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STARVING FOR CHANGE

Four peers plan to go on a hunger strike if CSU doesn't meet their demands

NATALIE RIVERA
DAILY SUNDIAL

Students from six different Cal State Universities will be taking part in a hunger strike beginning today until their demands are met by the CSU.

Students for Quality Education announced Friday that 12 students from Dominguez Hills, Fullerton, Long Beach, Northridge, Sacramento and San Bernardino will be taking part in the strike until tuition freezes and executive and administrative salaries are rolled back.

Four students from CSUN will be participating in the hunger strike. Sarah Garcia, Matthew Delgado, Grace Castaneda and Raiza Arias have been preparing for the restriction of food.

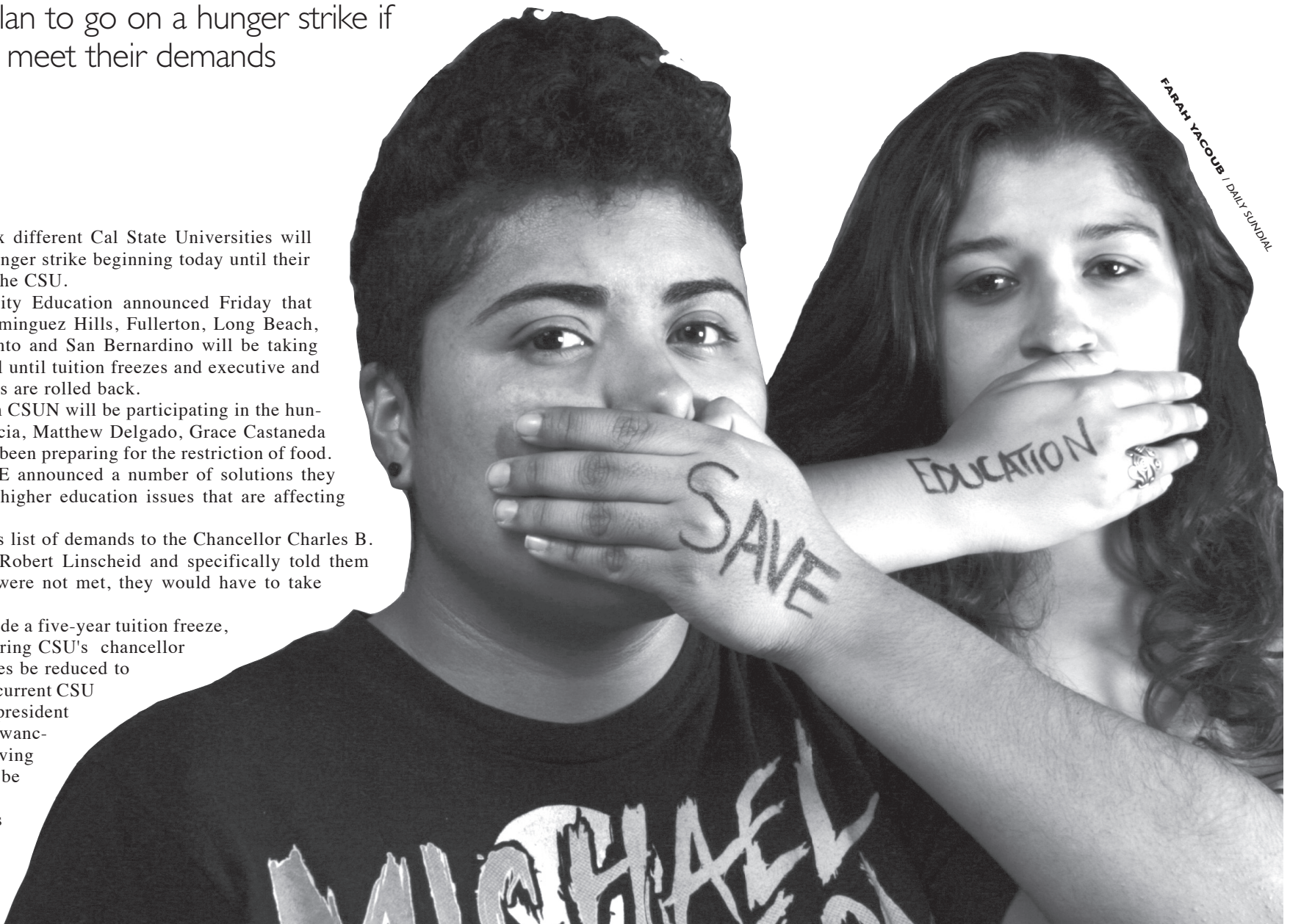
On March 20, SQE announced a number of solutions they believe would solve higher education issues that are affecting students.

