

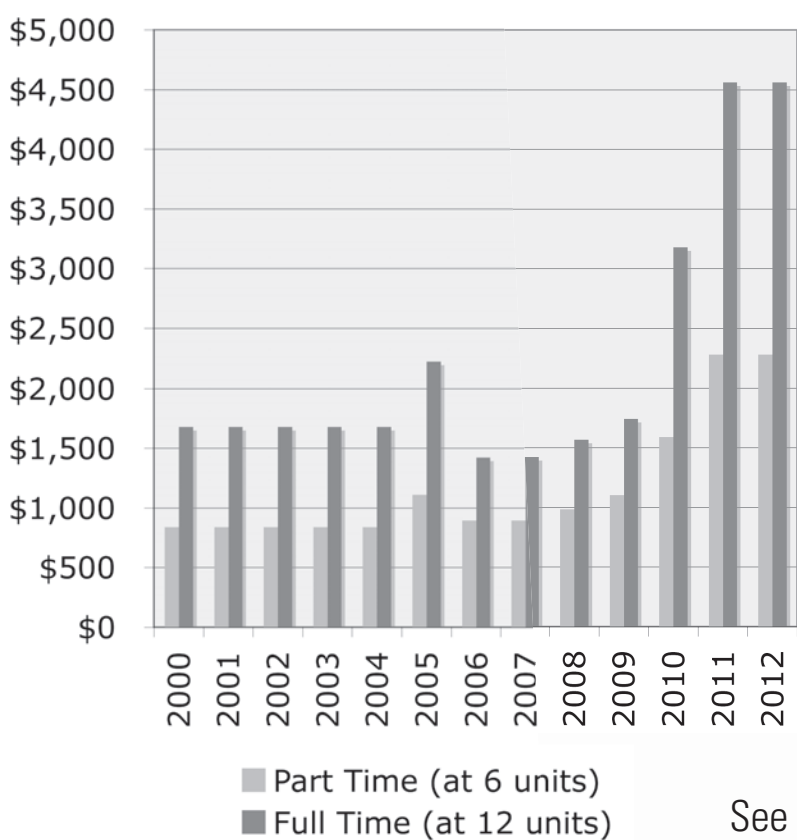
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Cost of summer school classes remains stagnant

Despite budget crisis, summer school fees to remain at \$380 a unit

Price of summer school through the years



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Simple things such as removing junk from your car, carpooling with a friend and obeying the speed limit may greatly reduce your gas bill

MICHAEL CHENG
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If you're commuting to school, then you know how hard it is every time you have to go to the gas station. For many students who do not live around CSUN, high gas prices are too overwhelming.

With gas prices topping over \$4 a gallon and inching to \$5, there are no signs the price will decrease anytime soon. Students like Tony Rodriguez, a pre-law major, finds it difficult to even get to school. Rodriguez drives a Toyota Celica and lives in Valencia. He comes to school three days a week and plans to get a motorbike to save on gas money. So, what can students do to increase the mileage on their vehicles?

Speed limit: Drive like a normal person – we all know people in L.A. like to drive fast, but that is costing you money. So don't push your pedal to the metal and drive the speed limit. Driving 60 mph instead of 65 mph can save you \$0.64 per gallon, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Drive efficiently: A 10 percent increase in speed results in 30 percent more fuel used, according to Stewart Prince, a mechanical engineering professor at CSUN. So the next time traffic is not bumper to bumper, drive slower and don't worry too much about pissed off Angelenos giving you the grandma driver "stare." Students should avoid stop lights

and travel on highways because it is more efficient, Prince added.

Check tire pressure: Make sure your tires are inflated to the manufactured standard. Low pressures in tires means that the wheels have to carry more weight of the car and this will affect your efficiency. You can improve your gas mileage by up to 3.3 percent with properly inflated tires, according to the DOE. Prince said tire pressure is important because under-inflation accelerates tire drag, meaning more of rubber of the wheel touches the surface causing quicker tire wear.

Remove junk from your car: Students should also remove unnecessary junk from their car. Leaving your stuff out of the car can increase gas mileage. One hundred pounds of additional stuff in your car will result to spending \$0.08/gallon more on gas, according to the DOE.

Plan and map out your trips/avoid idling: Don't get lost when looking for a place to eat. GPS your routes, and if your GPS has live traffic, even better. Plan out your errands for the day so you can do it all in one trip to increase your fuel efficiency. Students should also turn off their vehicles when waiting to pick up a friend. A car with a warm engine uses half as much fuel as one with a cold engine, according to the DOE.

