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Associated Students candidate Emmanuel Martinez hands his mic to the opposing candidates, Sydni Powell and Christopher Woolett. Sydni Powell's mic stopped working while answering a question.



COURTESY OF INTEGRITY AND INNOVATION

Christopher Woolett is a junior majoring in liberal studies. He spent the past three years heavily involved in the Greek community, with his fraternity and the InterFraternity Council. He also spent two years as a part of A.S. both as a graphic designer and a senator for the College of Humanities. He's unofficially been named the vice president of A.S.



COURTESY OF INTEGRITY AND INNOVATION

Sydni Powell, who entered CSUN in 2009 as a freshman, is now a junior majoring in psychology. She began her career in politics when she ran for Lower Division Senator in 2010. The following year, she became A.S. vice president, and currently, she's tentatively been named the new president of A.S.

Calendar of Events APRIL 2012

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A.S. Finance Meetings
WHEN: 2 - 4 p.m.
WHERE: A.S. Conference Room (USU 100)
DESCRIPTION: The A.S. Finance meeting to discuss current budget requests.

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Lunch and Learn
WHEN: 12:15 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
WHERE: Sierra Hall 181
DESCRIPTION: Lunch and Learn with the department of social work. Find out where can a degree in social work take you.

Baseball vs. Cal State Bakersfield
WHEN: 3-5 p.m.
WHERE: Matador Field
DESCRIPTION: Baseball hosts Cal State Bakersfield

A.S. Senate Meetings
WHEN: 2-4 p.m.
WHERE: Grand Salon
DESCRIPTION: The A.S Senate meets to discuss current agenda items. An open forum will be held at the beginning of the meeting. Use the opportunity to see student representatives in action and have your concerns heard.

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Starbucks Celebrates Global Month of Service in Crenshaw
WHEN: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
WHERE: 54th Street Elementary School
DESCRIPTION: Starbucks is hosting a service project on Wednesday, April 11, at 54th Street Elementary School in Crenshaw as part of its second annual Global Month of Service. The project in Crenshaw supports the ongoing relationship of connecting the community between Starbucks and the Crenshaw neighborhood in Southern California. In collaboration with City Year Los Angeles, approximately 150 Starbucks partners and community volunteers will be painting murals and gardening to create a positive environment for the students of 54th Street Elementary School.

Werkin Workshop Wednesdays
WHEN: 9-11 p.m.
WHERE: Redwood Hall B-1
DESCRIPTION: A dance open to everyone. Tickets are \$5

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Men's Volleyball vs. Pepperdine
WHEN: 7-9 p.m.
WHERE: Matadome
DESCRIPTION: The Matadors host Pepperdine. High School Night: free admission to high school students with I.D.

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Cinematheque
WHEN: 7-9:45 p.m.
WHERE: Armer Screening Room
DESCRIPTION: "Zabriske Point", 1970, 112 minutes. Initially presented in quasi-documentary style, Antonioni's only American film begins with a group of college activists discussing key issues of their political agenda.

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Baseball vs. Cal Poly
WHEN: 3-5 p.m.
WHERE: Matador Field
DESCRIPTION: The Matadors host Cal Poly.

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Baseball vs. Cal Poly
WHEN: 1-3 p.m.
WHERE: Baseball Field
DESCRIPTION: The Matadors host Cal Poly.

Men's Volleyball vs. USC
WHEN: 7-9 p.m.
WHERE: Matadome
DESCRIPTION: The Matadors host USC. Fan Appreciation Night. All fans wearing csun gear will receive \$2 admission. Apparel must have CSUN logo or lettering on shirt/hat. Free admission to all CSUN students with I.D.

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Women's Tennis vs. Cal Poly
WHEN: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
WHERE: Matador Tennis Complex
DESCRIPTION: The Matadors host Cal Poly

Baseball vs. Cal Poly
WHEN: 1-3 p.m.
WHERE: Baseball Field
DESCRIPTION: The Matadors host Cal Poly.