SQE presented this list of demands to the Chancellor Charles B. Reed and Chairman Robert Linscheid and specifically told them that if the demands were not met, they would have to take further actions.

The demands include a five-year tuition freeze, a salary change requiring CSU's chancellor and president's salaries be reduced to 1999 levels to match current CSU funding levels, the president and chancellor's allowances eliminated and having all CSU campuses be free-speech zones.

After their requests to meet up with Reed and Linscheid were

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Women's journey to the Oval Office



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Political reporter, author, and television pundit Eleanor Clift gives a talk on "Women in Washington: From the Past to the Present" at CSUN on Tuesday.

ALEXANDRA RIGGLE
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Political reporter, television pundit, and author Eleanor Clift gave a talk on the history of women in politics to a nearly full auditorium at CSUN Tuesday.

In "Women in Washington: From the Past to the Present," Clift offered a history lesson on the suffrage movement and her observations about the current election and political climate.

Clift highlighted Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony as suffrage movement's pioneers and their dogged persistence in winning

women the right to vote.

Moving forward in time, Clift said the mid-twentieth century representation of people in the popular show "Mad Men" is not far from accurate.

"When many of us of the female persuasion got started in our careers it was a very different atmosphere than today. People smoked and drank at will – the 'three-martini lunch' was a real phenomenon," Clift said.

"Women who were highly educated at that time were frustrated. The first rumbles of discontent happened in the 60s," she added.

CSUN sociology professor Helen Dosik has been following Eleanor Clift for decades.

"She's articulate and well

researched on political topics. She represents an era when women were really fighting for equality," Dosik said.

Clift, who has covered every presidential election since 1976, described how she started as a secretary at Newsweek Magazine and eventually became a reporter, covering Jimmy Carter's election.

"That's how I got to Washington," Clift said. "I like to call it my Cinderella story."

"My real life is really at Newsweek Magazine," Clift said. "I've been there nearly my whole life. I got there because of what I call the contemporary women's movement."

Clift said there are several reasons women have not been as engaged as men in politics.

"In part it's because women have so many alternatives. Politics is an arena where you have to stand up and could fail publicly, which women are less inclined to do. Women are not asked as much (to enter the political arena) and they seem to need that encouragement more (than men)," she added.

Segueing into the upcoming election, Clift said, "We've had political commentators making us believe all candidates, like Bachmann and Cain, had a chance," adding that Romney has probably always been the only viable candidate.

"I think Romney looks like a president, and looks matter," Clift said. "But Romney is part

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STRIKE

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turned down, SQE decided to take volunteers for a hunger strike.

The four CSUN strikers have had regional meetings with the other eight CSU students who are also striking. The 12 students will all begin the hunger strike Wednesday and will allow themselves juice and water.

The four CSUN students have still not discussed when the strike will end but are hoping the strike will bring attention to higher education issues. The strikers are aware of the possible health consequences and/or death that might result from this starvation but have all agreed to fast until their bodies can not stand it any longer.

Castaneda for example explained that she currently is “not in the best of stage of my health, as it seems I might be catching a small cold, but I personally will continue with the action till my body says no more.”

SARAH GARCIA

Sarah Garcia, sophomore and deaf studies major became a part of SQE last fall. Before joining SQE, her activism involved attending rallies,



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however, she has no experience with hunger strikes.

Garcia grew up in an activist family. When she was younger, she joined her father in United Farm Workers marches. Garcia is part of the first generation of her family to get a college education and they are extremely supportive of her volunteering to do this strike because paying for school has been an issue for her and them.

“My family understands things are messed up,” Garcia said. “They understand why I’m doing this.”

GRACE CASTANEDA

A junior and double major in political science and sociology, Castaneda believes that the hunger strike is a way to bring attention to student issues.

“I have a lot of faith in this action as it is done



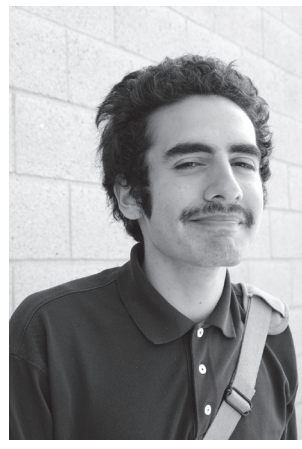
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to create awareness within the students and the community.” Castaneda said. “To inform them to what lengths officials like Chancellor Reed and his minions have gone as they have done nothing to better the current situation the Cal State system is facing. People like Chancellor Reed make a six-digit salary, have allowances for a car and have housing provided.”

MATTHEW DELGADO

Also a sophomore and in his first year with SQE, Delgado has been preparing along with the other three strikers by cutting down his consumption of food and researching. Delgado explained that he and his friends have faced issues paying for tuition, especially Delgado, because he “pays out of pocket.”

