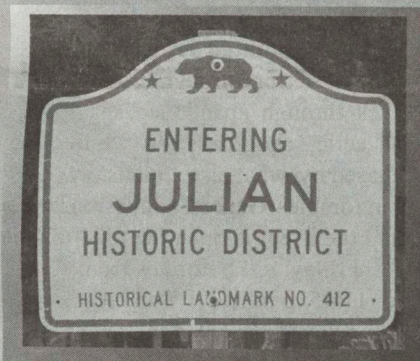


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## TWO NEW VENTURES FOR GREEN IN CALIFORNIA

### PROP 19: A GATEWAY TO TAX REVENUE AND REGULATION

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BY MARCOS  
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WRITER

Voters face a very difficult decision this November as Proposition 19 enters the ballot. Every smoker's dream and conservative's worst nightmare has come to the state of California, as Proposition 19 offers to possibly forever change the face of California with the legalization of marijuana.

The proposition states that any person 21 years of age or older would have the legal right to personally possess, process, share, or transport not more than one ounce of cannabis for that individual's consumption. This does not include the sale of cannabis.

An individual in the state of California would also be permitted to cultivate cannabis plants, within 25 square feet per private residence area, for personal consumption only. Unless the person is licensed or permitted to do so under the terms of an ordinance adopted pursuant to section 11301. Those are just a handful of the legal terms that define the

laws set for the proposition, however, even with a well-organized presentation of this proposition, much debate against the proposition is still at hand.

Throughout our campus, a web of much political discussion concerning the topic of Prop 19 has become to grab notice of teachers and students. Many students, such as Sean Desmond, stated as long as "they tax the hell out of it (cannabis), it could be for the best."

Which begs the question, could these new taxes on cannabis perhaps aid California in its current budget crisis?

"A wife of a pastor, a mother and a conservative republican, I believe that the passing of proposition 19 will only negatively affect California," said a woman, at the registration booth that asked to remain anonymous.

Strong opinions resonant and confirm



that many are reluctant to the new idea of Prop 19.

The other woman working at the booth, also added that she believed that instead of helping the budget crisis for California, Prop 19 would make it worse by having to repair the damages from cannabis users and possibly bring more problems to the courts.

CSUSM's Political Science professor Jerry D. Breckon, gave another perspective on the topic. When asked the question, professor Breckon simply replied that he was a democrat and if this proposition

can curb violence and crime associated with it, then he is for it.

This was another opinion relating to the proposition in that the legalization of cannabis would lower crimes due to the fact that the drug would be sold legally, taking money from the pockets of criminals, as well as lowering the number of criminals, and pumping it into the economy. With every question, it seemed that the numbers on both sides of the argument were increasing.

When it came to debates on whether or not the proposition should pass, there seemed to

be an equal amount of individuals on both sides of the fence. However, the majority of interviewees were undecided and found flaws on both sides of the argument. When it comes to any kind of political proposition or bill, trying to be passed it really only comes down to the opinion of the voter. Whether anyone has visions of California consumed by chaos, disorder, and a mist of "blue berry yum yum" or a society with just an ounce more of freedom (no pun intended) the future of California simply lies in the hands of the voters.

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## Chelsea's Law now effective immediately California unveils new stance against sexual predators

BY MAYA LIFTON  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

Sept. 9 marks a victory close to home Brent and Kelly King, parents of Chelsea King, as Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Chelsea's Law to be effective immediately.

Chelsea's Law will give sex offenders life in prison, without parole, to offenders who use drugs, weapons, or torture against underage victims while committing a sexual crime.

A life sentence can be given to first time and repeat offenders convicted of a violent sexual crime, according to Fox News.

This law was named after Chelsea King, who at 17 was raped and murdered on February 25, 2010 by John Gardner III, who at the time was a convicted child molester and a registered sex offender.

Her case woken up the community, and raised awareness to make stricter laws monitoring registered sex offenders.

For example, a sex offender can receive lifetime parole with a GPS tracking system so that offenders can be monitored for the rest of their lives. Before Chelsea's Law went into effect, there was monitoring of the parolees, but once their parole

period ended, the tracking did too.

Many speculator believe if more in depth monitoring was done in the case of Gardner, it possibly could have prevented the death of Chelsea King.

Under Chelsea's Law, convicted sex offenders on parole are restricted from entering into any parks. Other rules include the evaluation of offenders under

California's mentally disordered offender law when deemed necessary by assessment.

The first San Diego case to be put on trial under Chelsea's law took place Sept 15. A registered sex offender was given 25 years to life in prison, when prior to Chelsea's law, he would have been given 15 years in prison.



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# There's no Frisbee in disc golf

## How this new sport is flying to new heights

BY SANDRA CHALMERS  
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The new trend of disc golf brings an unexpected delight to what was once just a picnic hobby.

Formally known as disc golf, not Frisbee golf, the object of the game is to throw a disc through out the course in the fewest number of throws. Much like traditional golf, a hole in one is hard to come by. Disc golf uses a "pole hole," an elevated metal basket as the target for the game.

This new sport sparks players with the convenience of playing a competitive sport with a few friends or none at all. The sport also rejects the need to separate players into teams, and each can play individually.

As players progress down the fairway, each must make consecutive shots from the spot where the previous throw landed, until the disc is thrown into the basket, which then completes one hole.

Players enjoy nature as their playing field with no boundaries.

"It's fun and it's free. I like the instant gratification you get when you can see your throw improving, and how you can build your skills each time you play," said Vanessa Van Dyken, a frequent disc golf player, from Mesa college. "It's fun to play in groups, especially when your throw is better than the boys'."

Disc golf courses can

easily be found in local public parks, recreation parks and most often are free of charge.

Close to home, CSUSM has recently adopted a disc golf course in April of this year that spans throughout campus. It is the first university in Southern California to feature a disc golf course on campus property. This new 18-hole course begins near Barham Road and Campus way, scorecards can be downloaded [www.csusm.edu/rec/discgolf](http://www.csusm.edu/rec/discgolf).

Free disc rentals are available to CSUSM students at The Clarke Field House and the course hours are from sunrise to sunset everyday.

Our campus's wide range of hills, grass stretches and stairs

creates an entertaining course for everyone.

Brian Campbell and Jeremy Briggs, recent locals originally from Michigan, enjoyed the CSUSM disc course last Thursday. "I really like the layout of the course intertwined with the busy campus life. It's really fun," said Campbell.

Public parks also add an allure to the game by featuring obstacles such as trees, picnic tables, and sometimes even people as a challenging hurdle to overcome.

Unlike traditional golf, no expensive equipment is necessary. A quality, professional disc ranges about \$15. No dress code or collared t-shirts are required, nor any golf cart rentals. It becomes an easy bargain to get hooked on this

sport.

Van Dyken enjoys using the Side Wonder as it helps with accuracy, and Campbell uses the Anova, a heavier disc used for long distance. Disc golf players usually carry about five to 10 discs with them at a time.

Disc golf's other major appeal is that it is essentially the sport for everyone.

"Disc golf can be played from school age to old age, making it one of the greatest lifetime fitness sports available. Specially-abled and disabled participate, giving them the opportunity to take part in a mainstream activity," states the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) on its official website, [www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com).

Disc golf also pro-

vides a good form of exercise, it works upper and lower body muscles as well as promotes aerobic exercise, strengthens physical and mental abilities that allow for very little risk of physical injury, according to PDGA.

PDGA hold over 40,000 members and continues to grow as the sport gains more popularity.

