

# CSUEB Student Gets 15 Minutes of Fame on The Price is Right

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Last Tuesday, in the early morning, while you were probably sleeping or cramming for your English midterm, 40 Cal State East Bay students boarded a bus headed for Los Angeles. Little did they know that one of them was about to get the chance of a lifetime.

Rose Stubberfield was one among the group organized by ASI.

The drive down to Los Angeles took seven hours. Some students slept, but those who were too excited played games to pass the time. Once in Los Angeles, the students were revved up.

All the audience members had to sign forms before even entering the CBS studio. Each audience

member also went through a brief Q&A with show interviewers, which took approximately two hours. The questions asked were mainly what a student's major was or what someone did for a living.

"I told him I was a struggling college student and I was a political science major," said Stubberfield.

"The interviewer asked me, 'So you want to be the next female president?'"

Reenacting her response with one arm in the air, Stubberfield said "Yeah!"

The audience was let go after the interviewing process. Most people roamed around a nearby shopping complex, The Grove. A few hours later, eager potential contestants piled into the game show studio.

CSUEB students wore red shirts

with the Price is Right logo and underneath it, in gold, read "CSU East Bay."

Stubberfield was cheering alongside her peers when her name was announced. She quickly made her way down to one of the coveted spots on Contestants' Row.

It was giving high fives to everyone sitting on the aisles and the old people in the front row, i said Stubberfield.

To even get noticed in an audience full of people, you have to stand out. What better way than to wear red and be obnoxiously loud?

The Price is Right host, Drew Carey, even took notice of the CSUEB group. Stubberfield got a chance to chat to Carey during a commercial break.

"I was so nervous talking to him. He said 'so you're with that big rowdy group in the back.'"

"I was like 'yeah,' and I pointed to them and they all started cheering!" said Stubberfield.

We won't reveal whether or not Stubberfield makes it on to the stage, but she and the others who were on Contestants' Row received \$1,000 worth of high-end jewelry and luggage. Stubberfield plans on selling the jewelry set on eBay, but plans to use the luggage for an upcoming trip to New York.

If you're on campus on May 16 at 10 a.m., the TV in the old University Union will be tuned into the show. The episode featuring Stubberfield and CSUEB will air on channel 5, KPX and will be available online the following day at cbs.com.

# Celebrate Mom—Take Her Out or Pamper Her At Home

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For Mother's Day this year, there are many alternatives to serving her breakfast in bed.

With many events in the Bay Area, there is something for everyone to enjoy while appreciating their moms.

In Livermore, there will be a Mother's Day Weekend Champagne Celebration at the Buttaion Cellars. On Saturday, there will be live music in the courtyard, and each day from noon to 6 p.m., there will be wine tasting. If you purchase a bottle of the bubbly Mom loves, the \$5 tasting fee is waived and the bottle is 15 percent off.

In San Francisco, there will be multiple cruises with themes to celebrate Moms. There will be a Mom's Day Dinner Dance and multiple brunches aboard the boats as

they cruise around the bay.

At the Claremont Resort and Spa in Berkeley, there will be brunch, dinner and special spa packages. During the brunch, there will be live jazz music played while the dinner will feature Doo-Wop and Motown. After the dinner will be a Vegas By the Bay Cabaret Show for \$35.

Claremont's spa packages are for an all-day treatment which includes a facial, a massage and a pedicure.

While most restaurants are offering specials, most require a reservation as Mother's Day is one of the busiest days of the year.

If you are pampering mom at home, there are many recipes and ideas online at mothersdaycelebration.com. Along with recipes, the site offers gift ideas and a history of Mother's Day.

# Livermore Restaurant Offers Do-It-Yourself Menu

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Cooking your own meal is not the norm when dining out at a nice restaurant. But at Simply Fondue in Livermore, that is the idea of the entire meal.

Simply Fondue is a new restaurant that opened last summer in the downtown area of Livermore. Although there are other locations across the country, right now the Livermore location is the only one in California. The chain is expecting to open a Saratoga location soon.

When most people think of fondue, they think of a potful of cheese with spices and seasonings that is melted on a special burner at your table. To go with the melted cheese mixture there are chunks of bread and vegetables that you can dip into the mixture.

Simply Fondue offers much more than just bread and cheese. It has a variety of different options up to a complete four course meal, including salad, cheese fondue, meat entrée cooked in either an oil fondue or broth, and chocolate fondue for dessert.

If you're looking for a lighter and somewhat cheaper fare, you can simply order the cheese fondue with the side accompaniments and a glass of wine. The restaurant has a special on Tuesdays where cheese and chocolate fondue courses for two people cost only \$24.95.

