given the chance to speak about their experiences. Later on in the evening Avalos discussed her own experience.

The evening ended with a candlelight vigil to honor the victims of sexual assault. Each of the participants said who they were lighting their candle for as they lit their candle. After each candle was lit, there was a moment of silence honoring all those affected by sexual assault.

The next event scheduled will be held on April 25.

Upcoming events

Wednesday, April 25 a Legal Panel will be discussing sexual assault and how to fix a "broken problem" from 11 a.m. to noon in the Multipurpose Room in the Student Union.

Tuesday, April 30 the Student Union Lounge will open its doors for an Open Mic Night that will run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information please call the CSUB counseling center at 661-654-3366.

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CSUB students take top honors at conference

Courtesy of Public Information

It's rare to bat a thousand - so rare, in fact, that it's practically unheard of.

But that's essentially what three California State University, Bakersfield students did at the recently concluded Alpha Chi Honor Society conference in San Antonio, Texas. Against more than 500 of the brightest American college and university undergraduates, the three students - CSUB's entire delegation - won three of the 16 available awards at the conference, making CSUB the only school to win multiple awards.

"I am so proud of them," said Michael Flachmann, CSUB English professor and advisor to the campus' Alpha Chi chapter. "Imagine 500 of the brightest students in the United States all giving presentations. I took three and they won three huge awards. It's just amazing what they accomplished."

The three are Amy Grundvig, a senior psychology major from Bakersfield; Katrina Rodzon, a senior psychology major from Tehachapi; and Ammar Zanian, a senior biology major originally from New Zealand now living in Bakersfield.

Grundvig and Zanian won the awards for having the best papers in their discipline, while Rodzon won a \$1,500 Nolle Scholarship for graduate studies. All three are McNair Scholars at CSUB, which means they maintain a high grade-point average, conduct research, and plan to get doctorates. The stipends they receive for being McNair Scholars cover their costs to attend conferences and for graduate-school applications. Grundvig plans on attending CSUB for her master's degree; Rodzon is heading for San Francisco State University; Zanian is still undecided where to go.

"They can get into any graduate program they want, they are so blindingly bright," Flachmann said.

The students' presentations dealt with a variety of topics:

Grundvig's paper was on the "attitude and intended discriminatory behaviors toward women who work - women discriminate toward women as much as men do." She said her interest in the topic stemmed from "my family experience; my whole family is conservative; they feel women should be in the home, and I disagree. So my research is very close to home."

CSUB to host first Celebrate CSUB! carnival

Courtesy of Public Information

California State University, Bakersfield will host its first ever Celebrate CSUB! event, Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the main campus.

A variety of activities will occur throughout the campus, including children's events, booths from campus clubs and theatre performances.

CSUB President Horace Mitchell, along with students and faculty, decided it's time to show off the university, and from that wish has emerged a university-wide open house.

"The idea for a campus-wide celebration has been around for several years," said Evelyn Nelson, executive assistant to the president and chair of the event's committee. "Over the past two years the president has listened to various individuals and groups on campus and heard a constant refrain about the hidden treasures and hidden gems on campus, and that CSUB is a too-well-kept secret. He decided that it was time to bring us out of hiding and to invite the community to explore, discover, and in some cases re-discover, CSUB."

The festivities include a daylong series of events filled with activities for an array of visitors. The campus will have scholarly activities such as the Student Research Conference and faculty lectures; events to welcome alumni back to campus such as the 5K Alum Fun Run, and an alumni garden reception with the president; NASA's Mars Land Rover will also make a stop on campus for the event.

The Harry Potter Club will join forces with the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics to present a chemistry circus with several sci-

ence demonstrations. "The Harry Potter Club invites students of all ages to attend in costume and experience exploding balloons, slime, glowing pickles, and more with our chemistry students," Nelson said. "It's 'Harry Potter and the Scientists of CSUB.'"

In addition, the Student Union will host a spring carnival. Activities for children include the Children's Center 30th anniversary celebration, art workshops and face-painting. A number of food vendors as well as artists' booths and crafters will be on hand.

Another highlight is "CSUB Idol," a local take on Fox's popular television singing competition. Auditions will take place in the amphitheater and final acts will perform in the evening at the Doré Theatre. An international human rights panel is also scheduled for the evening.