Charlotte Country Music Club Jam-boree
WHEN: 2-6 p.m.
WHERE: Eagles, Kings Highway & Harborview Rd
DESCRIPTION: Charlotte Country Music Club, Inc. meets every month on the third Sunday of the month from 2-6 p.m. for an afternoon of country dancing; couples and line dancing. Guests are welcome.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 10

BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT - GAMES ROOM, USU - 4 - 5 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

CARNAVAL - PLAZA DEL SOL, USU - 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

POKER TOURNAMENT - GAMES ROOM, USU - 4 - 5 P.M.

LA NIGHTS - PUB SPORTS GRILL, USU - 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

CARNAVAL - PLAZA DEL SOL, USU - 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. & 3 - 6 P.M.

CRAFT CORNER - PLAZA DEL SOL, USU - 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

VETERAN MEET RELAX EAT - EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM, USU - NOON - 1 P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

PHOTOSHOP TECH SERIES - COMPUTER LAB, USU - 3 - 4 P.M.

RED RALLY - MEN'S BASEBALL VS. CAL POLY - MATADOR FIELD - 3 - 5 P.M.

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AS election results are in

Unofficial election results show a landslide victory

CARL ROBINETTE
DAILY SUNDIAL

Next fall, the new president of CSUN's Associated Students will be Sydni Powell, according to unofficial results from the March 28 and 29 elections, which showed they won by a landslide.

Powell, the current vice president of AS, appears to have defeated her opponent Emmanuel Martinez by a vote of 1496 to 995 according to numbers, but official results will not be available until April 10.

Powell's running-mate Christopher Woollett will be the next vice president. Woollett is a junior liberal studies major and current A.S. senator to the college of humanities.

Voters also approved two amendments to the Associated Students Constitution.

Amendment 1, which tentatively passed by a margin of 1,187 votes, allows A.S. to schedule meetings within 24 hours after notifying the public. This is in compliance with the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000, which requires university organizations to give at least 24 hours advance notice for special meetings. Previously, the AS constitution required a window of two business days.

Amendment 2 on the ballot, approved by a margin of 1,220 votes, is in compliance with Assembly Bill 1233, a new state law that says any corporation may not have non-voting directors or non-voting members on its board. This law also requires that the board must have greater authority than the A.S. President.

Previously the constitution listed general manager, students' secretary, attorney general and cabinet members as non-voting members. The amendment changes the titles of these positions so their seats on the board will be in compliance with state law, as well as giving more decision making power to the AS Senate.

Elections were also held for the student Senate who represents individual colleges on campus. These results can be seen at the AS website. Cabinet members will be appointed by Powell as one of her early duties as the new president of the associated students.

Scan this QR code to view the unofficial election results



SAMUEL ALBARRAN / CONTRIBUTOR

Associated Students candidates Sydni Powell and Emmanuel Martinez hug after a competitive debate on Tuesday at the OCU Lawn.



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Associated Students candidate Christopher Woollett taps his mic to see if it's working.

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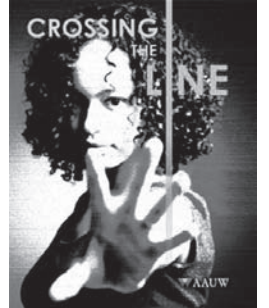
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CSUN Young Democrats president worries that political apathy is an epidemic

JEFFREY ZIDE
DAILY SUNDIAL

If you're trying to get into politics, don't try to get involved to promote yourself because you'll only be uncomfortable and make everyone else uncomfortable in the meanwhile. It is more important that you find a passion and go with that instead."

This is the advice that current CSUN Young Democrats President Ty Halen would give to other students who seek to go into politics as a career option.

Halen, 19, a sophomore and political science major, first began getting involved in politics during the 2008 Proposition 8 campaign. Prop. 8 was the law that banned gay marriage in California in 2008, a decision that was overturned in early February by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Halen was on the "No on 8" side of the campaign, and much of his life and work is dedicated to fighting for gay rights.

