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"Rising Voices"  
BSU and Nuestra Voz join forces

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On Thurs., Feb. 15 at 6 p.m., Black Student Union (BSU), Nuestra Voz and the speech team joined forces to present "Rising Voices," an event in honor of Black History Month. This event took place in the Black Box Theatre, where students and staff had the chance to present a talent, story or art form that represented them and expressed what they wanted.

Dante Johnson, junior and President of BSU, was excited about having put together a successful event. "BSU has done poetry events in the past, collaborating with forensics and other clubs," said Johnson. "We wanted to do something similar but with our own flair to it this year."

"Rising Voices" not only had poetry, but

included student and staff performances of songs and stories. Executive Director of Intercultural Affairs, Dan Waite, performed a vivid prose about his childhood. Natalie Dailey, junior, performed a compilation of Christina Aguilera's "Beautiful" with Lady Gaga's "Born This Way."

Junior Evette Jahangiri, who performed an original poem, "Bilal," was grateful to have been given the opportunity to perform. "Performing that night I felt both empowered and important," said Jahangiri. Her poem focused on the story of the Black Muslim prophet Bilal. "I felt this deep connection to this poem based off my knowledge of [Bilal] growing up," said Jahangiri. "It was important because no one outside the Muslim community knows about his story."

The event created an opportunity for individuals and clubs on campus to come together to collaborate on an event that was open

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Jocelyn Magdeleno, Nuestra Voz President and

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to all students. Professor of Communication Studies, Cheryl Williams, attended the event with her Diversity and Organization class. Junior Amy Pedroza said, "I was shocked. This event was awesome; it not only allowed all the students to learn more about other cultures but it created a safe environment where students

event co-organizer, said her favorite part of "Rising Voices" was "hearing students come together to express what they are feeling and what worries them so that we may all come together to support one another." She added, "Club collaboration is important because it brings people from different interests and backgrounds together as a community."

In case you want to know more information about how to join Nuestra Voz or future events, please email [esnuestravoz@gmail.com](mailto:esnuestravoz@gmail.com) or message @cuinuestra.voz through Instagram.

For more information about BSU or for updates about future events, make sure to follow them on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/concordia.bsu.71>

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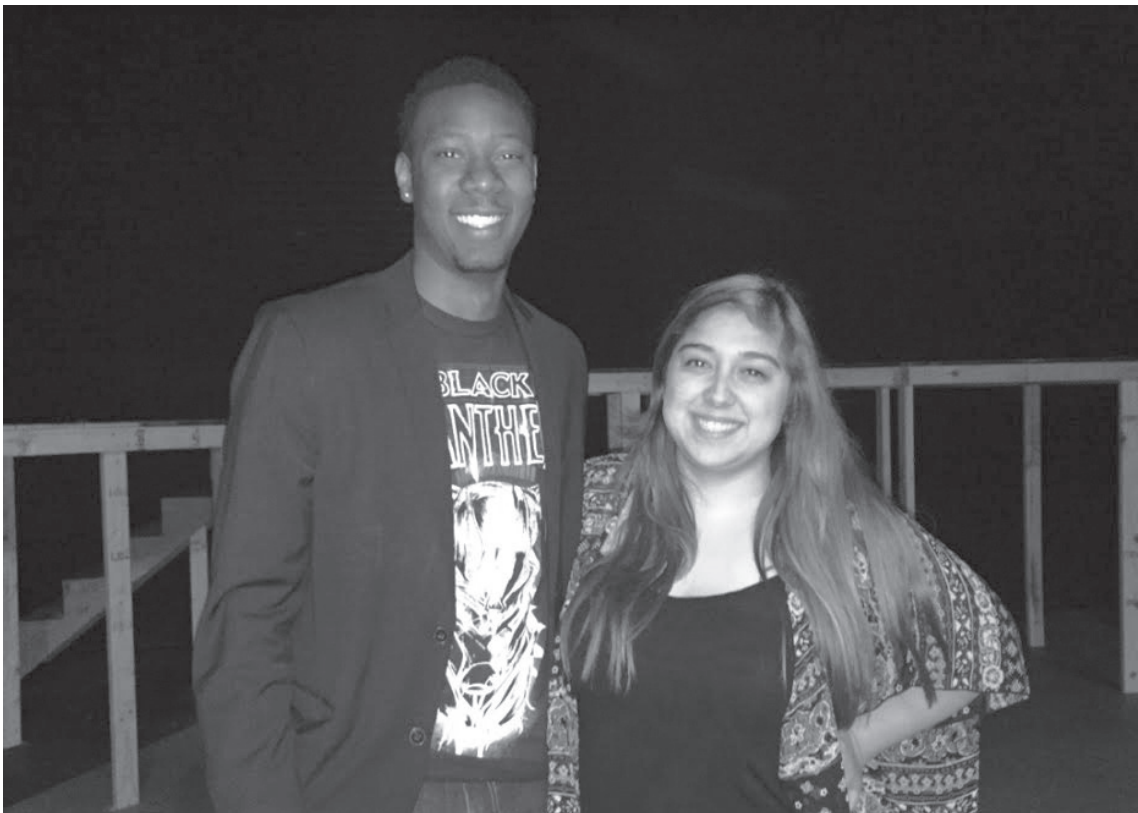
The Lenten season is here and along with it is abbey west publishing their daily devotions. This year's Lenten Devotions are titled "Journey through John," as they walk through the book of John. Having started on Ash Wednesday, these entries will continue until Sat., March 31.