At Kit Carson Park, in Escondido, the California State Flying Disc Championship is being held on Sept. 25 and 26. Prizes up to \$25,000 are being awarded for those who compete. Registration is still available at [sandiegoaces.com](http://sandiegoaces.com).

CSUSM will also be hosting the First Gentlemen's Disc Open in late October.

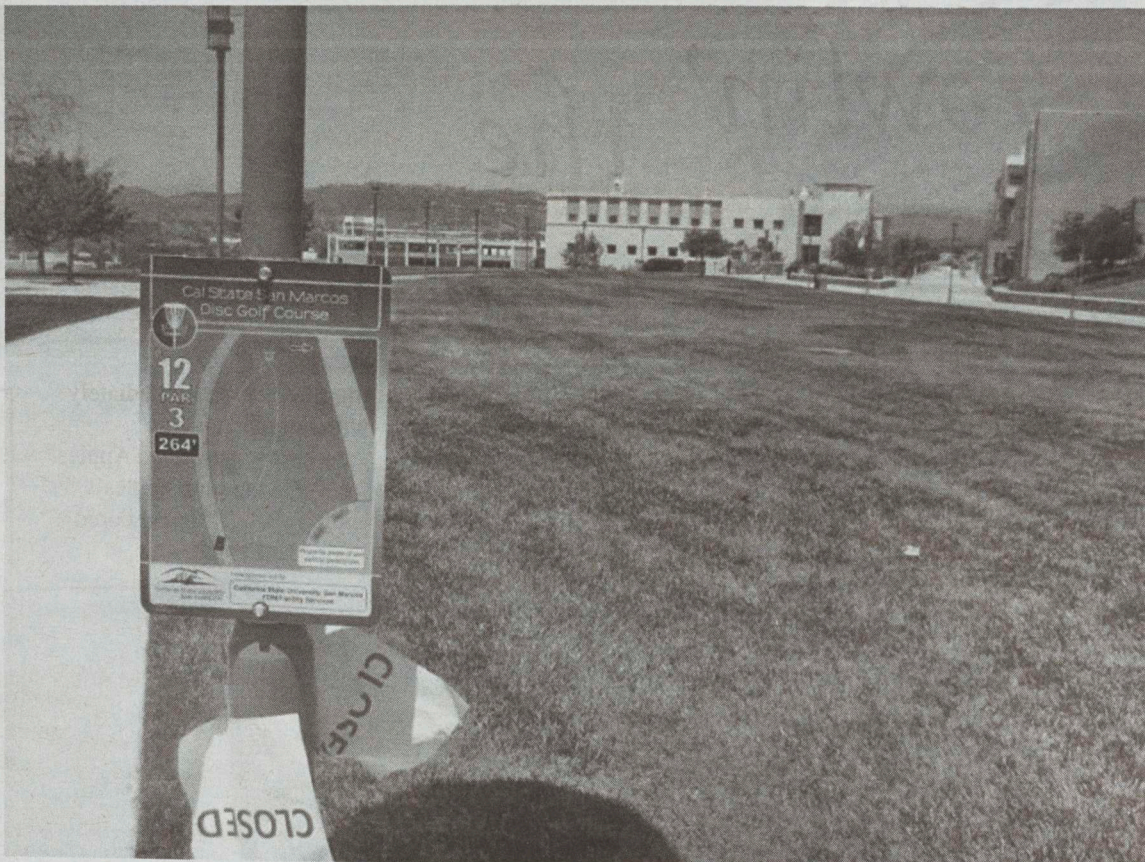


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## POLICE BEAT

Sept. 9, 2 p.m.

University police stopped a car with a broken break light at the intersection of Barham Drive and Campus Way. They arrested the driver Roman Ortiz, an 18-year-old non-student of Encinitas, for driving under influence of alcohol and drugs, for being an unlicensed driver, and for possession of marijuana. The passenger, Jose Delgadillo, a 19-year-old non-student also of Encinitas, was arrested for possession of marijuana. When the officers stepped up to the car, they reported the smell of both alcohol and marijuana.

Sept. 11, 1 a.m.

University police officers arrested student Shane Desfor, 19, for being drunk in public. He was taken to Vista county jail and released eight hours later

on his own recognizance. Police officers found him staggering on Barham drive.

Sept. 11, 3 a.m.

Officers observed a vehicle tailgating another vehicle at Twin Oaks Valley Road at the bridge over Highway 78. They pulled the vehicle over and when they approached the car, officers reported the smell of both marijuana and alcohol. Christopher Miller, a 21-year-old non-student of Riverside, was arrested for DUI and possession of marijuana. Miller had .08 blood alcohol level when tested at the station.

Sept. 12, 1:25 a.m.

University police officers arrested students Eva Hinton, 18, of San Clemente, and Laura McAndrew, 19, of Capital

Beach, at the University Village Apartments for being drunk in public. The officer heard the two females argue loudly in the UVA common area and went over to look check the situation. The two females were both intoxicated and disturbing the peace. Officers took them to Vista county jail and released them on their own recognizance.

Sept. 12, 11:25 p.m.

Police officers stopped a vehicle running a red light on Twin Oaks Valley Road. The driver, Jaques Matory, 22, a non-student of Carlsbad, was issued a misdemeanor citation for possession of marijuana and for possession of an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. He was then released.

Sept. 13, 3:50 a.m.

University police officers stopped a vehicle that they had observed changing lanes without signaling on Carmel Avenue and Venture road. The driver, Guadenzio Fabian, a 31-year-old non-student of Vista, was then arrested for being an unlicensed driver.

Sept. 14, 11:25 p.m.

Police officers observed David Baca, 21, a non-student of Escondido, run a red light at Campus View Drive in front of Craven Hall. When they pulled him over in parking lot C on campus, the officers reported the smell of marijuana when they approached the vehicle. They searched the car and found marijuana in the car. Baca received a misdemeanor citation and was released.



# Apples are ready

## Pie-eating and apple picking at Julian's Apple Days Festival

BY VANESSA CHALMERS  
FEATURES EDITOR

Since San Diego enjoys beautiful, sunny weather for the majority of the year, our city is forced to mark the seasonal transition from summer to fall in other ways: the autumn Starbucks drink menu (delicious pumpkin spice lattes return), temporary Halloween stores on every corner, and the town of Julian's Apple Days Festival.

Located in the rural mountains of San Diego, approximately 40 minutes from San Marcos, Julian, a historic gold-mining town known for its pie and hard apple cider, comes alive to boast its best asset to visitors from all over Southern California: apples. The Julian Apple Festival will take place on Oct. 2 and 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Menghini Winery and will feature dancing, music, a beer and wine garden, gold panning demonstrations, tractor

displays, children's activities, contests, apple pie, and the grand coronation of a Mr. and Mrs. Apple Days.

According to the Julian Apple Days website, the festival is more than 100 years old, starting in 1909 as a celebration to mark the town winning the Wilder Medal, an award bestowed only to the highest quality fruit growers. Since then, the event has attracted over 3,000 visitors every year and its apples have upheld their award-winning deliciousness.