Freshman Day and parent orientation will also be in full swing. CSUB Outreach is expecting about 400 first-time freshman and their parents to come on campus to register for the fall quarter. Steve Watkin, CSUB outreach director, said students from Kern, Los Angeles and Tulare counties will be attending.

Two orientation sessions are available, at 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m. at the Doré Theatre. A general orientation presentation is scheduled for students and their parents. Mitchell is also scheduled to welcome admitted freshmen. During the orientation presentation, students will learn about university policies, rules and regulations.

Immediately following each orientation presentation, students will meet with the deans of the four schools and an advisor to register for classes. The

soon-to-be Roadrunners and their parents will meet up for lunch and then have the rest of the afternoon to participate in Celebrate CSUB! activities.

Watkin said financial aid, admissions, housing, and the Stiern Library will be among the many departments assisting the new students.

Students are advised to sign up for one of the two orientation sessions before attending Freshman Day. Cost to attend the Freshman Day orientation and lunch is \$35. For information please call Victoria Champion at (661) 654-3138.

Nelson is thrilled with the synergy Celebrate CSUB! is creating. "The entire campus is involved," Nelson said.

"There is a great cross-section of schools, departments, programs, clubs, and organizations that will have booths along the walking mall in front of Dorothy Donahoe Hall. Many departments will be open for information and labs will be open for tours.

"This is a long-awaited event which allows the university to celebrate academics and co-curricular activities, alumni and our community partners. There is excitement in the air among people I speak with on campus and in the community. People in the community are eager to participate and they want to come to campus. The community should attend because the university has something for everyone."

Admission and parking are free. Reservations for groups of 10 or more are suggested, as is parking for school buses. For additional information, please log onto www.csub.edu/celebrate or call (661) 654-2175.

Rodzon said she is "big on equality, so I wanted to look at a question regarding homophobia and attitudes toward lesbian women. Gay rights is big now, so I thought this is an issue that needs to be addressed."

Zanian's paper "concerned altering the genes of "a common weed found all over the world. I inserted a mutation into the plant's gene, which showed whether the mutated gene affected the physical nature of the plant, the makeup. My preliminary data showed a significant retardation in growth. The plant is comparable to other plants and animals, and findings could very easily be applied to other animals." He said it could lead to improved crop yields and other agricultural benefits.

The three students all said they enjoyed their San Antonio experience, including dinner on the Riverwalk, plus a visit to the Alamo.

Also, Flachmann was re-elected to a four-year term on the Alpha Chi National Council.

The CSUB chapter will have an induction ceremony on Sunday, April 22, in the Dore Theater. For more information about the ceremony or Alpha Chi, please call Flachmann at (661) 654-2121.

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Runner on the Street

By Juan Torres
Photo Editor

This Week, The Runner asked, "What do you think about the shooting at Virginia Tech?"



Veronica Juarez-Carril
Junior, Psychology

I wish schools would pay more attention to bullying to prevent these situations.



Crystal Mann
Senior, Business administration

I think its terrible, very unfortunate. I'm devastated for friends and family of the victims. It's really scary because it can be anyone.



Jonah Gallon
Sophomore, Communications

I feel terrible about it. It was unpreventable. Even with warnings it still would have happened.



Mark Booc
Freshman, History

I think its pretty stupid because he was angry when he shot those people. He could have found a better way to deal with his anger.



Leandro Simoes
Sophomore, Business marketing

It was an act of madness.

Marie Covin to retire after many years of service

By Emily Shapiro
Assistant News Editor

Marie Covin has been part of the CSUB community since 1971, but she is a young person at heart. With a broad smile and a winning personality, one can see why she is a people person.

She has worked at CSUB for the past 35 years in the school of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Her job is to track the budget, process travel claims and to oversee the promotions and tenure review for faculty and staff.

“Buildings,” said Covin when asked what the biggest changes she’s seen on the campus were.

“There weren’t as many buildings when I first started. I’ve watched the development and expansion of the campus,” stated Covin.

Covin was born in Bimington, N.Y. She later moved to Taft, Calif., so that her father could manage the A&P grocery store. She attended Taft High School and later obtained an Associate in Arts degree.

