It's a lovely place, but is it Hotel California by Kelsey Hollenback

Local legend holds that the Eagles' famous song 'Hotel California' is about Camarillo State Hospital, now the California State University at Channel Islands. CNN.com mentions Camarillo as a possible 'real Hotel California.' So does urban myth debunker Snopes.com. Students repeat the legend to campus visitors, and one professor has a line from the song posted on her office door.

"I've just always heard that's what the song was about," said CSUCI student and lifelong Ventura County resident Kala Bouscaren.

"I've heard both, from people who've grown up here who said they grew up knowing that this song, 'Hotel California,' was about CSUCI," said English professor Susana de la Pena. "But I've also heard others say that that's closer to urban legend than the truth."

English professor Renny Christopher noted that the Hotel California album cover features a photograph of a bell tower. While not actually the CSUCI Bell Tower, Christopher said, the photograph does look very similar to it. That may have encouraged the theory.

Proponents argue that "Hotel California" was a nickname for Camarillo State Hospital. Mental illness and the occasional awareness of Where the patient is ("We are all just prisoners here of our own device") could explain the song's surreal imagery. The song may then be about Camarillo and what one patient sees and hears.

In a 1995 interview with the San Francisco Chronicle, Eagles band member Don Henley said that "Hotel California" was about "loss of innocence."

"We [in the Eagles] were all middle-class kids from the Midwest," Henley said in the Paul Gambaccini's 1987 book The 100 Rock 'n' Roll Albums of All Time. "'Hotel California' was our interpretation of the high life in Los Angeles. It was meant to be a metaphor for the United States, for the excesses this country has always been known for."

"It wasn't meant to be just about California or Beverly Hills. It was more or less taken that way, but we had broader intentions."

"I doubt very much that Camarillo was the Hotel California of the Eagles' song," said California State University at Northridge history professor Nan Yamane. Yamane is currently writing a book about the hospital. "It's very interesting, there are other 'Hotel California's,' one in Baja in particular that hawks itself as the 'Hotel California' of the song."

But, Yamane adds, "to many people, Camarillo was a 'Hotel California' ~ this seems, I think, the more important point."

Regardless of whether or not CSUCI is the Hotel California of the song, CSUCI professor Christopher may have summarized many people's feelings. "I've heard it both ways, that it is and it isn't," she said. "I prefer to believe that it is."

*Special thanks to Evelyn Taylor, CSUCI Archivist*

**ELECTION 411**

by Kelsey Hollenback

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2004. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm. October 18 is the last day to register to vote for the November 2 election. Student Government will be running a limo from 10am to 6pm on November 2 to polling sites in Camarillo and Oxnard. Further information to be announced. Student Government is registering voters in the Bell Tower entrance from 12noon to 2pm.

This is what you'll find on your 2004 ballot:

**Election 2004: State Legislature**

**Assembly District 35**
- Includes the following cities: Camarillo, Casa Conejo, Fillmore, Los Angeles, Meiners Oaks, Mira Monte, Moorpark, Oak View, Ojai, Piru, Ventura, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Val Verde
- **Your Assemblymember is** Tony Strickland (Republican). He is not eligible for reelection because of term limits. The candidates are Ferial Masry (Democrat), Adrienne Prince (Green Party), and Audra Strickland (Republican).

**Assembly District 37**
- Includes the following cities: Buellton, Carpinteria, El Rio, Goleta, Isla Vista, Mission Canyon, Montecito, Oxnard, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Santa Ynez, Solvang, Summerland, Toro Canyon
- **Your Assemblymember is** Hannah-Beth Jackson (Democrat). Assemblymember Hannah-Beth Jackson is leaving office. There are two candidates running to replace her: Pedro Nava (Democrat) and Bob Pohl (Republican).

**Senate District 19**
- Includes the following cities: Malibu, Agoura Hills, Canoga Park, West Hills, Chatsworth, Newbury Park, Newhall, Santa Clarita, Valencia, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, Oak Park, Stevenson Ranch, Castaic, Canyon Country, Ventura, Camarillo, Carpenteria, Fillmore, Moorpark, Oak View, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Brandeis, Somis, Summerland, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Maricopa, New Cuyama, Buellton, Casmalia, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Los Alamos, Los Olivos, Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, Solvang
- **Your State Senator is** Tom McClintock (Republican). He is running for reelection. His opponent is Paul Graber (Democrat).

*Note: some cities may belong to more than one district. Check the State Senate website (www.sen.ca.gov) or the State Assembly Website (www.assembly.ca.gov) to verify your district.*
Letter from the Editor

Well, here we are again, and the semester is in full swing. We're already getting ready for midterms and it feels like we just got started. Amid all the hustle and bustle, we're in here working hard to get this newspaper out.