Thinking of making your own apple pie this fall? Take some Julian apples home with you by visiting Julian's Apples and Art Orchard. For \$10 per bag, visitors can spend the day picking California-grown, pesticide-free apples straight from the tree, Johnny Appleseed style. Apples and Art Orchard requires reservations and is only open seasonally, but there are other orchards in and around Julian

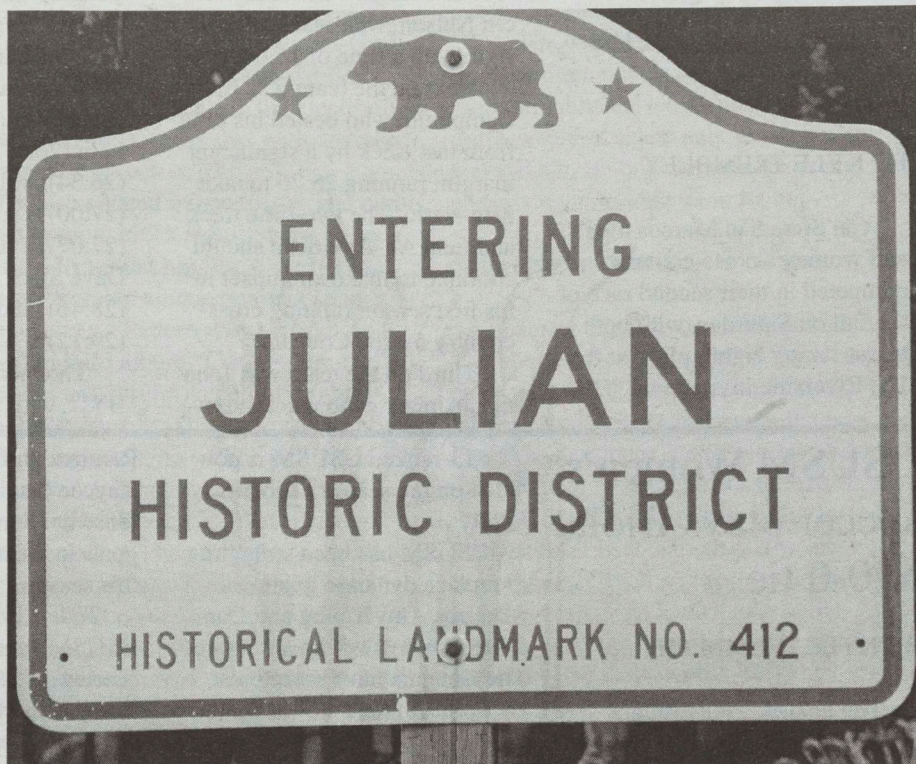
with more flexible availability. After an afternoon of apple picking, take those picks back to the Julian Apple Days Festival, where the first 500 visitors to attend the festival on Sunday, Oct. 3 will receive a free pie slicer. Hand picked apples and a free pie slicer are the perfect ingredients for homemade apple pie.

The Menghini Winery is located at 1150 Julian Orchards Drive. Parking is free, but arriving early is recommended. Admission for the event is \$5 for adults. Children 12 and under are free. Apart from the two-day Apple Festival, Julian will be

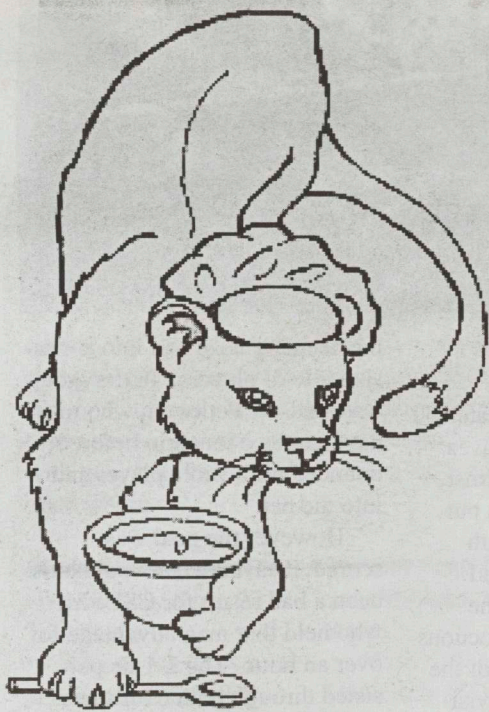
hosting various apple-related activities throughout the months of September and October. For more information on the festival,

apple orchards in Julian, and a list of events, check out [www.julianca.com](http://www.julianca.com) and [www.julianappledays.com](http://www.julianappledays.com).

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# Prowlin' the Kitchen



BY JENNA JAUREGUI  
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Ah, apples. Just the word itself inspires a wealth of images: bountiful baskets of fresh-picked fruit, the warm scent of fresh-baked pie, and the crisp deliciousness of that first bite. An essential part of any fruit bowl, apples are chock-full of health benefits that can keep your immune system revved as we head into colder months. There's a reason why people say, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away!" Health food website [whfoods.com](http://whfoods.com) says that an apple, especially the skin, contains several antioxidants that support heart health. Containing only about 80 calories each, apples are a dieter's delight. Their high fiber content helps to suppress the appetite and control chole-

sterol levels. They help to stabilize blood sugar, and eating a raw apple can even help keep your teeth clean!

Now that fall is upon us, apple-inspired recipes are enticing people to the cozy realm of their kitchens. September marks the peak of apple season, so now is the time to enjoy the fruit while it is in its prime. Here are two scrumptious ways to get that homey, nostalgic flavor of apple goodness without the hours of effort.

### Apple Pancakes

- \* 1 cup flour
- \* 3 eggs
- \* 1 cup skim milk
- \* 1 medium apple, cored and sliced in thin rings
- \* cinnamon and nutmeg to taste

Combine the flour, eggs, and milk until they form a creamy batter. Add the spices, and pour by ¼ cup measurements into a non-stick skillet. Place a few apple rings in each pancake before

flipping. Serve immediately with hot maple syrup.

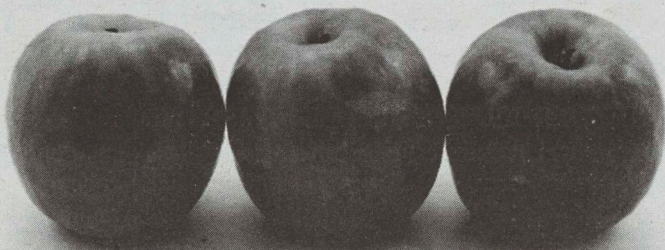
### Microwave Baked Apples

- \* 2 medium apples, peeled and cored
- \* 2 Tbsp. butter
- \* 2 Tbsp. brown sugar
- \* 1 tsp cinnamon
- \* 1 tsp nutmeg
- \* ½ cup raisins or dried cranberries
- \* ½ cup graham cracker crumbs

Combine the butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg in a bowl until crumbly. Place the apples in a deep microwavable dish with a tiny bit of water on the bottom. Sprinkle apples with the sugar crumble and more spices if needed. Stuff the cranberries or raisins into the hole where the core was. Cover with a lid and microwave for 3.5 to 4 minutes until tender. Cool slightly before serving. Top with graham cracker crumbs. Serves 2.

Ciao, my apple admirers! Many warm wishes from my kitchen to yours.

The Cookin' Cougar



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## Men's & Women's cross-country both finish in eighth place at UC Riverside

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

Cal State San Marcos men's and women's cross-country competed in their second race of the fall on Saturday, with both teams taking eighth place at the UC Riverside Invitational.

On the twelfth-ranked men's side, for the second straight week the Cougars beat their time from last year by over a minute, finishing eighth with a team time of 2:07:29. Leading the way for the second straight week was Western Nelson, who placed thirty-sixth with a time of 25:04.

Next on the team was Brett Campfield, who bested his time from last week by a significant margin, running 25:20 to take fifty-sixth. The two-time track and field All-American should continue to make an impact in his first season running cross-country for the Cougars.