Maintenance on your vehicle: Car owners should do regular check-ups on their vehicles. Reg-

ular oil changes and fixing problems can increase your mileage, said CSUN student and car enthusiast Russ Dzidic. According to the DOE, avoid using cheap oil and use the recommended motor oil. Also, the DOE recommends fixing small problems like a bad oxygen sensor can increase your efficiency up to 40 percent. In a new study by the DOE found replacing clogged air filters does not improve fuel efficiency on a car that are fuel injected, but will improve acceleration.

Don't come to class if you don't need to: Try to schedule your classes so you don't have to come every day. Students should try to enroll in more online classes and hybrid classes, Prince said.

Go green: If your gas guzzling car is costing you a fortune, you might think about buying a hybrid or electric car. You can go to FuelEconomy.gov, a website that has a tool that can help consumers find a fuel efficient car. This website also allows consumers to browse cars by model, class, price, or miles per gallon.

Carpool: The easiest and simplest method to saving gas is getting an assist from a friend. Why drive if there's someone willing to take you? Carpooling is a great way to get around without starting up your engine. Find friends that are going to the same or similar destinations, and see if they give you a lift.

Tuition during summer session to remain the same

Tseng College's self-supported summer programs maintain availability and pricing through budget crisis

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Although the CSU system is undergoing budget cuts and tuition has been steadily increasing, CSUN isn't going to be increasing student fees for its summer school session this year.

Tseng College, which administers the self-support summer-school sessions at CSUN, is keeping summer school fees the same (\$380 a unit), said Caroline Miranda, public-relations project manager at Tseng College.

A self-support program is where the university sets tuition in collaboration with Tseng College and other CSUN administrators, according to Miranda. This is done following CSU policies for self-support programs.

"Even with the economic upheaval, (attendance) is still pretty steady," Miranda said.

Tseng College is offering the same amount of classes as last sum-

mer (around 700) and the same variety of classes, according to Miranda.

Some students think classes are getting harder to get into for the fall and winter session courses and take advantage of the summer courses to further their amount of units.

"I think it is easier to get into summer classes compared to fall or winter session," said Ekarin Pongpipat, senior psychology major. "CSUN offers a wider variety of upper (division) classes that community colleges don't."

Some students, such as Braddock Sandoval, a sophomore majoring in biochemistry, use summer school sessions as a means to graduate a little quicker and hope that financial aid can help them out in the process.

"Community college is an option, but I would rather stay at CSUN," Sandoval said. "I like to keep things consistent."

Other students find that going to a community college is a cheaper alternative.

"I can't justify going to summer school here and paying so much more for just one class," said Nick Ward,

junior kinesiology major.

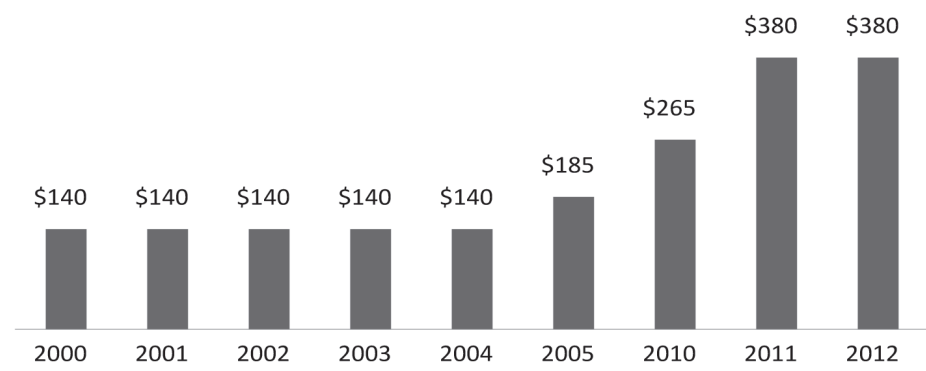
Ward said he thinks community college is a great way to get those general education classes out of the way.

In 2010, the CSU saw the state cut millions of dollars from its budget and instead of cutting enrollment for the fall semester, most CSU campuses planned to offer their self-support summer sessions instead of using limited funds for a state supported summer session.

According to a statement on the CSU website the elimination of state-supported summer courses was one of the most reasonable options campuses could implement so they could educate as many students with the least amount of resources.