Before her marriage she was involved in

artistic roller skating. This is like artistic ice skating, but much more difficult. During this time she competed in the California State and SouthWest Pacific Regional Competitions; in which she took home several national titles.

She later married and had one son. Being a mother was very rewarding, according to Covin.

During this time she worked at Standard Oil Company in Taft for 13 years, before joining CSUB’s team. For 15 years following, she taught skating lessons.

Her son, following in his mothers’ footsteps, became a skating champion, and skated out of Orange County.

“He was better than his mom,” said Covin, with a laugh.

In her spare time she enjoys gambling at casinos and playing bingo.

“I like to play slots. One time I won \$5,000 on a dollar slot machine. That was the most I’ve ever won,” stated Covin.

She also considers herself pretty lucky.

“Whenever we have a drawing in our department I always win,” said Covin.

Of her travel plans Covin had this to say:

“I don’t have a lot of plans after I retire. I plan to travel with my son to Atlantic City and New York City. I want to see more of the United States. I will sightsee while he works,” said Covin.

In her years working at CSUB, Covin has seen many changes, mostly due to the expansion of the school and the buildings. Changes are not limited just to the physical structures of the campus. The biggest change that the CSUB needs is better morale among the faculty and staff, according to Covin.

“It isn’t like it used to be. Morale among the staff is an important part of working,” said Covin.

Working is something that Covin has enjoyed all her life.

“I’ve enjoyed my working days. I do not believe there was ever a day where I didn’t enjoy coming to work.” said Covin.

CSUB has a special place in her heart because of the friendly atmosphere she found.

“Cal State saved my life. The rapport with my co-workers, they are like my family,” stated Covin.



Emily Shapiro/The Runner

Marie Covin will be retiring after 35 years of service to the CSUB community.

Second Annual Brains of Bakersfield raises \$7,800

By Phillip Barnett
Sports Editor

The second annual Brains of Bakersfield was held in the Icardo Center last Friday the 13th and was hosted by CSUB men’s soccer coach Simon Tobin.

Brains of Bakersfield is a trivia game featuring several teams with up to 10 members per team competing to answer the most questions. The game is 10 rounds with 10 questions and each round with each team having the opportunity to double their score on one round. Each round’s questions consisted of a different theme ranging from sports, science, history, music, television

and many others.

A group of CSUB professors were named this years “Brainiest Bunch,” the title given to the winners of the event. Grey Matter Envy, the winning team’s name, was also awarded trophies to go along with their year long bragging rights.

“It was a real successful night. We went up to 26 teams this year. A few people said the quiz was a little bit harder,” said Tobin. “The team that nearly won it last year, Gray Matter Theory, won it this year.”

Each team paid an entry fee of \$300 with all of the proceeds going to the men’s and women’s soccer teams and a charity benefiting children with diabetes. The children

get to go to a camp called Bearskin Meadow and get to meet others their age and learn how to deal with the disease.

“We raised money for men’s and women’s soccer and also Bearskin Meadow camp for diabetic kids. We try to raise money for a specific camp. You got up to 50 to 60 kids that go up to Bearskin Meadow. It is the first time in their lives that they are around other diabetic kids. While they are there they feel more comfortable and they learn a lot about dealing with diabetes. For all of the kids I’ve spoke to, it makes a huge difference in their lives,” said Tobin on the fundraising.

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CSUB Crime Beat for the week of April 9 - April 13

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Public Safety Reports

Monday, April 9

12:18 p.m. Traffic collision
Collision in Parking Lot J. Property damage only.

12:25 p.m. Traffic collision
Collision at Southwest Little League. Property damage only. Suspects wished for no report to be taken.

1:21 p.m. Grand Theft Report
Occurred at Wiley’s Pub inside Student Union. Sign taken. No suspects or witnesses found.

3:50 p.m. Property found
Officer initiated activity at Student Way. Property was seized for safe-keeping.

9:57 p.m. Suspicious person.
Occurred at University Police Department. A suspicious black male in his 30’s, wearing a white t-shirt, skull cap, and blue jeans seen loitering at the north side wall of the building. Also seen near the Science Building’s loading area. Suspect later determined to be an

employee of the university.