Third on the team was Jonathan Alpizar, who placed sixty-

sixth with a time of 25:33.1. Rounding out the top-5 for the Cougars were Lenny Santana at 25:51 (eighty-third) and Michael Hansen at 25:59 (ninety-third).

Also competing for the Cougars were Polo Mariscal (26:01), Ryan Jensen (26:02), Ismael Rodriguez (26:06), Eddie Mariscal (26:13), Dustin Blankenship (26:23), Armando Lara (26:27), Joshua Bollinger (26:34), Valente Villalobos (27:00), David Cummings (27:07), Tyler Schieldge (27:34), Dave Slack (27:53), Saul Oros (28:46), and Mark Shimmin (29:12).

The men's race was won by BYU, with the host school com-

ing in second.

For the number two-ranked CSUSM women, the Cougars were a couple minutes behind last year's time at this event, though it was the first race of the season for star runner Cady Villarreal.

Leading the team was Jessica Sandoval, who posted a nice early-season time of 17:52 to take thirty-fourth place. Second was Jen Albright, last week's surprise team leader and overall twelfth place finisher, who ran 18:08 to take forty-ninth place.

Not far behind were Carol Schryver and Suzanne Cornwell, who ran 18:13 and 18:19 to take sixtieth and sixty-seventh,

respectively. Rounding out the top-five was Villarreal, who came in at 18:27 to place eightieth.

Also competing for the Cougars were Aubriele Rowe (18:32), Kelly Thompson (18:33), Cassidy Reich (18:38), and Chelsey Cortez (18:40).

The race was won by the University of Arkansas, with Southern Utah placing second.

There was also an open race held, where the CSUSM team, led by Michelle Cruz (eleventh place at 18:30) and Heidi Swanson (thirtieth place at 19:13) took second place.

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## CSUSM Women's soccer plays Biola to 0-0 tie

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

The goal-scoring drought continued for CSUSM women's soccer on Saturday, as the squad played Biola University to a 0-0 tie in front of the home crowd at Mangrum Field.

#13-ranked CSUSM is now 4-1-4 on the season. Biola is 3-2-1.

CSUSM has been struggling to replace dynamic freshman forwards Amy Young and Dani Porter, both of whom are injured. The Cougars have scored just two goals in their last five games.

However, the squad has posted a respectable 2-1-2 record in that span, thanks largely to a staunch back line that played another excellent game on Saturday. Led by captain Michele

Ramirez and of course keeper Kaycee Gunion, the CSUSM defense has surrendered just three goals in the team's nine games this season.

Today, both Biola and CSUSM came within inches of scoring. The Cougars' opportunity came in the first half, as a shot by Mary Green, who was very active and dangerous on the day, was cleared off the back line at the very last opportunity. Biola got its chance in overtime, as what looked like a sure-thing

goal was stopped brilliantly at the last minute by defender Chelsea Porter, who lunged to clear it off the line.

Gunion made three saves to earn the shutout.

CSUSM will be in action next on Thursday at Concordia.



## Men's soccer earns frantic tie with Biola

BY KYLE TREMBLEY

A crazy goal with just 40 seconds left in regulation saved what would have been a disastrous loss for Cougar men's soccer, as the squad came back to tie Biola 1-1 at home on Saturday.

CSUSM moves to 3-3-2 on the year. Biola is now 1-4-1.

The start of Saturday's game was the most physical soccer that's been played at Mangrum Field this year. There was serious contact on both sides, with neither giving an inch or generating many opportunities. It culminated in the thirty-first minute, when a nasty tackle resulted in a Biola player and subsequently a CSUSM assistant coach getting red carded.

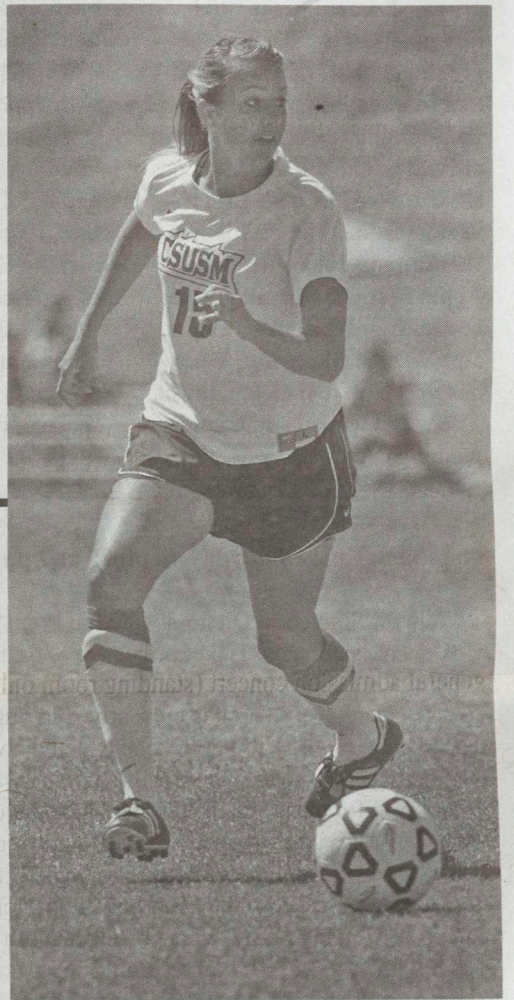
Despite the man advantage, the Cougars did not look particularly focused following the incident, as Biola had the better of play for a large portion of the match. A scoreless tie was broken early in the second half, when a cross from Marco Ruvalcaba found the foot of Dylan Wingrove, who drove a shot into the back of the net to put Biola up 1-0.

Biola continued to threaten, and if not for two heroic saves by Cougar keeper Kevin Ernst, the game would have been put out of reach. However, with the clock winding down and CSUSM desperate to get the equalizer, a seemingly innocuous throw-in on the Biola end of the field proved costly for the visitors. Alex Rodriguez launched the throw-in into the box, over

the keeper's head and into a massive pile of players. In the group was Andrew Podruski, who may have gotten a touch in before it bounced off a Biola player and into the net.

However the goal was scored, it saved what would have been a bad result for CSUSM, who held that man advantage for over an hour. The 1-1 tie persisted through both overtimes.

CSUSM will be in action on Thursday at Concordia.





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PRIDE STAFF WRITER



## CDS

**Maroon 5 – “Hands All Over” – A&M/Octone**

Maroon 5's third album, “Hands All

Over” (recorded in Switzerland), has had a long journey since their last release (“It Won’t Be Soon Before Long”). The band itself has come a long way since 2002, yet they managed to get through the struggles of a newly formed band, eventually claiming two Grammy wins. For this new album, the band worked with Robert John “Mutt” Lange, a notable producer who previously worked with the likes of AC/DC and Bryan Adams (who also happens to be Shania Twain’s ex-husband). “Hands All Over” blends the genres of funk and rock in familiar Maroon 5 fashion. The band toured the end of this past summer, and beginning Oct. 6, they will perform in many cities along the west coast (see <http://www.maroon5.com/shows/> for more show dates). Singles “Misery” and “Give A Little More” were released this past summer and both songs will be accompanied by music videos.