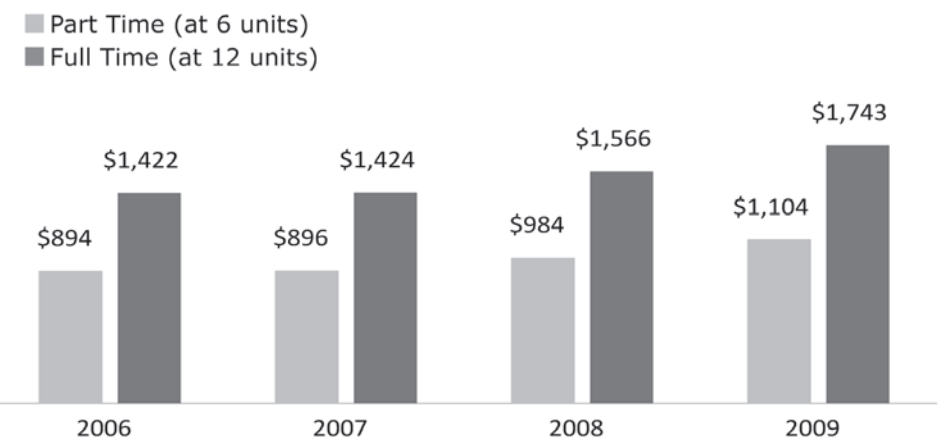
The Tseng College administers many other fully self-supported programs that the university offers all year, serving different groups of students, such as mid-career professionals, students in fully online degree programs, international students in special programs and students in certificate programs.

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Race could no longer factor in college applications

Some students express support for possible Supreme Court action to omit racial identification

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Race and ethnicity have a consistent presence in our culture, the issue now being revisited in the college application process. Currently, students are required to fill out a section on their application indicating their race and ethnicity.

More people are having an issue with this requirement because they feel that race should not play a role in who is accepted into college.

In October, the Supreme Court will be making the decision to potentially restrict the use of the racial and ethnic identification section on applications, according to the Supreme Court's blog.

Despite many students feeling like race should not matter when it comes to acceptance into college, they also feel like it does affect who gets in.

Rosa Miriam Hernandez, a freshman communications major, said that identifying your race could have either a positive or negative effect.

"Colleges want to be diverse so I guess it depends on who they are looking for and if they are looking for a specific ethnicity," said Hernandez.

Monica Diaz, a freshman liberal studies major, said that everyone should have the same opportunity regardless of their race, but was unsure of whether or not race would affect someone's chance of being accepted.

"I hope that wouldn't affect a person's chance of getting into college, but I really don't know," said Diaz. "I heard somewhere that a college noticed they didn't have a lot of Hispanics so they started admitting more."

One case that looked into considering race and ethnicity in college admissions was *Grutter v. Bollinger* in 2003. In this case, Barbara Grutter, a white Michigan resident, claimed that she was denied admittance to the University of Michigan Law School based on race even though she had qualifying grades.

Michigan Law School is one of the top law schools in the nation and has a policy that looks to diversify the student body by giving preference to underrepresented



A group of students walk through the University Student Union on the first day back from spring break. Required to indicate what ethnicity they are in college applications, students say it shouldn't be an issue in being accepted.

ANTHONY CARPIO / SPORTS EDITOR

minorities that they feel might otherwise be left out, according to Cornell's Legal Institute information page.

The Supreme Court eventually decided that colleges and universities could consider race and ethnicity in their admissions decisions, according to Yale Daily News.

Another case dealing with admissions policies is *Fisher v. University of Texas*, which is threatening to undo the *Grutter* decision. In this case, Abigail Fisher, a white female, said she was denied acceptance to the University because of her race.

Yale is currently one of many prestigious institutions that take race into consideration when deciding which students to admit. In an article in Yale Daily News, the university's president said that the ruling could affect their current policy.

"We're bound by the law as it stands — Yale has practiced affirmative action in admissions since the 1960s and will continue to do so as

long as it is consistent with the law of the United States," President Richard Levin said in the article.

Stephanie Ruiz, an undecided freshman, does not see the point of having the racial identification on the application at all because it should not even matter, she said.

"I think that it's really inconsiderate to have someone identify their race," Ruiz said. "Someone should be qualified for acceptance based on their abilities, not their race."

Michael Uhlenkamp, director of media relations and new media for the CSU, said that identification by race is part of the guidelines laid out by the United States Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

"To conform with the guidelines, the California State University must collect from applicants detailed information about their ethnic and racial backgrounds," Uhlenkamp said.

This information is then used for local, state and fed-

eral data reporting, according to Uhlenkamp.

"They use it for a variety of reasons including monitoring changes in demographics," said Uhlenkamp. "Often-times, the demographic information is used to determine funding for various grants or programs."

An example of these programs, according to Uhlenkamp, would be the U.S. Department of Education providing grants to universities that have been designated as Hispanic-Serving Institutions. He noted that CSUN is one of these campuses, having received a grant for \$1 million in September 2011.

Amanda Nicole Jaramillo, a freshman radiological technology major, said that if the information is used for statistics then she understands why it is necessary.

"If the student's race is used for polling statistics and other things like that, then I guess I understand why it is there, but it should not matter," Jaramillo said.

Jaramillo is sometimes apprehensive about identifying herself by her race but she does it anyway.

"I don't think it should matter so I do it, but I know it doesn't identify who I am," she said.

According to Uhlenkamp, race plays no part in which students are admitted, but is merely a way to help collect information for the local, state and federal levels.