This is abbey west's seventh year posting devotions to their blog. "Spring semester 2011 was the first year campus ministry started a daily reading plan and devotion schedule to take a closer look at the Gospel of Luke during the Lenten season," said Rev. Quinton Anderson, Lead Pastor at Concordia. He brought the idea over from his previous congregation.

In the past three years, the Lenten Devotions have explored Luke, Mark and Matthew. This year they are rounding out the gospel by diving into John. "[By] walking through a different gospel each year [and] reading through it in its entirety over the 40 plus days, we are able to hear Jesus' teachings, see His acts of mercy and compassion, watch Him make His way to the cross, die for our sins and celebrate His rising from the dead," Anderson said.

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Dante Johnson, President of BSU and Jocelyn Magdeleno President of Nuestra Voz



# ASCUI Update: New Music, Worship & Theology building taking shape

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As the different pieces of the building are starting to be seen, curiosity heightens over the anticipation of the new Music, Worship and Theology Building. Pills of dirt have been moved, holes dug, and concrete for foundation has begun to be poured. All of this has allowed for the building to continue vertically. Now, if you drive down dorm road and look towards the library, you are able to see large pieces going up. These are the foundation walls that will be used to support the stairs that will be put in.

By the time we're back from break, we'll be able to see even more of the building from the road. Early next week, steel will be delivered on campus, thus, more and more building will be done vertically within the week. This is an exciting step in the building process.

If you are standing in the library, and looking out on the construction site, on the left is the Music and Worship wing and on the right, is the Christ College wing. The Music and Worship has the concrete pieces of foundation poured

for the floor of the building. The bottom floor will have room for practice and many other amenities. Along with that, there will be a walk out to the landscaped area in between the baseball field and the new building. The Christ College wing

will have a nice spot with outdoor seating for students to study and relax. This building will bring great amenities for everyone on campus.

Colors for the concrete are being picked out and finalized presently. In April,

the Christ College wing will start to be built up with steel, and by that time, you'll be able to see the vertical of the building from many places on campus. Then this May, they are going to be putting a trench from upper campus, around Founders

all the way down to the new building. This will be pulling power and data from there to the new building. This is a fundamental step to complete the building.

The building is scheduled to be completed spring 2019!



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# NBA All-Star Weekend in Los Angeles

## a flop for the fans

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This past weekend the National Basketball Association (NBA) All-Star game took place at the glitzy Staples Center in Los Angeles.

If you watched the game this weekend, you would know that Team LeBron defeated Team Curry 148-145 in a competitive and entertaining game that went down to the wire.

The average fan watched a game dominated by highlight reel alley-oop dunks, flashy passes, and little to no defense at all at the comfort of their own home or dining establishment.

Mostly due to the fact that average seat would set you back \$1,880, according to Forbes.com. The most expensive seat in the Staples Center was purchased for a whopping \$12,799, plus tax.

So like most people, I watched the game from the comfort of my own home.

Prior to that I packed up my pen and paper and put on my favorite Bulls jersey to experience the All-Star weekend for myself.

This was only the third time the All-Star game was hosted in Los Angeles, so as a avid basketball fan, that made the weekend a can't miss event.

Arriving in Los Angeles on early Saturday morning, I saw a zoo outside my car window. Figueroa street was already booming with fans and tourists checking out the events.