In the wake of the results of Prop. 8 in 2008 when gay

marriage was banned, Halen became much more politically involved even though he was still in high school.

"I was surprised by how many of our political 'allies' simply backed away and did little to nothing to overturn Prop. 8," Halen said. "Since the politicians were not doing their jobs, I felt I had to step in and do their job for them."

Halen works in tandem with the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley. He also serves as a delegate of the 46th Assembly District.

He was named to that position after interning last January and February for West Hollywood City Councilmember Lindsay Horvath.

Halen, who is openly gay, is not surprised that progress is slow when it comes to gay rights in America.

"I sometimes worry that too many in the (LGBT) community are very apathetic about politics and as a result, very little changes."

Even in the wake of the fallout from Prop. 8, Halen sees political apathy as a problem.

"Although the new ruling is a great first step in

the right direction, I worry that we might become complacent. Prop. 8, since being overturned, isn't really on anyone's radar, so it won't have any play on a political level," he said.

"I would have liked to see a ballot initiative to re-instate marriage so we wouldn't have to wait, so that we could have marriage here in California and possibly on a national level if it goes to the Supreme Court. It will go before them and if justice is blind, they will rule in our favor. But considering the conservative nature of the court, it's not a guarantee that they will rule in our favor."

The apathy he sees can also be applied to things as simple as shopping.

"The LGBT community is one of the largest trending markets and although most people really don't care where they shop, it's worrisome when major big-box stores like Target and Best Buy are actively giving money to anti-LGBT organizations and campaigns that will stop at nothing to limit our rights or take away the ones we already have."

According to Halen,

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



COURTESY OF DANIEL CORRAL

Ty Halen, 19 is a sophomore and the current president of CSUN Young Democrats. He has worked throughout much of his life on LGBT rights and issues.

many people in the community are aware of these actions.

"And yet we continue to shop there all the time," he said.

Halen says he hopes to become president, one day,

but for right now he is taking it one step at a time.

Aside from his political life, Halen says he isn't that much different from other college students.

"I'm really just an ordinary college student who is

passionate about making a difference," said Halen. "In the end it is important that you don't make a road map for your career but really find your passion and let that take you to where you want to go in life."

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Coffee consumption on the rise

Copious cups of coffee and lunchtime sandwiches to blame for heavy dent in student wallets

TANYA RAMIREZ
DAILY SUNDIAL

Despite the latest couponing and budgeting trends in loo of the recession, young Americans are not pinching pennies when it comes to the food group essentials – coffee and sandwiches.

Americans between the ages of 18-34 spend more than \$1,000 a year on cups of coffee and nearly \$2,000 a year on lunches. This amount rivals the annual \$1,476 an average American spends on gasoline, according to a recent Consumerist survey.

CSUN junior Brianna Hernandez said after she switches off the final snooze alarm on her phone and drowsily teeters out of bed, the only thing on her mind is coffee.

“I’m such a zombie without my coffee,” said the urban studies and planning major. “I’m trying to cut back, but I need my morning fix.”

Hernandez, 21, is one of many young people spending over \$20 a week on cups of Joe.

According to the Consumerist, those between the ages of 18-34 are surpassing their older cohorts in coffee consumption and spending. The average 20-year-old spends \$10 more on coffee than a typical 45-year-old consumer.

“I wouldn’t call myself an excessive coffee drinker,” said psychology major, Anna Gavin, 24. “But with work, tests



FARAH YACCOUB / DAILY SUNDIAL

Students drink a lot of coffee and tea in the mornings trying to make up for sleepless nights.

and late nights doing homework, sometimes you just need a cup of coffee.”

CSUN professor of Chicana/o Studies, Mary Pardo, who is in her 50s, also consumes coffee on a weekly basis.

Pardo said her morning ritual costs her about \$10-15 a week.

