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November 7

## Special Mention

# Live life smiling: remembering Mike Naylor

By AJ KIRKPATRICK  
CONTRIBUTOR

Students all over CSUSM will mourn the loss of one of the most interesting men to ever walk this campus on Thursday, Nov. 1, the one year anniversary of Michael J. Naylor's passing.

Naylor was one of the most influential people I have ever met. He was my best friend and considered him not only a fraternity brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣAE), but as a member of my family.

He was by far the most well-known person I have

ever met. People just gravitated towards his outgoing personality and his genuine desire for putting other people's needs before his. He was completely selfless, yet always found a way to get whatever he wanted. He had the largest network of friends and if you ever needed anything, he knew someone who could get it for you. He would be distracted by a piece of dust floating by and was by far one of the smartest people I have ever met.

Between the hours he spent in Markstein Hall accomplishing his dean's list

honors, he still managed to spend plenty of time at 24 Hour Fitness. He was a certified personal trainer and lifted weights at least 5 times a week. He was always willing to learn, yet always knew it all. If you didn't already know him, you would understand how great this individual was within five minutes of talking to him.

It's impossible to ever forget the man responsible for the lime green wrist bands that can be seen being worn by people all over campus that read "Live Life Smiling" and the green and pur-

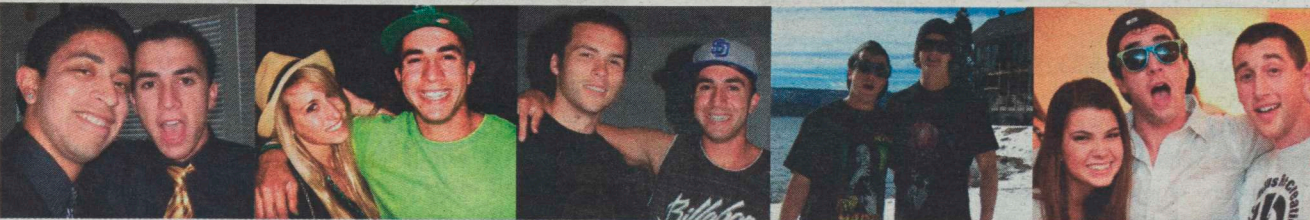


Friends of Naylor showing their support with green bracelets to be worn in his remembrance. Photo provided by: AJ Kirkpatrick

ple "MN" stickers (like the Yankees logo) on probably half of the cars in the parking lot.

He has accomplished more in the short time he was with us than most people will in their entire lives. If there was one legacy he would

want to leave behind, it would be to "Live Life Smiling, and it will work out for you!" I speak on behalf of many when I say I miss him more than anything and look forward to the day we can meet again. In the words of Nay himself..."Sikk."



Left: Various photos of Michael J. Naylor enjoying the company of friends. Photos provided by: AJ Kirkpatrick

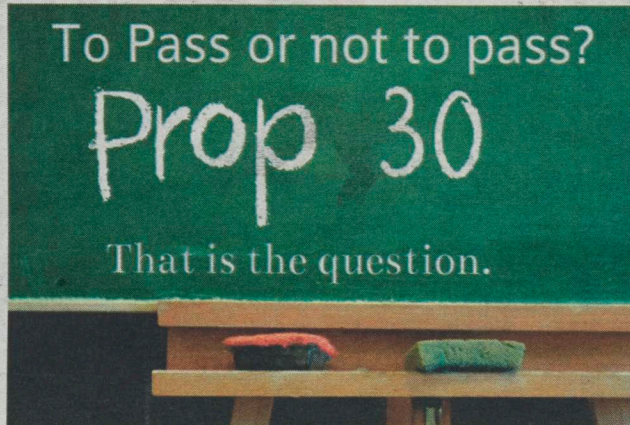
## Prop 30, the importance of voting

By WENDOLYN LEAL  
STAFF WRITER

One of the most important measures for students on the Nov. 6 ballot is Proposition 30, Governor Brown's proposal to raise revenue for our K-12 and higher education system.

If the proposal does not pass, starting Nov. 7, the affects will immediately impact our teachers, administration at state colleges, and extensively cut the student budget by \$6 billion per year.

Those that oppose Proposition 30 are not entirely wrong about their argument. It is no doubt that California's taxes are high, but the revenue from this plan represents just over half of what was



lost when three other taxes expired in 2010 and 2011. The overall tax care will still be lower than where it stood two years ago.

According to the department of finance, general fund spending will be \$11.6 billion lower than the amount

five years ago and will amount to the same share of the economy as in 1972-73. This is not profligate spending. Students can remember that in less than eight years, tuition has risen 150 percent, from \$2,334 per year in 2004

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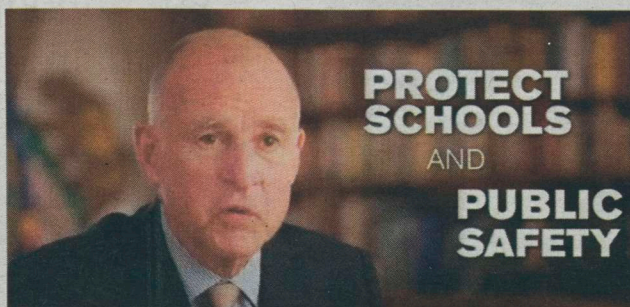
## Prop 30 and 38: the differences

By FREDRICK MISLEH  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This Election Day, voters in California will face many choices. Among them is the choice between Propositions 30 and 38.

Both are propositions that provide money for schools raised through taxation. But, there are a few differences warranting a note.

Prop 30 raises money for all schools by taxing those making \$250,000-plus annually and increasing the California sales tax by a quarter of a cent for all. However, should other budgetary items



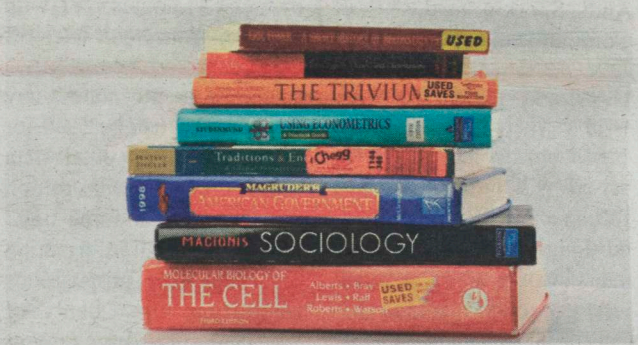
A screen-shot of Governor Jerry Brown from a "yes on Prop 38" commercial. Photo Courtesy of: www.prop38forlocalschools.org

need funding, the money raised ostensibly for schools could be used to fund said budgetary items. While it would raise \$6 billion annually for the next seven years, because the money can be used for anything, there is

no guarantee tuition will not increase later should Prop 30 pass.

Prop 38 raises money for only K-12, as well as early childhood programs, yet the tax applies to everyone for

DIFFERENCES CONTINUED ON 2.



## Governor Brown passes bill for free textbooks

By ALLY RUIZ  
STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 28, Governor Jerry Brown initiated two bills aimed to provide Creative Commons textbooks in order to help California public college and university students save money on textbooks.