**Flying Lotus – “Pattern + Grid World EP” – Warp Records**

Artist Steven Ellison is known as Flying Lotus and his new EP “Pattern+Grid World” comes out this Tuesday. Flying Lotus’s style roots itself in the electronic sound, having collaborated with artists of similar styles such as Thom Yorke. Flying Lotus also created music for the late night programming block Adult Swim. Ellison blends electronic, hip-hop experimental genres to create unique ambient sounds and remixes. “Pattern+Grid World” follows his third album “Cosmogramma,” released last spring. According to his Facebook fan-page (<http://www.facebook.com/flyinglotus>), he will be performing in various clubs and venues later this month in San Francisco, Washington and Vancouver. The new EP is available for preorder at <http://bleep.com/>. Also, there are free computer apps available for download, such as an Augmented Reality app in support of the “Cosmogramma” album - at <http://flying-lotus.com/>. Also on his site are show dates, music videos and even two arcade-style games “Destroy” and “Attack” created by Flying Lotus and Available to play for free.

last time. Larsson’s previous novels, “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo” and “The Girl Who Played with Fire” received worldwide recognition following a late publishing decision before his death in 2004. The Millennium Trilogy composed of these three novels (with rumors of even more unpublished works) pulls readers into a world of crime and mystery with memorable, fleshed-out characters and an engrossing story that won’t let go.

**“Mockingjay” – Suzanne Collins**

Suzanne Collins’s final installment in The Hunger Games trilogy is “Mockingjay,” and with it returns Katniss Everdeen, whom, having made it through the past two Hunger Games, ends up on a mission to rid Panem of the oppressive President Snow. Collins’s trilogy is no stranger to the bestseller lists. Her novels portray heavy themes such as oppression, loss and the struggle of facing something much larger than one’s own self. She paints a vivid story within the series gaining her trilogy much positive critical reception. A film adaptation for Collins’s first novel of the series “The Hunger Games” is in the works, though a release date has yet to be set.

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

BY ASHLEY DAY  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

Autumn is fast approaching, and with the arrival of the season comes a fantastic variety of bands touring through San Diego County. Here is a preview of concerts happening this week:



**The Black Keys (Saturday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.)**

Where: Soma San Diego, located in Point Loma. This event is all ages. Ticket prices are \$30. It is a general admission concert (standing room only).

The Black Keys show is currently sold out, but there are ways to try to get tickets. If you arrive at the venue early enough, there will be a line waiting outside for entry into the show. Since the event starts early, savvy show-goers might suggest getting down to Soma around 3 p.m. to ask people if they have extra tickets available. But beware of ticket scalpers (people who buy concert tickets with the specific intent to resell them). Purchasing tickets from scalpers is illegal if it occurs on event grounds. If nobody has an extra ticket, then go to the box office (located in the front of the venue). Sometimes, Soma will open up more tickets to buy. Bring extra money to the show. You may not bring a water bottle inside with you, but bottles can be purchased at \$2 apiece once inside.



**Muse with Passion Pit (Wednesday Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m.)**

Where: Viejas Arena at Aztec Bowl, SDSU. This event is all ages. Ticket prices range from \$62.50-\$73.90 (service charges included) for general admission seats. There is also a \$10 fee for parking.

Muse formed in 1994 and originated from the United Kingdom. NME magazine describes Muse as a “fusion of many music genres, including progressive rock, alternative rock, classical music, heavy metal, and electronica with recurring themes of revolution.” They’ve recently gained worldwide recognition – and an entirely new fan base – after having been featured on all three of the “Twilight” movie soundtracks.

**Phoenix with Neon Indians (Tonight, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m.)**

Where: San Diego State University (SDSU) Open Air Theatre. The event is all ages. Ticket prices range from \$41-52 (service charges included) or there is a pack of four tickets available for about \$80.

Phoenix is an alternative rock band from the suburbs of Paris, France. The band has five albums behind them and have been featured on countless movie soundtracks, such as “Lost in Translation” and “Virgin Suicides” (where lead singer Thomas Mars met his girlfriend - and baby mama – director, Sofia Coppola). The band has been around for approximately 10 years, but has recently gained mainstream attention with radio hits “1901” and “Lisztomania” from their newest album “Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix.”

**The Pixies (Sunday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m.)**

Where: University of California San Diego’s Rimac Arena in La Jolla, California. This event is all ages. Ticket prices are \$53.50 (service fees included). This concert has no assigned seating. It is standing room only on a first come, first served basis.

The Pixies tour is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of their smash album “Doolittle.” They are supposed to be playing “Doolittle” in its entirety. “Doolittle” is available as a free download on [pixies-music.com](http://pixies-music.com). The Pixies are a groundbreaking, classic band and this reunion tour is not one to miss.

Learn more about each upcoming concert at [91x.com/pages/concerts](http://91x.com/pages/concerts) and [sandiegoreader.com/music](http://sandiegoreader.com/music). Now go out and see some shows.

## BOOKS

**“The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets’ Nest” – Stieg Larsson**

Currently on The New York Times bestseller list for the fifteenth week is acclaimed author Stieg Larsson’s third novel in the Millennium Trilogy. “The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets’ Nest” continues where its preceding novels left off, with Lisbeth Salander facing off against the weight of murder charges and a government that has wronged her for the



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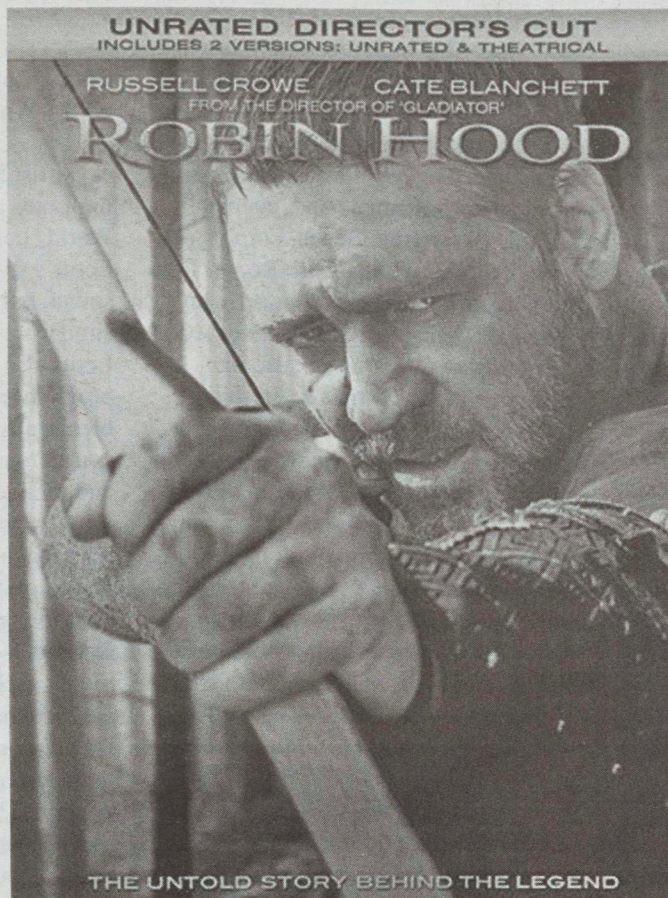
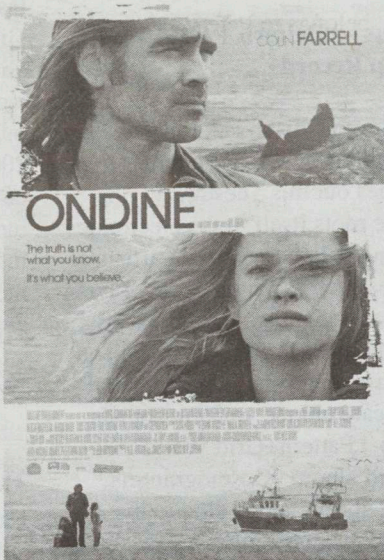
# DROPPING THIS WEEK

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BY MILA PANTOVICH  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

## "Ondine" (PG-13)

Filmed in Ireland, Ondine follows the story of Syracuse (Colin Farrell), a struggling fisherman in a small town who is surprised to find an ethereal and mysterious fish-like woman named Ondine (Alicja Bachleda) caught in his trawler nets. With his endearing daughter, Annie (Alison Barry), telling him fairy tale stories of selkies (mythological creatures that shed their seal skin to live as humans), Syracuse's predictable life is turned on end when he falls in love with the strange woman. Syracuse quickly finds himself wrapped up in the fairy tale possibilities and dark secrets that Ondine brings to his life. With gorgeous cinematography by Christopher Doyle, this film, written and directed by Neil Jordan, will have you suspending your disbelief to be immersed in the lush possibilities of love and fantasy.