Though Delgado has no



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prior experience in fasting, he will not be consuming juices, only water. Delgado’s fears they’ll be ignored by the Chancellor and Chairman but he does believe that students can make a difference.

“My brother is about to have a kid and I just wonder how it will be for them 20 years from now,” Delgado said.

RAIZA ARIAS

The youngest of the strikers and the only freshman, Arias has experience in hunger striking.

“I’ve done hunger strikes before when I was 14. I’m a vegetarian, so when I was younger I did a hunger strike for 2-3 weeks.”

The strike was to stop a company from destroying an animal’s habitat, but the strike was unsuccessful.



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ful. Arias withdrew from the strike because of her health.

Arias, who is a theatre and anthropology major, has always been part of the activist community and joined SQE because she wanted to be involved in CSUN activism. She believes that the strike is symbolic and “reflects students who are starving.”

Arias explained that the SQE made sure to prepare them for the strike through workshops and research that was conducted. Though she has experience in not eating, sometimes “not by choice,” she worries that the other strikers might not handle the strike well.

“I’m worried for my fellow strikers,” Arias said. “We each have a safety team to make sure that each striker is cared for though.”

LECTURE

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of the 1 percent at a time when 99 percent are feeling arrested. People don’t resent wealth—we’ve elected plenty of wealthy presidents. Romney’s challenge is to get voters to believe that he is going to represent their wishes,” she added.

Although Clift believes it will be a close election between Obama and Romney, she is betting on Obama.

“Both these men are hostage to outside events. Two things are going to be critical—unemployment, and the debates,” Clift said.

Clift strongly encouraged the audience to vote.

“In other countries in this world people would crawl over broken glass to vote” she said, adding that voting is a freedom taken for granted in this country.

Michelle Elmer, CSUN sociology student and treasurer of CSUN Young Democrats enjoyed Clift’s talk.

“I thought it was an interesting take on the subject. I appreciated her insight on the current election and that she remained neutral.”

Clift believes that the status of women is improving and America will see a female president this century.

“Things have changed. Women have really achieved equal status in public life. Hillary Clinton probably still has another race in her.”

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Occupy returns to LA

Protesters attempt to shut down the city during 'May Day,' a one day national reprisal of the movement

TANYA RAMIREZ
DAILY SUNDIAL

A caravan of picketers, people's-power cars and bikes swept Los Angeles' financial district this afternoon in an organized demonstration marking the return of the Occupy L.A. movement.

The caravan, dubbed "4 Winds," had paths spanning from the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western neighborhoods of Los Angeles, and was an attempt to shutdown the city in order to draw attention to the

99 percent.

At 2:30 p.m., the four paths convened at the intersection of 6th Street and Main Street.

A mass of participants then joined other rallies taking part in "May Day" demonstrations, according to the Occupy L.A. website.

"May Day" is the coined term for the coast-to-coast Occupy gatherings taking place throughout the day.

As the caravan disbursed, hundreds of demonstrators accompanied the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles in their assembly

near Pershing square.

Police expected a flurry of arrests, but the day was met with little disturbance, according to an L.A.Now article.

Occupy L.A. organizers and supporters concluded the day's efforts in a general assembly at Pershing Square at 7 p.m.

"We will show those who claim power, where the true power lies — in our dedication to talking with each other and empowering ourselves to solve our own problems, the problems of the 99 percent," read the Occupy L.A. website in its promotion for "May Day."



LOREN TOWNSLEY / CONTRIBUTOR

Senator Cinzia Lettieri said she wanted to read resolutions that were sent back to the committee to give senators the opportunity to give input on recommended revisions and edits yesterday.

Children's event funded

Ability Awareness Day will help the exceptional

JESSICA JEWELL
DAILY SUNDIAL

A.S. passed a motion Tuesday allocating \$800 to the CSUN Branch of the Council for Exceptional Children to fund Ability Awareness Day, an event organized by the College of Education, presenting Jonathan Mooney from the unassigned contingency account.

Senator Cinzia Lettieri thanked the board for voting unanimously on the action item. The event's keynote speaker, Mooney, is a man who learned

to read and write at the age of 12 after a teacher recognized he was not cognitively impaired, but was simply dyslexic.

He went on to graduate from Brown University and is the author of "Short Bus and Learning Outside the Lines."

Ability Awareness Day is scheduled for Friday, May 4th, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and is free to the public.

Two resolutions, scholarships for graduate students and a proposal discussing the faculty's use of Moodle and other technology at CSUN, were sent back to committee to give

senators the opportunity to give input on recommended revisions and edits.

"I would like people to read the resolution, as I sent out copies to you," Senator Lettieri said to the board.