"Many students are paying more than \$1,000 every year on their textbooks, sometimes having to choose between buying the books they need and paying for food and other living expenses" said author of the bill, Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento).

The two bills are Senate Bill 1052 and Senate Bill 1053. Senate Bill 1052 allows the California Open Education Resources Council to administer and attain the proper materials for the library.

Senate Bill 1053 was also signed, which launches the California Digital Open Source Library and would allow students free online access to the textbooks of the 50 most taken courses.

These new found principles are also thought to be something of a technological test. These bills will not become effective without the help of legislature funding. If the legislature does decide to assist these two bills, then the first free books are organized to be obtainable for the 2013 - 2014 school year.

To create the bills, Governor Brown participated in meetings that consisted of a nine member council that was composed of three faculty members from the University of California (UC) system, California State University (CSU) system and the California Community College (CC) system.

As a team, they will finalize the list of the 50 most frequently taken lower division courses for which the economically priced digital textbooks would become available. They look to encourage libraries to reserve them on campus.

Originally opposed to a section within the bill requiring

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to just under \$6,000 this fall. These figures will continue to rise if Prop 30 is not passed. As a student, a voice is given a chance to speak on Nov. 6. Whether they oppose or support Prop 30, students should take the initiative to put their stand in the polls. "It's really important to keep the effort in promoting Prop 30 because this legislation will affect students directly. [Prop 30] can determine whether a student can afford a higher education," third year psychology major, Linda Carter said.

BILL FROM I.  
ing publishers to provide three copies of used textbooks on reserve in campus libraries at the state's public colleges and universities, The Association of American Publishers (AAP) gave full support once that particular section was amended. "AAP does not oppose open source material, but we don't support state funding for it, particularly when private industry, foundations, investors, entrepreneurs and others have already spent more than \$500 million developing and producing open educational resources for college and university students across the country," Andi Sporkin said, VP of Communications at the AAP.

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twelve years. All are taxed based on income. Revenues raised will be roughly \$10 billion annually with projected long-term growth. Four years' worth of the revenue will go toward paying the California state debt. In the end, voters are left with two similar propositions: 30 and 38. Prop 38 does not raise money for colleges, and tuition is likely to increase. At the same

## Homecoming Events

**Rock of Ages: Movie Night and Celebration**  
5:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, Library Plaza  
free festival featuring an air band competition, costume contest and 80's inspired activities, followed by the outdoor film screening of "Rock of Ages" at 7 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket to watch the film on the Library Plaza lawn.

**Greeks Give Back & Grillin'**  
Noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 Library Plaza  
Members of Fraternity & Sorority Life will be cooking up some delicious BBQ for the campus community while collecting non-perishable cans of food for the College Rocks Hunger can food drive. Bring a can to give back to the San Marcos community and get free lunch.

**Homecoming Game and BBQ**  
BBQ 1:30 p.m., Game 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25  
Mangrum Track & Soccer Field  
Join your fellow Cougars and cheer on Men's Soccer as they take on Westminster College. The BBQ lunch will be catered by Hunter Steakhouse and sponsored by Liberty Mutual.



A drenched Cipriano Vargas eagerly awaits for the next students attempt to dunk him at CougarFest on Oct. 23.  
Photo by: Melissa Martinez

## CSUSM soccer comes up short

### Men lose 2-1 vs Golden Eagles, women tie 1-1 vs Banana Slugs

By ALEX FRANCO  
SPORTS EDITOR

The CSUSM men's soccer team took on fierce competitors, the La Sierra Golden Eagles, to what turned out to be a disappointing 2 - 1 defeat on Oct. 19 at CSUSM Mangrum Field.

La Sierra struck first with a goal 50 minutes into the game when the Golden Eagles' Ramon Santiago converted on a free kick. The Cougars wouldn't be down for long as they quickly responded with a goal of their own just 9 minutes later, with a header from Scott Rice off

a cross from Alex Brunsell.

Tragedy struck the Cougars in the 65th minute, when Erik Mueller went down with injury and was carted off the field on a stretcher. The Cougars played with heightened intensity afterwards and produced more shots but failed to execute and score.

La Sierra took control of the game in the 70th minute when opponent Bryan Gutierrez broke away and went one on one with the CSUSM goalkeeper. With time winding down, the Cougars continued pressuring the defense and gave themselves one last chance to score in the



The lady Cougars looking to head the ball away from defenders  
Photo by: Alex Franco

waning seconds but failed to land the ball in the back of the net.

"We played all right, not to our biggest potential. We came together in the second

half and stepped up. We plan on stepping it up more next time," Scott Rice said.

CSUSM dropped to 3 - 6 - 3 after the loss, and looks SOCCER CONTINUED ON 3.



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11/4 TBD  
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12/1 6pm

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Free Fro-Yo @ FroYo Love  
Shabbat Dinner @Hillel House  
Mitzvah Day  
Shabbat in a Box  
Tijuana Jews (film) @Arts 240 CSUSM  
Hanukkah Shabbat @Hillel House

### Retraction

In the Oct. 10 issue of The Cougar Chronicle, in the "Campus Political clubs host forum" article we wrongly identified that the CSUSM political clubs and Lobby Corp were holding that said event and that there would be three not two political representatives. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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### SCORE REPORT

10/10 Women's Soccer  
VS Marymount  
W 1 - 0

10/10 Men's Soccer  
VS Marymount  
W 5 - 2

10/12 Women's Soccer  
VS Ashford  
W 3 - 0

10/12 Volleyball  
VS Vanguard  
L 0 - 3

10/13 Women's Cross Country  
at Santa Clara Invite  
1st / 16 teams

10/13 Men's Cross Country  
at Santa Clara Invite  
10th / 19 teams

10/14 Women's Golf  
at CSUSM Fall Invite  
1st / 5 teams

10/14 Men's Golf  
at CSUSM Fall Invite  
1st / 8 teams

10/16 Volleyball  
VS Westmont  
L 1 - 3

10/17 Women's Soccer  
VS Point loma Nazarene  
L 0 - 2

10/17 Men's Soccer  
VS Point loma Nazarene  
W 2 - 0

10/19 Women's Soccer  
VS UC Santa Cruz  
T 1 - 1

10/19 Men's Soccer  
VS La Sierra  
L 1 - 2

10/19 Volleyball  
VS Occidental  
W 3 - 0

10/20 Women's Cross Country  
at Cougar Challenge  
1st / 3 teams

10/20 Men's Cross Country  
at Cougar Challenge  
1st / 4 teams

10/20 Volleyball  
VS Embry Riddle  
W 3 - 0

## UPCOMING HOME GAMES

- 10/27 Women's Soccer  
VS Embry-Riddle  
Noon, (Homecoming)
- 10/27 Men's Soccer  
VS Embry-Riddle  
2 p.m., (Homecoming)
- 10/30 Women's Soccer  
VS Bethesda  
3:30 p.m.
- 10/30 Men's Soccer  
VS Bethesda  
1 p.m.
- 11/2 Volleyball  
VS The Master's  
8 p.m., Escondido High School
- 11/3 Women's Cross Country  
at A.I.I. Conf. Championships  
8 a.m.
- 11/3 Men's Cross Country  
at A.I.I. Conf. Championships  
8 a.m.