I still decided to start at the Los Angeles Convention

free Mountain Dew drink and moved on to the Staples Center, casually passing by former Laker great, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, and his bodyguards.

Outside Staples Center my options looked brighter. I hopped into the relatively



Ernie Johnson and I at the TNT pre-game coverage of the 2018 NBA All Star 2018 event. Picture Credit: John Roberts

Center. But after getting denied access to several events without a media pass, I moved across the street where Mountain Dew was sponsoring an event hosted by Kevin Hart, Kyrie Irving and Stephen Curry.

Optimistic for the free event, I was deterred by a line stretching for about three city blocks. So I picked up a consolation prize of a

short line to enter the TNT hosted fan event. Being one of the first fans inside the event allowed me to grab a much needed bite to eat and meet some unexpected guests.

Like a kid in line at Disneyland, I was ecstatic to be in line for a meet and greet with TNT sportscasting legend, Ernie Johnson. Most recognizable

alongside Shaquille O'Neal, Kenny Smith and Charles Barkley for the wacky pro basketball pre-game shows.

Johnson was undoubtedly the most down to earth celebrity I have ever met. With a warm hello and firm handshake, we had a brief chat about the weekend. "It's a great event for everyone with a lot of fun stuff to do," said Johnson. After getting a quick tip on how to make it big in the broadcasting world, I snapped a pic with him and went on my way.

Just as I went to catch a break and find a table in the shade, I struck jackpot. Minutes later the rest of the TNT crew rolled past me to start their pre-game broadcast. As they casually walked past me, I got three solid fist bumps from Charles, Kenny and Shaq. The Championship ring on Shaq's finger would have blinded me if I wasn't wearing sunglasses.

After watching their live show, which was also co-hosted by Snoop Dog, and partaking in a good 'ole game of knockout, I decided to try and see what else there was to take part in.

Many other events hosted by Nike, Jordan Brand and Adidas looked

enticing but were spread out across Los Angeles. I was unable to experience them out due to a horrid parking conundrum and long lines.

At the event, I caught up with local Irvine resident, Vincent Giacalone, who compared the weekend to prior experiences. "I went to the MLB All-Star fan events in San Diego and it was awesome. Ten bucks got me into the park and there was a lot of stuff to do all in one place," said Giacalone. "I wish there was more here to do but I still had fun."

Overall, the day was fun and filled to the brim with celebrities. But it felt underwhelming for the toll of long lines, minimal free events, and spread out fan events.

Maybe this could all be explained by a major sports league \*Cough, NBA, Cough\* looking to cash in on every possible opportunity. The NBA obtained its revenue from ticketed events such as the All-Star game, Skills Challenge, Dunk Contest, ect.

The fan experience shed some light on the state of the ever-popular NBA, which is not out to impress fans on All-Star weekend, but to exploit the loyal fan in order to turn a hefty profit.

# STUNT team tumbles into their third season

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This year's STUNT team is filled to the brim with skills and talent. Although a new program, the team has already made a name for themselves in their third season of competing. So far the team has an overall record of 6-1 and a division record of 5-1, and are ranked second in the division.

During STUNT competitions the team competes in matches that have four quarters, as many other sports do. The team goes head to head against another team, performing the set routine that is decided on in the beginning of the season. The way each team earns points is by executing a specific skill or technique at a

more proficient level than the other team.

Sophomore, Kiki Bieger, is new to STUNT and has had to overcome some challenges. When STUNT coach, Amy Haney, introduced Bieger to STUNT she fell in love. Her favorite part about STUNT is "that it's more skill driven unlike competitive cheer which is showy," said Bieger. One thing Bieger wants people to know about the sport is that although STUNT is similar to cheer, they are two different sports. "Cheer is very much there to encourage the teams and get the crowd involved in the game itself, whereas STUNT is very skill based. Its purpose is to emphasize the hard things us cheerleaders actually do."

Although the team is do-

ing well so far, it has not always been easy. "One major roadblock our team has faced this year has probably been finding the mental state of unification amongst the girls" said Bieger. With nearly half of the team being freshman they had to spend a lot of time getting to know one another. Fortunately the extra effort has paid off, Bieger stated, "the team dynamic is very close and is like a family. Everyone has someone to rely on and that's really important in a sport dependent on trust."