"Public colleges and universities in California are prohibited under proposition 209 from considering this information," Uhlenkamp said.

Proposition 209, which was upheld by the federal appeals court on April 2, says that the state will not discriminate against anyone based on race, sex or ethnicity.

Oscar Ayala, a sophomore business management major, feels that race always matters in some way.

"Even if they say it doesn't matter, it does," Ayala said. "I feel like I get categorized and put into a box when I have to

identify myself by race on an application."

Like Ayala, Jose Gonzalez, a sophomore business and finance major, said there are always classifications and always will be.

"Having to identify my race doesn't bother me as long as it's not offensive," said Gonzalez.

Regardless of whether race is really considered when choosing who to admit, race is still a required part of the application process. There are several different categories students can choose from, according to Uhlenkamp.

"The categories students can choose (from) align with federal reporting requirements which is also used by the U.S. Census Bureau," he said.

Gonzalez believes that restricting the use of the racial and ethnic identification section on the application will be the right decision.

"In this day and age you can't keep someone out based on race because it's wrong and it's not allowed," he said.

Race and Education Timeline

1896



Plessy v. Ferguson - Allowed state-sponsored segregation

Brown v. Board of Education - Separate public schools for black and white students declared unconstitutional



1954

Grutter v. Bollinger - Race-conscious admissions process that may favor underrepresented minority groups

2003



Fisher v. University of Texas - Could end affirmative action policies in admissions at U.S. public universities



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Recycling Single Use Batteries

By Laura Yetter

We all use batteries. We need them for flash lights, TV/ game controllers, radios and toys to digital cameras, cell phones, and laptops. According to the EPA Americans buy 3 billion dry cell batteries a year and Earth911.com estimates that the average American uses 8 dry cell batteries per year. However, did you know that in California all batteries, single use and rechargeable, are considered hazardous waste and must be disposed of properly (Cal Recycle)? The EAC interviewed Dr. Michael Sullivan toxicology expert from CSUN's Environmental and Occupational Health department to discuss single use batteries.

"Single use batteries should be recycled using appropriate recycling methods. The alternative to that is when people throw them in the trash ... they end up in the landfills and because they are toxic chemicals, specifically heavy metals in the batteries, that's not good because once batteries get old they break open" says Dr. Sullivan. This is an issue because "that results in the release of heavy metals in the landfill environment... [and] has the potential to leach and contaminate ground water and other resources" warns Dr. Sullivan. Once heavy metals get into ground water they cannot be filtered out. Dr. Sullivan continues, and they may cause minor to more serious health problems.

In addition to reducing pollution, recycling batteries has other benefits. Dr. Sullivan explains that if we do not recycle "then we have wasted those resources... they can take metals from those batteries and those can be reworked instead of throwing them away and losing them forever. So there is even a sustainability issue ... we take these heavy metals that we have had to mine from the earth... [and by] developing some sort of sustainable process we get the ability to reuse those type of metals." Dr. Sullivan also explains that this is similar to e waste "because the big issue with electronic waste, in addition to the plastic, are the metals, all the metal components, and when they get thrown in the landfill it is the same thing."

The University can help with recycling batteries. Dr. Sullivan suggests, "by having a more visible battery collection program". Furthermore, he encourages "every department office to have a battery collection box and ... tell their students... and then appropriately send them to recycling... because we all use batteries." When students are away from campus Dr. Sullivan encourage students to save their used batteries and other toxic wastes, such as old paint, and then disposing of them a few times a year at the proper facilities.

Thank you Dr. Sullivan!

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Save the date! El doce de Patrick!



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Patrick splits the difference between St. Patrick's Day and El Cinco de Mayo, and celebrates the best aspects of both Mexican and Irish culture.

What are those aspects, you may ask? Well, we both work cheap. And we like beer.

El doce de Patrick is conceived by myself and fellow Sundial wage-slave (without the wages) Gabriel Ivan Orendain-Necochea. For those who may be wondering, yes, we do have the authority to launch a new official holiday. Few people know that in my civilian life, I'm actually a special attaché for whiskey-related matters with the Irish consulate. Gabriel is the Mexican's government's envoy to the U.S. in beer and dice-game considerations. Between the two of us, yes, we can start a new holiday. And probably gay-marry you, or at least give you a fishing license. We wield immense administrative clout, and have decided to finally use it for a good purpose.

Some of you may wonder what connection there is between the Mexicans and the Irish. Did I mention we both like beer? Well, there is that. There's also St. Patrick's Battalion. The Battalion was a group of Irish-Americans who, fed up with rampant discrimination against Catholics in America at the time, deserted the U.S. Army circa 1846 and joined forces with Mexico in the Mexican-American War. To this day, the Battalion is celebrated in Mexico, their members hailed as great heroes. Some in the U.S. would call the Battalion traitors. I call them guys

looking for tequila. El doce de Patrick will bring the brave Battalion back into the warm embrace of American culture. For drinking and stuff.

