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## Propositions S and N will help expand campus

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Miramar College has begun several construction projects since 2002. These projects include the new Science Building, Field House at Hourglass Park, the new Library/Learning Resources Center (LLRC), Arts & Humanities Building and Technology Building. Proposition S was a bond measure passed by voters to provide funds to expand, renovate and support the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) colleges.

With the November mid-term elections completed, a new proposition was passed

by voters to further support the SDCCD. It is believed that Proposition N will generate \$870 million for SDCCD campus expansions and the completion of projects under Proposition S.

“Depending on the priority of teaching and learning, expansion priority will be placed on facilities that are deemed urgent to the needs of our students. This decision will be made by campus administration. The planned expansions are a new student and campus center, renovations and upgrades to the Science Building, upgrades to the Aviation Maintenance

Technology Center and the Public Safety Institute,” explained Miramar College President Patricia Hsieh. The goal is to have the campus equipped to accommodate 25,000 students by the year 2015, adds Hsieh.

Proposition N will not increase the current residential tax rate of \$25 per \$100,000 in assessed property value. This is because Prop N will simply extend the payment of Proposition S, which is due to be paid off by 2030. Proposition S projects have been scheduled for completion in the next four to five years.



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**President Patricia Hsieh will oversee future campus projects.**

## San Diego mayor and former alumnus honored

by Melissa Wells  
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San Diego mayor and Miramar College alumnus Jerry Sanders was honored on November 9. The mayor was lauded for outstanding leadership from the Miramar College Foundation. The luncheon was held at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego.

Mike Santos, senior personnel analyst for the City of San Diego, hosted the event. The luncheon tickets cost \$65 per person and helped raise money for the Miramar College Foundation to provide support for scholarship programs such as the Bill Kolender Public Safety Scholarship, a new Outstanding Leader Scholarship and others. “This is really about Miramar College. This is really about the students,” Sanders said as he accepted his award for his outstanding leadership in law enforcement, charitable organizations and as mayor of San Diego.

Marty Height, director of the Miramar College Foundation, along with San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Chancellor Constance M. Carroll and Miramar

College President Patricia Hsieh were among the many guest speakers to welcome and congratulate Sanders at the event.

Sanders was sworn in as the 34th mayor of San Diego. Before his political career, Sanders served as Chief of Police for the City of San Diego from 1993 to 1999. This came after a 26-year career with the police department. Once his retirement from law enforcement approached, Sanders became the CEO of the United Way organization and increased fundraising by 20 percent. Sanders graduated at the top of his class from Miramar College’s Police Academy in 1973 and returned to direct the Academy as the San Diego Department Lieutenant eleven years later.

This was not Sander’s first distinguished award. In 1995, Sanders was awarded Miramar College’s first Distinguished Alumni Award and was selected to receive the California Community College Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006. Sanders’ achievements do not stop there. After the November mid-term elections Sanders was re-elected as again awarded the position of

San Diego mayor and now for his first full term. “Our mayor enjoyed a resounding victory at the polls,” stated event host Mike Santos.

Miramar College Foundation President Marty Hight and Hsieh presented Sanders with his award. Sanders accepted his award on behalf of Miramar College and the Police Academy. Sanders went on to compliment the Miramar College Policy Academy and his time on the force. “What Miramar College does is that they are producing the team of the future,” said Sanders. “It’s about a team and it’s about Miramar College.”

The Miramar College Foundation was established in 1994 to help assist students and the growth of the college. According to Hsieh, the mission of the foundation is to provide students with a “channel for financial and other contributions to directly benefit Miramar College students. The foundation helps make higher education possible for Miramar students by providing scholarships and grants for students with academic merit or financial needs. “The foundation awards \$500,000 in scholarships each year says Hsieh.

The luncheon was sponsored by the Philippines and Asian Report, Asian Reader, DDH Enterprises and the San Diego North Chamber of Commerce. Jimmy Botton from Toyota of Carlsbad and Zuk and Associates also made donations. Over 150 guests honored the mayor and supported Miramar College by attending the luncheon.



Photo by Alan Decker

**San Diego mayor and alumnus Jerry Sanders is honored for outstanding leadership.**

## District and campus set budgets and priorities

by Melissa Wells  
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**SDCCD Chancellor Constance Carroll works with college presidents and Board of Trustees to set district budget.**

On September 7th the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) Board of Trustees met and approved a \$615 million budget for 2006-2007. This is the operating budget for the District Offices, City, Mesa, Miramar Colleges and continuing education. However, each campus also establishes a budget of its own.