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Members of the lady Cougars soccer team looking to head the ball away from defenders. Photo by: Alex Franco

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to the homecoming game at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, as a chance to turn the season around before the A.I.I. conference tournament, which will be hosted at CSUSM.

Directly after the men's game, the Lady Cougars fared slightly better in play vs the UC Santa Cruz Banana Slugs in a 1-1 tie.

CSUSM jumped out to an early advantage scoring early in the first half with a Natalya Erbel goal in minute 13. The Lady Cougars took the 1-0 into halftime, but was short-lived. Four minutes into the second half, the

Banana Slugs answered with a goal of their own to tie up the score at 1-1.

At the end of regulation, the score was still tied, which meant an overtime period for both teams. Each team came close to ending the game with a winning goal, but after all was said and done the game ended in a 1-1 tie after two overtime periods.

The CSUSM women's team improved to 8-3-3 with the tie, keeping their unbeaten streak alive.

The Lady Cougars play Embry Riddle on Mangrum Field at noon on Saturday, Oct. 27.

## Clarification

In the Oct. 10 issue of The Cougar Chronicle, in the "Red Bull BMX Athlete Terry Adams takes another spin on campus" article, we stated "Adams' signature BMX move is the Flatland, which he performed..." when in fact flatlanding is a riding style and is not an actual move. We apologize for any confusion that this may have caused.

## Athlete spotlight: Kelly Thompson

By ALLY RUIZ  
STAFF WRITER

Senior Kelly Thompson, a kinesiology major, is a prestigious runner on the CSUSM women's cross-country team. The women's cross-country team has won national titles the past three years.

**Question: What got you started in cross-country?**

Answer: I started running when I was in the eighth grade because my friend did it and at the time I was playing soccer, so I decided to join and in high school I did it, and ever since then, I just loved it.

**Q: What made you do it in college?**

A: It was a last minute decision that I wanted to run in college. My high school coach pushed me into doing it. In the beginning, I did it just because I've been doing it my whole life, but after my

first year of running in college, I knew I made a good decision and I was going to stay running for all four years.

**Q: How is the team doing this year?**

A: From last year to this year, we've lost 4 of our top 7 girls, which we thought would hurt our team but we've had a lot of girls step up. Our team is looking much stronger. Going into this season, we made a goal to get in the top 3 at nationals. We always shoot for winning and as this season continues to progress, I think we will be able to win again.

**Q: How is your 1 through 7?**

A: We're looking pretty strong, the top 5 runners are what they count for at nationals, the top 5 go into the score, and our top 5 is looking really strong, even our top 10 is really strong, spots are still open, but we are



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[www.csusmcougars.com](http://www.csusmcougars.com)

strong team.

**Q: How have you personally been improving since last season?**

A: Since last season, I've definitely improved. This past race in Santa Clara, I ran my personal best which was 17:17 for the 5K. My time has improved, the work outs have improved, and overall I'm just a stronger runner than last year.

THE HEART BEAT:  
CAFFEINE, HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

By CURTIS BOVEE  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Students waking up look forward to a freshly brewed cup of coffee to kick-start their busy days, but the side affects of excess caffeine can serve as the real wake up call.

According to the Harvard School of Public Health, 54 percent of Americans over the age of 18 drink coffee every day, while 65 percent drink it with their breakfast. The average American consumes over 300 milligrams of caffeine each day.

While caffeine has its perks, it can pose some serious problems. According to the Mayo Clinic, about two to four 9-ounce cups of coffee per day isn't harmful;

however, when caffeine consumption increases to 500 milligrams a day, the following consequences may occur:

Nervousness  
Rapid heartbeat  
Muscle tremors  
Irritability  
Restlessness

It's believed that caffeine is the most consumed drug in the world, which has seen a tenfold increase in consumption since the 50s. In a society so overwhelmed by economic mayhem, stress is inevitable and as a result to keep

up with the fast-paced lifestyle, caffeine consumption increases.

Over 10,000 Starbucks exist in the U.S. alone, with over 200 per state. The rise of Starbucks certainly corresponds to societies need and want of caffeine.

To sum it up, don't consume more caffeine than is necessary. If you need a jolt of energy, grab a cup of coffee or maybe even consider a Five-Hour Energy, but don't also consume an energy drink just because you are thirsty.



## Buy basketball season tickets now!

With the CSUSM basketball season just around the corner, there is no time to wait in purchasing 2012 - 2013 season tickets. Women's basketball plays its first home game Nov. 13 vs. Arizona Christian, while the men play Nov. 14 vs. Biola.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

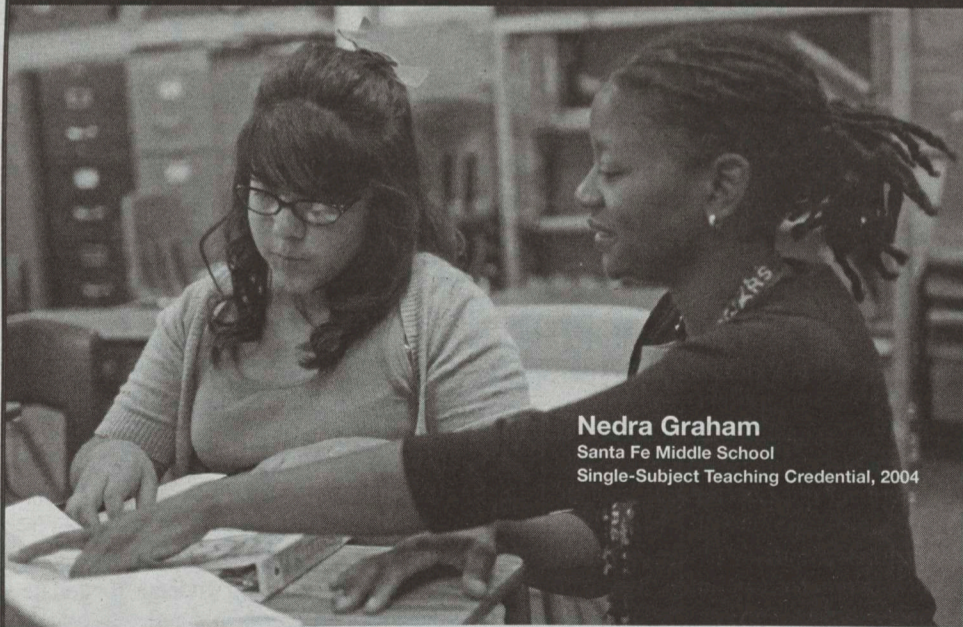
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# Swirl on over to the Masquerade Ball

By JESSIE GAMBRELL  
Co-A & E Editor

Dust off your ball gowns and suits, it is time for the fourth annual Masquerade Ball!

The ball will take place 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Oct. 26 in San Diego at the House of Blues.

While tickets to the ball are no longer available, students going are not required to wear a mask. However, in

the past some have brought beautiful and unique masks to suit the occasion.