“I probably shouldn’t spend as much as I do (on coffee), but sometimes it just happens.”

Familiar to all CSUN students and staff is Freudian Sip, the on-campus coffeehouse iconized by the zany swirly-eyed caricature of Sigmund Freud.

USU Freudian Sip manager Vilma Flores said her branch makes about \$1,800-2,000 a day, which indicates students and staff who are willing to splurge on coffee.

“Business is good,” Flores said.

“Students really like their coffee, so every day is a busy day.”

The average 18-34 year old also spends about \$44.78 on lunch throughout the week. Purchased lunches for those over 34 spend an average of \$31.80 a week, according to the survey.

“I’m guilty of that too,” Hernandez said. “Especially when it comes to buying food on campus. I’m here all the

time and it’s easier to buy something than pack a lunch.”

Popular on-campus eateries include Subway and the Pub Sports Grill, both of which make about \$3,000-5,000 a day, according to Pub manager Tim Killips and Subway cashier, Ruben Coca.

Even campus convenience stores like the Mercantile Exchange bring in a daily \$3,500.

“We sell chips, drinks, candy, you name it, we got it,” said John Balukura, supervisor of the USU Mercantile Exchange. “Students are busy with school so it’s convenient for them to come in for quick snacks for low prices.”

But not all students think too kindly of campus dining.

CTVA major Nick Hosford, 20, said he’s more of an “eat and drink at home kind of a guy.”

“I’m poor, I can’t be buying expensive coffee and food every day. I mean seriously, 90 cents for one donut? Ridiculous.”

Professor Pardo also avoids CSUN cuisine.

“Sometimes I just need a break from being on campus,” Pardo said. “So I don’t normally stick around during lunch or buy food here.”

But with 66 percent of Americans sleeping in rather than preparing their own coffee and lunches, and with social pressures to dine with classmates and coworkers looming, the Consumerist predicts that money spent on food and drinks will continue to soar.

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Hoping for change in the insular world of comics

FREDY TLATENCHI
DAILY SUNDIAL

A key element in finding one's love for comics has to be identifying the one character you relate to, one you aspire to and let them grow with you. As a double minority, I have had the honor of DC comics practically making it impossible for me to find a character or group that speaks to me and other individuals who love comics but aren't heterosexual, Caucasian males.

Since the mass reboot of the DC comic universe in August of 2011, fans have been divided on the treatment of minorities and women in the new fictional frontier. The reboot saw the cancellation of several monthly comics, and the introduction of 52 new comics featuring classic characters.

Nicknamed the DCnU, the reboot disrupted continuity by wiping away the majority of the last 20 years of character development across the company's character stable. Superman, for instance, switched from a 30-something-year-old married journalist into a single reporter fresh out of college. But, to be frank, I never cared about Superman. The "Man of Steel" has enough fanboys defending his marriage status and missing crows feet.

What I do care about is the white-washing and gimmicky traits that DC perpetuates in this new universe and the apathy held by many of its consumers.

"In the beginning I didn't see how they would give a title to a secondary character like Mr. Terrific, just because for every 10 white guys in a title, we need one person of color," said Michael Freedman, owner of Comic Smash in Studio City, California. "The majority of my customers are young caucasian males and they weren't as interested in reading about Mr. Terrific fighting crime."

Freedman discussed Mr. Terrific, a black superhero, who is a stand out in the comic universe because of his status as one of the few genius supers of color. The character had been a favorite of Freedman for years, but even as a fan, the choice had thrown him for a loop.

