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CSU faculty may strike in fall

24,000 employees take new measures to have their voices heard after being without a contract for over a year

JESSICA JEWELL
DAILY SUNDIAL

The California Faculty Association is holding a member vote the week of April 16 and April 27 to approve a two-day "roll-

ing" strike that would start Nov. 17 at campuses across the CSU to demand a contract agreement.

According to a Q&A on the CFA website, the proposed strategy would be, "In a two-day rolling strike all 23 campuses would be

broken into groups, with each group of campuses going on strike for two days on different dates. As one set of campuses finished their two day strike, another set of campuses would begin their two-day strike until all campuses had par-

ticipated."

According to a CFA news release, if the strike is approved in the April vote, events could be set in motion resulting in school not opening this fall for an estimated 400,000 students.

CFA covers an umbrella

of 24,000 CSU employees including coaches, counselors, librarians and professors. Covered individuals have been working without a contract since June 30, 2010. Some protections in CFA contracts include; wage increases, workload,

academic policies and freedom, and intellectual property.

In an email sent to CSU faculty from the CFA, the CSU Chancellor Reed's office

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Budget cuts threaten Pierce's 65-year-old farm

MELISSA SIMON
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For years, many students have chosen Pierce College because of its animal farm, which offers hands-on experience. Rashi Gupta, second-year student in the pre-veterinary medicine program, chose Pierce over other four-year universities for this very reason.

Now, the beloved farm may close after 65 years due to budget cuts.

"Two years ago, Pierce's yearly budget was \$60 million," said Dr. Leland Shapiro, director of the pre-veterinary science program at Pierce College. "Next year, it will be \$50 million."

The farm, which focuses on directly working with animals, is the only two-year college in California that offers a pre-veterinary degree program, according to Shapiro.

"As the San Fernando Valley grew, the need for a comprehensive community college to serve the region was apparent," Shapiro said. He added that the college was originally for male agricultural students.

Carol Kozeracki, dean of the agriculture department at Pierce, explained that as the school gradually grew, the campus transformed into a more comprehensive community college that offers a full range of transfer-oriented and career-preparation programs.

"As the job market changed, the college's offerings evolved to ensure that we are offering



TESSIE NAVARRO / MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

A donkey sticks his nose out of a hole in the fence at the Pierce College animal farm. Located towards the back end of the farm are some sheep and a donkey.

Animal farm in danger

students classes that prepare them for viable careers," Kozeracki said.

The agriculture curriculum, according to Kozeracki, focuses on four main areas: pre-vet studies, a registered veterinary technician program, a horticulture program and an equestrian program.

"Graduates go on to vet school, work in veterinary hos-

pitals and clinics as registered veterinary technicians and work as equestrian instructors, trainers and groomers," Kozeracki said.

Currently, the animal farm costs a minimum \$110,000 per year to maintain, not including labor costs, according to Shapiro.

"If we had no animals but still had to maintain the grounds, keeping it weed-free for fire

safety, the fixed costs -- not counting labor -- would still be more than \$50,000 per year," Shapiro said.

In addition to being in the pre-veterinary program, Gupta is president of the pre-vet club, which is open to anyone interested in working with animals and provides a way for students to learn about animals outside the of the normal classroom.

"We stress the need for veterinary students to gain experience with all species of animals, despite what field they have their mind set on," Gupta said. "Throughout the semester, we hold workshops where we teach students different aspects of veterinary medicine."

In addition to holding these workshops, the pre-vet club helps the agricultural department

sponsor the FarmWalk, an event where thousands of people come to see the animals. This year, the FarmWalk will also serve as a fundraiser to help support the animal farm and keep it open, amidst threats of closure.

The FarmWalk is one of many events that provides finan-

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CLARIFICATION

"President Harrison moving forward," published March 28, misreported President Jolene Koester's salary. The article said she made \$361,387, her base salary was actually \$295,000. The \$361,387 salary, as reported by sacbee.com, was her gross pay. Gross pay includes overtime, bonuses, housing allowances, sick leave payout, vacation payout and multiple other forms of cash compensation, according to the website.

AS excludes Green Party in debate

Former CSUN professor not allowed to participate

AGNES CONSTANTE
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An alumnus told Associated Students they were acting like the “1 percent” for excluding the Green Party in an upcoming political debate during a heated open forum Tuesday.

“If you want to act like the 1 percent and exclude grassroots politics, that is an offense to every student and taxpayer here,” said Eugene Hernandez, a CSUN alumnus.