According to Associate Executive Director, Sara Gallegos, there will be appetizers, but no meal and students are advised to eat ahead of time. The whole night will be full of dancing and good music by DJ Jeremy Ricci from DJ Pros.

"Only 21 + are allowed in the upstairs area where alcohol can be purchased and

consumed. The [House of Blues] security is very tight so if there are any issues, they are handled immediately. A note to all students is to not drink before the dance, you will not get in the door if you appear intoxicated," said Gallegos.

The parking is tight downtown, but the House of Blues does offer valet parking and there is a parking lot on 5th Ave.

There will be no transpor-

tation provided by ASI, but there have been student discussions about renting party buses on their own.

Students are expected to have their ticket and photo ID in hand to move the process along faster, considering attendance is expected to be 550 to 600 students.

For more information about the Masquerade Ball, you can visit <http://www.csusm.edu/homecoming/students.html>



## Prime Cut Grill: Now open

By ALISON SEAGLE  
Staff Writer

Students looking for magic, great burgers and beer at a suitable price should stop by the newly opened Prime Cut Grill just across the street.

The menu is full of great things to choose from, such as the Prime Cut Ale with the South of the Border Burger, which tastily compliment each other. The South of the Border Burger is a Certified Angus Beef patty, topped with chorizo, crispy jalapenos, creamy guacamole, and chipotle mayo, and is one of the most popular items on the menu. It was messy but delicious!

"It's a cool atmosphere and a great place to watch the game with your buddies," Tyler Fehlan said, a political science major at CSUSM, who was enjoying wings and beer with friends during the Chargers' game.

Besides burgers, sandwiches and appetizers, Prime Cut Grill offers steak and fish entrees ranging from the \$12 Tri-tip Dinner to the \$22 Filet Mignon. They have

a selection of pastas and salads from \$7 to \$10, and great desserts like a moist and gooey slice of chocolate cake drizzled with caramel, with enough chocolate to satisfy any sweet tooth.

It is a great place to meet up with friends for happy hour, which is in the bar area from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. There is also \$2 draft beer every night after 9 p.m., NFL Sunday ticket on Sundays, and Sunday brunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$10. Some of the items included during brunch are chorizo and French toast, and chicken wings and hot dogs in the afternoon.

In addition to great food, Prime Cut Grill has magician Nick Ivory performing tricks from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday nights.

Prime Cut Grill is open Sunday through Thursday until 10 p.m. and until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. It is located at 344 South Twin Oaks Valley Road, Suite 147.

Photo courtesy of Yelp.

## Prop. 37 proposes labeling of GE ingredients in foods

By WENDOLYN LEAL  
Staff Writer

Proposition 37 has one goal, to make changes to increase the regulation of genetically engineered (GE) products. If Prop 37 is approved, the law would require that raw and processed GE foods sold in grocery stores be labeled so consumers are informed of what they are consuming.

In 2012, legislative analysts concluded that about 40 - 70 percent of food products at local grocery stores in California contain some GE ingredients. However, the federal law does not specifically require the regulation of GE foods. Nonetheless, the product is labelled as "Genetically Engineered."

Currently, no other states require the labeling of GE foods.

If Prop 37 passes, the retailer would be held responsible for complying with the

legislation by assuring that their food products are correctly marked. In the past, when calorie content began being included in the label of foods, the prices did not change, which was a concern for families and especially college students. While making the changes in labeling GE ingredients, prices of food will not be affected.

There is a growing attitude in favor of reforming American agriculture and regard about where our food comes from and how it was produced. College students have difficulty attempting to save money and buy quality food. It isn't common because healthy food is typically more expensive. However, students and families feel they have the right to know what ingredients in their food are natural and what isn't. Proposition 37 informs consumers of the extent of GE they are ingesting.

### California Voter Guide Prop 37 summary

Information taken directly from the online California General Election Voters Guide.

#### What your vote means

**Yes** A YES vote on this measure means: Genetically engineered foods sold in California would have to be specifically labeled as being genetically engineered.

**No** A NO vote on this measure means: Genetically engineered foods sold in California would continue not to have specific labeling requirements.

#### Arguments

**Pro** Proposition 37 gives us the right to know what is in the food we eat and feed to our families. It simply requires labeling of food produced using genetic engineering, so we can choose whether to buy those products or not. We have a right to know.

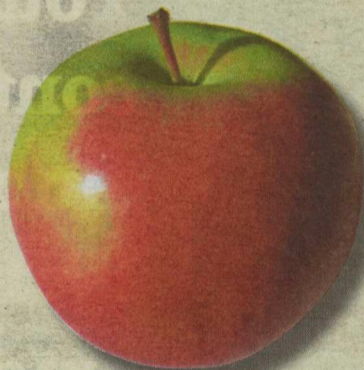
**Con** Prop 37 is a deceptive, deeply flawed food labeling scheme, full of special-interest exemptions and loopholes. Prop. 37 would: create new government bureaucracy costing taxpayers millions, authorize expensive shakedown lawsuits against farmers and small businesses, and increase family grocery bills by hundreds of dollars per year.

#### What would the new labels mean?

**5 digit: 9-xxxx**  
Starting with 9  
**Organic**

**5 digit: 8-xxxx**  
Starting with 8  
**GMO GE**

**4 digit: xxxx**  
Conventionally grown  
**Contains Pesticides**



#### Q: How does labeling GE ingredients on foods affect students?

A: The 2002 documentary Super Size Me exposed the unhealthy practices of Sodexo, a multinational food service conglomerate that now serves CSUSM students by managing the Big Cat Market, Big Cat Bistro, and Starbucks. The university touted the change as "exciting" in a press release in late August of this year, but I have a hard time getting jazzed about a company whose unsustainable production practices have recently been criticized (<http://oracle.newpaltz.edu/students-raise-concerns-about-sodexo/>). Sodexo also has close ties with Pepsi Co., CSUSM's exclusive beverage provider. Should 37 pass, students will see GMO labels on every Pepsi product containing GMO high fructose corn syrup on and off campus. It's going to be quite an eye-opener.

Hey Cougars, share your thoughts on Prop 37 at [csusm.cougarchronicle@gmail.com](mailto:csusm.cougarchronicle@gmail.com), or on our facebook page, or on our website [www.csusmchronicle.com](http://www.csusmchronicle.com)

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## Greek organizations give back to the community

By KATLIN SWEENEY  
Features Editor

For only \$1 or a can, your free time during U-Hour could be spent helping those in need.

On Thursday, Oct. 25, CSUSM's Greek Community will be hosting Greeks Give Back n. Grillin'. As part of the kickoff to Greek Week, the event will give back to students as they help the Greek organizations on campus give back to the community.

"The Greeks Give Back n Grillin' event is a Greek-hosted barbeque that is raising money and cans for ASI's College Rocks Hunger Food Drive," Vice President of Internal Affairs for GLC, Haley Duvel, said. "We are asking students to donate a can or \$1 and they will get lunch in return."

In addition to the barbeque, the Greek Community will also participate in the Homecoming Game and the Barbeque and Beach Clean Up.