Miramar College’s budget includes new contract faculty positions, funding for men’s basketball along with men’s and women’s swim teams, additional funding for expanded class sections and support, \$2.2 million in instructional equipment, \$1.4 million for career technical education equipment, as well as many other items.

The final budget was the product of collaboration between the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, the District Budget Development Committee and the District Governance Council.

Among the good news at Miramar College is a 2.7% increase in enrollment over the same time last year. According to the Chancellor’s Update,

a publication from Chancellor Constance Carroll, Miramar College has increased its enrollment 2.7% from fall, 2005. This statistic is based on a point in time comparison including only full time and part time residential students.

Over 40,821 students enrolled in the San Diego College District last year and the numbers continue to increase. By 2015, Miramar hopes to meet their goal of 25,000 students enrolled.

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## Services for students provide assistance

by Melissa Wells  
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Miramar College offers several facilities to help students excel in their college career. The PLACe, the Transfer Center and the Job Placement Center are services available to students.

The PLACe provides free tutoring services to students who are enrolled at Miramar College. This service includes help in many courses in math, chemistry and English. The PLACe also offers workshops as well as individual tutoring in subjects such as math, English, writing/reading and study skills. Online tutoring is now available by using telephones to communicate verbally and a machine called a miminio. The miminio streams live video of a tutor who writes on a white board that appears on the student's computer screen.

The mission of The PLACe is to provide quality and timely learning and support services for all students at Miramar. "Every student I've seen and helped has become very confident," said English tutor Judy Grear. Statistics prove that when students come to The

PLACe for help, student retention increases by 20%. "They are very helpful," says student Yanelin Marroquin.

To make an appointment with a tutor, call (619) 388-7852 or stop by D-106.

For students hoping to transfer to a four-year university, the Transfer Center can help. Here students can access resources and information to assist them with their prospective transfer. To this end, the Transfer Center provides workshops, transfer fairs, connections with various college representatives, campus tours, college literature (campus catalogs and publications), as well as dates and deadlines to meet certain eligibility requirements for intended transfer universities. The Transfer Center also provides students with a friendly and knowledgeable staff to answer questions. Admission guarantees are offered for universities like UCSD, SDSU, UC Davis and UC Irvine, to name a few. In order to qualify for an admission guarantee, there are certain educational patterns and GPA requirements that must be followed. Admission guarantees

may not be eligible for certain majors. Miramar College transfers over 300 students to UC, CSU and private institutions each year. For more information call (619) 388-7380 or stop by B-203.

If you can't decide what major you would like to pursue or if you need information about potential careers, Job Placement service can help. The Job Placement Center offers resources for students to help them to plan their future and career goals. Career assessments are available to determine which majors or professions might be right for you. The Job Placement Center also provides job postings for hundreds of employment opportunities available in the area as well as job fair information. The Job Placement Center accepts walk-ins for resume critique and guidance. By appointment, they offer sessions to help students work on interviewing skills. For more information, call (619) 388-7335 or visit B-203.

## New Skills Club affords students opportunities

by Andrew Hodgdon  
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The Miramar College Skills Club is the newest club on campus. The club provides resources for both students and instructors. One of the purposes of the club is to teach students leadership skills and participate in skill-specific competitions at the local, regional and national levels.

"They can do something fun that's actually going to improve their skills and something they can put on their resume for the future," said Omar Sevilla, adjunct instructor of Automotive Technology and a member of the Skills Club.

The Skills Club is a branch of Skills USA, a non-profit organization serving teachers as well as high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. The group applies hands-on learning methods to help students and teachers anchor themselves into the world of technical careers. This is accomplished by advocating consistent disciplined practice of individual trades in order to develop creativity, integrity, problem-solving abilities and communication skills.

284,000 students and instructors join the national group each year. This is then organized into more than 14,000 sections and 54 state and territorial associations.

In addition to enforcing necessary employability skills such as resume building and job interview techniques, Skills USA also offers \$1 million in scholarships annually.

Automotive Technology Professor Joe Young, who also advises the Skills Club, says that the club's purpose is to promote enjoyment in perfecting individual craft.

Young said, "It will be a nice club to belong to. Not a high-pressure deal or anything like that. This is a club where students of similar backgrounds and similar interests can come together and form a team."