'Cause that's what we're all about! El doce de Patrick is a multi-cultural fest! Come one, come all! That is, come one, come all...if you can find us. Just like the coolest clubs out there, there's no name

above our door. You have to be tapped into the cool, the very spirit of Sainted Patrick flowing through your veins, to find us. But the cognoscenti will know. If you are of the spirit, you will know.

So on April 12, put your MexiMick antenna in the air! We've secured a small venue on campus. Look for the signs and follow them. A Leprechaun in a sombrero? Perhaps. A mariachi band playing harps and pennywhistles? Maybe. An eagle perched on a cactus growing out of a pot of gold? Possibly.

A splendid time is guaranteed for all. Music by the Dropkick Lobos. Be there.

—Jim McLaughlin can say "Erin go Bragh" and "¡Viva Mexico!" out of both sides of his mouth at once. Ladies, that's a talent you should get to know!



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Some say that the Roman Empire was a victim of its own weight, that the Empire added holiday after holiday, heaped fest upon fest, until citizens spent more time festing and resting from festing than taking care of the matters at hand. The Senate was always out of session, or hung over. Public governance lost its forward momentum. The party-every-day culture led to a breakdown of social mores, until every citizen became unconcerned with the fate of his fellow man, and craved only the next feast. Commerce broke down. Enlightenment retreated.

Finally, the mighty Empire limped to its finish, a broken beast undone by its own excess.

People tell this as a cautionary tale, warning against excess. Holidays added to the calendar are contrary to progress. They warn of creeping laxitude, and the ruin it invariably brings.

I, for one, respectfully disagree.

First, because I think the Visigoths had something to do with that whole Roman-Empire-falling thing. And second, because I subscribe to the theory that everyone loves a good party. And no one parties like the Mex and the Micks!

And so it comes to pass that this year shall see a new holiday added to the calendar: El doce de Patrick! Strategically located on the calendar on April 12, El doce de

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BASEBALL

Matadors look to bullpen as they face 'Runners

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After winning the final game of the weekend series at UC Santa Barbara Saturday, the Matadors (13-18, 2-4) will try to get on a winning streak against CSUN Bakersfield (15-15) today at Matador Field.

For the second time in Big West Conference play, CSUN dropped the first two games of a weekend series, but managed to avoid a sweep with a victory in the final game. In both wins, CSUN had freshman Jerry Keel on the mound and put up enough runs to salvage wins.

Saturday, Keel pitched six innings, scattering five hits and two runs while striking out four batters for his second Big West win.

Junior Alex Muren has been another go-to starter for CSUN and has combined with Keel for an 8-4 record.

Only three other pitchers have made starts for CSUN,

but they haven't been able to slow opponents' bats and failed to pitch deep into games, forcing the bullpen to work more innings.

Senior Justen Gorski will make his second start of the season for Northridge today and face the Roadrunners' Spenser Messmore. The right-handed CSUN pitcher has pitched 18 innings in 10 appearances and has a 6.00 ERA with a record of 1-0.

The inability of any of CSUN's other starters to find success on the mound this year has doomed the Matadors up to this point in the season.

Senior Vincent Roberts is still winless for the Matadors in eight starts while freshman Brandon Warner has made four starts but only earned a single win.

Roberts' ERA has ballooned to 6.62. He has allowed 40 hits in 34 innings pitched. Warner's ERA is at 4.68.

Despite the woes from the CSUN starters, the bullpen combined to give up only two runs, one earned, in the three games at UC Santa Barbara.

While the bullpen continued to pose a problem for opposing bats, the Matadors' bats continued to put up numbers for



MARIELA MOLINA / PHOTO EDITOR

CSUN pitcher Vincent Roberts looks for a strike against Indiana on March 9. Roberts and the Matadors aim to build some momentum as they host Cal State Bakersfield today in a non-conference meeting.

Northridge.

CSUN put up 22 hits against the Gauchos with seven of those coming in Saturday's win.

The outfield tandem of sophomore Miles Williams and junior Nathan Ring combined for four hits, but a three-run sixth inning provided the extra push for CSUN to overcome a 2-1 deficit.

Junior transfer Cal Vogel-sang ended his hitting streak at 12 games in Thursday's loss but bounced back on Friday with two hits in a 8-4 losing effort.

The Roadrunners come in with a 2-10 record on the road. However, they won their last road game on April 3 at Santa Barbara behind senior starting pitcher Messmore and his sec-

ond complete-game win in only his second start of the year.

CSU Bakersfield's offense has some powerful bats in its lineup with four hitters having tallied multiple homeruns on the year.