Haney, has high hopes for this year's team. Haney said that the addition of the 12 freshmen has "helped elevate the level" of the team. Since STUNT is still a new sport, the team and coach-

ing staff is still trying to educate others about the sport. Haney said that as individuals attend their games, they are surprised at both "how athletic and strong our girls are" and that "there is a difference between STUNT and cheer. STUNT takes out all of the dance, bows and makeup and just focuses on the skills which was the purpose of creating this sport." The team's passion for the sport is clear and it makes it easier for them to

represent and spread awareness about the sport.

Despite having one loss on their record, the team is excited for redemption and to continue their success. After beating nationally ranked cheer team, Cal Baptist, the Eagles are optimistic in their chances of heading to the National tournament at Michigan State this year. Catch them in action on March 17 and 24 at the CU Arena.



Courtesy of cuieagles.com



# Good News: Parking meters for change

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A new movement has erupted that is using spare change to create positive change. A new campaign is using the money that is put into a city's parking meters to fund local homeless out-

reaches. These fundraising parking meters have already been implemented in Washington, D.C., Denver, Indianapolis, Detroit, Milwaukee and Pasadena. Now, they are coming to Los Angeles.

The city and county rep-

resentatives of Los Angeles installed six new parking meters earlier this month. The meters will collect coins for a Skid Row-based charity called C3, a nonprofit dedicated to pairing homeless residents with housing.

According to the Good News Network, the meters are easy to spot with bright colors and smiley faces on their sides. Located in Grand Park, El Pueblo, near the lobby of Hotel Alexandria, and at the St. Vincent Jewelry Center, these parking meters sit right in the center of walking traffic with maximum visibility.

The LA Curbed reports that the meters were a long time coming since their approval in 2013, but legislators are hopeful that the campaign will potentially "curb aggressive panhandling." According to the LA Times, the machines themselves were donated, but they will cost \$5,000 to

operate and maintain. They hope to generate \$21,000 from annual sponsorships and this will produce at least \$16,000 for the outreach program, plus any money collected from the public.

Hopes are high for the success of this program in Los Angeles. The Good News Network reports that a similar program in Milwaukee has placed more than 225 chronically homeless residents into permanent housing since September 2015. "The city credits the meters for helping raise cash and awareness for their mission," said The Good News Network. Los Angeles officials are aiming for even higher numbers in Southern California.

The project has been met with great support from the community. Some residents said they did not know about C3 prior to installation of the parking meters, but have become strong supporters.

Sophomore and Los Angeles native, Julia Rivkin said, "I will definitely put money into the machines. I really like what C3 is doing and I feel good about donating to a reliable outreach program."

While the coins placed in machines assist in the raising of funds, LA's predecessors concur that the greatest benefit of the meters is the awareness they generate and the donations that come with increased knowledge about the program.

The next time you visit The City of Angels, keep your eyes open for the brightly colored parking meters that are using coins to end homelessness. Add your support to the national project that raises valuable funds for the rough sleepers living in poverty in your area. Just think, change for the homeless in our country could start with the change in your pocket.



The meters will be brightly colored so that people don't mistake them for ordinary parking meters, Courtesy of Flintridge Center

# Orange County spring break on a college student budget

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For many students, staying in the Irvine area is a great option for spring break. Whether you live on campus or off campus, there are many affordable things to do in Orange County. With spring break starting today, it's a great idea to start looking for some things to do for the week off.

One of the best budget-friendly things to do is explore the beaches nearby before it's tourist season. Laguna Beach and Newport Beach are only about a 20 minute drive away, and this time of year the beaches won't be as packed as they are during summer.

Hunter Howell, junior, said, "My favorite thing to do is to play beach volleyball. The best beaches for setting up a tournament are Corona Del Mar in Newport or Huntington State Beach because they have the most nets and people willing to join in. It's crazy not to take advantage of how close we live to the beach." For a

beach day, be sure to pack sunscreen, a waterproof speaker, a big beach towel, your friends who chose to staycation with you, some snacks and possibly a light jacket depending on the weather.

Raymond Barsemian, junior, said, "One of my favorite beaches in Laguna is Crescent Bay. There's free parking in the neighborhood, and the beach usually isn't too crowded. If I can't find parking nearby, I will just pick another beach down the Pacific Coast Highway. Some other beaches I like near Crescent Bay are Heisler Park or Wood's Cove." He also mentioned that he enjoys the Wedge and 15th street beaches in Newport. If you are big on surfing, the Wedge is a great option. Just track the swell online and head out on a warm day with good waves.