I'll give it to DC – Mr. Terrific is proof that DC isn't completely blind to its minority clientele, offering to tell a story of a character that typically would

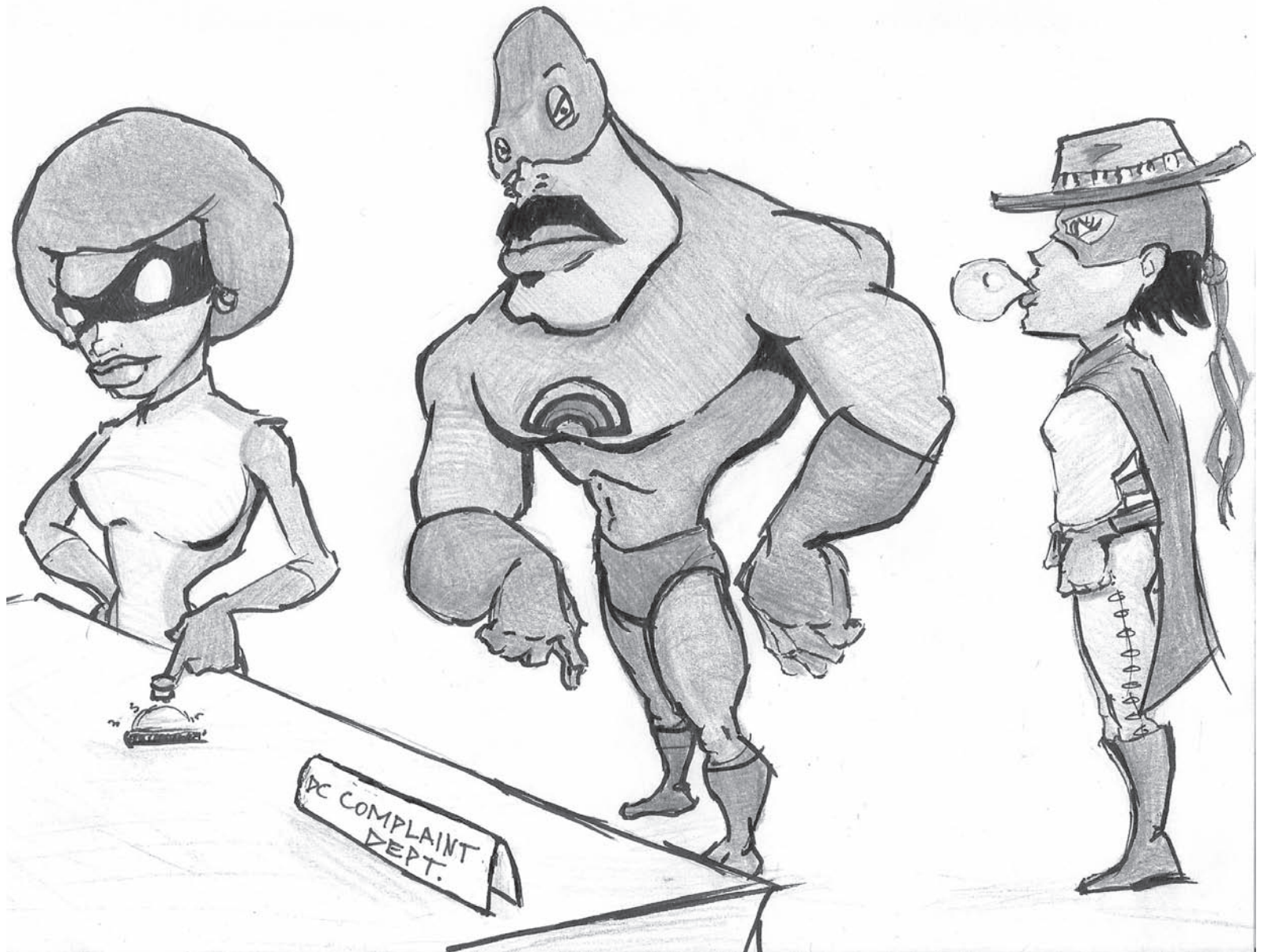


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not be featured. But by refreshing their universe, the company had a chance to tap into a little-explored market that could potentially tell a great story without the Caucasian hero hegemony.

It seems, however, that introducing one major character of color in the companies comics gave DC a reason to wipe away non-mainstream characters and alter defining traits.