No discussion was had on the content of the proposed resolutions, but the revised resolutions will be presented to the floor again next week.

"I don't think it should go back to committee if there is not an issue of content. There's no reason to table it if it's just an issue of grammatical errors," said Senator Chavon Smith.

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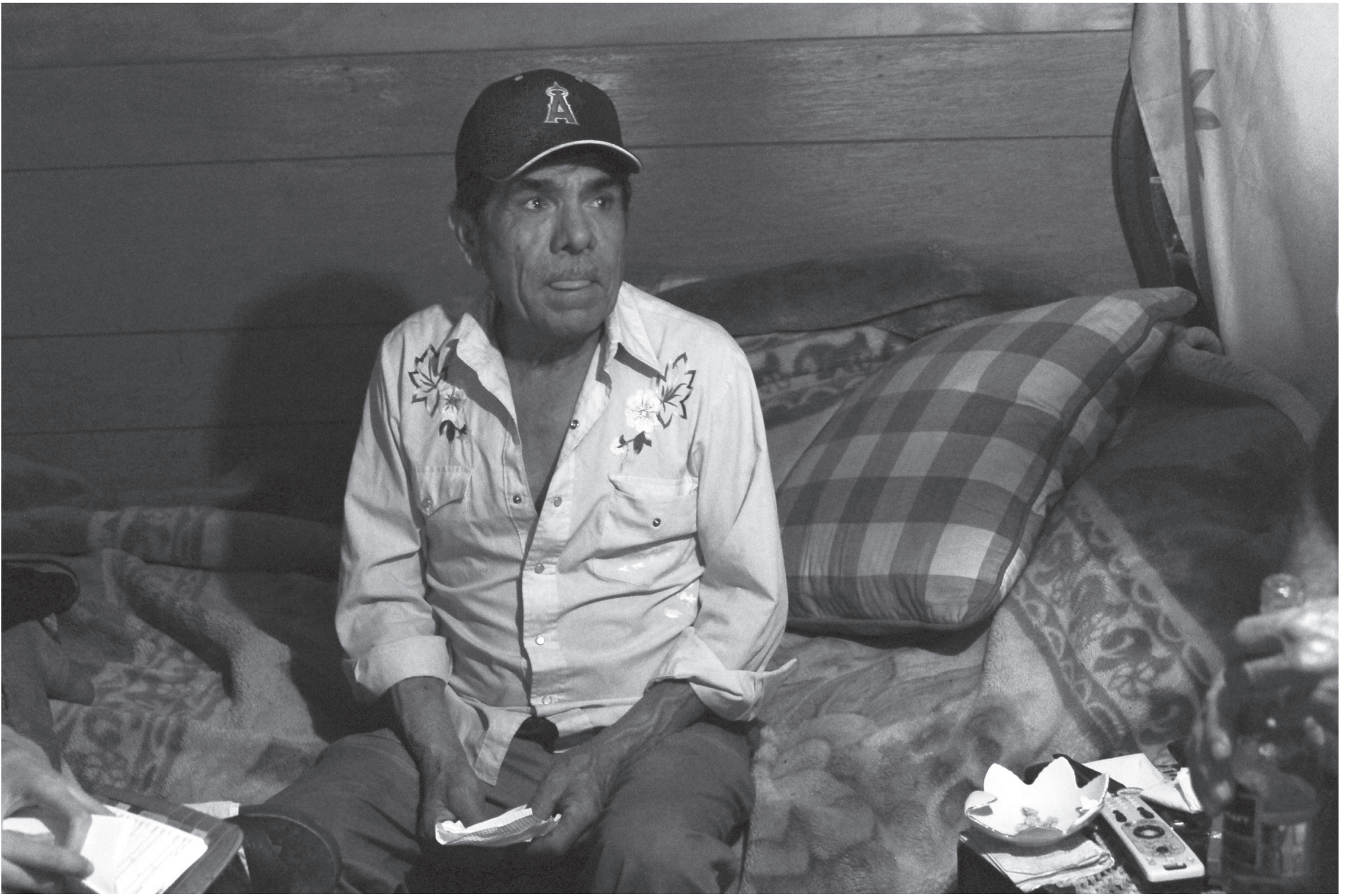
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Transitioning lifestyles

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Felipe Sandoval lives in North Hollywood, California. He was born and raised in a small town in Sinaloa, Mexico. He loved his home in Sinaloa. When asked why he lives the way that he does he said in Spanish, "I loved my life in Mexico. I wish everyday that I could be back there. I try to live my life here the same way I lived over there. Simple." His daughter Norma says, "he brings the saying 'One mans trash is another mans treasure' to life."