10:51 p.m. Suspicious person.
Officer initiated activity at the Music Building. White male, heavy set, wearing black clothing, attempted to enter through the south doors. Determined not to be intoxicated. No further action required.

Tuesday, April 10

1:51 p.m. Harassment report
Occurred at Dobry dorm building. Student harassed by another student. Report taken.

2:16 p.m. Property found
Occurred at Science 1 building. Black Pro zipper binder. Report taken. Property was seized for safe-keeping.

4:59 p.m. Property found
Occurred at Walter Stern Library. Miscellaneous items found. Report taken. Property was seized for safe-keeping.

5:49 p.m. Property found
Occurred at Parking Lot K. Keys found. Report taken. Property was seized for safe-keeping.

8:29 p.m. Vandalism report
Occurred at Paring Lot B. Vehicle window shattered by unknown subject. Report was taken after area was checked for witnesses and suspect(s)

Wednesday, April 11

5:21 p.m. Property found
Occurred at Business Development Center. Black purse found. Report taken. Property was seized for safe-keeping.

6:26 p.m. Suspicious vehicle
Officer initiated activity at Facilities Management. Owner advised to leave area and complied.

9:37 p.m. Property found
Occurred at DDH. Sunglasses found. Report taken. Property was seized for safe-keeping.

Thursday, April 12

5:52 a.m. Property found
Occurred at DDH. Red purse found. Report taken. Property was seized for safe-keeping.

9:41 a.m. Property found
Occurred at Runner Café. 3 keys and a flashlight on keychain along with fitness club card found. Report taken. Property was seized for safe-keeping.

5:36 p.m. Suspicious circumstances
Occurred at Parking Lot B. Male, unknown race, in black pickup truck with camper shell observed by witness taking pictures. Upon returning to her vehicle, witness found tiny army figurines surrounding vehicle. The area was checked.

7:47 p.m. Disturbance
Occurred at Southwest Little League. Ex husband showed up at practice and attempted to leave with children who were with their babysitter. No further action required. Subjects involved were able to resolve situation.

For more information about these occurrences, please call Campus Police at 661-654-2111.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As everyone knows radio host Don Imus was fired last week for racist comments he made on his show. Imus was fired because of the colors white, green and black. Imus was fired because he is white, plain and simple. I’m curious, where are his First Amendment rights?

Comedians Dave Chapelle and Carlos Mencia both use the ‘N’ word blatantly on their television shows. I have asked people and they say that it is different. Well the only difference I can see is Chapelle is African American and Mencia is Latin. If either comedian was white, they would be in the unemployment line like Imus. What’s the other difference of using that term versus what Imus said? There is none. Both

were used in jest, but Imus had to apologize.

I also find it hypocritical for the radio industry to fire him after they make millions off of the very music that created the image Imus was portraying of these women. Furthermore, this music is protected under the First Amendment and Imus isn’t? The very music that has changed our society as a whole promoting violence, drugs, infidelity and the continued degradation of women is accepted as Freedom of expression. But if your an aging shock jock your expression isn’t so free.

Originally Imus was suspended for two weeks. However, advertisers began to pull their business from his show and was he fired. The green speaks. Our local deejays on KRAB radio say things that are considerably much more offensive. I find the analo-

gy of concert tickets flying out of the ticket office faster than one of the deejays twelve-year-old nieces panties on a Friday night much more offensive than what Imus said. Al Sharpton called for his firing and he got it.

However, isn’t it a little bit naive to think that Sharpton has never said a racist remark about white people? Once we treat each as Americans and not as groups will this nonsense end.

Essentially in the light of the tragedy at Virginia Tech isn’t this a little bit trivial?

Sincerely,

Jason E. Friedly
CSUB Student

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Students & Faculty are still in the same boat.

CSU Students are faced with a proposed 10% fee increase this fall = \$2,772 not counting campus based fees. This is on top of 76 % undergraduate fee increases and 100% graduate student fee increases since 2002.

The CSU Administration and the Governor have proposed additional fee hikes of up to 10% per year through 2010–2011, which means fees will rise \$2,196 or a 154% increase since 2002.


CSU Outreach and Retention Programs are proposed to be cut another \$7 million next year.