The student government approved the allocation of \$18,410 to “Big Politics,” a three-part series designed to improve CSUN’s political engagement and to increase its national recognition.

“By hosting an event like this, sure, maybe we don’t have a football team that will make our university’s name

stand out on a resume, but we can do it in other ways, and we can do it through events like this,” said William Ryder, business and economic senator.

The first part of the series is a debate between Democrats Rep. Brad Sherman and Rep. Howard Berman, and Republicans Mark Reed (an actor and businessman) and Susan Shellie (an author).

Ryder said the number of candidates was narrowed down to four to allow for a more substantive discussion and convey different viewpoints. Ryder also said candidates were selected based on who seemed most likely to move past the June primary.

Former CSUN history professor Michael Powelson was unhappy with the decision to limit the debate to the two major parties.

“There is no downside

to including someone such as myself. In a democracy you allow all voices to be expressed. If you don’t allow them to be expressed, they don’t go away they just get pushed underground,” he said.

Powelson is running for Congress under the Green Party in the upcoming election.

A three-person panel, consisting of a student, faculty and alumnus will moderate the debate. It was designed to reflect the three community voices of CSUN, Ryder said.

The other two parts of the series are tentatively scheduled for on May 3 and May 15.

Event: Political Debate
Location: Valley Performing Arts Center
Date/Time: Mon, April 30 6:00 – 7:30pm
Topics: National Issues



LOREN TOWNSLEY / CONTRIBUTOR

Eugene Hernandez member of the Green Party speaks during the open forum at the Associated Students meeting on Tuesday at the Grand Salon.

CFA

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and Vice Chancellor Brooks’ labor relations personnel

denied a CFA request for in-person collective bargaining Friday.

“In a November 2011, CFA fact sheet, the union said over the past 13 years in inflation-


adjusted dollars, CSU campus presidents’ average weekly salaries climbed 23 percent. Meanwhile average student fees and tuition soared 106 percent, as the average weekly

salary for full-time CSU faculty dropped 10 percent from 1998 to 2008” The Sacramento Valley Union Labor Bulletin said.

Disproportionate adminis-

trative pay raises eclipse faculty wage increases, as detailed in the CFA November 2011 fact sheet. According to the document, since Reed’s 1998 appointment, the average fac-

ulty salary has decreased by 10 percent when adjusted for inflation; and in 2009/2010, the CSU faculty agreed to take a 10 percent pay cut.



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Debating what shouldn't be talked about

Panel discusses connection between religion and politics

STEFANIE DE LEONTZIC
DAILY SUNDIAL

Contraception, religious liberty and prejudices were some of the issues brought up at the "Religion in the American Political Process" panel discussion hosted by CSUN's Religious Studies Department, Tuesday.

The event discussed President Barack Obama's religious background, contraception in the GOP debates and religious prejudices among the Republican candidates.

According to Dr. Robert Goss, panelist and religious studies professor, discourses such as these help students create their own opinions, especially with the presidential elections nearing.

"Candidates like Rick Santorum attack colleges and universi-

ties for creating people who think for themselves," Goss said.

Goss touched on the "stew of bigotry" brought about by the GOP candidates against Obama for allowing gays and lesbians in the military and introducing diversity by appointing a Latina to the Supreme Court.

According to Goss, Obama's tolerance makes him "not the right type of Christian."

"Religion is such a hot topic in this campaign and the upcoming elections," said Allana Wilcoson, 20, junior majoring in religious studies.

Religion is not the only ongoing issue GOP candidates have faced. The candidate's views on contraception, which generated mass attention after the Sandra Fluke and Rush Limbaugh controversy, challenging family values, was also brought up.