Sophomore infielder Oscar Sanay has provided the speed for the Roadrunners' offense with five stolen bases and is hit-

ting .351 on the year.

Junior catcher Frank Martinez leads all Roadrunners with a .362 average and leads the team in slugging at .562 in 10 starts.

The bats of senior DC Legg and sophomore Cael Brockmeyer have already combined to tally six homeruns and will pose a problem for CSUN pitchers.

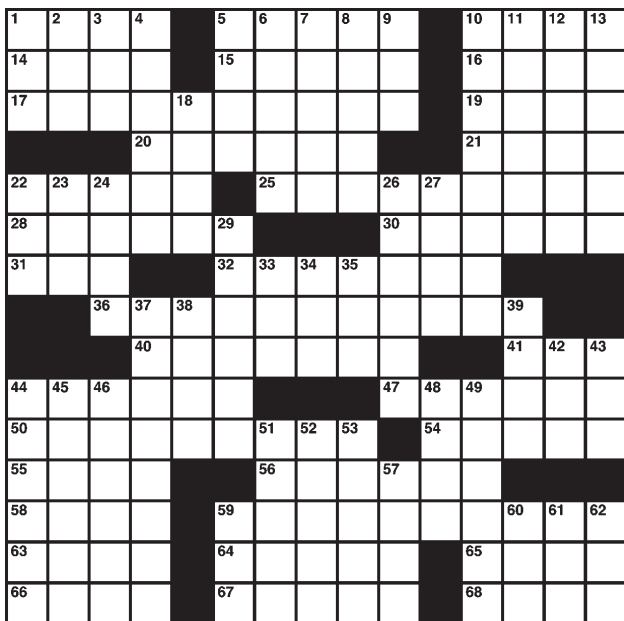
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 - 22 Vagrants
 - 25 Emir
 - 28 Mecedades hit whose title means "you are"
 - 30 Golf units
 - 31 Slippery swimmer
 - 32 How Dennis Eckersley pitched
 - 36 Simple ... or a hint to the hidden puzzle theme in 17-, 25-, 50- and 59-Across
 - 40 Desexes
 - 41 FDR's successor
 - 44 Outbursts that provoke blessings
 - 47 Harley alternative
 - 50 Maryland seafood fare
 - 54 The Lusitania, e.g.
 - 55 Sidewalk border
 - 56 Guitarist, slangily
 - 58 Carlisle's wife in "Twilight"
 - 59 Sit-up relatives
 - 63 It may be barred or bolted
 - 64 Songs for two
 - 65 English aristocrat
 - 66 __, meeny ...
 - 67 Muslim god
 - 68 June 6, 1944
- DOWN**
- 1 Key to the left of F1
 - 2 Sheepish reply?



By David Steinberg

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

F	I	L	E	A	R	C	A	N	A	P	O	I		
A	M	E	N	M	I	A	T	A	S	A	N	N		
Q	U	A	C	K	A	T	T	A	C	K	P	E	P	
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B	I	O	L	A	B			N	I	E	C	E		
O	L	D	C	R	A	C	K	E	R	J	A	C	K	
T	E	E	A	I	R	S	E	A	O	T	O	E		
S	D	S	B	E	K	I	N	D	B	O	N	E		

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- 3 Heavenly body
- 4 Cheese-topped snacks
- 5 Electricity generators
- 6 __-Bits: cereal
- 7 Pro hoopster
- 8 "The Prisoner of"
- 9 Vague quantity
- 10 Tiny fairy tale hero
- 11 Starting point
- 12 Cleaned (up)
- 13 Searches like a detection dog
- 18 Give the boot
- 22 Donkey syllable
- 23 Cinnabar or magnetite
- 24 Lugosi of "Dracula"
- 26 Having a lot of nerve
- 27 Chef Cat __
- 29 Patriotic Olympics chant
- 33 Believer's suffix
- 34 Gray hair disguiser
- 35 Place for a ring
- 37 Elitism
- 38 Fed. anti-discrimination org.
- 39 Biggers's detective
- 42 54-Across pronoun
- 43 Pit goo
- 44 Acquiesce
- 45 Foe title surname
- 46 Longtime Tiger Woods coach
- 48 Astronaut Shepard
- 49 Chopped, as garlic
- 51 Afghan capital
- 52 Stand out in a field
- 53 Mattress giant
- 57 Sled dog command
- 59 Drillers' org.
- 60 "I've been __"
- 61 Important time
- 62 Surreptitious

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9	1	2	7	8	5	6	9	3	4
5	6	8	4	8	3	6	1	7	2
2	9	6	1	9	6	7	8	2	4
4	1	8	3	6	5	8	2	7	9
7	4	2	8	4	6	5	8	1	7
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	7	1		4			5		
3	4								
		8			7		3		

sudoku

How to play:
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

Solution above.