Students are already overburdened with high fees, more student loans and less financial aid, limited class offerings, and overcrowded classrooms. Students are paying more while getting less!

The California Faculty Association (CFA) views the student fee issue as a key part of a larger fight for accessible, affordable, and high quality education as called for in the 1960 Master Plan of Higher Education. We will continue to stand together with students to stop fee increases, restore funding to outreach programs, and oppose CSU executive pay hikes and perks.

Join us as we rally for justice for students and the next generation of California’s leaders!

For more info about your campus rally contact:
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Movies opening this week

Information provided by Yahoo movies

Fracture
Thriller/Crime

Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Ryan Gosling, David Strathairn, Rosamund Pike, Embeth Davidtz.

When Ted Crawford discovers that his beautiful younger wife, Jennifer, is having an affair, he plans her murder—the perfect murder. Among the cops arriving at the crime scene is hostage negotiator Detective Rob Nunally, the only officer permitted entry to the house.



Surprisingly, Crawford readily admits to shooting his wife, but Nunally is too stunned to pay close attention when he recognizes his lover, whose true identity he never knew, lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Although Jennifer was shot at point blank range, Nunally realizes she isn't dead. Crawford is immediately arrested and

Photo courtesy of rottentomatoes.com
Ryan Gosling and Legs McGee in the thriller "Fracture."

arraigned after confessing—a seemingly slam-dunk case for hot shot assistant district attorney Willy Beachum, who has one foot out the door of the District Attorney's office on his way to a lucrative job in high-stakes corporate law. But nothing is as simple as it seems, including this case. Will the lure of power and a love affair with a sexy, ambitious attorney at his new firm overpower Willy's fierce drive to win, or worse, quash his code of ethics? In a tense duel of intellect and strategy, Crawford and Willy both learn that a "fracture" can be found in every ostensibly perfect façade

In the Land of Women
Comedy/Drama/Romance

Starring: Adam Brody, Meg Ryan, Kristen Stewart, Olympia Dukakis, Elena Anaya.

For as long as he could remember, Carter Webb had been falling in love with women. And for as long as he could remember, he'd been searching for the right one. He found everything he was looking for in Sophia and for a little while he was happy. Unfortunately, it wasn't meant to be. When Carter is dumped by Sophia in a North

Hollywood coffee shop, he sees his entire life flash before his eyes. Heartbroken and depressed, Carter escapes Los Angeles, heading



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I've been counting down the days that Adam Brody brings his acting skills to the big screen.

different perspective on life and especially death. Soon after his arrival, Carter stumbles into the lives of the family living directly across the street, Sarah Hardwicke, the mother of two daughters: Paige, a precocious, effervescent eleven-year-old and her older sister Lucy, an angst ridden teenager. While Sarah faces her own personal crisis, Lucy wrestles with the fears that define her. Through his relationships with these women, as well as his grandmother, Carter begins to discover that what felt like the end was really only just the beginning of his adventure.

Vacancy
Suspense/Horror

Kate Beckinsale, Luke Wilson, Frank Whaley, Ethan Embry, Scott G. Anderson.

When David (Luke Wilson) and Amy Fox's (Kate Beckinsale) car breaks down in the middle of nowhere, they are forced to spend the night at the only motel around, with only the TV to entertain them... until they discover that the low-budget slasher movies they're watching were all filmed in the very room they're sitting in. With hidden cameras now aimed at them... trapping them in rooms, crawlspaces, underground tunnels... and filming their every move, David and Amy must struggle to get out alive before whomever is watching them can finish their latest masterpiece.



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There will be no Mitchapalooza in this lackluster thriller.

Celebrity Roll Call: The Sanjaya edition

By Marcus Mulick
Entertainment Editor

Unless you've been living under a rock for the past month, you probably have heard of the human phenomenon who goes by the name of Sanjaya.

For those of you that don't know who Sanjaya is, he is a 17 year-old kid who is so absolutely terrible that he has developed a fanbase of people who vote for him simply because he is terrible.

That's right. He is getting votes not because he's good, but because he's bad.

Internet sites like www.votefortheworst.com have sprung up urging people to cast their votes for Sanjaya Malakar every week. It started out as a joke, but now Sanjaya has made it to the final seven finalists and has a very good chance of winning.