The club consists of approximately 80 members and was originally formed in October by Young and Assistant Professor of Auto Technology Mark Dinger. After holding a meeting in October, the duo recognized the potential of the club and felt it necessary to extend the invitation to all students. Dinger added that they have since invited many academic departments on the campus to join. "We're trying to get the word out and help our cause," said Dinger.

Sevilla first heard about Skills USA from his auto teacher at Ramona High School. "It was something I figured I might like to do because I like working on cars," said Sevilla. After attending a short meeting, Sevilla became a member and eventually began competing in local skill competitions hosted by Skills USA. He says that competition has been one of the most helpful components offered. He has entered a variety of competitions during his time with the club, most of which focus on engine repair. Sevilla said, "It got my name out there. People knew who I was because of how well I did in the competitions."

Skills USA does not draw a barrier between winning and losing.

Competing with Skills USA has also given Sevilla a realistic view of training. He stated that anyone who desires to succeed in any trade must continue to invest time and energy towards their skills if they want to maintain their talents.

Although the Miramar College chapter has never competed in Skills USA before, Sevilla plans to help change that. "Once we get this club going, we can train the students in the skills they need and prepare them to compete," he said.

When it comes down to it, the new Miramar Skills Club promotes community more than anything. "We've got one big happy club family," said Young.

For more information about the Skills Club, contact Young or Dinger by calling 388-7672 and 388-7642. You can e-mail them at [jyoung@sdccd.edu](mailto:jyoung@sdccd.edu) and [mdinger@sdccd.edu](mailto:mdinger@sdccd.edu).

## Phi Theta Kappa news

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# ΦΘΚ

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is a fellowship offered to students at Miramar College. The purpose of the organization is to "recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students," as stated in the PTK mission statement on <http://www.ptk.org>. Over the last six years, Phi Theta Kappa has initiated over three hundred students to their organization and over 40 in the last year. Many of these students have transferred to four-year universities.

This semester the organization held multiple events for members and non-members. October 28th was National Make a Difference Day and the college chapter organized a beach clean up. An open house was held on November

14th and 15th.

To be eligible for PTK you must be currently enrolled in at least 6 units at Miramar College, have completed a minimum of 12 units and meet grade point average requirements of at least a 3.25. "Membership in Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will open new doors for your academic journey," states PTK President Brandy Gravett, "not to mention a myriad of scholarship possibilities."

If interested in applying as a new member, you may drop your applications in B-202/b or with Gravett in C-304. For further information PTK adviser Carmen Jay at (619) 388-7531 or via email [ckay@sdccd.edu](mailto:ckay@sdccd.edu).

## Car theft on campus on the rise

by Aria Fani  
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Each year the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) police publish a brochure disclosing crime on the Miramar, Mesa and City College campuses. "Miramar is a safe campus," says SDCCD Chief of Police Lieutenant Doherty. However, the information published in the brochure and the police log reveals that car theft on campus is on the rise.

According to *Safe and Sound: A Guide to Safety and Security in the San Diego Community College District*, Miramar College had only five vehicle thefts on campus from 2003, 2004 and 2005. So far this year, Miramar has had six vehicle thefts on campus, as reported in the SDCCD Police Department Incident Summary Report from January 1-October 17, 2006. There have not been any weapon violations or alcohol violations since last year.

"Basically Miramar College is a very safe campus and a part of that has to do with the police and fire training facilities on the campus," explained Doherty. Doherty says, "There has not been a lot of activity this year but there has been some." On Wednesday, September 6, at approximately 10 p.m., an 18-year-old female student was assaulted at the bus stop on Black Mountain Road in front of the campus. Three males approached the female student. One sat next to her and proceeded to hug and kiss her against her will. The student contacted San Diego Police who arrested the suspect.

This year there has been four on-campus arrests, all involving the possession of marijuana. According to the SDCCD Police Department Incident Summary Report, the college has logged 32 crimes from January through October 2006. These vary from petty theft, traffic collision, stolen parking permits, vandalism, vehicle theft, grand theft, burglary and hit & run. According to Doherty, "We have about three crimes a month at Miramar, which is a safe rate." Statistics shows that students should pay more attention to their cars and the belongings inside their vehicles. Student parking permits appear to be a temptation as they account for 13 crimes out of 32. The others were car theft and grand theft.

The only hit and run case so far this year happened on September 6th when an unknown suspect or suspects hit a victim's parked car, damaging the right side panel.