"In the last three to four years, I've seen many minority characters killed off in favor of white, usually male, replacements in comics," said Darren Thomas, manager of Earth-2 Comics in Northridge. "The creators seem to think that there is some sort of nostalgia for the originals, the ones that were created in the 1950s, and unfortunately they don't reflect the present since all of them were white."

DC universe characters that previously represented marginalized experiences are now being changed into the norm; Batgirl

regained the use of her legs, despite a 20 year history as a paraplegic, and the Flash is no longer in an interracial marriage.

The portrayal of women in comics is also questionable. The already tiny number of female characters typically become victim to sexist tropes, such as unnecessary tragic events leading to a disability or death, typically to advance a male character's story arc.

Having bought comic books for years, I have had female friends that show brief interest in comics, but instantly lose it after one bad experience at a store or a book that repelled them.

"A few years back, I went to a comic shop looking to buy a paperback," said Sarah Darnell, a registered nurse. "I got out after five minutes since the cashier ignored me when I asked questions and the one nice guy in the store suggested I buy a comic about a female villain called Bomb

Queen. The character was allergic to clothes. I think the guy was making a joke."

For Erika Baron, a senior biology major and member for the Matadors for Equality, comic books have been a enormous part of her life, though she acknowledges the mistreatment of ethnic minorities and women.

"Why do they have Wonder Woman dressed in a bikini? Why change her origin into a mess that relies on old sexist tropes?" Baron says. "When did it become okay to change her origin nearly seven times in her history while Batman and Superman remain the same?"

Baron refers to the most recent reboot in Wonder Woman's history in "Wonder Woman Number Seven", released this month, which twisted her origin story enough to make William Moulton Marston, the creator, spin in his grave.

Originally born into an isolated tribe of peaceful Amazons in the

island of Themyscira, the latest issue depicts the tribe as women who raid passing cargo ships to seduce and kill all men on board. Pregnant, the Amazons keep the female children while offering the male counterparts to hell's inhabitants.

It's these quirks in the companies stories that set me off. While they may take a step forward with one character, they take a dozen steps back with an entire series.

Minorities still play second fiddle due to white consumer and production apathy, fulfilling only stereotypical or cliché roles in their own books at times. Female characters still seem to rely on gendered gimmicks to stand out, sporting stereotypical powers and impractical costumes.

Progress in the DC universe for minorities or women is receding in a world that wants a bit more than an interracial kiss or another worn out stereotype.

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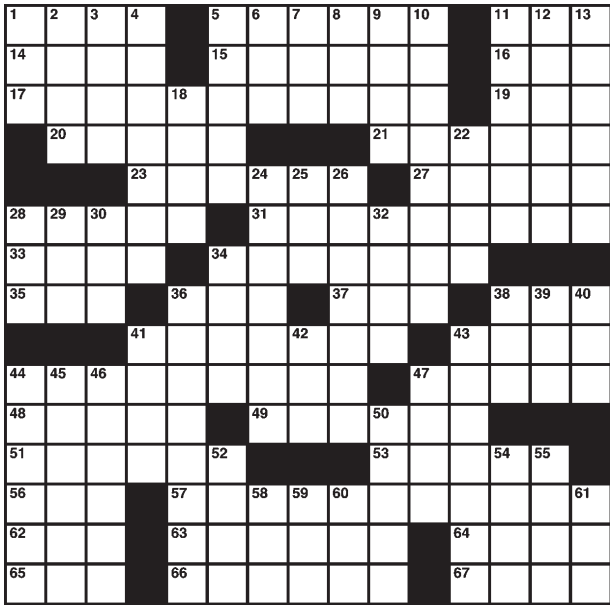
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By Gerry Wildenberg