## "Robin Hood" (PG-13)

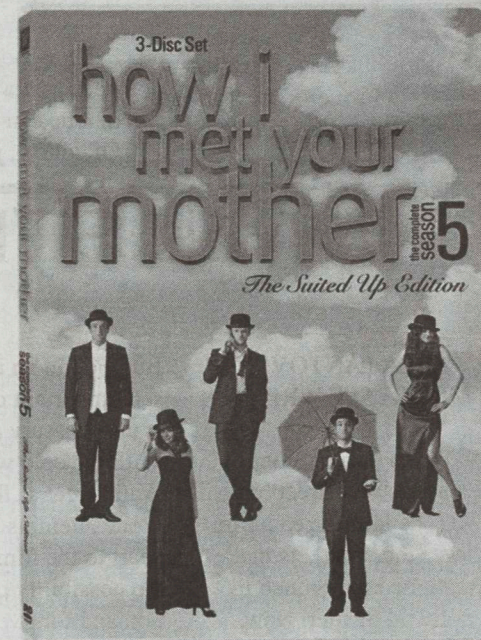
The iconic figure of "Robin Hood" is back in this Ridley Scott-directed film starring Oscar winners Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett. The film begins in late twelfth-century England, when Robin Longstride (Russell Crowe) is merely an archer, before becoming "Robin Hood." When met with his opportunity to return to the land of his birth, Nottingham, Longstride and three other soldiers (recognizable as the future Alan A'Dale, Will Scarlett, and Little John) disguise themselves as knights of the Royal guard. It is upon returning to Nottingham that Longstride quickly takes paths that will eventually lead to his inspiration of a nation to fight for their freedom. Also starring Danny Huston as King Richard The Lionheart, William Hurt as William Marshal, and Matthew Macfadyen as Sheriff of Nottingham.

## "Modern Family: The Complete First Season" (Not Rated)

With a dynamic cast and sharply written dialogue, this Emmy-winning mockumentary series may just be the best show that you're not watching. Created by Christopher Lloyd and Steven Levitan, "Modern Family" records the domestic adventures of a twenty-first-century American family. The family's patriarch figure is Jay Pritchett (Ed O'Neill) who is married to a young, beautiful Colombian woman, Gloria (Sofia Vergara), and a step-father to her comically mature pre-teen son, Manny. Jay's children from his previous marriage include Claire Dunphy and Mitchell Pritchett. Claire (Julie Bowen) is married with three children and Mitchell (Jesse Tyler Ferguson) has adopted a Vietnamese child with his partner Cameron Tucker (Eric Stonestreet). This quirky comedy delivers some much-needed wit,

## "How I Met Your Mother: Season Five" (Not Rated)

With the sixth season newly underway, why not refresh your memory and relive the fifth season of this strange show? With the premise of future-Ted telling his two children the story of how he met their mother, viewers can only hope that they will actually meet the mythical woman who is to become Ted's wife. In this season, Ted (Josh Radnor) becomes an architecture professor, dates the roommate of his future wife, and buys the house that will eventually be the home for his family. Robin (Cobie Smulders) and Barney's (Neil Patrick Harris) short-lived relationship ends, leaving Robin to begin a relationship with her co-anchor and Barney to continue sleeping with as many women as possible, while the married Lily (Alyson Hannigan) and Marshall (Jason Segel) end the series on the decision to have a baby. New episodes air Mondays at 8 p.m. on CBS.



while reminding everyone of their own comedic family dysfunction. The second season begins Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 9 p.m. on ABC.

# DEAL DAYS IN SAN DIEGO

BY CHRIS GIANCAMILLI  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER



College life can be both stressful and expensive. When looking for a way to unwind, it's easy to find yourself going over your budget, but cutting back doesn't have to mean you can't have fun. Deals are all over the place if you know where to look.

Try something new: ice skating in Escondido. The Iceoplex in Escondido offers ice skating every day of the week. Their sessions normally run around three hours of skate time with three sessions per day. General admission with skate rental is \$10 per session with a special \$5 admission on Monday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ice skating can be a fun alternative to the weekly movie for about half the price.

If you're looking for something

to enrich your mind, there are other options.

Every Tuesday, various museums at Balboa Park in San Diego offer free admission. The museums change depending on which Tuesday of the month you decide to attend:

On the first Tuesday of the month, open museums include the Natural History Museum and the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center.

Second Tuesdays offer the Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego History Museum, and the Veteran's Museum and Memorial Center.

The Museum of Art (permanent exhibit only), Museum of Man, the Mingei International Museum, and the Japanese Friendship Garden all offer free admission on the third Tuesday of the month.

On the fourth Tuesday, the San Diego Air and Space Museum, the Automotive Museum, and the Hall of Champions Sports Museum are open to the public.

If visiting a museum every Tuesday isn't your thing, visit [www.SDHalfPrice.com](http://www.SDHalfPrice.com) for 50 percent off coupons available for redemption at various restaurants and events around San Diego. The website is updated with new deals every Wednesday and has sections on food, wine, entertainment, salons, health,

fitness, home, auto, and even pets. In addition to snagging good markdowns and valuable coupons, the website is a great resource for discovering new and little-known venues, restaurants, and other social treasures in and around San Diego.

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# HOT OFF THE REEL

NEW MOVIE REVIEWS

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## "THE TOWN"

BY MILA PANTOVICH  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

Taking place in Charlestown, Boston, where crime is heavier than in any other American state, "The Town" is an incredibly well-acted crime drama that focuses on the choices people make when they are confronted with an opportunity to change their lives. With Ben Affleck as director, this film takes time to develop its characters, giving ample opportunity for each actor to make a specific and lasting mark on the screen. Playing with the dynamics of sound, flashbacks, and tension, Affleck proves that moving behind the camera has been the smartest move that he has ever made for his burgeoning career as a filmmaker.