Eleven cases have involved Miramar College as the victim. On August 31st an unknown suspect stole a computer CPU from a faculty computer lounge. Hourglass Field has seen most of the crimes. On October 31st an unknown suspect entered the concession stand and stole several items. In another case two months later, unknown suspects used markers to graffiti the Miramar College pool wall, several signs and a trash can in Hourglass Park.

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# Monroe brings a full toolbox to the Auto Technology Lab

by Andrew Hodgdon  
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Photo by Andrew Hodgdon

**Ryan Monroe provides instruction on automotive quick service.**

When he heard that he had gotten the job as the new Assistant Professor of Automotive Technology, Ryan Monroe thought to himself, "What did I get myself into?"

Teaching classes in Electrical Mastery (Auto 062), Basic Electrical Systems (Auto 055) and Quick Service/PDI (Auto 051), Monroe is the first person at

Miramar to provide instruction on automotive quick service. In addition, he teaches three sections of introductory automotive classes at Mira Mesa High School.

Monroe was raised in an environment filled with cars, motorcycles and other "toys" at his home in Sacramento. "I always took things apart. I wanted to know how they worked," said Monroe.

He smiles at the memory of the 1957 Chevy Pickup that his father bought for him as a teenager. According to Monroe, the pair immediately took to pulling the vehicle apart and later reassembling it to understand every component. It was at that moment that Monroe's passion for automotive technology took hold. His addiction has grown as evidenced by the seven cars,

two motorcycles, a vesper and boat that he currently owns.

Monroe said, "Everything I own came from my two hands."

Monroe has studied automotive technology at American River College in Sacramento, San Diego City College and now at San Diego State University (SDSU) while simultaneously working as an automotive technician. Monroe brings more than a decade of experience and extensive theoretical knowledge to the campus.

The assistant professor position became available last spring when Professor Joe Goodman retired after teaching automotive technology at Miramar for 35 years.

According to Richard Bettendorf, dean of Technical Careers and Workforce Initiatives at Miramar College, Monroe was chosen for the position out of a pool of 12 qualified applicants. During his teaching review, Monroe demonstrated a thorough understanding of automotive

technology in addition to the essential personal components that make for an effective teacher. "He's well prepared, very organized and seems to have a good understanding of instructional methodology," said Bettendorf.

"The big thing here is [that] you get a lot more respect for the knowledge that you have," said Monroe, "in a shop they just want the car fixed right now and sometimes people don't value the information and experience."

According to Monroe, the students are his first priority. He hopes to effectively impart the knowledge and experience he has gained over the years to the eager young minds that come to work and learn in the Auto Technology Lab. Monroe said, "My main concern is with my students. If I can teach someone how to use their own two hands to make a good living for them, then that's really great."

# Wright joins Aviation Maintenance Program

by Andrew Hodgdon  
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Assistant Professor of Aviation Maintenance Technology James Wright has joined the faculty at the college. Wright teaches classes in Reciprocating Engines and Turbine Engines along with the associated labs.

Although the majority of his teaching career has been spent in the military, Wright said he enjoys working with a new blend of people and human dynamics and he thrives on the challenge of achieving a level of understanding in the classroom.

Assistant Professor of Aviation Technology David Buser said, "He's somebody who is outgoing and has a chance to meet people pretty easily."

Chosen from 12 qualified candidates, Wright stood out among his peers as uniquely organized and concise when it came to presenting academic knowledge.

Richard Bettendorf, dean of the School of Technical Careers and Workforce Initiatives, said, "[He] seems like a good solid citizen, a quality person with technical skills."

Wright's immediate goals are to attain an inspection authorization certification and gain as much knowledge as possible from his colleagues and students. "I thought I'd been in the field for a long time," said Wright, "My 22 years experience is just a drop in the bucket compared to a lot of these guys."

Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, Wright opted to join the Navy immediately after graduating from high school. Then, while traversing the open sea, his passion for aviation was triggered.

After serving a four-year stretch, Wright chose to extend his military career as an aviation maintenance instructor, providing foundational training to soldiers before they were assigned to operational squadrons. Wright added that his choice to remain in the Navy led him on a path of opportunity that broadened his horizons to a surprising degree.

"Prior to leaving Alabama, I had a very narrow view of how life was," Wright recalled, "I wanted to get away



Photo by Andrew Hodgdon

**Assistant Professor James Wright teaches classes about airplane engines.**

and see something different."

During his 20-year career in the armed forces, Wright has traveled to a vast array of locations across the globe. He has ventured to the likes of Australia, Thailand, the Philippines, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and Hawaii to name a few. As a soldier he also spent time in Iraq during both Gulf wars. "I've had a chance to see some things and just experience people in a whole new light," said Wright.