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SOFTBALL

All love lost for Lobos

CSUN's slugfest loss to New Mexico ends 0-5 week

ALONSO TACANGA
SPORTS EDITOR

Having witnessed two teammates succumb before the powerful New Mexico bats, CSUN pitcher Brianna Elder tried just about everything to escape the same fate and – in the process – give her team a chance at a rally during Game 2 of Sunday's doubleheader against the Lobos at Matador Diamond.

But against the Division-I leaders in home runs, even throwing balls was a challenge.

"No matter if I threw a high pitch or a low pitch or out of the zone, (the New Mexico hitters) would just hit the ball hard," said Elder, who pitched the last 2.2 innings of the game.

Elder was the best answer CSUN (7-29) had against the Lobo bats, which put up 12 of their 14 hits against Elder's pitching predecessors, starter Alexa Limon and reliever Crystal Maas. But the Matadors' deficit was too large to overcome and New Mexico (24-10) escaped with a 12-10 win to sweep the Easter two-gamer.

After falling in Game 1, 5-1, the Matadors came out strongly right from the beginning of Game 2 and started the outing with four first-inning hits to take a 3-0 lead into the second.

Not to be outdone, the Lobos responded with three hits, but so did CSUN. The Matadors,

which came into the day a struggling offense that was shut out completely during a three-game series against UC Davis earlier in the week, totaled eight hits after three and led 6-3.

"We know we're a good hitting team," said CSUN head coach Tairia Flowers, whose team had 13 hits in the game. "Sometimes we put too much pressure on ourselves."

But the Matador offense went

UP NEXT:

Matadors @ Cal Poly
Saturday at noon

M.I.A. at the worst time, right when the Lobo one woke up. And in a big way. In the fourth inning alone, New Mexico had six hits for six runs, loaded the bases twice and batted around to chase Limon, who gave up the majority of the hits and the runs with only one retired batter. Limon's day accounted for 3.1 innings pitched with 10 hits, nine runs and three walks.

Maas came in and got the final two outs, but not before giving a two-RBI single to Jordan Sjostrand. The first baseman had two of her three hits in the fourth.

After a two-run home run by Jess Garcia made it 11-6 in favor of New Mexico in the top of the fifth, Elder came in for Maas and finished the inning with a pop-up and a fly-out.

Elder only gave up two hits and a run as CSUN trailed 12-6 heading into the bottom of the seventh. It was barely then that, aided a bit by two New Mexico fielding errors, the Matador offense came back. Right fielder Mia Pagano had a two-RBI single and then scored, cutting it to 12-10, on a throwing error by Lobo second baseman Chelsea Anaya.

"There were runners on base so I just tried to make contact to do it for my team," said Pagano, who had three hits and four RBI in the losing effort. "Be the person who tries to start a rally going."