Felipe, or 'Lipe' as his children and friends call him, lives in a little lot behind a friends house. He is 69 years old and has lived at his home for over 15 years. He separated from his wife when his children were very little and built his home where he is now. He has a trailer that he primarily lives in. He has dismantled it and built it back up like a house. He cooks his food on a small barbeque grill outside and he washes his dishes with a hose and bucket. He works on a day to day basis cleaning out buildings and houses that have been abandoned or just moved out of. Most of the time he finds interesting things and brings them back to his house. His many children come over and spend time with him and he usually gives them things that he has found.



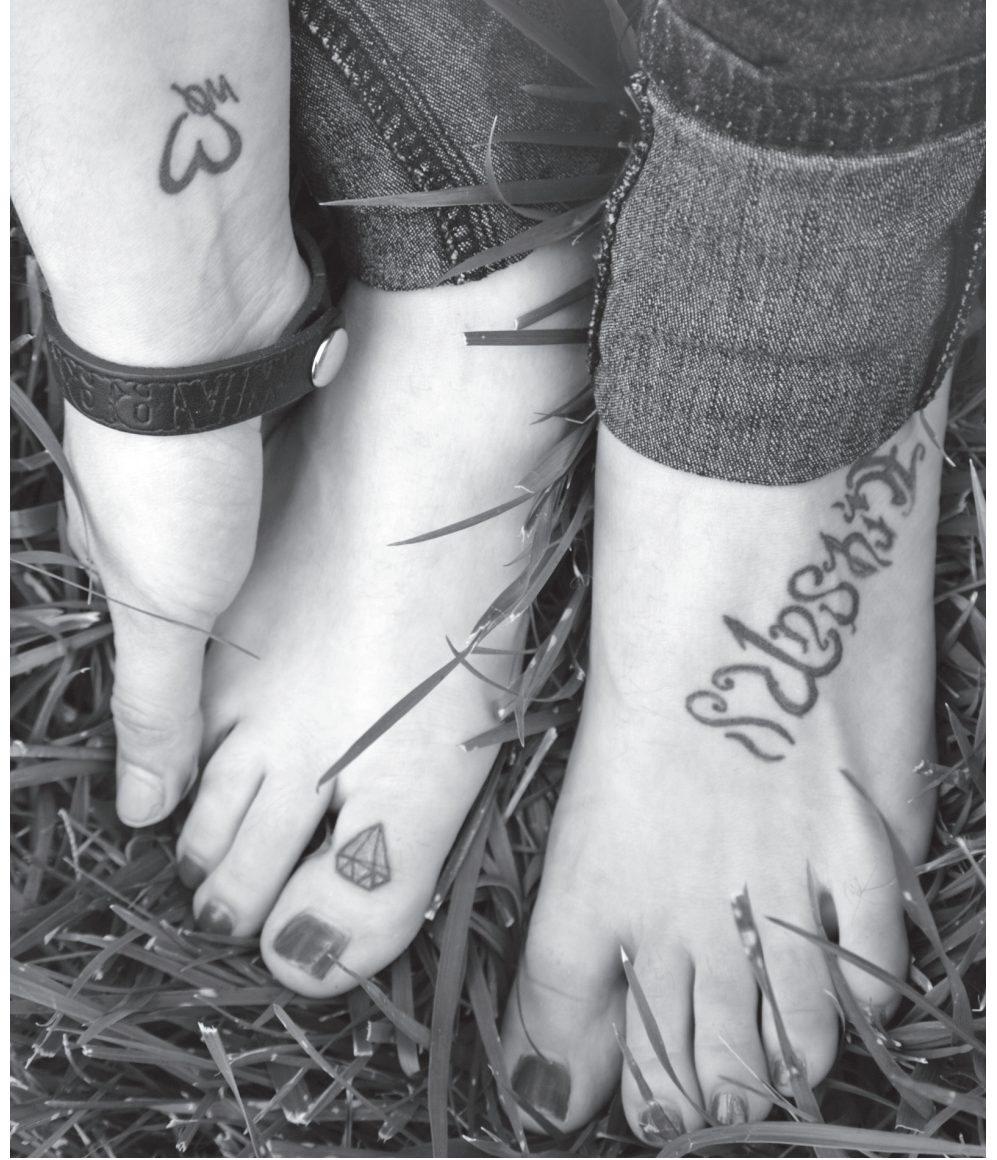
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We need not be discreet with our ink

Look out workplace, tattoos and piercings are no longer reserved for hoodlums and bikers



COURTESY FARAH YACOUB

Raewyn has acquired four tattoos that she hides at her workplace. She hopes that as the popularity of body art rises, the more accepted it will become in professional situations.

RAEWYN SMITH
DAILY SUNDIAL

Sorry Baby Boomers, but your distaste for tattoos has no real effect on Generation Y's love and obsession with them.