Wright always had a knack

for academics. He received an Associate's Degree in 1998 and attained a Bachelor's degree in liberal arts one year later. However, it was not until he became a senior officer that Wright first became interested in teaching. "I experienced some of the instructing side of the house in the military. It made me want to do more," he said.

Wright received his Master's Degree in cross-cultural teaching just before retiring from the military in 2004. He then moved to California

where he was appointed as an aviation maintenance instructor for Emery Riddle Aeronautical University at Montgomery Field and taught there for two years.

In addition to teaching and caring for his wife and two kids, Wright is also pursuing a doctorate in education and organizational leadership. For the long term, Wright also hopes to one day attain a private pilot's license. "I'd say my plate is definitely full," said Wright, "I might even say it's overflowing."

# Campus Comments: Did you vote? How did you feel about the November election results?

by Aria Fani  
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**Derrick Lewis**  
"No. It is about time that Bush faces some resistance in his policies. Perhaps now we can get back on track and try to repair what has been destroyed."



**James Seovey**  
"Yes. To be expected, whenever you have one party in power this long they get corrupt and ineffective and voters turn on them."



**Ian Sanders**  
"Yes. Great, except for Prop C passing. It will take jobs away from city employees. Private contractors will not guarantee job security to its employees in general or pensions."

## College offers water polo and basketball

by Melissa Wells  
Sage staff writer



Photo by Melissa Wells

### The Jets men's water polo team takes the offensive.

This semester, Miramar College offered sports such as men's water polo. For the first time, the college also offered men's basketball. Unfortunately the turn out for women's water polo was too low to continue on.

According to State Academic Code Title IX, colleges must offer an equal number of men and women's sports. To this end, the Miramar College Athletic Department is working on offering competitive women's softball and soccer teams within the next year. As Miramar College continues to build facilities such as the Hourglass Field House, the Athletic Department "will stay in compliance," according to Athletic Director Nick Gehler.

The Hourglass Field House is scheduled to break ground

in mid-January and will take an estimated two years to complete. The Athletic Department plans to offer sports such as men's and women's basketball, men's and women's volleyball and badminton to the sports schedule once the facility is available. The facility will be located next to the Aquatics Center where the third parking lot is now.

The men's basketball team had its first official practice on October 15th. It was held at Alliant University. Out of 31 hopefuls, only 12 players made the squad. Gehler said that one of the biggest games of the season was the October 25th match against Mesa College.

The Miramar Jets men's water polo team did not make it to the state playoffs last year but ended the season in sev-

enth place for the Saddleback tournament. They also placed fourth in the Pacific Coast Conference.

This season, top players were Jason Cooper and Daniel Cook, both graduates of Mount Carmel High School. Joining them is Mira Mesa High School graduate Nicholas Faria and seven other players. The team played Grossmont College on September 27th at home. Grossmont led the game 19 to 1. When asked how the season looked, Head Coach Jacob Medina states "we are a young team with a lot of potential."

If you are interested in joining the Miramar teams, contact Gehler at (619) 388-7715.

## Jets men's water polo sets sights on the future

by Andrew Hodgdon  
Sage staff writer

This season has been a test of both will and endurance for the Miramar men's water polo team. The eight-man squad headed by Coach Jacob Medina, swam into every game knowing they would have fewer players than their opponent. Yet they refused to back down or give up. "It was pretty much like playing in an iron man competition," said John Kabaci, all-around player on the Jets' crew.

On November 3rd and 4th, Miramar College hosted the Pacific Coast Conference Championships for men's water polo. For their first game, the Jets faced Mesa College. According to Medina, the score remained extremely close until two Jets players were majored from the game in the beginning of the 4th quarter, after receiving three ejections a piece. The team was then forced to play through the end of the game and ultimately their season,

with only five players in the pool. They fought hard and held their own but were unable to salvage a win, as Mesa came out on top with a score of 11-9.

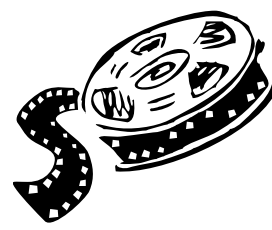
On Saturday, the Jets were forced to forfeit to Southwestern College because they did not have enough players present to compose a full squad, marking a disappointing end to a season of struggle. The Jets finished 0-6 in league and 0-9 overall.