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# The McMahan House

## The reason behind its existence

By JESSIE GAMBRELL  
Co-A & E Editor

To most students, the McMahan House is a mysterious, hidden house on the hill above the Mangrum Track & Field.

This mysterious gem is a modern-looking event facility that was built in 2009 and was completely funded and drawn up by Richard and JoAn McMahan in order to host events. The McMahan House is built on the CSUSM property that the Prohoroff family had previously owned before 1988.

It is a 3,200-square-foot facility that has four rooms and a large 2,690-square-foot courtyard. There are intrinsic pathways and gardens throughout the grounds that had been part of the Prohoroff's original landscape and were preserved for this purpose. The ribbon cutting ceremony was on July 15, 2009.

"It was built to create a place on campus that would serve as a gathering place for students, faculty, staff and community members to

share in events," Public Information Officer, Margaret Lutz-Chantung said.

The McMahan House is a CSUSM event facility that also rents out for weddings, birthdays, bar mitzvahs and other events. In fact, just a few weeks ago, CSUSM held an informative meeting on the launch of the palliative care program, which included the CSU Chancellor Charles Reed. It was hosted in the Library of the McMahan House, which is not smart-equipped, unlike the Great Room and the Retreat Room that have a TV, Internet, a DVD player, and a sound system.

Many events are held at the McMahan House that students are unaware about. Being off campus a bit and hidden by many trees allows CSU officials, among others, to have complete privacy at their meetings. With its contemporary look and modern amenities, the McMahan House becomes quite a unique event facility compared to other universities.

"We hear a lot of people say when they come to our



campus that it is a beautiful and warm facility. It blurs the line between campus and community and the architecture of it was built to be sustainable and 'green,'" Lutz-Chantung said.

The Tower, which can be seen overlooking the Mangrum Track, is actually Mrs. McMahan's favorite part of the complex. Inside is a large circular room with a giant, square, 16-chair table in the

center, featuring a sculpture by Syd Harris called "Duplicity." The Tower is also used during weddings as a preparation room for the bride before her wedding.

Anyone looking to host an event at the McMahan House can call Event and Conference Services at 760-750-8888 or visit [www.csusm.edu/events](http://www.csusm.edu/events) for more information.

Photos by Jessie Gambrell

# Commuter vs. on-campus diet

By KEANDRE WILLIAMS-CHAMBERS  
Copy Editor

It's time to tackle the question of the differences between the diet of commuter students and those living on-campus.

Henry Hall is a sophomore who commutes from San Clemente. He occasionally gets fast food on his way to school when convenient, and buys food from various CSUSM food sites when on campus. His weekend diet consists of store-bought food considering he has more free time to go to the grocery store. Healthy food choices are difficult but still made regardless of the lack of free time. Hall only has time to prepare one meal for himself everyday, with many of his other meals consisting of what can be bought at his convenience. However, with more time available, making his own meals improves his diet, proving to be healthy and less financially consuming.

Depending on her schedule, Kia Washington, a freshman who lives on campus,

eats fairly healthy. Her food choices are often based on financial ability and available time. It usually costs less for her to get certain foods outside of school time, allowing this choice to become a preference when she has more time to spare. She makes the occasional sacrifices here and there in order to have once-a-week indulgences, but overall, her diet is balanced.

Comparing these two people and their diets, it is easy to see how the available time affects their eating habits.

The commuter must accommodate according to the setting they are in and work around a schedule in which they must also make time for travelling. Those who live on campus still have the issue of time, but must also tackle the separate issue of the overall stresses of living on campus, especially those who are living on their own for the first time.

Both diets have their positives and negatives, but ultimately it is up to the individual to make their own plans for dietary success.

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## Editorial: Radioactive spiders

By AMIRA EL-KHAOULI  
OPINION EDITOR

We strolled up to the science hall. It either was expertly decorated or ready to become blighted and I could easily understand why they had built a new one to replace this site. I didn't want to go in, but try telling that to your friends as they pull you into the direction of certain doom and failure. They had heard stories of experiments gone awry inside.

I hadn't been Halloween pranking in a long time, but I was sure that if the lights were out it meant no candy. As the moonlight glistened upon the fog captured among tangled spider-web adornment, I was assured that we would be crazy not to stop by. Holidays are mandatory and that was our motto. We were stocked with the cheapest kind of TP just to be dandy.

As we neared, it became apparent that the building was not vacant. A university cart sat just outside the building. We went inside and

were met with a pair of tiny eyes hanging as if foe. We neared and laughed as we realized that it was nothing but a spider. Something was off though.

I screamed because it was a black widow, the flashlights detected that it was actually quite large with a thick, red stripe on the side and a triangle pointing out in the shape of a P. Impossible, stated one member of the posse as she grabbed the thing and allowed it to walk upon her body. Moments pass and she screams when the thing bites her. She shakes it off and it implodes upon the floor in a mess of bloody.

This time, human eyes peer out of the darkness and we taunt the figure with why it is just looking. Get help. This is dangerous. Then the flashlights detect a shift in the atmosphere.



The cobwebs shake to reveal more spiders were coming.

I grabbed a hand and ran to the front door and shoved a friend into the seat of the golf cart. As I pulled away, it shrank into the size of something you buy for children. My friend was still life-size but struggled to escape from the compressed enclosure. Now, spiders seem to have escaped and a new web entangled the universe. As I could see, on looked the onlooking onlooker.

I had no choice but to wave my arms as they grew sticky and tangled. I fell to the floor and knew I would never be free. As I gasped for b-b-b-breath, the spiders grew near and the onlooker said, "Happy Halloween."

## Very superstitious!

By KEANDRE WILLIAMS-CHAMBERS  
COPY EDITOR

### Fear the Reaper, and other creatures

Halloween often comes with the shadowy figures and creatures of the night, but none are more fearsome than Death himself and his ghastly entourage. This is a figure that is difficult to avoid, but staying safe for the holidays makes it easy to avoid a deadly encounter that doesn't involve eager children accompanied with their parental entourage.

### The Little Path-crossers

They say if they cross your path, you get bad luck, so watch out for those stray black cats! Many neighborhoods have a few here and there, and there's little to worry about. Should you encounter one on your nightly stroll about the town, simply change your route. However, if they circle you, you prob-

ably should consider investing in some lucky trinkets to counterbalance it all.

### The Uninvited

They stalk the night and want your blood, this age old superstition is exactly what you believe it to be. Vampires. But don't let your veins freeze at the mere mention. Should you fear an encounter with them as the Halloween nights progress, you can simply pick up a bag of garlic at the local supermarket or wear the ever-fashionable crucifix about your neck to ward off the vampires. Oh, and be careful who you invite into your home, especially when you see the bats hanging up there for a while.

### Light the Lanterns Home

Little known fact: the tradition of lighting Jack-o-lanterns has a deeper meaning to it. As night descends and each is lit in the night of the world, the lost souls can re-

turn to their homes. So keep them lit, bright and safe from a wayward foot. Help those poor, unfortunate souls find their way home!