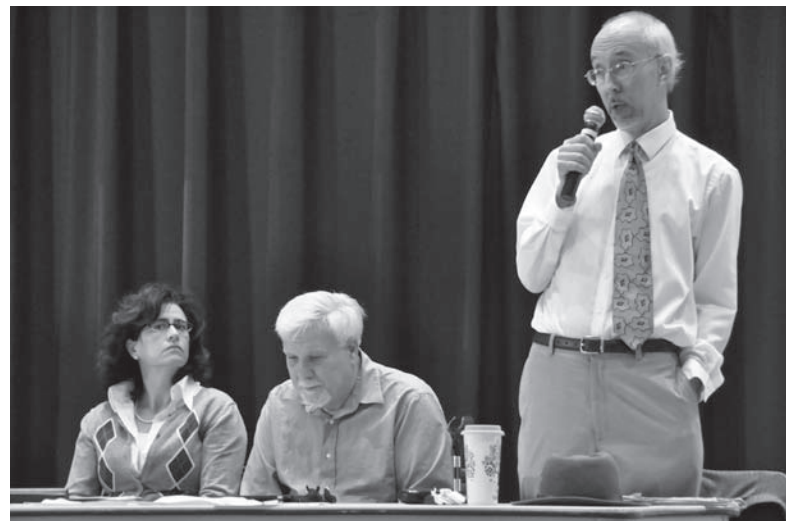
The link between religious

liberty and contraception is why two worlds collide, said panelist and religious studies professor Dr. Rosamond Rodman. The world of absolutism, which is forged by certainty and morality, and the world of anti-absolutism, forged by doubt and diversity.

According to Rodman, contraception is seen as the erosion of society and lacking family values.

The Obama administration called for full contraception coverage for women regardless if they worked in religious institutions. Obama later compromised and will not force religious affiliated institutions to offer contraception. Instead, the insurers will be required to offer complete coverage.

"The Obama administration was willing to compromise," Rodman said. "But this was only seen as putting more salt on the wound. This debate on contraception is



MARIELA MOLINA / PHOTO EDITOR

Dr. Rosamond Rodman (left), Dr. Robert Goss (middle) and Dr. James Findlay (right), participated in a panel discussion titled, "Religion in the American Political Process" at the Northridge Center in the University Student Union on Tuesday.

more a debate on world views."

Samantha Jones, 18, a freshman majoring in psychology, said the event allowed her to hear other people's points of view.

"When you look at an issue you tend to see it one way, your way," Jones said. "But this allows you to see the different sides to an issue."

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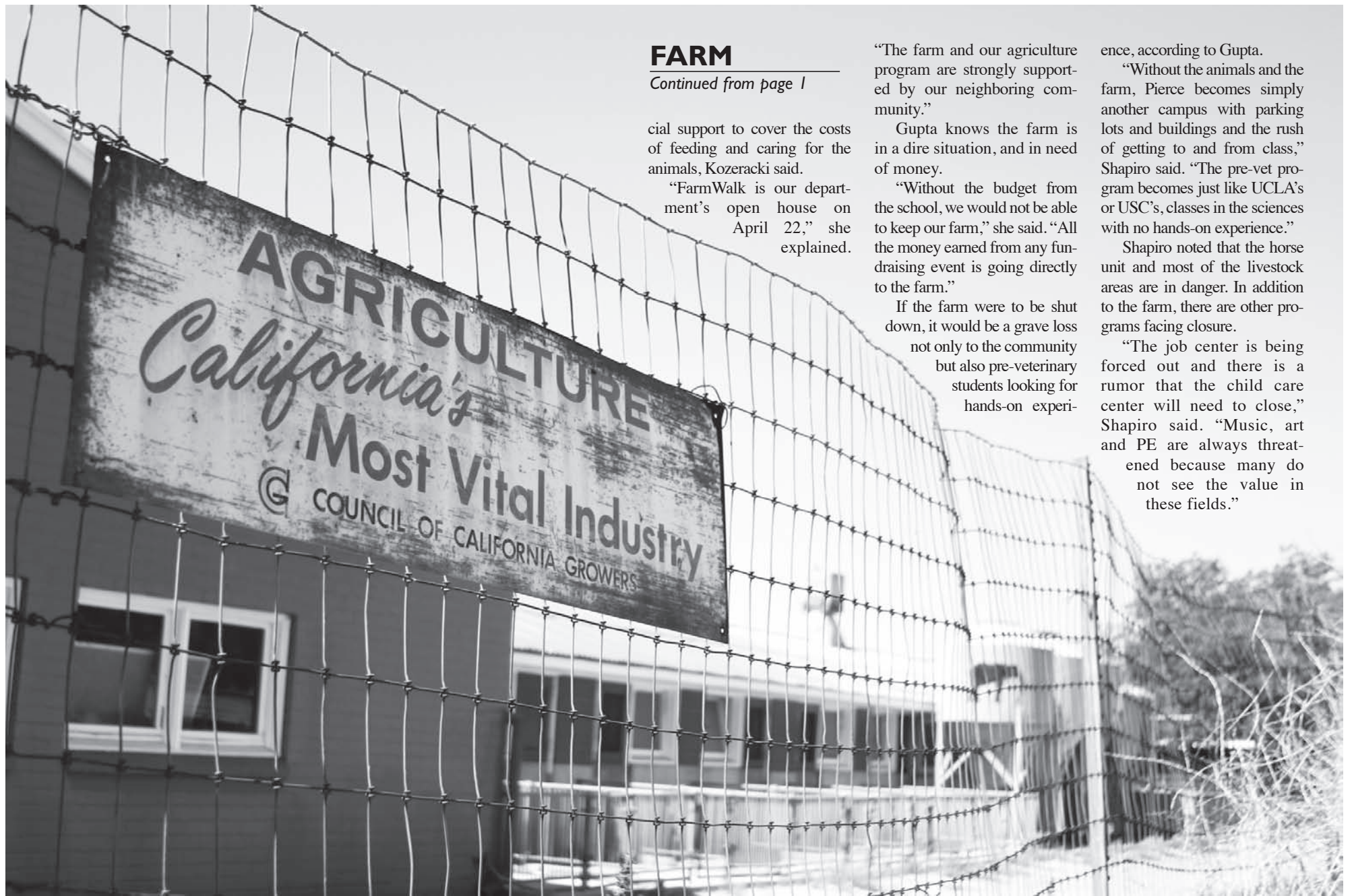