"My favorite part of going to Simply Fondue is the chocolate," said Julie Pond of Alameda. "How can you not love melted chocolate with Bailey's or caramel, and then having Snickers bars, marshmallows and strawberries to dip in it? I don't think you can go wrong with any of those choices."

The main entrée is what many people are curious about when trying fondue for the first time. At Simply Fondue diners get a list of about 16 different meat choices and couples can choose 6 different ones to try.

Some of the varieties include filet mignon, ahi sesame tuna, teriyaki chicken, shrimp and many other varieties of poultry, beef and seafood.

The meat entrée is brought out raw. Dinners are then given another fondue pot like the one the cheese comes in, only filled with oil or broth. They skewer the meat and cook it in one of these two choices.

At Simply Fondue, diners are given complete instructions on how to cook their food as well as extra skewers to prevent cross-contamination.

The variety of food and the inviting chic décor of Simply Fondue makes the meal more an evening of entertainment rather than just going out to dinner. If you're thirsty, the bar has plenty to offer with several local wine selections and over 30 exotic martinis to try.

"We love coming to Simply Fondue for special occasions," said Laurie Anderson of Fremont. "It's not somewhere we go for an everyday dinner, but we've been here for a few celebrations and we find that the

atmosphere is perfect especially for a romantic dinner."

For more information and menu selections you can call Simply Fondue at (925) 443-6638 or you can visit their website at simplyfonduelivermore.com.

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# Iron Man Flies in First Weekend Blockbuster

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The movie "Iron Man," based on one of Marvel Comics' 5,000 superheroes, has proven to be the first big box office hit of this year in its first opening weekend.

According to weekend U.S. box office estimates, the film's cumulative gross is up to \$1.4 million since it opened last Friday. The movie, distributed by Paramount, is the first release by Marvel Studios, which has begun financing its own productions after such studio-backed hits as the "Spider-Man," "X-Men" and the "Fantastic Four" flicks.

Marvel's "Iron Man" tells the story of Tony Stark, played by Rob-

ert Downey Jr. Stark is a military weapons builder who is captured by terrorists who want him to create the Jericho missile, a weapon of mass destruction. But while in captivity, Stark instead creates a powerful suit of armor and manages to escape.

Returning to America, he begins a new life as a superhero fighting against the corruption that has infected his billion-dollar weapons manufacturing company.

"I've always been a fan of Robert Downey Jr. I thought he was perfect for the role of Iron Man," said Kristin Burnett, 28, of Oakland.

A possible start for a new superhero franchise (Marvel has already

announced "Iron Man II"), "Iron Man" tells audiences how Stark becomes the hero. However there are no other super characters in the movie besides Tony Stark's business-partner-turned-villain, the "Iron Monger," played by Jeff Bridges.

The other movies trailing directly behind in the box office include "Made of Honor," with \$15.5 million and "Baby Mama," with \$10.3 million.

The next Marvel production arrives in June with "The Incredible Hulk," distributed by Universal and starring Edward Norton.

"Iron Man" is an Action-Adventure/Science Fiction, running time is 126 minutes, rated PG-13.

# Bird Gawking and Walking Featured in East Bay Parks

By Traci Noffsinger  
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Enjoying the outdoors and watching wildlife is phenomenal in the East Bay, as there are over 35 parks to visit during all seasons of the year.

Last Saturday, there was a 'bird gawk' event at the Coyote Hills Park, which is located in Fremont. From 8 to 11 a.m., bird enthusiasts joined others on bird walks to discover the patterns of behavior, migration and habitats.

Brenda Senturia, an Audubon society member from Washington, and Kristina Parkinson, a naturalist, brought their expertise to the bird walk. Bird festivities such as this one will continue through early June.

On May 4, Tilden Park featured a family bird walk, where people viewed and learned about birds. And starting this past May 6, Tuesday mornings will be dedicated to a hike that will include bird watching along different trails.

This Saturday, there will be a bird and butterfly festival at the Coyote Hills Park. It will be the ninth festival featured at the park. The festival will be a day full of learning about butterflies and birds.

East Bay Parks, located throughout the Bay Area, offer a fun and healthier way to spend time with family, friends and the outdoors. The many trails offer tantalizing views and each park has something special to offer.

At Garin and Dry Creek Parks in Hayward, the Garin Barn Visitor center features artifacts from the ranching and farming history of the Hayward area. The Dry Creek park, originally owned by three sisters, is adjacent to the Garin park and allows access to many hiking trails. In June, the park will be having its annual Canine Capers Day, when families are encouraged to bring their dogs up for a hike.

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