Sure, you're still the head honchos at major corporations and you're still writing the dress code policies for most places that we work or will be working for after graduation, but don't worry, we aren't trying to offend you with our tattoos; they're just another way for us to express ourselves.

By the way, not all of us are delinquents. You probably won't even know that we have tattoos unless you ask. In a 2007 Vault poll, about 40 percent of Generation Y admitted to having at least one tattoo. Many of us, however, hide our tattoos in the workplace as courtesy to employers and in compliance to company dress code policies.

Many companies – whether they are conservative or liberal – have policies that do not allow

visible tattoos or piercings because they can be unprofessional and hurt the image of the company. That's the stereotype, at least.

I have four tattoos that are on the small side – two that are visible in my work uniform as a server. My grandfather, of course, is offended when he sees the small heart tattoo on my wrist or swirly sunshine behind my ear, and he likes to lecture me on my future inability to get a job. Experience seems to disagree with him.

Employees with tattoos should work to be discreet with their tattoos, and conversations between management and employees should take place. As a server, I wear bracelets to cover my tattoos out of courtesy to the guests, although many comment on how cute they are. I'm sure their reactions would be different if I had a curse word or a skeleton holding a bloody knife on my wrist. In an office setting, I have also avoided chastisement because of my tattoos.

I believe my managers at the restaurant are more concerned with my image because I am interacting with customers of all ages on a daily basis and their visibility may not be because many people may find them offensive.

The best advice I could probably give comes

from my aunt who is a middle school librarian. At the age of 18, she got a tattoo of a pin-up girl on her bicep. At the time, she had no idea she would one day be working with children and, to abide by company policy, would have to wear three-quarter sleeve or long-sleeve shirts every day. Since I was little, she told me: "Make sure to think about a future career and tattoo placement before you get your tattoo."

Now, employers can't exactly tell us that our tattoos are offensive, nor can they fire us or refrain from hiring us because of our tattoos – that is illegal. However, dress codes are legal and companies have learned to be very careful with their wording. They have chosen to stick to blanket statements like "no visible tattoos," because what may not be offensive to one person may be to the next.

Like the way George Carlin's "Seven Words That Can't Be Said On Television" are becoming more acceptable, tattoos are also becoming more acceptable as executives are getting younger and may even have tattoos themselves. People with tattoos were once considered hoodlums – in the words of my grandfather and Baby Boomers everywhere – but what once was considered

offensive is changing.

Tattoos should now be the least of our worries in regard to what is offensive and appropriate for the workplace.

The worth of an employee is not contingent on their appearance or body image. Some of the best workers may be covered in tattoos underneath their suits. Others may even have the dreaded drunken mistake tattoo. Having ink embed my skin in a design of my choosing does not alter my ability to be productive, charismatic or respectful.

Tattoos in the workplace are about respect and, as a person raised by parents without tattoos but open to the idea of them, I was taught how to be respectful with my tattoos. So if you are inked up or pierced, you should still make an effort to respect your potential employer.

First, when interviewing, cover up tattoos and remove facial piercings. This will show your respect for the employer – even if they can see that I have a hole in either side of my nostrils, they appreciate the fact that I chose to remove them. Once hired, inquire about tattoo policies and have a conversation with management about your tattoos. Respect the employer's policy, instead of attempting to change it.

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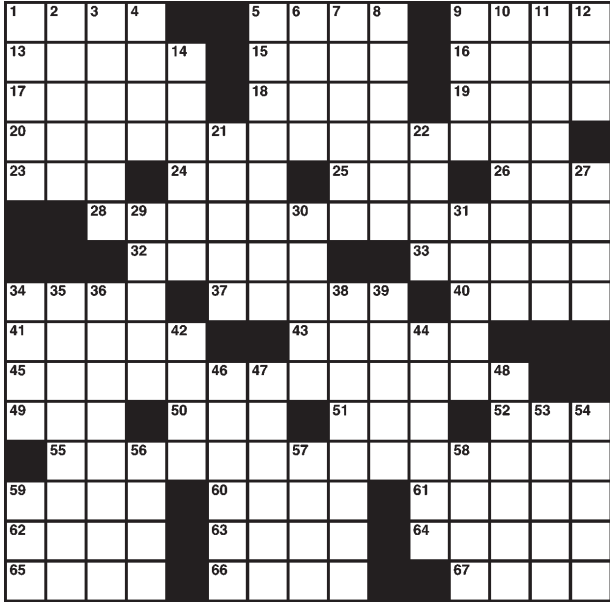
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Skiing need
- 5 Color Me ___: 1990s R&B group
- 9 Wait for a light, perhaps
- 13 Debate choice
- 15 Hardly ___: rarely
- 16 French company?
- 17 ___ acid
- 18 Lamebrain
- 19 Behold, to 57-Down
- 20 2002 DiCaprio/Day-Lewis historical drama
- 23 Ending with stamp
- 24 U.S.'s Ryder Cup foe
- 25 Letters from Greece
- 26 The past, in the past
- 28 1968 Davis/Lawford spy spoof
- 32 "Me ___": "My name is," in Spain
- 33 Mrs. Gorbachev
- 34 Big Island city
- 37 Aquarium fish
- 40 Fed. crash site investigator
- 41 Assured way to solve a crossword puzzle
- 43 Moved, as a dinghy
- 45 1940 Grant/Russell comedy
- 49 First National Leaguer with eight consecutive 100-RBI seasons
- 50 Society page word
- 51 Pier gp.
- 52 Circle segment
- 55 1962 Rat Pack remake of "Gunga Din" ... or collectively, the ends of 20-, 28- and 45-Across
- 59 Island goose
- 60 German crowd?
- 61 Word after dog or lop
- 62 1-Across vehicle
- 63 Memo words