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cial support to cover the costs of feeding and caring for the animals, Kozeracki said.

“FarmWalk is our department’s open house on April 22,” she explained.

“The farm and our agriculture program are strongly supported by our neighboring community.”

Gupta knows the farm is in a dire situation, and in need of money.

“Without the budget from the school, we would not be able to keep our farm,” she said. “All the money earned from any fundraising event is going directly to the farm.”

If the farm were to be shut down, it would be a grave loss not only to the community but also pre-veterinary students looking for hands-on experi-

ence, according to Gupta.

“Without the animals and the farm, Pierce becomes simply another campus with parking lots and buildings and the rush of getting to and from class,” Shapiro said. “The pre-vet program becomes just like UCLA’s or USC’s, classes in the sciences with no hands-on experience.”

Shapiro noted that the horse unit and most of the livestock areas are in danger. In addition to the farm, there are other programs facing closure.

“The job center is being forced out and there is a rumor that the child care center will need to close,” Shapiro said. “Music, art and PE are always threatened because many do not see the value in these fields.”





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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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Ron Paul: the only peace candidate

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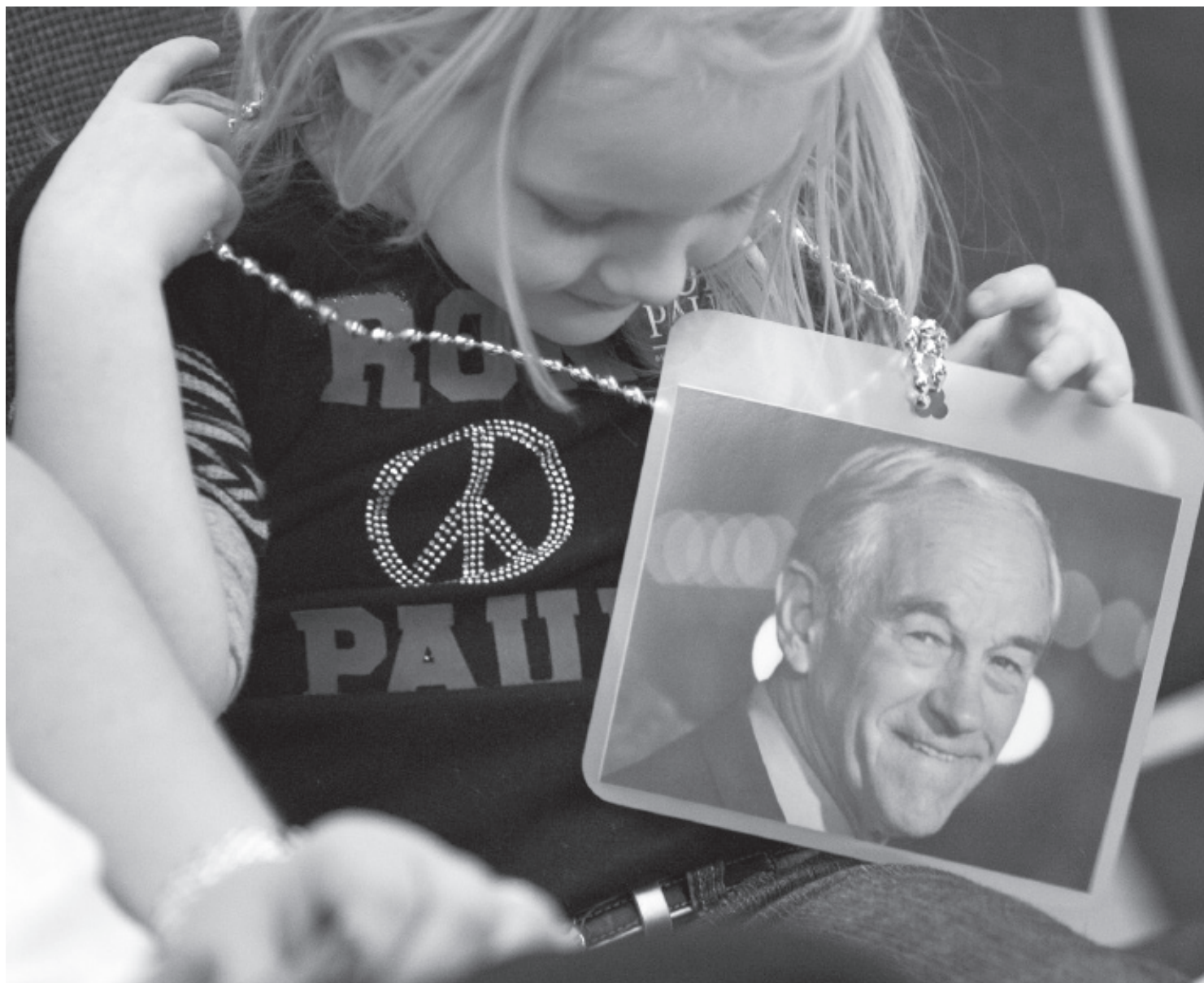
There are many good reasons why one should vote for Ron Paul. He's a Christian that believes that marriage is between a man and a woman, but, unlike Rick Santorum, he doesn't believe that the government should have any say in marriage or other social issues. He was one of Ronald Reagan's early supporters for the presidency, but has no qualms pointing out that the Reagan administration continued the trend of growing the federal government. He might be serving as a congressman, but his life career has been as a physician. He's actually worked in the medical industry and has seen firsthand the damage that the federal government has done in intervening there. Unlike Mitt Romney, the father of "Romneycare" and subsequent grandfather of "Obamacare," Paul has consistently been against socialist medicine. Unlike Newt Gingrich, he's been faithful to his wife for over forty years.