### Watch for Witches!

Known for their toil and trouble, you best watch out! Legend says that if a spider should fall into the flames of a lit candle, witches be near! So look to the sky and follow that crescent moon for the flames of mischief. Many may be benevolent, but beware of the ones who use this holiday as an opportunity to conjure some true fear.

### The Apple of the Future

Many remember how, as children, we would bob for apples as a Halloween event, but few of us know the history behind it. It falls under the fortune-telling aspect of Halloween and could often depict the love life of the bobber. Is love in the future, or is it just a face drenched in other peoples' spit water?

### Retraction

In the Oct. 10 issue of The Cougar Chronicle, in the "Commuter-school prices taking a toll on students" article, we stated "the new parking structure that was just built cost us over 3 million dollars and will take us 30 years to pay off" when in fact the cost of parking structure was \$27 million and will be paid off over 30 years. We apologize for any confusion that this may have caused.



## New campus closure seems poorly researched

By JULIANA STUMPP  
Co - A & E EDITOR

A few weeks ago, students were asked to leave Markstein Hall after 10 p.m. Markstein is very popular among students at night because of the new technology it provides, as well as numerous study rooms on the third floor. Students are frustrated with the new rule.

"I used to go up there every night in order to get my homework done because it is the only place I can focus," sophomore Bryce Heathcock, said. "Now I can't go there after 10 and it's affecting my school work."

The library doesn't cut it for students because it has enforced its closing times. On weekdays, the library hours are from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students who are heavily involved on campus can't always make it to the library.

My day starts at 6 a.m. with back-to-back work or school until 6 p.m. Then, I need to study for exams or do homework for classes the next day.

I also need to make myself dinner, do chores and relax after a long day. I need to give myself a well-deserved break before starting my homework, and that doesn't even start until 9 or 10 p.m. Surely I'm not the only student experiencing this problem.

Where else are students supposed to study?

The Clarke has multiple break rooms and a study room for student athletes. The Clarke is also a place where activities, such as InterVarsity and fitness classes, take place. These events often get loud and bring in a large crowd.

The UVA and Quad offer limited study rooms for the number of students that reside there. The UVA classroom is spacious but students like their privacy when it comes to studying. Some students enjoy listening to music while others enjoy complete silence. Even private rooms in the dorms aren't enough. With three roommates things can get loud and distracting. Moreover, the UVA closes at 11

p.m. on weekdays.

The library at SDSU has 24/7 study areas accessible to students. They have special food and drink areas for late night munchies and rooms to reserve for study groups. Also featured, is a quiet study area for those who don't like noise when studying.

Certain colleges are open until 11 p.m. or even 1 a.m. UCSD has various study spots on campus that give students 24/7 access for residents or during finals week. Their campus is very accommodating to their students when it comes to late night studying.

CSUSM already has limited study spots as it is. To take away a place where students get their work done is discouraging. Hopefully the student union, coming in the next two years (hopefully), will give students full access to study rooms.

Until then, UPD and students should come to an agreement about Markstein Hall hours and give students the freedom to study whenever.

## Where's the P in BDSM?

By LISSETTE NUNEZ  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 17, a debate was held on campus discussing whether BDSM is an act of pleasure or abuse?

BDSM stands for Bondage, Discipline, Sadism, Masochism. It circulates around the idea of a consenting adult relationship that has some inherent inequality.

However, the relationship is based upon the idea of pleasure for everyone who is involved, which is the presence of a feeling of enjoyment or satisfaction. For instance, as one partner roll plays dominance the other illustrates submission.

To hypothetically illustrate, you can be the Nazi and I'll be the Jew; the Nazi

demonstrating the dominant character whereas the Jew reenacts the submission role.

While women's studies professor Cecili Chadwick was neutral on the subject and believes that BDSM is neither good nor bad, on the other hand, women's studies professor Lori Walkington, affirms that BDSM is pleasure and JUST pleasure.

In fact, when asked if BDSM has ever gone too far? Walkington said, "No, and I hate that the question implies on itself that BDSM can go too far...if it is not pleasure then it is not BDSM."

I could not agree more. Coming from a non-participant perspective, I theorize that many judge BDSM as some kinky role-play with no limitations, but there are.

Though these relationships do not generally represent the "traditional" mold, they are agreed upon between consenting adults.

If one of the parties withdraws their consent, it could just as well become abuse, as defined by Professor Laurie; once pleasure is eliminated from the picture. What you are specifically reenacting is not BDSM. Furthermore, BDSM has a strong emphasis on negotiation and consent amongst the related partners. Therefore, all suspicions and accusations about BDSM being of an abusive sexual interaction should be withdrawn; because and I quote, "If it's not pleasure, then it's not BDSM!"

Agree or Disagree? Share your thoughts on our website.

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## Local fall events, fun for all ages

By Juliana Stumpp

The weather is finally cooling down. Fall fashions are being seen and delicious hot drink recipes are being made, and cities of San Diego County are providing a variety of activities to welcome the change of season.

**Monster Bash: Oct. 27, 6 p.m. - midnight.**

This huge outdoor Halloween block party will take place at the San Diego Gaslamp Quater for those 21 and older. There will be outdoor clubs and three huge stages that reach over eight blocks. There will be a costume contest with \$3000 reward. Tickets now cost \$40 and can be purchased at <http://tinyurl.com/ClubVIFTickets>.

**The World Famous Pub Crawl: Oct. 26 5 p.m. - 2 a.m., Oct. 27 noon - 2 a.m., Oct 31 5 p.m. - 2 a.m.**

Costumes are encouraged for this huge bar hopping event. Deals for drinks include \$2 draft beers, half off mixers and \$4 shots. Tickets are only \$10 a day but it is recommended to buy the two or three day pass. You'll have to check in at registration on time. After that, you'll be given a map of the bar locations participating in the event. You must be 21 to join in on the fun and drink responsibly.

**Family Night: Month of October, ending Oct. 30 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

The Promenade Mall will be having their annual Hunter's Pumpkin Patch Family Night throughout the month of October. The night includes local food vendors, inflatable rides for children, tractor rides, mazes, obstacle courses, face painting and many games. A new amenity for this year will be the world's largest inflatable slide titled "The Kraken." Lots of pumpkins will also be available for purchase.

## The ending to a legacy and the beginning of a legend

By MELISSA MARTINEZ  
NEWS EDITOR

The start of the new seasons in television this fall means saying goodbye to the critically acclaimed mockumentary, "The Office." However, some characters live on, if not in the way we expect.

"Office" writer Mindy Kaling, also known as the pop-culture driven character Kelly Kapoor, introduces her new sitcom titled, "The Mindy Kaling Project." Rainn Wilson, who plays beet farmer and top salesman on The Office, Dwight K. Shrute, will move on once the season ends in a spin-off show called, "The Farm," based off of his beet farm he runs with his cousin, Mose.

In season seven, "Office"

fans had to say goodbye to the "worlds best boss," Michael Scott (played by Steve Carell). Though it was a very heartwarming and comedic-genius season, the show hasn't been the same. After many replacements took over the Dunder-Mifflin Sabre Branch in Scranton (including guest star Will Ferrell) and James Spader as Dunder-Mifflin's new CEO (after he replaced Kathy Bates), and of course Dwight K. Shrute, the writers decided that Ed Helms' character, Andy Bernard should take over.