Doug MacRay (Ben Affleck) is a former local hockey star who ended up falling into

the same bank robbery lifestyle that put his father (Chris Cooper) in prison. Wearing dreadlocked skeleton masks, Doug and a team of men, including Doug's lifelong friend, James Coughlin (Jeremy Renner), violently hold up a bank full of terrified people. Among the terrified is the bank manager Claire Keesey (Rebecca Hall), who James decides to take as a hostage for assurance in case they are interrupted by the police during their escape. The rest of the film follows the enduring emotional resonance that the bank heist has on the town of Charlestown. Under the initial guise of following Claire to insure that she does not know any incriminating evidence to divulge to the FBI, Doug unexpectedly finds himself falling in love with her. While being pursued by FBI Special Agent Adam Frawley (Jon Hamm) and coming to terms with his position in the bank robbery lifestyle, Doug must find a way out of crime so that he can start his life over. Of course, just when he thinks

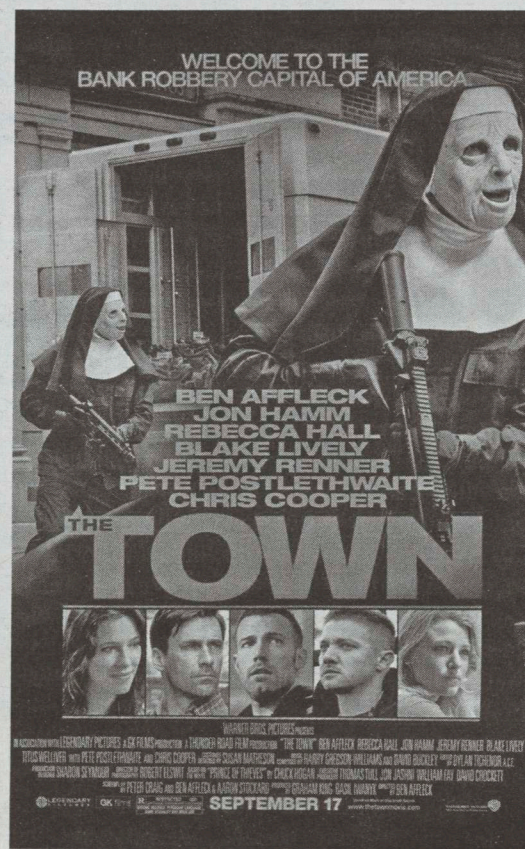
he may get out, one last great heist at Fenway Park threatens his plans for freedom.

The plot of "The Town" is conventional and from the first scene follows along the expected path. However, where the film truly shines is the stellar acting amongst the ensemble cast, giving multiple facets to the characters. Playing Doug's father, Chris Cooper appears in just one very short scene and makes such an emotional impact with his performance that even Doug is stunned into silence by its strength. Jeremy Renner gives a volatile unpredictability to James, the friend who doesn't need a reason to beat a person near to death. Instead of playing the character one-dimensionally, Renner lends James a surprising vulnerability seen in his fierce loyalty and love for Doug. Jon Hamm as FBI agent Adam Frawley also makes his memorable mark on the film, playing an agent who may just be as psychologically dangerous as the criminals he pursues. Another notable performance

belongs to Pete Postlethwaite ("Inception"), playing the quietly intimidating crime boss who orchestrates the heists and the lives of those in his employ.

Filmed on location in Boston, Ben Affleck seems to make all the right choices in "The Town." His creation of tension, not only within the heist scenes but within the dialogue, keeps the audience excited about a plot that they have more than likely seen many times before. While Affleck may be a weak point in the film in terms of his character being outshone, he certainly makes up for it by insuring the rest of the cast makes lasting impressions without stepping upon one another's performances. The promise that Affleck reflected in his 2007 directorial debut "Gone Baby Gone" is completely confirmed and reinforced in "The

Town," proving that his talent as a filmmaker is ever evolving, showing no signs of slowing down.



## "WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS" GORDON GEKKO IS BACK!

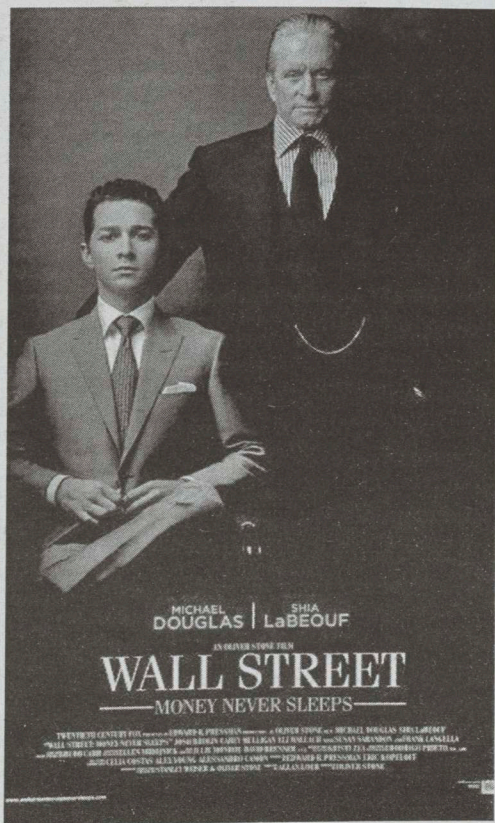
BY MILA PANTOVICH  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

When Oliver Stone released "Wallstreet" in 1987, he introduced a film about stock markets that functioned very much like a political thriller. Now, 23 years later, Stone has released the long-awaited sequel, "Wallstreet: Money Never Sleeps." Like "Wallstreet," Stone places the sequel firmly in the middle of an economic crisis and uses the panic and confusion felt in the industry to give the story an edge that is felt personally, if only slightly understood, by many Americans. With visuals of stocks plummeting in a business that depends upon greed and dishonesty, Stone uses the story of a broken family as the backbone and heart of the film.

"Wallstreet: Money Never Sleeps" presents the economy as a series of fast-paced split screens, showing the rapid rise and fall of companies through cheesy animation and diagrams. Filming stock traders as if they are mobsters, Oliver Stone gives a sense of foreboding to board meetings filled with arrogant young traders who continue thinking they're in control of the rapidly declining market. Stone, himself, has a small cameo as a trader and Charlie Sheen returns as a retired

Bud Fox in an incredibly self-important cameo that is unnecessary and forced. With the cold world of Wall Street as the setting, Stone attempts to bring a heart to the film through the possibility of redemption and forgiveness for a decaying family. Carey Mulligan shines in a fairly flat role as an emotionally bruised daughter. In a scene with Michael Douglas, Mulligan's face is fascinating as she tries to keep herself from crying in front of the father she wishes she didn't love. While the cast is impressive, including the always excellent Susan Sarandon as Jake's

mother, the film itself has a hard time measuring up. What it fails to do is get to the core of Gekko's character, watering down his manipulative cutthroat nature with an often strained sentimentality. The ending is rushed and ill-fitting of the film's overall message of the irrevocable corruption of money, quickly tying up loose ends in a way that seems dismissive of its initial purpose. Oliver Stone, very purposefully portraying Wall Street as a capitalist infection, backs off and turns to sentimentality when he should have turned back to the brutality of the board room.



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# HALO

## REACH

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### REACHING THE END: A REVIEW OF "HALO: REACH"

BY JIMMY PIRAINO  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

"Halo: Reach" is the story of the beginning of the "Halo" saga, but truly, it marks its end. With the separation of game developer Bungie and publisher Microsoft Game Studios, another "Halo" game created with the same craftsmanship and quality will likely never grace the Xbox 360 console. With that sobering fact in mind, "Halo: Reach" delivers where all the other "Halo" games fall short.

"Halo: Reach" is the prequel to the "Halo" trilogy, directly preceding the events of the original game. The player takes on the role of a faceless Spartan soldier by the name of Noble 6. He begins the game as an unwanted replacement for Noble Team, an elite group of Spartan soldiers who are no strangers to war.