In addition to his great ideas on domestic policy, Ron Paul's greatest distinguishing characteristic is in his foreign policy ideas. He alone among the presidential candidates, including incumbent Obama, has a foreign policy of true peace.

Newt Gingrich has repeatedly called President Obama's foreign policy weak and consisting of talking too much. This is despite the fact that President Obama has thus far authorized military intervention in Libya, Uganda, and expanded them in Pakistan. The war in Afghanistan is still ongoing. The war on drugs, although nominally not a 'real' war, has consisted in real casualties in Mexico, Colombia, and elsewhere in Latin America between U.S. backed local governments and drug cartels. President Obama is a war-hawk, but what's terrifying is that Gingrich considers him too soft. If Gingrich were president, where else would he insist we need to intervene in? Given the candidate's love for moon colonization, we might very well expect a Gingrich administration to lead us to war against space aliens.

Rick Santorum's proposed foreign policy leaves little to like. He is a strong believer in American's need to more proactively "lead" the world. In a sense, Rick Santorum's foreign policy is the least conservative of the republican candidates. When President Richard Nixon opened negotiations with the People's Republic of China he made it clear that the United States' role abroad was not of a policeman's. Even President George W. Bush was explicit during his early presidential campaign that he was not a believer in nation building. It is odd then that Santorum has taken a stance contrary to that of his republican predecessors.

There is of course Mitt Romney, whose foreign policy differs little from incumbent President Obama's. The only substantial difference is his calls for possible military inter-



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Sydney Walker, 4, prepares for a rally featuring Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul among a noon-time crowd of about 300 at the Nampa Civic Center in Nampa, Idaho, on March 6. With Santorum out of the race this week, Paul may gain more delegates.

vention in Iran, but this is hardly anything original. Ever the follower, Romney's views on Iran mirror that of the Washington establishment; Romney has made no proposals for ending any of our current wars.