Other great options include exploring Balboa Island/Newport, hiking in Laguna Wilderness or attending the Santa Ana Art Walk. Take one morning or

afternoon to explore Balboa Island. Grab brunch at Alta Coffee, or at any other of the local cafes in the area. Explore the residential areas and shops near the beach. If you're already there, you

ing and definitely worth the miles. It's also a very rewarding workout, and you can cool off at the beach afterwards. I almost always get a Banzai Bowl after hiking in Laguna, which is

Whether you're looking to spend your spring break exploring Newport and Laguna beaches, hiking, or supporting local artists, be sure to include some down time for yourself. Plan a



Laguna Beach is a great place to hang out with friends, read a book or even take a nap in the sun over spring break, Courtesy of Google

might as well take a ride on the ferry for only a couple dollars, visit the Balboa Fun Zone and take a ride on the famous 80 year old ferris wheel at sunset.

A popular hiking destination in Orange County is Top of the World in Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. Barsemian said, "I've been on a few hikes in Laguna, but the ocean view is amaz-

something to look forward to every time."

The Santa Ana Art Walk is the first Saturday of every month, and it just so happens that the first day of our spring break falls on March 3, so it's the perfect opportunity to check out some free art exhibits. There are also vendors, live music and entertainment in downtown Santa Ana.

spa day, find a coupon for a massage, get your nails done, or do some retail therapy at Irvine Spectrum or Fashion Island. If you're local to Orange County, or if you don't have the chance to make it back to your hometown/state, there are still plenty of opportunities for fun and relaxation by spending spring break in Irvine.



# Terror in Florida

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Feb. 14, 2018 marks the day that 17 high school students and faculty from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School were tragically killed in an act of violence. The shooter responsible for the Valentine's Day shooting was Nikolas Cruz, 19. The reasoning behind Cruz's evil actions will never be understood and the lives lost that day will never be recovered.

Cruz arrived at the high school in an Uber at 2:19 p.m. and was not arrested until 3:41 p.m. He even had time to stop at Subway and McDonald's in between the shooting and getting arrested.

Even though Florida is over two-thousand miles from California, many Concordia students are affected by this shooting and feel strongly about it. Sophomore Vanessa Ramirez did a presentation on the tragedy and shooter for her abnormal psychology class. "Although he had a rough family life and multiple mental health issues, that is still not



Parents nervously awaiting news about their children following the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High shooting, Courtesy of Time Magazine

an excuse for his actions," said Ramirez.

According to the New York Times, Cruz showed many signs of depression and fascination with guns. He grew up as an orphan with both parents deceased, which led to a distraught upbringing. With this information, Ramirez said, "There were multiple instances where he could have gotten 'caught' by his caregivers or the FBI or even

school officials, yet nothing was done to ensure his mental [stability]."

The New York Times also highlights the victims of the mass shooting. Out of the 17 victims, 14 of them were students, and three of them were faculty. One of the victims was Scott Beigel, a geography teacher at the high school who was only 35 years old. Today, he is considered a hero.

When the shooter took

the halls of Douglas High, Beigel made sure all his students were safely locked up in a classroom. As the last of his students entered the room and he was locking up, the shooter walked by and killed Beigel. Because of the actions of this beloved teacher, many students were able to survive the shooting.

Jennifer Zeif, a mother of one of Beigel's students, stated to the New York Times, "Mr. Beigel could

have passed Matthew up and gone in the classroom first, in that case, Matthew would have been the one in the doorway," said Zeif. In the moment of chaos, Scott Beigel was selfless and put his students' safety before himself. He will never be forgotten.

Shootings like this could trigger other troubled people to follow the actions of shooters like Cruz. For instance, there have already been several students from different schools across the country caught for planning a mass shooting. Schools need to be a safe place for young people to receive an education. Jumping in front of a gun to save students should not be in the job description of a teacher.

The Florida shooting is another in a too long line of mass shootings in recent U.S. history. In the meantime, people must come together and remember the lives lost.

## Gun Control: Changing the "new normal"

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Hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside of the White House on Feb. 19, 2018 to call for action regarding gun violence in the United States. Debate over gun control continues after the Feb. 14 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida where 17 were murdered.

A new CNN poll conducted by SSRS found that 70 percent of Americans are now in favor of stricter gun laws, up from 52 percent in October, and the highest it has been since 1993. Following the Las Vegas shooting, MSNBC reported that former New York City police commissioner Bill Bratton said, "This is the new normal of America, unfortunately. [With] the number of mass shootings, the pace has been increasing."