I would like to welcome Angie Adams to our staff. She will be helping out with layouts, graphic design, writing, just about everything. With her help, we hope to completely redesign this publication for next month and beyond. I would also like to thank the dedicated staff members who have helped us out so much.

If you checked out our website after the last issue, you would have noticed that there's not much there right now—this is an issue we are working to resolve as soon as possible. Please bear with us as we work to get the site up and running.

This is an important issue of the Channel Islands View, because this is an important year for our school and our nation. Election Day will be here November 2. So that you can make an informed decision when you go to the polls, we have boiled down the ballot issues so that you can quickly learn what your vote will mean. We attempted to be as objective as possible, so that you can decide for yourselves. After all, that's what voting is all about. Make sure you register to vote by October 18, and then get out there on November 2 to make your voice heard. There are local, state, and national issues at hand here that are too important to ignore. Your voice does matter, and your vote does count. Make sure to take an active role in your country's direction.

We're also starting what we hope will be a series of pieces on the history of the site that is now CSUCI. Our first article will deal with the "Hotel California" buzz that you've more than likely heard at some point or other. Check it out and decide for yourself.

Thanks for checking out this issue of the Channel Islands View. Good luck with midterms!

Vote or Die! What?!
by Nikki Parks

I'm sure we have all seen the recent efforts of many musicians, actors and actresses, trying to grab the attention of young voters across America. Whether they voice their opinion at a concert or in a commercial, or even pose for a picture with their index and middle fingers pointed proudly in the air, we all know what their message is...VOTE!

I remember the 2000 elections, and I know I always will because it was the first election in which I voted. I had just turned eighteen about seven days before. Luckily I had pre-registered; there was no way I was going to let this pass me by. I remember who I voted for, but honestly I could not tell you why. I had done no research on any of the candidates, and in all reality I didn't care. I wanted to vote, just to say that I did. I didn't care who won, I was more concerned about buying CD's and going to parties. Besides, it's not like my vote really matters, right? Wrong, extremely wrong.

In the past four years, since the last election, I did my own research, and to my surprise, I learned things that made me mad; things that mattered to me where being pushed to the sidelines and suddenly I found myself concerned, you might even say panicked at times.

I know that everyone at this school cares about their future, so I encourage you to vote. If you are new to the whole voting thing, I hope you don't just vote to say you did. Here are a few web sites that will hopefully give you an insight into the views of our candidates:

- www.johnkerry.com Democratic Party
- www.georgewbush.com Republican Party
- www.votecobb.org Green Party
- www.badnarik.org Libertarian Party

Various web sites that will help you make a difference
- www.myvotecounts.org
- www.rockthevote.org
- www.moveon.org
- www.actforchange.com

Parking Prices
by Cory Kellner

Think CSUCI Parking Prices are high? Check out how we compare to other CSU schools.

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Trying to figure out how to spend your time in-between classes? The Multicultural Women's and Gender Center offers a comfortable setting during those in-between hours. Located a few doors down from the student lounge, the MWGC is filled with comfortable couches and chairs. It is a perfect place to escape the elements, study, or discuss issues with your peers. Linda Tran, an employee of the MWGC encourages students who spend their spare time hiding out in their cars to come in and enjoy the comforts provided.

Not only is the MWGC a good place to spend your free time, it is a forum for a few entertaining events. Enjoy popcorn and candy during "Movie Mondays," or come by during a monthly mixer, (held on a to-be-announced basis). The mixers offer a forum for students and professors to speak on issues concerning them, while enjoying the free food. Another interesting event is the "Food and Fact" day. When you come into the center you pull a fact on the current issue, for example breast cancer, and then enjoy the food inside.

Now that you know a little of what the MWGC is about, check it out sometime. It's a place for students to enjoy a relaxing environment, and share ideas with your peers. Eventually the center hopes to expand, but until then enjoy the benefits provided. The center encourages you to come in during their open hours.

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**Graduate School**

**The Final Frontier**

by Anita Contini

and Andrew Ritchie

As student assistants at the Career Center, we have learned many new things about graduate school. Realizing that not all students are as fortunate as we are, having worked in the career center and thus possessing a strong base of knowledge pertaining to the graduate process, we strongly encourage you to attend the Local Grad School Fair on October 14. You may ask yourself, "What will I gain from going to the Grad Fair?" Not only will you get to meet representatives from more than fifteen schools in our surrounding area and counties, you will also be presented the opportunity to ask those questions that you have always wondered about concerning life after a Bachelor's Degree, such as: How much money does one typically need to afford a graduate program? How long will it take to earn a Masters or Certification? The Grad Fair provides you with the opportunity to acquaint yourself to a broad purview of degree programs and academic learning. The Grad Fair includes both private and public universities, graduate, and professional schools from Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles Counties.