Ron Paul, in a deep contrast to his fellow candidates, has advocated a return to a non-interventionist foreign policy. Many have mislabeled him as an isolationist because of this, but in reality he has no intention of building an iron curtain around the United States or prohibiting communication with the outside world. To the contrary, he wishes to lower trade restrictions in order to allow us to more easily communicate, buy, and sell with foreigners.

Who is the isolationist? The man who wants to bomb his neighbors? Or the man who wants to sell him apples?

Not only would Ron Paul seek a policy of non-intervention abroad, but he would begin to reduce the number of U.S. military installations abroad. He would, for example, seek to reduce U.S. military presence in Europe. The Nazi regime has long been removed, and

Europe is a wealthy region that can defend itself. Japan is one of the richest nations in the world and does not need the U.S. to protect it. Contrary to what the sensational media and war-hungry politicians would like you to think, we're living in a fairly peaceful time.

There is no axis of evil plotting to attack the United States. The People's Republic of China does not have the naval capacity to move its troops around beyond its immediate vicinity. Even if they did, it's doubtful that they would seek to attack the United States when we're one of its largest trading partners. North Korea's nuclear arsenal is a moot point; they don't have the capacity to send it to U.S. territory. The real danger North Korea poses is to South Korea using conventional artillery. It's doubtful that North Korea will ever attack its southern neighbor, since they would be guaranteed a swift reprisal. The Iranian establishment does not intend to attack us, nor could it ever hope to with Israel watching it. The Soviets are gone, and Putin's grip on Russia is weakening.

There will always be dangers in the world,

and there is a place for military defense, but there is no need to occupy any other nation. The United States is living in a time of peace, so let's enjoy it.

If you want peace, vote for Ron Paul this upcoming primary election. The man is not a messiah and his policies may not be perfect. He is, however, the only genuine peace candidate in either of the two major parties.

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The California Republican Primary is on June 5th. It will be a closed primary, meaning that you should register as republican beforehand in order to be eligible.

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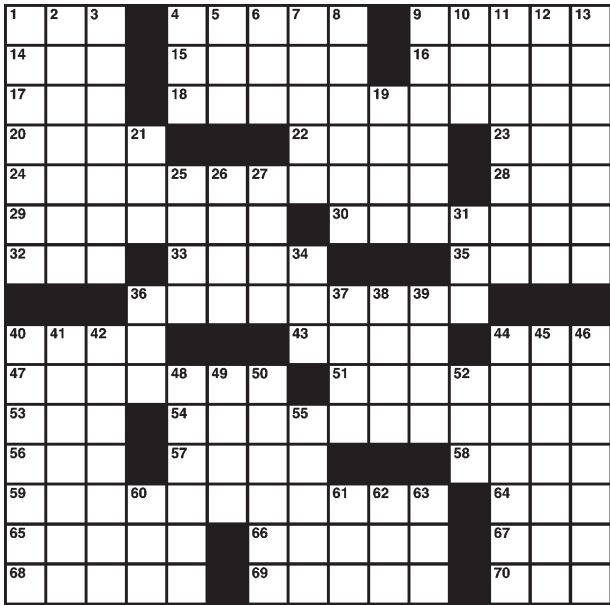
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- 18 Porterhouse relatives
- 20 Trading center
- 22 Without ___: pro bono
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- 29 Polish place
- 30 MetLife, for one
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- 33 Muslim leader
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- 36 Any of five Wolverine films
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- 56 Receive
- 57 Talker on a perch
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By Jack McInturff