Unfortunately, these shootings have invaded schools.

Discussions surrounding

gun control have entered the Oval Office. An hour-long news special was hosted by President Trump, who gave time for family members from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Sandy Hook Elementary and Columbine High School to speak out about their grief

I'm not going to see again... Let's get together, work with the President and fix the schools."

The President has suggested a few solutions, including arming teachers with guns and potentially banning certain kinds of weaponry. Some pressures

beer, he should not be able to buy a gun at 18 years old. We gotta do something about this. We cannot have our children die, this is just heartbreaking. Please."

Even those who support the 2nd Amendment are seeing a need for reform.

Conflict on what to do

trol issues before eventually casting their votes to up the age required to buy a gun while tossing out the proposition to ban assault rifles.

One thing is clear: people want change. One of many protests involved dozens of students who organized a "lie-in" via a Facebook group named "Teens for Gun Reform." They are not the only ones, as a myriad of protests have appeared across the country. Attending a protest in front of the White House was school psychologist, Danielle Short. "We need to stand up to the NRA (National Rifle Association). We need to do what's right for kids, not guns," said Short.

While the future of gun control in the United States remains in question, protests are continuing to be planned around the nation. Potentially, with political and cultural change, this "new normal" of frequent gun violence could come to an end.

*"We need to stand up to the NRA (National Rifle Association). We need to do what's right for kids, not guns," said Short.*

on the matter of gun violence.

Politico reported on Feb. 21, 2018, that Andrew Pollack, whose daughter was a Douglas High victim, said, "It should have been one school shooting and we should have fixed it. I'm upset. Because my daughter,

are being heard. On Mon., Feb. 26, Florida lawmakers rejected a ban on assault rifles, while passing a measure to raise the required age to purchase a gun to 21.

Cary Gruber, father of a victim from the shooting, said, "If he's not old enough to go buy a drink [or] buy a

to fix this all too common problem is still clearly divisive. During a recent press conference, different opinions were heard and alternative solutions were suggested. According to NBC, Florida's Senate Rules Committee spent more than two hours debating the gun con-



# Off Campus Eats: Exploring the artsy snacks of the Irvine area

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You hear that?! It's your stomach growling for something new. If you're tired of the same old sweets and are craving something new, look no further. Irvine has lots of places to choose from.

First on the list is Snow Monster! Located at the University Town Center, it is known for its large-scale macarons filled with a unique choice of ice cream. They also offer freshly brewed and colorful teas. These drinks can be decorated with a cloud of cotton candy and are served in unique jars that you can take home.

Next up is Atomic Creamery, which recently opened at Fashion Island this month! The creamery is a small mom-and-pop shop with a few modern touches ranging from liquid



Bardot. Flaming Kiss, Courtesy of bardottustin.com

nitrogen to hand-crafted creations full of local ingredients. Atomic Creamery offers a variety of toppings to choose from and they prepare your ice cream in front of you.

But if you're tired of sweet ice cream perhaps a hint of spice will help! At Bardot Bars and Coffee, located 662 El Camino Real, Tustin, CA 92780, you can find the Flaming Kiss, which is a vanilla soft serve topped with crushed Hot Cheeto flakes and two whole cheetos inserted on the side. They can

also make it into a frappuccino upon request.

If you're not the spicy type, Bardot Bars also serves fresh gelato on crispy made-to-perfection waffles. Besides dessert, they also have breakfast options like the Avocado Toast served with a sunny side up egg.

Looking for a real sugar rush? Then the Moo Gelato, located at 7170 Edinger Ave Huntington Beach, CA 92647, is the place for you! The moment you walk in, their creative cupcakes catch your eye. They have two options: a red velvet cupcake topped with a mermaid tail and a strawberry cupcake decorated like a unicorn. If you think the creativity stops there you're wrong. The Moo Gelato incorporates mermaid tails and unicorn horns to their gelatos, and milkshakes. They even hang cotton cotton ornaments for decor as well.

If you're up for a small commute, then The Loop, located at 9729 Bolsa Ave. Westminster, CA 92683, is the perfect place to get ice cream and a little more. While they offer basic soft serve with your choice of toppings, it wouldn't be a

they can also get creative with the drinks, and just like Snow Monster they have their own cups that you can take home with you. The drinks can also be customized with the different options they have, one unique memorable drink



The Loop. Soft Served Ice Cream And Churro, Courtesy of theloopchurros.com

unique Loop experience if you skipped out on getting their cinnamon loop churro on top. In addition to that,

is the Jasmine Tea with Sea Salt Cream.