Although their record does not reflect it, Medina added that the Jets demonstrated vast levels of improvements throughout the course of the season. Most of the players were given the chance to engage in large amounts of game time due to the low number of players. This experience led to obvious enhancements in the team's overall physical and mental condition. "The players were awesome this year," said Medina, "They did

a good job making it as much as they could."

In preparation for next season, Medina is optimistic. He stated that seven of the team's eight players have said they will return, allowing the team to build upon a foundation of hard core athletes. Three additional players, who were suspended due to a lack of completed academic units from last year, also plan to resume practicing with the team during the upcoming off season. "We have a good group of guys that never quit," said Kabaci.

Medina was offered the coaching position two weeks before the start of the season, after former head coach Scott Smith accepted a job with another school. Without an adequate amount of time to recruit players and condition his team beforehand, Medina looked to his own athletic experience to guide the team through a season of hardship.



## Movie review: Audiences may not return for *The Return*

by Jonathan Miller  
Sage staff writer

*The Return* is a horror movie from Rouge Pictures and is directed by Asif Kapasia. Sarah Michelle Gellar stars as Joanna Mills, a tough young woman and itinerant sales rep for a trucking company who visits a small town in Texas near where she grew up. Mills returns to the small Texas town and is stalked by a murderer. Throughout the movie she inches toward and occasionally runs from an unknown evil ghost from the past. The ghost visits her in the form of disturbing visions which may or may not be flashbacks to a childhood trauma suffered by Mills. However Mills' life has been difficult when you see that she is estranged from her father (Sam Sheppard) and stalked by her obsessive ex-boyfriend (Adam Scott).

After moving back to Texas, Mills takes a job as a hotel manager. It is here that she begins to see things. The hotel's lobby suddenly appears to Mills as a meat processing facility. As she continues to have flashbacks, she sees and feels the brutal murder of a young woman she's never met. The murderer is a heartless killer and appears to be making Mills his next target.

A tense meeting between Mills and her estranged father leaves the impression that her visions may be repressed memories fighting their way to the surface. But then how can she remember places she's never been to and people she's never met? And what could her father mean when he says that after an unspecified incident at age 11, she became "a completely different person?"

By the time (without giving away too much) Mills sees visions of another woman in the mirror, it's not hard to see where the movie is going. A long and unsolved murder, a mysterious stranger with a connection to the crime and a series of expanding flashbacks gradually merge with the present. The movie runs at 1 hour and 25 minutes and yet seems to run completely at random as if pages have been torn from the script and are missing from the film itself.

As for the actors, they do an average job at best. Despite the star power in the movie, there is nothing original about *The Return*. What the movie does do well is special effects. However the plot and setting are sorely lacking in substance. My advice is to wait and rent this movie. Then if you don't like it, just return *The Return*.



## Restaurant Review: Fuddruckers serves satisfactory food

by Jonathan Miller  
Sage staff writer

Fuddruckers is a popular hamburger restaurant. Unlike a traditional restaurant, Fuddruckers is a combination of a restaurant and a fast food place. Its menu includes a variety of foods and side dishes like hamburgers, cheeseburgers, vegetarian burgers, French fries, steak fries, hotdogs, steak sandwiches, salads, fried fish, onion rings, brownies, cookies, ice cream, root beer floats and even nachos.

Fuddruckers offers hearty lunch and dinner fare. And like any good fast food restaurant, this one finds new ways to lure in new customers with creations like the inferno burger.

Fuddruckers is a nationwide chain that is headquartered in San Antonio, Texas. It has been in existence for over 40 years and has been recognized as one of the premier hamburger restaurants.

My personal opinion of Fuddruckers is that the food is not cooked well enough to justify average-to slightly above average food. The food is advertised as great tasting food but I find it at best--satisfactory. Fuddruckers' prices are more expensive than your average fast food restaurant. Some menu items cost as much as \$8-\$10.

Fuddruckers is located at 8528 Mira Mesa Boulevard. It is, however, a great place for people of all ages.

Kabaci said of Medina, "He's a team player but with the tact to be a leader on our team."

As a former player for Palomar College, 2006 was Medina's first opportunity to coach at the community college level.

Both Medina and Kabaci made the point the team's current focus is working together as a team to prepare for next

season. Medina stated that he is planning to enter the Jets into a number of different club leagues come spring of next year, so that the players will have lots of opportunities to soak up game experience.

Kabaci added he anticipates that his team will be a contender in the conference next year and hopes to win at the SoCal Tournament at the end of next season.