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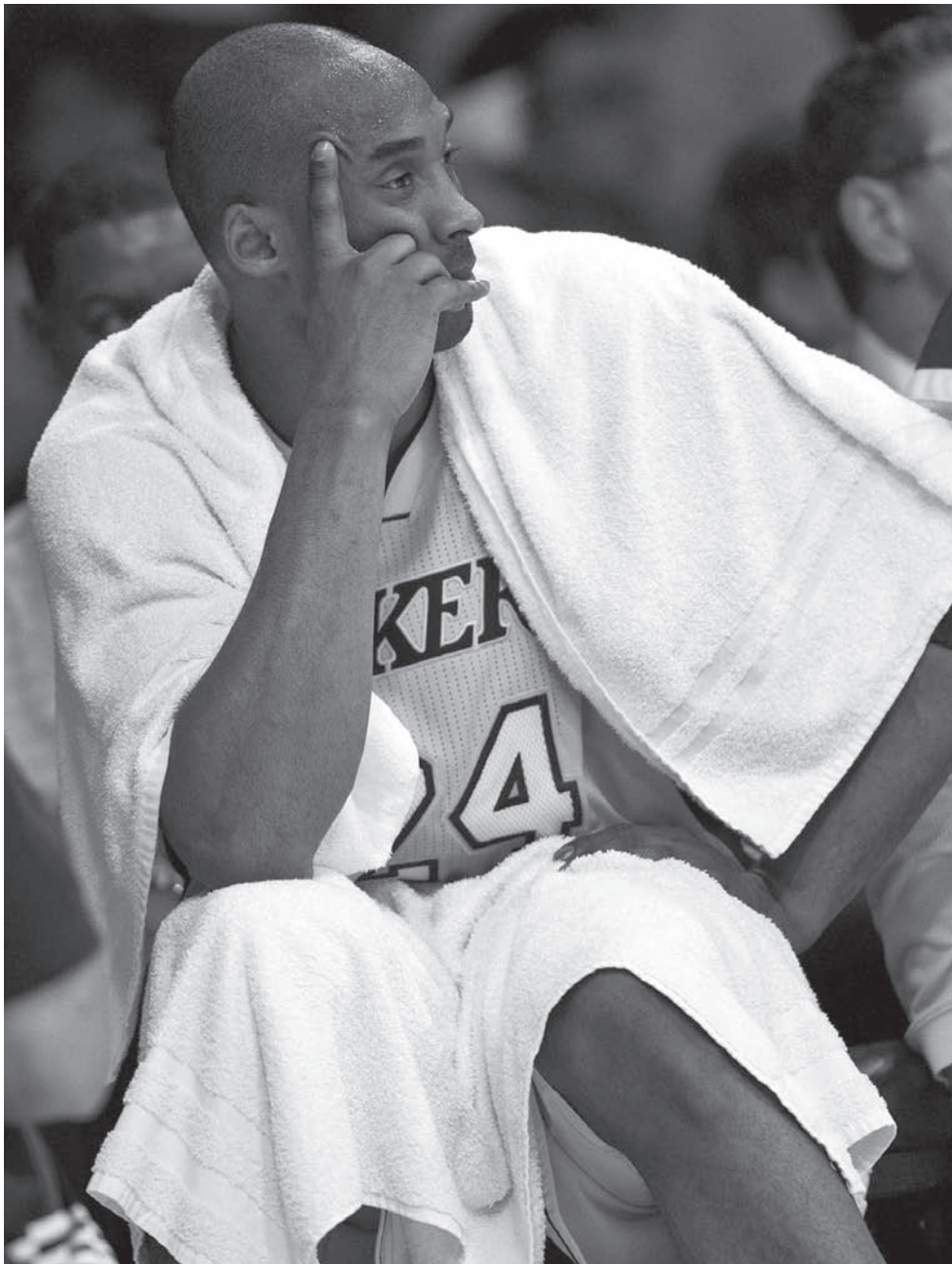
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WEEKLY COLUMN

Kobe's rest-case scenario



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Lakers guard Kobe Bryant sits on the bench during a game against the Hornets at Staples Center on March 31. Bryant is slated to miss a third consecutive game tonight at San Antonio as he continues to recover from a bruised shin injury. If the Lakers want to make a deep postseason run, Bryant should get a few more nights off before the playoffs start.

With playoffs looming on the horizon, Lakers better off being cautious with Bryant and resting him

RON ROKHY
LIVE-NEWS EDITOR

There's a reason the Spurs' Gregg Popovich is hailed as one of the greatest coaches of all time. Not only does he have four championship rings under his belt, but he's also grinding out winning seasons with an injury-prone team that has little star power.

But the most important aspect of his coaching is his strategy heading into the playoffs. Popovich is known for resting his best players at the end of every season. From old-timers like Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili to the younger Tony Parker, an MVP candidate, Pop benches his top-scorers occasionally to ensure a prosperous playoffs run.

Pop's tactic is great and every contending team should adhere to it. Not just for the players and the team, but for the fans as well. Not only does it give teams a better chance at winning because their players will be fresher and healthier, the fans will be treated to better basketball games in the postseason.

In the past, other coaches generally neglected this strategy, probably because they wanted to attain the highest playoff seed possible or keep their players' egos intact, but

recently, many coaches have implemented Pop's tried and true system.

For example, about a month ago, Dirk Nowitzki took four games off for no reason other than to rest, and right now, Lakers superstar guard Kobe Bryant is about to take his third game in a row off to heal up a minor shin injury – and that's a great thing. Actually, Bryant should take the rest of the season off.