Get ready to learn about your future as you meet representatives from the following schools: University of Southern California, University of California Santa Barbara, Southwestern University, University of La Verne College of Law, Phillips Graduate Institute, Pepperdine University School of Law, Pepperdine University Graziado School of Business and Management, Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology, Loyola Marymount University, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, California State University Channel Islands Extended Education, Cal Lutheran University, Antioch University, and Alliant International University. These will not be the only schools attending though, as more are expected to be present upon confirmation.

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In addition to the statewide propositions and the presidential election, you’re asked to vote on a number of local measures. These may not all appear on your ballot, depending on the precinct in which you’re voting. It’s important to know what each measure means before you go to the polls. Some of these measures call for bonds. A bond is an IOU issued by a government or organization to raise money. Investors buy into the bond with the expectation that they will get their money back, plus interest, in a specified period of time.

Local Ballot Measures
by Josh Seale

Measure A: This measure would create an "open space district" in Ventura County, to be funded by a 0.25 percent increase in local sales tax, for up to 10 years. The money that this open space district collects would be used to purchase and preserve agricultural land, open space land, and parkland. Administration costs for the district are to be kept under 3 percent, and a citizens’ fiscal oversight committee would be established to monitor the district's activity.

Measure B: This measure calls for a countywide 0.5 percent sales tax increase to fund maintenance for roads and public transportation. It also calls for improvements to highways 101, 118, 126, and 23. Lewis road in front of CSUCI is targeted for widening under this measure. This measure would allow many road improvements to be made much sooner than they had originally been planned. 40 percent of the revenue is to go to road and highway projects; 20 percent to rail, bicycle, and pedestrian projects; and 40 percent goes back to the cities and county for local street projects. An annual independent audit is intended to make sure the money is used only for Ventura County.

Would require that the “three strikes” law only apply if the third strike is for a violent or serious crime. Would reclassify some felony offenses as no longer serious or violent. A person convicted of specific sex crimes against children would receive a longer prison sentence for the first conviction and 25 years to life for the second.

Proposition 67: Local Government Funds and Revenues, State Mandates. Would create a 3% telephone surcharge on phone calls within the state to be used for emergency services.

Proposition 68: Non-Tribal Commercial Gambling Expansion, Tribal Gaming Compact Amendments, Revenues, Tax Exemptions. Would provide that unless the state can renegotiate all existing Indian gaming compacts within 90 days, up to 30,000 slot machines could be placed in 16 racetracks and card rooms.

Proposition 69: DNA Samples, Collection, Database, Funding. Would require that mandatory collection of DNA be expanded to all convicted felons and some nonfelons. Would provide that in 2009, there would be mandatory collection of DNA of all individuals arrested on felony charges.

Contributions to the State. Would require that the state offer Indian tribes 99-year gambling compacts. Tribes would make payments to the state based on gambling income. There would be no limit on the types and amount of casino games.

Proposition 71: Stem Cell Research, Funding, Bonds. Would authorize the sale of $3 billion in general obligation bonds to create and finance the “California Institute of Regenerative Medicine,” which would issue grants and loans for stem cell research. Bonds would be repaid through the general fund.

Proposition 72: Health Care Coverage Requirements. Would provide that Senate Bill 2 go into effect. SB 2 would extend health care insurance coverage to many uninsured workers and families including part-time and seasonal workers. Coverage would be provided by employers or by a state program funded by employers.

Measure C: This is a Simi Valley measure. The city’s managed growth plan expires this year, and a 'yes' vote on this measure approves a new plan, to be effective until December 31, 2012.

Measure D: This is a Ventura measure. A 'yes' vote on this measure would allow the Ventura Housing Authority to acquire, develop, and/or construct up to 500 units of low-income, elderly, and handicapped individuals and families. The Authority would seek state and federal financial assistance.

Measure E: Fillmore Unified School District is seeking voter approval for a $10 million bond for construction and upgrading of school facilities in Fillmore.

Measure F: An Ojai measure that would change business license taxes to vary depending on the size and type of business, and increase general tax revenues to Ojai.

Measure G: Another Ojai measure. This one seeks voter approval for the development and construction of up to 50 units of low to moderate income senior citizen housing. The money would come from state and federal sources.

Measure H: Oxnard Union High School District is seeking voter approval for a $135 million bond to repair existing schools. The bond money is intended to relieve overcrowding at schools within the district by acquiring new schools and classrooms.

Measure I: Hueneme School District is seeking voter approval for a $17.1 million bond to improve and modernize their facilities.

Source: www.smartvoter.org
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For more information contact Rabbi Lotker (lotker@aol.com) or Julie Morris (juliehmorris@yahoo.com)
or visit our web site at www.campusinterfaith.org

Library News
by Debi Hoffmann

Library Hours for Fall 2004: This semester, the library will be open 6 days a week to serve students, faculty, staff and the community.