Now go out and enjoy!

## Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

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Born today, on March 2, 1904, Theodor Seuss Geisel was an original American political cartoonist, artist, book publisher, animator and more. He is most famous for entertaining children and adults under the pen name Dr. Seuss. With memorable tales such as "Cat in the Hat" and

"Green Eggs and Ham," Dr. Seuss has provided thousands of children with timeless classics.

Dr. Seuss is known by most American children thanks to his catchy titles and his way with words. His books are timeless and to be enjoyed for years to come. Kindergarten teacher Regan Rizzo-Foden said, "I be-

lieve that celebrating Dr. Seuss is a great way for people to come together and have fun!" This is something she absolutely shows through her work. "My entire classroom theme is based on Dr. Seuss...I have a new quote each month for the kids to learn & recite," said Rizzo-Foden.

English Professor Camelia Raghinaru didn't have any opinions on Dr. Seuss, because growing up in Romania, she did not grow up with Dr. Seuss. Professor Raghinaru's son, Alex Raghinaru, is in second grade at Turtle Rock Elementary School and was willing to answer some questions. "Dr. Seuss is funny, especially his made-up words. In 'ABC' for example, I like some of his tongue-twisters: 'Jerry Jordan's jelly jar,' 'many mumbling mice are making midnight music in the moonlight,' and 'nine new neckties and a nightshirt and a nose.'"

It's the ability Dr. Seuss has to get kids interested in reading that makes him so memorable. "Dr. Seuss has made me more attracted to books," said Alex Raghinaru.

With a variety of celebrations, some teachers will make green eggs in class while others will make tall striped hats for the day. Even when Rizzo-Foden was young, she remembers celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. She said, "I have so many memories from elementary school from celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, and I want my students to be able to experience great things they will remember when they get older."

In addition to Dr. Seuss's ability of creating lasting memories from within the classroom for people of all ages, he has motivated theater with the original feature film "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" as well as the

Broadway musicals, "Cat in the Hat" and "Seussical." Dr. Seuss even has his own star on the famous Hollywood Star Walk on Hollywood Boulevard.

Everyone can celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by enjoying one of his classic books such as "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish," or even show your appreciation to the man who added to our vocabulary with unforgettable quotes. Dr. Seuss had an artistic delivery unlike any other, and his voice echoes in the heads of anyone who has had the pleasure of reading or listening to his work.

He gave the youth of America profound and influential phrases such as, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." The inspiration that Dr. Seuss has shared will prevail and last for generations to come.



Dr. Seuss, Courtesy of Google images



# abbey west guides a “Journey through John”

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a link to the scripture to read, a paragraph explanation of the scripture and a prayer. “God shapes us as we hear and read His word,” Anderson said. “This was a way to call the Concordia community daily to God's word where we are reminded not only that Jesus gave up His life on the cross, but also why He did so.” Erica Wolfe, senior, said that she likes the format of the blog. “I like how it is presented. I can read the translation of the Bible that makes sense to me.” The web

address is embedded with a hyperlink to The Bible app and will automatically direct you to the app after clicking on the scripture. “Many people have taken on the practice of giving something up for Lent. Often, it is done as a reminder of all that Christ sacrificed on our behalf when giving up His life on the cross,” Anderson said. “But here there was an opportunity to invite people to add something to their Lenten season to remind them of that.”

On top of the devotions, abbey west is celebrating the journey through Lent with fellowship and services. On Sun., March 25, there will be a Palm Sunday service in Good Shepherd Chapel. “We have a powerful service planned on Tues., March

27 at 6:30 p.m. in the CU Center,” Anderson said. “There will be a live painter throughout the evening of Scripture readings and music that will walk us through the week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion.” A Tuesday service will also

be held in the CU Center celebrating Easter on Tues., April 3 at 10:30 a.m. The Lenten Devotions can be found on abbey west's website <http://www.abbeywest.org/> or on their blog <http://blogs.abbeywest.org/>.