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- 5 Violin maker Nicolò
- 6 Slowing, in mus.
- 7 Siamese or Burmese
- 8 ___ loss for words
- 9 Most common food additive, to a chemist
- 10 Inquire about
- 11 Tropical fruit
- 12 "Almost ready!"
- 13 Garaged for the night, gearwise
- 18 Heidi of "Project Runway"
- 22 Light rope
- 24 Jeremy Lin or Kobe Bryant, e.g.
- 25 ___ de Cologne
- 26 Imitate
- 28 "Casablanca" pianist
- 29 Chicken ___ king
- 30 Southern Cal. airport
- 32 Popular sneakers
- 34 Barbershop sound
- 36 Eschew the subway and bus
- 38 Owns
- 39 N.Y. clock setting
- 40 Used to be
- 41 1450, in old Rome
- 42 Get an "A" on
- 43 Rhinoplasty
- 44 Wooden shoes
- 45 Got an "A" on
- 46 Battery terminals
- 47 Estate beneficiary
- 50 Three-time Masters winner Sam
- 52 Soft French cheese
- 54 "Elder" or "Younger" Roman statesman
- 55 Financial subj.
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Conference promotes understanding

Queer People of Color Conference comes to CSUN to discuss race, class, gender and sexual equality

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The Queer People of Color Conference (QPOCC) took place on CSUN campus beginning on the weekend of March 30 with a variety of speakers and workshops for everyone all over the world to see.

QPOCC gives people the opportunity to understand the diversity of being a person of color in the queer community. They help people

focus on issues of injustice and oppression people face within communities.

Our theme is “four-way,” said Frankie Palacios, president, and the one who submitted the bid to bring QPOCC to CSUN. “We just want to make sure we are taking care of our whole bodies.”

“Four-way” is the intersection that people of color face which are: race, class, gender and sex (and sexuality) Palacios said. It is an intersection that all queer people of color face and each person has their own intersec-

tion to face.

According to Palacios this is the first international QPOCC in seven years with people coming from as far away as Australia and Canada with over 20 campuses and over 500 people attending.

One highlight of the events that Palacios thinks was a big hit was the keynote speaker Adelina Anthony. Anthony said the theme for QPOCC is something she feels very comfortable speaking about.

“I hope that people walk away with a real sense of awareness,” Anthony said. “I wouldn’t give a keynote speech unless I knew there was a community there to receive it.”

Anthony went on to say that she hopes what she has to say provokes dialogues amongst smaller groups and friends long after she has left the campus and hopes she helps people that have been isolated before.

QPOCC had several workshops for people to attend through Saturday and Sunday usually starting with breakfast each day.

Laurie Bui, a student at Cal State Fullerton, attended a workshop she thought would be very interesting called The Open Hearts Project. This workshop focused on ways in which queer/trans people of color are relating to polyamory/open relationships.

“The main thing I took away from it was talking to other people about their experiences,” Bui said.

Bui wants to attend as many of the workshops that QPOCC has to offer.



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Guests from all across the U.S. and from Canada gather at the Northridge Center in the USU. The QPOCC keynote speaker, Adelina Anthony addresses issues affecting LGBTQ people of color and speaks specifically of her experiences as a proud Chicana lesbian.

Another workshop available was Super Queeroes, which asks the question “What is queer youth media?” This one focused on examining the power of sharing people’s stories and using resources to create media.

Some students found the Police Misconduct workshop to be very informative. This workshop showed participants what their legal rights are when interacting with law enforcement, as well as tips on effective communication and legal resources.

There was a health and wellness area as well that offered a place to hang out and relax and get a mas-

sage.

QPOCC has been around since 2006 and has been hosted at several different colleges each with their own theme.

Palacios hopes all students learn something from any one of the workshops or from just talking to other people at QPOCC.

“I hope students take away that collectively we can move together and create change,” Palacios said. “Collectively if we learn how to work with one another we are able to be one voice and stand together in spite of our differences.”



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The QPOCC keynote speaker, Adelina Anthony addresses issues affecting LGBTQ people of color and speaks specifically of her experiences as a proud Chicana lesbian. Her demonstration at the end of her speech symbolized overcoming obstacles in the face of adversity.

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