The Lakers are in danger of dropping down from the third seed in the Western Conference, so some people see this move as a mistake. The team directly behind them, the Clippers, are surging and are only one and a half games behind. Without Bryant in the lineup, the Lakers are 1-1 as they got blown out by the Phoenix Suns and had to mount a comeback victory against the lowly New Orleans Hornets.

Obviously, Bryant is an important part of the Lakers. He leads the league in points per game, but his health is much more crucial to the Lakers' championship aspirations than securing the third seed. Even though dropping to the fourth seed would probably result in playing the Oklahoma City Thunder in the second round, the Lakers may not even get that far if Bryant isn't healthy.

The Lakers upcoming schedule, which has them

playing the Thunder, Mavericks and Denver once apiece along with playing the Spurs thrice (two of the games in San Antonio), isn't exactly favorable, but keeping Bryant out until the playoffs is a good idea, no matter what seed the Lakers wind up being.

Also, although the Western Conference is in a tight race, there's no real danger of the Lakers falling past the fifth seed. The injured Rockets and Mavericks teams aren't exactly threats to go on large winning streaks to surpass the Lakers. Besides, Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum can hold the fort both offensively and defensively while Kobe gets back to full power.

If Mike Brown wants to make a serious postseason run, he should sit Bryant until the playoffs start or play him sporadically over the last eight games of the season. That would maximize the Lakers' chances to go on a championship run.

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BASEBALL

They'll take it: CSUN a winner on late-game error

JONATHAN ANDRADE
DAILY SUNDIAL

A three-run blast by sophomore Miles Williams gave CSUN (14-18) an early lead but it took a botched grounder by Roadrunner shortstop Tyler Shryock to earn the Matadors a 4-3 non-conference win over Cal State Bakersfield Tuesday afternoon at Matador Field.

Williams blasted the first pitch of his first-inning at-bat over the left-field wall to put the Matadors up 3-0, but the Roadrunners slowly chipped away at the lead and eventually tied the game in the ninth with a pair of doubles.

Down to its last out in the bottom inning, CSUN got the winning run after freshman Ryan Raslowsky's grounder to short was bobbled and then thrown awry as pinch runner Chester

Pak reached home safely.

Junior Cal Vogelsang led the CSUN offense with three hits on the day while catcher Marty Bowen added two of his own.

Northridge's pitchers gave up 12 hits on the day but held on to the lead when it counted most.

CSUN's starting pitcher Justen Gorski struggled to find the plate in the first and found himself in a bases-loaded situation with one out after walking a pair and allowing a single. The senior forced the next two batters into long fly-outs and escaped the jam without giving up a run.

Northridge answered back with singles from Vogelsang and Adam Barry in the bottom half of the first. Williams followed with his homer, clearing the bases and putting CSUN up 3-0.

The Roadrunners cut the lead to 3-1 off a first-pitch solo shot over the right-field fence

by Kevin Younger in the second.

In the third CSU Bakersfield had a man in scoring position but was denied a run after a single to left ended with a Barry toss to home, chopping down the base runner to end the inning.

CSUN reliever Brandon Warner allowed runners on at second and third with no outs in the fifth and a groundout by Bakersfield second baseman Oscar Sanay was enough to bring Jordie Hein home to cut the Roadrunners' deficit to 3-2.

The Roadrunners put a man on with a one-out single in the eighth and added another base runner after relief pitcher Harley Holt hit Bakersfield catcher Frank Martinez, prompting warnings to both dugouts from the umpire. Another walk loaded the bases with one out, bringing in redshirt freshman Louis Cohen for an attempt at the save.

A line drive to Raslowsky at second turned into a double play.

The Roadrunners weren't ready to give up and mustered a two-out rally in the ninth to even the score at 3-3. A double to left center followed by another double to left was all it took to blow the save for Cohen.

Barry opened the bottom of the ninth with a double and shortstop Kyle Attl followed with a single. Livingston flied out and pinch hitter Todd Eskilin struck out, leaving it up to Raslowsky to decide the game.

Raslowsky hit a chopper to shortstop and Attl provided a screen as he ran to third. Shryock mishandled the hop and his weak throw was mishandled by first baseman Cael Brockmeyer as Pak ran in the winning run.

Seven different CSUN batters hit safely on the day for three earned runs.



KIERA HOCKETT / CONTRIBUTOR

Miles Williams, right, comes in after hitting a three-run shot in the first inning of Tuesday's win against CSUB.