It should be noted that while the library is presently closed on Saturdays, it will offer Saturday hours several weeks prior to final exams.

Monthly Update

September saw an increase in library usage, with students and faculty taking advantage of the print/online materials available at the library, as well as attending library orientations. The library has added five Macintosh computers for students to use- they are located in the main wing of the library.

Online Database Spotlight: PsycINFO

This month's database spotlight focuses on one of the library's most comprehensive and well-used databases, PsycINFO. PsycINFO contains nearly two million citations and summaries of journal articles, book chapters and dissertations, all in the field of psychology. Journal coverage includes material selected from nearly 2,000 periodicals in over 35 languages. More than 60,000 records are added each year. It also includes information about the psychological aspects of related disciplines such as medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, anthropology, business and law. PsycINFO can be accessed from the library home page (http://www.library.csuci.edu) by clicking on the Articles & Databases link.

Not sure how to get started, or which database is right for you? The library home page offers a link to Resources by Subject & Major, which allows students and faculty to locate databases specific to their majors or fields of interest. Simply roll over the Resources by Subject & Major link on the library home page to access the list. Still not sure how to get started? Stop by the library and meet with a reference librarian who can show you which databases are right for you.

Book, Movie & Pizza Night

On Thursday, October 28th, the library will be hosting a Book, Movie & Pizza event. As before, the library will be screening a movie that has been made from a book, and serving pizza to all attendees. This month's movie is the original "The Manchurian Candidate", starring Frank Sinatra. Check the campus events calendar (www.csuci.edu/calendar) later in the month for more details.

"Book Exchange" Paperbacks in the Library

Stop by the library and check out our "paperback exchange" collection of books. These new and used paperback books are free for the taking, and may be kept or returned. The only catch? You must exchange a paperback of your own for every book that you take from this collection. This collection is always changing, so stop by often to see what's "new".

Poster Mania in the Library

Many of you have noticed (and commented on!) the colorful new posters that adorn the walls of the library. The vintage travel posters, reminiscent of travel posters from the 1930s, compliment the library's international focus, and the literacy-themed American Library Association posters encourage life-long learning and reading. If you haven't seen these posters yet, come by and check them out.
**Pick a winner**
by Carol Pond

NFL Pick’Em is a weekly event sponsored by RLS. Official entry forms are available at the gym and must be turned into the gym by 5 p.m. Friday, or Thursday if there is a Thursday night game. To participate, guess which teams will win that week’s games, as well as what the scores will be. The winner is whoever guesses closest to the actual scores. Winners receive a prize each week, their names on the next week’s entry form, as well as a chance to win in the Grand Prize drawing to be held in January. Contact RLS at 437-8902 or go to the gym for more information.

**RLS offers challenging fun**
by Carol Pond

Hagerty Gymnasium and Fitness Center, on the corner of Oxnard and Ventura Streets houses CSUCI’s Recreation and Leisure Services (RLS), which offers several sporting and fitness events on campus, says Nathan Avery, Coordinator of RLS.

A regular event called the Record Breaker Challenge is held the first Monday of every month during the semester. “We want to encourage everybody to break their own records,” said Avery. Challenges include various basketball shots and fitness center activities such as sit-ups, push-ups, bench presses and squats. Avery also says Yoga classes take place at the Hub every Monday afternoon from 1 to 2 p.m. Also offered through RLS are intramural sports teams. Flag Football sign ups start Sept. 27. The league will include women’s, men’s and co-recreational teams. Volleyball team signups will take place in October.

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The gym has basketball courts, and a fitness center with free weights and machines. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, volleyball nets are set up, ready for action. Gym hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call RLS at 437-8902.

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**A citizen of the world**
That is what I am.

To be a citizen of the world/
Is to be connected to all,
Part of the same race,
The human race!
A totality, empty of "color";
A race unrestrained by "gender",
A race unaffected by "age",
And indifferent to one's height or shape.

Neither wealth, nor status,
Affect the members of the human race.

For, the same beating hearts,
The same breathing lungs,
Red blood flowing in all veins,

AH enjoy some sort of strengths,
And also possess some sort of weaknesses,
All treasure the same mortal life.

A citizen of the world knows
No boundaries,
Is connected to all,
And sees no borders,

A citizen of the world
Could be from China,
Or from India,
From Vietnam,
Or from Elam,
May be from Iran,
Or from Iraq,
From Quebec,
Or from the Czech

From the North Pole
Or from the South,
Could be an American,
Or be a German,

Makes no difference where we were borne,
Or who our parents are,
What language we speak/
Or what religion we practice, or not,

We all have a choice;
To be a citizen of the world!
And be part of the same race,
The human race.

by Manijeh Kuchikali, A citizen of the world
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