The story

takes place on planet Reach, a heavily defended human world untouched by war. But when Noble Team is sent to investigate an attack by local militia, they discover that the Covenant, an alien race led by religious zealots that call for the annihilation of the human race, is to blame. What is initially believed to be an isolated attack soon turns into a planetary invasion of unimaginable force. What ensues is a battle for the very survival of the human race as Noble Team is sent repeatedly behind enemy lines to save the planet from total destruction.

"Halo: Reach" is by far Bungie's best work in the "Halo" series, which shows with im-

provements big and small found throughout the game.

The most noticeable improvement is the graphics. The level designs are spectacular. Bungie used a cross between hand-painted backgrounds and graphic animation to bring a new depth to the world. "Halo: Reach" escaped the confines of its predecessors by using much more diverse color schemes, which make the dramatic sequences pop that much more on the screen.

To help draw the player deeper into the experience, Bungie pumped Noble Team with as much diversity as possible. Each Spartan is entirely unique and the player quickly grows attached to each member. But it isn't only

the team members that get an overhaul, the player's character does so as well. Several key cut scenes have the player viewing events through Noble 6's eyes, bringing them so much closer to the action and the persona of Noble 6.

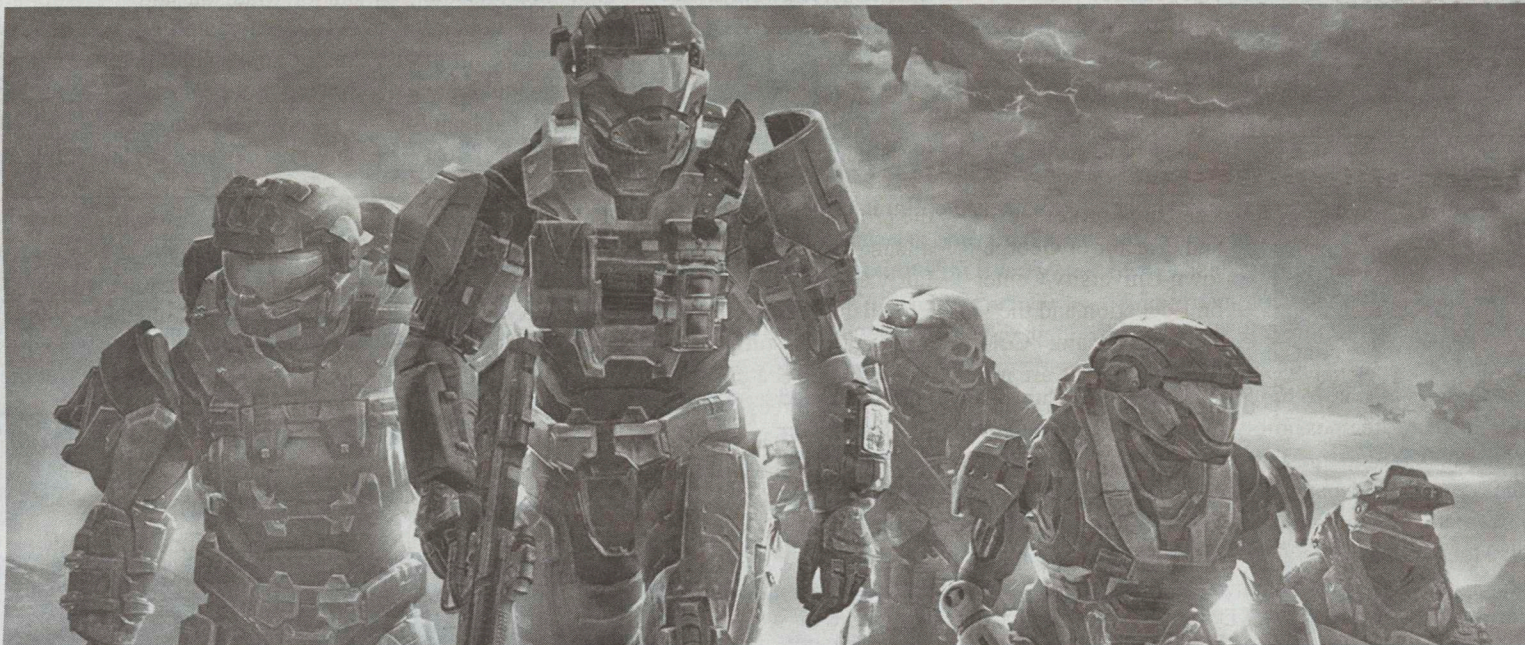
The single player experience also includes highly upgraded enemies. Gone are the days when enemies' only tactic was to stand still and fire at the player. The enemies in "Reach" are given the same abilities and skill as the player, making the game much more challenging and exciting. Whether they are trying to flank behind the player's position, or sending in holograms to try and flush out the player, Noble 6 has

his work cut out for him.

But Bungie seemed to forget about the intelligence of the player's allies. On more than one occasion a hapless ally seemed to forget what they were doing, or decided that running the wrong way through a level was a good idea. There were also several instances where the ally seemed to get stuck at an invisible barrier, leaving Noble 6 alone in an enemy-infested area.

Bungie took great care to throw in several new ways to spice up the single player campaign. Flying through space in a fighter jet protecting a space station from Covenant attack, flying between crumbling skyscrapers in a helicopter to rescue trapped Marines, or even dodging enemy fire to fix defensive turrets, Reach is sure to keep players at the edge of their seats with both gripping story and perfected game play.

"Halo: Reach" is available now for the Xbox 360 for \$59.99.



## HAPPY HOUR OF THE WEEK Pizza Nova

BY MICHAEL RAWSON  
PRIDE STAFF WRITER

Looking to chow down on comfort food and sip some local beer at a price a Cougar can afford, but don't want to stray far from campus? Head down Twin Oaks to the LA Fitness center. Pizza Nova's got you covered.

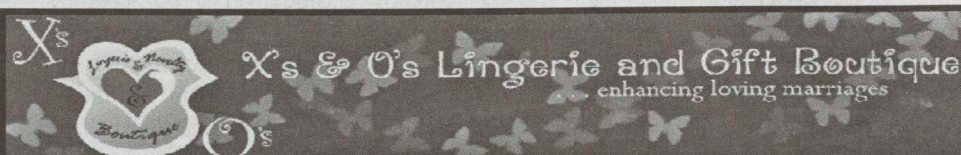
The small San Diego chain's fourth location (and first in North County) opened its doors last year to little fanfare, but has slowly become a San Marcos favorite. As a prime-time lunch or dinner spot, Pizza Nova doesn't do things much differently than Sammy's Woodfired Pizza across town. But who cares which place has better dinner specials? We're talking happy hour, and a recent price drop at Pizza Nova has them looking like a real college town joint.

They like to call it "\$3 at 3." Weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m., dropping in won't set you back much unless you

stumble out shirtless (please don't, they are family friendly). If it's a frosty brew you seek, they've got plenty of 'em; all served in a healthy pint glass for three bucks. The latest tap line includes selections from local breweries like Stone (featuring Levitation on draft!), Lost Abbey, Green Flash, and Ballast Point, west coast favorites Racer 5 and Fat Tire, and other goodies, including (if you must) Coors Light.

Still under 21? Fear not. It's the incredible value on their delicious appetizers that really makes this place shine. They're also just \$3 each. The creamy mac 'n' cheese comes lava hot and stays silky throughout each bite. Try the Salmon Crostini for an edgy treat. The star of the show, however, are the mini pizzas. One easily filling my spacious stomach (though I've seen a real man take down four), these babies come out of the oven hot and generously topped. Choose between Margharita, Sausage/Pepperoni/Mushroom, Barbeque Chicken and Thai Chicken.

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