By Steven L. Zisser

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- 64 Franklin heater
- 65 Frizzy do
- 66 General ___ chicken
- 67 Members of the flock

DOWN

- 1 Put on
- 2 Wanderer
- 3 Adds one's two cents
- 4 Chicken snack
- 5 A headboard is part of it
- 6 Noted bell ringer
- 7 Rely
- 8 Drafted
- 9 Prefix with graphic or logical
- 10 Dilapidated
- 11 Like Vegas losers, so they say
- 12 Program file suffix
- 14 Sportscaster who wrote "I Never Played the Game"
- 21 Lash ___: attack verbally
- 22 Belgian river
- 27 Not at all colorful
- 29 As a companion
- 30 ___ this world: alien

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WEEKLY COLUMN

Why You Hatin'?

Clippers' dramatic comeback win against Memphis inexplicably brings out worst from some Laker fans

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Disclaimer: Whenever this article mentions "Laker fans," it really means "SOME Laker fans." We know they're not all the same.

Haters. Sports inevitably have them. Where there are people rooting for a team or player, there are even more rooting against it or him.

One needs to look no further than LeBron James. As great a player as he is, the number of people who dislike him by far exceeds the number of people who root him on.

Because he screwed Cleveland. Because he never comes through in crunch time. Because he has no rings. Because of his hair line. Whatever.

Laker fans have taken on the task of celebrating any LeBron failure as if it was a second job. It's understandable, actually. They don't want the topic of "who's greater, LeBron or Kobe?" to

have any ground for discussion, and it won't until LeBron wins a title.

More on the side of difficult to comprehend, though: hating on the Clippers.

They're the other NBA team in town, the little brother you share an arena with, the ones who "stole" Chris Paul. When Lakers and Clippers meet each other, there's a slight rivalry. Especially this year in which the Clippers are more than decent.

No one expects Laker fans to start cheering for them, but going to the other side of the spectrum and hating on them? C'mon, man. That should be reserved for Miami or Boston.

Sunday night made it clear just how much Laker fans dislike the other L.A. team. The Clippers, looking all but dead down 24 with 9:12 left in Game 1 of their Western Conference series against the Grizzlies, came back to win 99-98, much to the dismay of Laker fans?

Earlier in the day, the Lakers had their own extraordinary moment when center Andrew Bynum tied an all-time NBA playoff record with 10 blocks, part of a triple-double performance in a Game 1 win against Denver. But then the Clippers did the unthinkable at Memphis and the Laker win could only play second fiddle to that.

I mean, people are still trying to figure how the Clippers pulled that off. That was the most un-Clipper-like thing ever. It was only the 12th Clipper playoff win in NBA history.

But after radio sports shows and social networks were full of people that had no business caring about the first meaningful thing the Clippers ever did in the postseason reacting as if they were Grizzlies fans.

Laker fans.

At first upset at the poor-shooting

Clippers for embarrassing the city, Laker fans turned their focus to trivializing the moment once Lob City came back to win, making the once-smug Memphians want bags over their heads.

The hometown's rep wasn't important anymore. Instead, everything from "the Grizzlies just gave it away" to "the Clippers will probably hang a banner for that win" filled the airwaves.