Though Bernard has changed dramatically since his first season being on The Office, transitioning from Steve Carell is difficult. This season will be the last for The Office after a nine sea-

son run.

"The Mindy Project," however, is doing extremely well. Kaling, who directs, writes and stars in the show as Dr. Mindy Lahiri, OB/GYN, has won over fans after the release of her autobiographical memoir of life, love, and the rules of friendship called "Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)" with comedy and class. As Dr. Lahiri battles a social life and being an amazing OB/GYN (a role she created after her mother, who passed away the day her pilot was picked up) and finding "true" love, she runs into a few mishaps along the way.

Tune into the Mindy's life at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday nights on FOX and last season of The Office 9 p.m. Thursday nights on NBC.

## Scary movie facts: behind the fear

By KEANDRE WILLIAMS-CHAMBERS  
COPY EDITOR

**"Saw:"** In addition to the popular gore films, this popular seven-movie series also sports two video games.

**"Friday the 13th:"** Jason Voorhees, the antagonist of this multi-part movie series, doesn't actually acquire his iconic mask until part three.

**"Nightmare on Elm Street:"** The street that makes this movie famous only appears in the beginning and end of the original film, and barely even has a mention throughout. Should you miss these key moments, this could all be happening on your very own street!

**"Paranormal Activity:"** Entire filming for the first Paranormal activity was completed in only 10 days.

**"I Know What You Did Last Summer:"** After driving home from the set one night, Jennifer Love Hewitt noticed that there was a fisherman on the side of the road. Upon further reflection, she found out it was only cardboard, but it spooked her nonetheless.

**"Final Destination series:"** Just before a person dies in the film, a John Denver song (usually) plays, possibly alluding to the fact that he too died in a plane crash.

**"Psycho:"** The famed music in the shower scene, titled "Screaming Violins," was not intended to be in the film. The scene was meant to be completely silent with only the sound of a scream.

**"The Exorcist:"** The scream of demons being driven out of Linda's mind and body actually are from a recording of screaming pigs who are about to be slaughtered.

**"Texas Chainsaw Massacre:"** The greatest tie to the real world this movie has is the killer Ed Gein. Keep in mind that "inspired by" and "based on" mean two different things. Typically, "based on" means a true story while "inspired by" runs with the imagination.

**"The Silence of the Lambs:"** The quote "It rubs the lotion on its skin or else it gets the hose again" is a quote that has been deeply construed over time. For those who have yet to watch the movie, it simply means that unless you put lotion on, you will get sprayed cold water from the hose. Nothing more.

## The Chronicle's favorite Halloween movies

My ultimate favorite Halloween movie is "The Haunted Mansion." Being someone who doesn't like scary movies too much, I like that comedian Eddie Murphy brings a light and funny factor to the film.  
-Jessie Gambrell

My favorite Halloween movie is "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" because I love all of the characters! Snoopy is the best animated dog there is.  
-Kaitlin Sweeny

"The Addams Family," the creepy, kooky, mysterious and spooky family never fails to win me over with their endless charm. Never have I wanted to be part of a stranger family than the Addams family. Well, maybe they're up there with the Full House family.  
-Keandre Williams-Chambers

I've watched "Hocus Pocus" every year since I was a little kid and it never gets old. I love how it is based off of the real life Salem witch trials. It's just a fun movie that doesn't include gore or creepy surprises.  
-Juliana Stumpp

"The Others" is a psychological thriller about a woman and her two children, who are sensitive to light, and need to be in the dark at all times. Strange unexplainable things begin to happen when they hire a new maid. It is a good film to watch if you like psychological thrillers.  
-Karla Reyes

"The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra" is a film poking fun at the B horror films from the 50s and 60s. It's a humorous slice of culture you really shouldn't miss out on.  
-Stephen DiPadova

Saucy, outrageous, hilarious and bizarre, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is a Halloween treat, different than anything else you'll watch on spooky nights. If you're feeling brave, check out the La Paloma live version every Friday night at midnight.  
-Kristin Melody

"Paranormal Activity" always gets me spooked whenever I watch it. Whether it's Paranormal Activity 1, 2 or 3. I'd say it is one of the perfect scary movies to sit down and watch during the season of ghosts, goblins and witches. It's so scary, I can never watch it without covering my face, and I love that thrill it leaves you with.  
-Ally Ruiz

## COUGAR SHUFFLE

By MELISSA MARTINEZ  
NEWS EDITOR

With the release of the newest addition to the James Bond film, "Skyfall," starring Daniel Craig, it is not surprising that musical sensation Adele will be introducing the new feature with her single titled the same. The Bond theme songs are known for two things: to be amazing and to be sung by the most talented and biggest pop stars of the era. This playlist is dedicated to the best (and critically acclaimed) Bond themes of the past and present.

**"The World Is Not Enough"-** Garbage. One of the most recognized bond themes, Garbage adds to the anticipation of Bond themes with a sexy, orchestrated song that adds intensity and vibrance to 007.

**"Thunderball"-** Tom Jones. Jones pours his soul and bravado into one of the most memorable Bond themes, released in 1965. This classic can still be heard in his Las Vegas show.

**"Die Another Day"-** Madonna. Released in 2002, international sensation Madonna introduced Pierce Brosnan's final Bond film. Madonna added her own pop beat and vibe to the typically intense, sophisticated and classy Bond themes, creating one of the biggest and most popular Bond theme in years.

**"Diamonds Are Forever"-** Shirley Bassey. Bassey's incredible voice is known for introducing Sean Connery's final role as Bond, as well as multiple previous Bond themes. Her majestic voice adds a flair to the already shiny Bond persona.

**"Live and Let Die"-** Paul McCartney. The former Beatle skyrocketed the charts for his collaboration with George Martin, producer for the Beatles for "Live and Let Die." For a while, it could still be heard at his concerts almost four decades after recording it.

**"Skyfall"-** Adele. To end this list, the most current and what I believe to be musically stimulating, Adele belts through the notes to this theme impressively. The internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter steals the show with her titillating voice, adding to the excitement of the release of the new film.

You can look forward to hearing her introduce 007 in theaters everywhere Nov. 9.

## Improv spotlight: Nicole Ignell

By JESSIE GAMBRELL  
Co-A & E EDITOR

Sophomore Nicole Ignell started "improvising" with the CSUSM Improv team fall of 2011, but only just started to actively participate in the shows last semester.

Ignell was advised by Improv leader, Aaron Chase Molina-Milbourne to join the Improv team after she expressed wanting to get involved in a theater program. The Cougar Chronicle sat down with Ignell to talk about how improv has been influential in her life.

**Question: How has being involved in the Improv team affected your life?**

A: We are all super close; we hang out outside of Im-

prov all the time. Mondays and Tuesdays (when the Improv Team meets) are the highlights of my week. They are my second family, I mean I base and plan everything around Improv. I definitely feel like I'm in it for the long run, I love it.