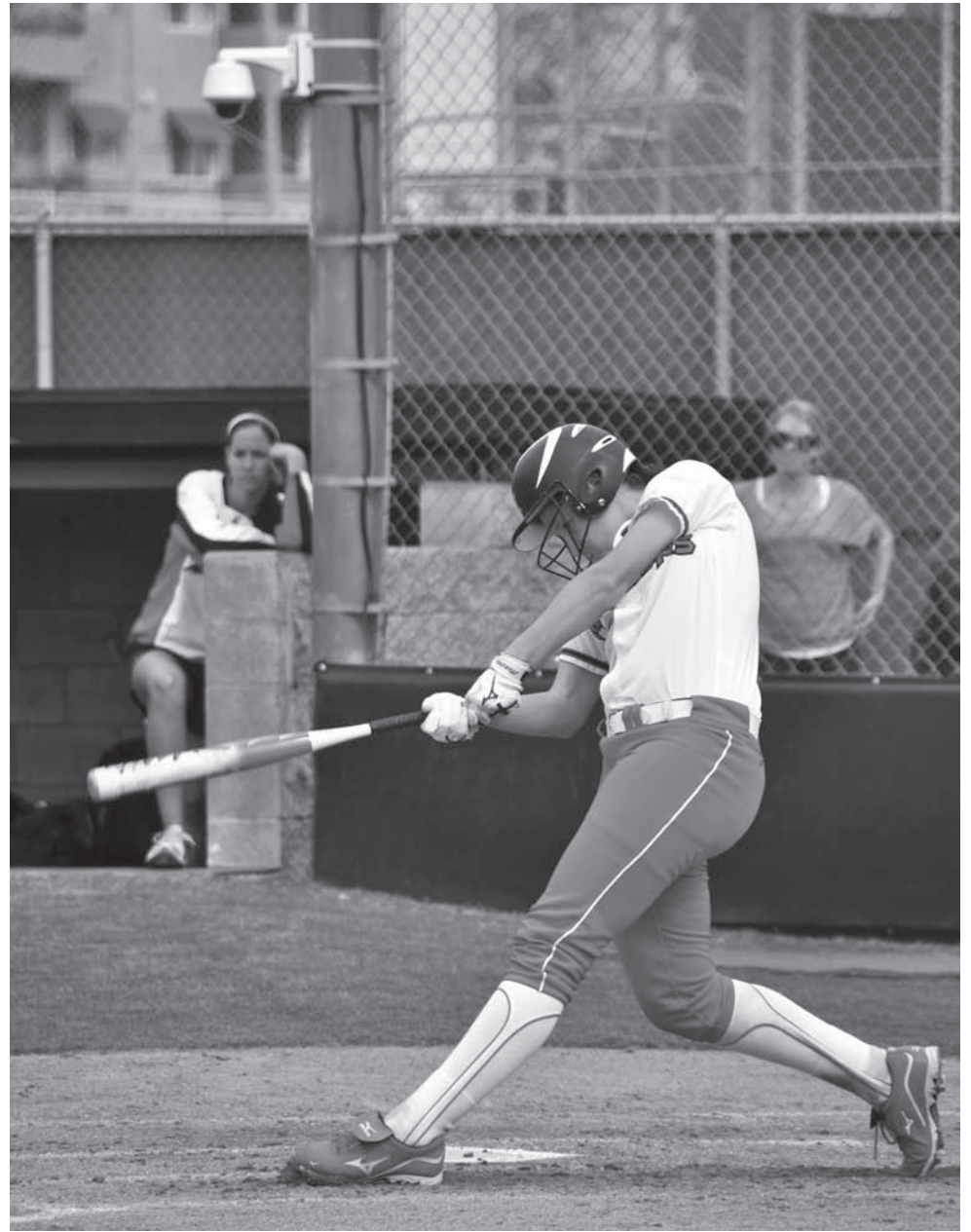
CSUN had the tying run at second, but catcher Mikayla Thielges couldn't convert and grounded out the last out for the Matadors, who went winless in their five-game homestand.

Regardless of the outcome, Flowers was pleased in many ways with her team. Mainly for not throwing in the towel despite being down six runs.

"We did a good job of not letting go of the game," she said.

While New Mexico added five home runs on the day to bring up its total to 64 for the year, the Matadors also saw quite a bit of offense on their side. It wasn't enough on this day in part due to the defense, another area in which CSUN could use some improvement.

"We just need to trust our defense a little bit more and put the ball in play," Elder said.



ANTHONY CARPIO / SPORTS EDITOR

CSUN catcher Mikayla Thielges takes a swing during a game against the USSSA softball team on Feb. 21. The Matadors were swept by New Mexico and UC Davis last week.



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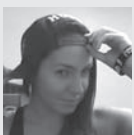
What are the Matadors saying on the social network?



Is she related to George Carlin? Because this girl's got a filthy mouth ...

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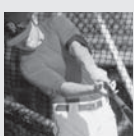
This girl on the phone next to me just said the F word about fifteen time in a minute. #normalconversation #stayclassy #not
Apr. 9



Where the LeBron fans at!?

@HGurriell, Hayley Gurriell, water polo

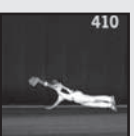
If you weren't a witness, you're not credible. Sorry
Apr. 7



#spoileralert it also teaches you that if your kid goes missing in a world like that, forget it, she's a zombie.

@CHESTERPAK, Chester Pak, baseball

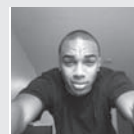
Watching dawn of the dead teaches you to fort up in a mall when the worlds taken over by zombies.. o_o
Apr. 8



Might want to call room service, Cal.

@calmfvsang, Cal Vogelsang, baseball

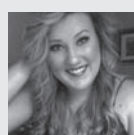
It's 15 degrees in my hotel room.
Apr. 6



Regardless, Bynum needs to get it together. C'mon, man.

@LWatson14, Lonnie Watson, men's basketball

Smh the NBA is so soft now. You get a technical for everything
Apr. 8



Listen to your Elder.

@brianna_elder, Brianna Elder, softball

Sometimes I wonder where the other half of girls shirts go.. Stop dressing skanky and have some class please
Apr. 7



Lakers fans: "But Blake Griffin fouled him ..." Wah, wah, wah.

@MaxDunksWell21, Stephen Maxwell, men's basketball

Pau Gasol needs to just quit basketball NOW!
Apr. 4



And he just took two games off? Terrible.

@CoachTrutanic, Coach Trutanic, women's basketball

Kobe Bryant 8-20 FG, 2 Rebounds, 0 Assists, and -16 +/- ratio. 0 assists in 37 minutes! #ridiculous #passtherock
Apr. 6