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# SpaceX makes history with Falcon Heavy launch

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SpaceX has successfully launched the most powerful rocket the world has ever seen: The Falcon Heavy rocket, designed and created by CEO of SpaceX, Elon Musk. The launch took place on Tues., Feb. 6, at Kennedy Space Center in Merritt Island, Florida. This was one of the most highly anticipated launches in the history of space exploration— and rightfully so. The accurately named Falcon Heavy rocket was most anticipated for its never before seen size and power. According to SpaceX.com, the rocket contains 27 engines that are capable of generating

more than five million pounds of thrust power at liftoff. For perspective, this would be the equivalent of 18 747 aircrafts lifting off simultaneously. Another extremely impressive feat of this massive aircraft is its extensive capacity for cargo on board. SpaceX.com states that the Falcon Heavy is able to lift approximately 140,000 pounds of matter into orbit. This would be greater than the amount of a 737-jetliner full with crew, passengers and luggage. Nick Chang, a graduate student at USD and space research enthusiast, was extremely excited about the launch. “What is may-



Elon Musk's Tesla orbits in space after rocket launch, Courtesy of metro.co.uk

be the most exciting part is the fact that this could be the first legitimate step in taking humans deeper into space, where new discoveries will surely be

made,” said Chang. Due to its unbelievable mass, the launch of this historical rocket has certainly captivated people all over the world. The interior of the rocket is so spacious that Musk decided to place his unreleased concept car, the Tesla Roadster, inside the rocket. The car was accompanied by a SpaceX test dummy in the driver's seat and deployed into orbit when the rocket left our atmosphere into space. As most may expect, this was another first for space exploration. “That Tesla will be getting a one-way ticket to infinity,” said Patrick May of Bay Area News Group. The goal behind the

launch of the Falcon Heavy rocket was to display to the world the capabilities that human beings are on the verge of attaining. With an incredibly innovative CEO like Musk spearheading these projects, there is no reason to doubt that human beings could likely travel into space commercially via spacecraft within the next five to ten years. As crazy as that sounds, the evidence provided by Musk through his inventions are difficult to argue against. To learn more about the Falcon Heavy rocket and other projects in the making, visit [www.spacex.com](http://www.spacex.com).



Falcon Heavy rocket launch, Courtesy of Google images



# Netflix Review: Stranger Things

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A Netflix original has taken the world by storm. Having successfully premiered their first two seasons, “Stranger Things” left Netflix users thirsting for a third. This show achieves a perfect balance of style and substance. It mixes the nostalgic feel of the 80’s with the craft of modern television production.

“Stranger Things” takes elements from different 80’s movies. E.T. taught us aliens and people different from us could be our friends, while ‘Cocoon’ showed us what it’s like to die for a cause or a friend. These elements seen throughout the show are what make it one of the best shows out on Netflix.

The series was created by twin brothers Matt and Ross Duffer, who set the story in 1980s Indiana. “Stranger Things” offers a healthy dose of escapism as you empathize through the character’s 17-episode journey. As it does this, Netflix users find themselves craving more, as the twin writers have made this show irresistibly appealing.

The show starts out as Mike (Finn Wolfhard), Dustin (Gaten Matarazzo), Lucas (Caleb McLaughlin) and Will (Noah Schnapp), play dungeons and dragons in the basement of Mike’s house. After a long

game Mike’s mother lets the boys know it’s getting late and suggest that they head home. As Dustin and Will are riding their bikes home, they decide to race. As Will begins winning, he turns onto a road named Mirkwood that goes by a building named Hawkins Laboratory.

As he rides on this road he is startled by an unidentified figure in the middle of the road causing him to wreck his bike. After hearing something in the distance, he abandons his bike and runs all the way home in hopes to escape the sound. Once home Will finds himself hiding in a shed located in the backyard of his house. Timid and shaking, Will attempts to load a gun in hopes of running off whoever is after him. However, the dangling light bulb in the shed begins to flicker, followed by an unrecognizable strange growl, and then the unexpected happens.

Let’s just stop there with a small chunk of episode one, which sets up the show for a terrific yet frightening roller coaster ride. It wouldn’t be ideal to give away too much information about any T.V. show, but to give away anything more about “Stranger Things” would just be juvenile. As it will surely take away from the fun the Duffer brothers had putting this jewel together.



Courtesy of Netflix

Setting this show in the 1980’s may have seemed more of a risk than a reward. However, the addition of Sci-Fi components gives the show its fresh perspective. If

you haven’t taken the time to watch “Stranger Things” you really should. It’s a great Netflix original that beats its closest competitors handily. “Stranger Things” is

pitch-perfect in every way possible. Log in or borrow your nearest Netflix account and take a chance on “Stranger Things.” You won’t be disappointed.



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