**Q: How else are you involved on the campus?**

A: Well I am changing my major to criminology with a minor in mass media. Plus I just joined (AOII) Alpha Omega Pi. Our mission is to help find the cure for women's arthritis; we just had our "Pie a AOII" event to raise money for our cause.

**Q: What is your favorite skit you preform?**

A: Expert Challenge, where you have two teams

and a person from one of the teams starts to talk about a subject, then someone from the other team can step forward and call that person's bluff (Sort of like the game Malarky).

**Q: Do you see yourself doing improv as a career?**

A: I thought about it as a career path, but it's more of a stress-reliever for me right now. I had done improv in high school, but never stand-up comedy. I had originally joined this group because I wanted to get involved in the theater.

CSUSM Improv's next show is 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 in Arts 111. There will also be an "adult" show afterword at around 8:30 p.m.



## Student A: "Bring Your Own Costume" by Faith Orcino



## Dropping: The comic book corner:

By JULIANA STUMPP  
Co-A & E Editor

Believe it or not, the holiday season is coming and it's hard to ignore all the Halloween costumes and Christmas decorations already in stores. So as you prep your wish list, think of these new video games that will be hitting the shelves.

### "Nike+ Training" (Xbox 360 Kinect) Oct. 30

For those who have a hard time dragging themselves to the gym or don't like running in the cold weather, this game will help you get fit or stay in shape until the weather shifts back to our normal warm California sun.

### "NASCAR The Game: Inside Line" (Xbox 360, PS3, Wii) Nov. 6

Race against famous drivers, challenging courses and beat your own score in this adrenaline pumped game. Perfect for car lovers!

### "Call of Duty: Black Ops 2" (Xbox 360, PS3, Wii) Nov. 13

The sequel of the action-packed game takes place in two different time periods, 1970's Cold War and futuristic 2025. Players use technology and weapons to bring a whole new name to the word "combat." Fair warning; the game is rated mature (M) for intense violence, gore and language.

### "Just Dance 4" (Wii) Nov. 18

Dancers, rejoice! The latest game has new songs from Justin Bieber, Carly Rae Jepsen, Rihanna, Maroon 5, Flo Rida and some classics like "Wild Wild West" and "Livin La Vida Loca." This game is perfect for a fun night of dance sessions with friends.

### "Wreck-It Ralph" (Xbox 360) Nov. 30

From the Disney movie, "Wreck-It Ralph," comes the actual video game with characters based from the movie. The game features arcade style activities and characters including Ralph, a villain who is training to become an arcade hero instead.

By FAITH ORCINO  
Cartoonist

After its first release in 2010, Scott Snyder and Rafael Albuquerque's comic "American Vampire" still keeps readers on the edge.

On Wednesday, Oct. 31, the series continues strong with the release of "American Vampire" No. 32.

Batman writer Scott Snyder brings his twists and terrors with the help of Blue Beetle artist, Rafael Albuquerque, to develop a new take on the classic monster. Main characters Skinner Sweet and Pearl Jones challenge the limits of the old European vampiric groups with their American-born mutation. The books take readers through the history of the U.S., starting in the

old west and gradually going into the 20th century as the monsters blend into the nation's ever-changing society.

Snyder and Albuquerque employed the help of writer Stephen King and artists Sean Murphy and Dustin Nguyen along with others to keep the blood running through the veins of the comics.

For easy reading, Vertigo Comics released volume collections of the issues. They divided issues one through 27 into four volumes and volume 3 includes the first spin-off series, "American Vampire: Survival of the Fittest."

Visit [vertigocomics.com](http://vertigocomics.com) or your local vendor for more information on the series and where you can buy the new and old issues.



## CSUSM brings Halloween to the students

By Juliana Stumpp

This year, Halloween falls on a Wednesday, but don't let that frighten you. In honor of Halloween, various campus organizations and programs are offering multiple events on campus to give students thrills and chills.

### Movie Night

The Pre-Health society will be hosting a showing of the 2011 thriller, "Contagion." The film features Matt Damon, Kate Winslet, Jude Law and Laurence Fishburne as they all suffer from a deadly plague travelling across the world. The showing will be held 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25 in Arts 240.

### Trick or Treat

ASI will be holding a trick or treat bash during U-Hour on Tuesday, Oct. 30. Music will be played and treats will be handed out at multiple locations at the said to be haunted Kellogg Plaza. Stop by and bring your friends to enjoy the fun activities that will be provided.

### Carnival

The Resident Hall Council at the University Village Apartments (UVA) will be putting together a fall carnival at the UVA courtyard, community center and pool. Activities will include bobbing for apples, a costume contest and pumpkin carving. The carnival is open to all students and is a great way to celebrate this chilling holiday while welcoming the fall season. The event will take place at 4 p.m. on Oct. 30.

### Open House

The extended learning office will be having a open house with a "Star Wars" theme, having contests and caramel apples. Come join the festivities from 11 a.m.-2p.m. Halloween day in Foundation Classroom Building (FCB) 5107 as well as learn about the different programs they have to offer students.

### Trick or Treat and Something Greek Dance

During Greek Week, the Greek Leadership Council will be hosting a Halloween dance that will be open to all students on Halloween night. The event will take place from 8 - 11 p.m. on the Clarke Terrace. The event will feature a dessert bar, costume contest and DJ. Students do not need to be involved in Greek life to attend.

## Cougar asks...

By ALISON SEAGLE  
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What are your Halloween plans and what will you be dressing up as?



Molica Luu,  
human development major:  
"I want to go to the Haunted Trail at Balboa Park, but I have to work"



Alex Ornelas,  
psychology major:  
"I'm going to a party as the Joker"



Gabby Zapien,  
liberal studies major:  
"I'm going trick or treating with my nephews dressed as a zombie"



Erick Castro,  
communications major:  
"I'm throwing a big birthday/Halloween party, and dressing up as Captain Jack Sparrow"



Earl Vargas,  
computer science major:  
"I'm going to [Erick's] party, and dressing up as 'Smoke' from Mortal Combat"



Claudia Oreegal,  
business major:  
"I'm taking my son [dressed as Luigi] trick or treating I might dress up as Princess Toadstool"

## Jessie's Recipe Corner: Roasted paprika pumpkin seeds

By JESSIE GAMBRELL  
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It's pumpkin season! After carving your Jack-o-lanterns, keep those pumpkin seeds to make a tasty snack for you and your friends to share in celebrating the season.



### What you'll need:

- One or two pumpkins
- Paprika
- Salt
- Pepper
- A dash of garlic powder
- A cooking sheet with foil and spray oil (Pam) on it

Instructions: (1) Clear out all seeds from pumpkin(s) and put into a strainer and rinse. (2) Dump seeds into a mixing bowl and season with about 10 dashes of paprika, a pinch of salt, a few dashes of pepper, and a dash of garlic powder. Mix together. (3) Place in cooking sheet (that has foil and is sprayed with oil on it) and spread out. (4) Place into oven at 250 degrees for one hour. (5) Stir two or three times during that hour until seeds become hot and crispy. (6) Remove from oven and let cool, remove from sheet and serve as a delectable snack. It's as easy as that!



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