Many people have boycotted the show. I am one of those people.

I urge all of you to watch an episode of American Idol this season. It's easy to see that Sanjaya Malakar is no American Idol. His voice is mediocre at best.

And I haven't even gotten to his hair. Every week he appears with a hair style that is getting progressively more and more feminine or emo. He's more confused than Lance Bass.

My one hope, Haley Scarnato, commonly known as 'the girl with amazing legs,' was kicked off in last week's episode. I knew she wasn't going to win. Her voice wasn't that great.

But it was that feeling of hope that kept me going. Everyone needs a hero. Haley Scarnato of San Antonio, Tex. was my hero. When times were dim, she was the one that kept me going.

And Sanjaya Malakar has taken her away from me.

If Sanjaya wins this season (which he has a very good chance of doing), American Idol will be taken off the air forever. When you have more people voting for Sanjaya than for our President, you know you have a problem.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said, "The only thing we have



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Sanjaya is bringing sexy back. Wait. No he's not. Ever.

*The opinions expressed in this column do not reflect the opinions of the editorial and newspaper staff.

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Is raunchy comedy right up your alley? Then the R.A.T. comedy troupe might be for you. These guys have been known to offend just about everyone with their adult-only humor.

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CSUB soccer plays UC Santa Barbara for a good cause

By Phillip Barnett
Sports Editor

Sometimes, every once in a while, something comes along and lets you know how unimportant sports really are in the grand scheme of things. When you hear a story about a man suffering from lung cancer, a soccer game doesn't seem that important.

This Friday, however, the men's soccer team will prove that sports are sometimes more than just entertainment for their fans, but can also reach out to the people that need it most.

Friday's exhibition game will feature the Roadrunner men's soccer team against the Division I national champions UC Santa Barbara Gauchos, a game that will raise money for Roger Clark, a 50-year-old Bakersfield resident suffering from lung cancer.

UC Santa Barbara went into the NCAA Tournament unseeded and defeated UCLA in the



Sophomore Guilherme Mitrovitch in a game earlier this season

Juan Torres/The Runner

title game. CSUB finished the season with a 13-5-2 record but did not qualify for post season play

because of the school's recent move to Division I. "The game will be difficult because we are playing the NCAA champions; this is the best soccer team in the country," said men's soccer head coach Simon Tobin. "I expect us to give them a decent game. Since we are moving up to Division one next year, it will give me a chance to see how far we need to go before we can start competing for national championships."

Clark lives with his wife Melinda and his two children in a 15-foot-long trailer off of Fairfax road. They have no jobs, and little to no money, but they stay optimistic and try to

do the best they can.

"We are raising money for soccer, but we are also raising money for a man [Clark] that is suffering from cancer. We are trying to help out him and his family," said Tobin on the charitable nature of his soccer team.

Clark is faced with a harsh reality; he is down to 70 pounds and is expected to die in a few months forcing him to try to enjoy the rest of his life as well as he can. Money is being raised for the Clarks to have more living space to help with the rest of his life. Fifteen feet between four people is not a lot of room, especially with two growing children.

After the 1998 CSUB National Championship, CSUB hosted the Division I champions, UCLA, on the main soccer field in a game that also earned money for those suffering from cancer.

Tickets for Friday's game are on sale now and you can order them by calling 661-654-BLUE. You can also help out the Clark family by calling Marilyn, a nurse working for the Odyssey Hospice, at 661-391-9868.



Mark Perez/The Runner

Intramural Softball started last Monday, it looks like it's going to be another competitive season

Intramural Softball Schedule

Wednesday, April 18

8:00pm The Bullets
vs. Goldenfingers

9:10pm Kappa sigma
vs. Balls Deep 36-0

10:20pm CU @ the Pub
vs. Teem Kadong

Sunday, April 22

5:00pm Delta Zeta Tau
vs. Goldenfingers

6:10pm The Bullets
vs Team Kadong

7:20pm Delta Zeta Tau
vs. Moose heads

Monday, April 23

8:00pm CU @ the Pub
vs. The Legends

9:10 The Bullets
vs. Team Kadong

10:20pm Kappa Sigma
vs. Delta Zeta Tau

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