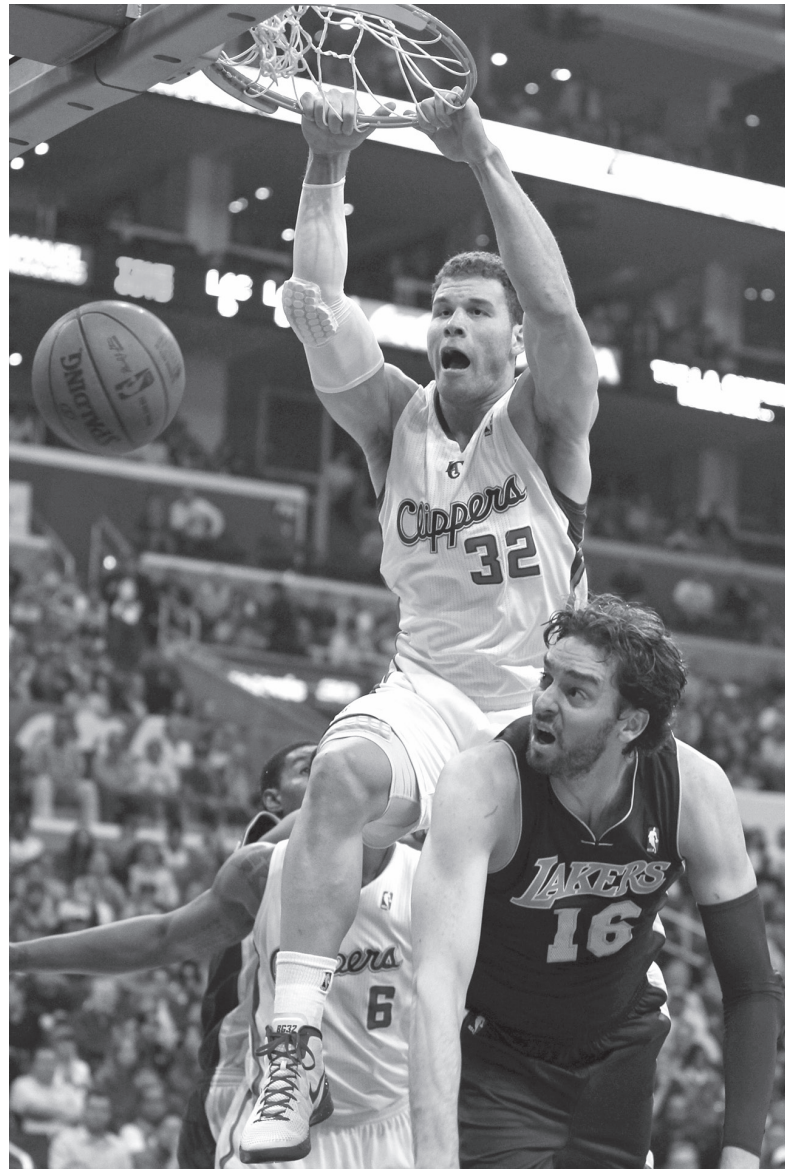
It was as if the Lakers had lost. But no, it was just the rarest of Clipper playoff wins. The Lakers have 400-plus wins of the kind. But do you really have to bring that up on a night that's about THEM?

Not unless you're a tool. That's like seeing someone just got a new toy and then rushing back into your house to bring out your bigger, better toy to show off. Why not let them have their moment? The Clippers will never catch up to the Lakers in accomplishments. Or are Laker fans actually worried about that?

Clipper fans: be happy with your comeback. And also with the reaction from Laker fans. It's a sign of respect, even of slight fear. They can deny it all they want, but they're watching their backs for Lob City. With that being said, don't get carried away and start talking smack to them.

Lakers fans: you can be better than that. Clipper success does not equal Laker failure. Congratulate your little brother on his once-in-a-lifetime win and move on. A Clipper fan will never be able to argue his franchise is better. You will always have 16 reasons to throw in his face if needed.

Instead, aim your passionate dislike at the Heat or the Spurs, teams that will likely still be playing once your 2012 offseason starts.



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Clippers forward Blake Griffin slams home a basket over Lakers forward Pau Gasol on April 4. The Clippers came back from a 27-point deficit to win Game 1 of their first round playoff series against Memphis, and that didn't sit well with some Laker fans.

BASEBALL

Notebook: CSUN making push in Big West race



MICHAEL CHENG / DAILY SUNDIAL

CSUN infielder Tommy Simis injures his left arm during a game against Rhode Island on March 13. Out since the injury, Simis is finally cleared to play.

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Since conference play started, the Matador offense has kept up with what the best of the Big West Conference has to offer.

After a series win over then-ranked Cal Poly and only needing one big inning to take the series from Long Beach State, CSUN is in the hunt for post-season play.

Last season, the Matadors (18-22, 5-7 Big West) only mustered up a 6-18 conference record in head coach Matt Curtis' inaugural season and are only two wins away from surpassing that mark with 12 conference matches left to do so.

Big West Update

CSUN has already faced

the three teams that sit atop the Big West in Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State and Cal Poly and have the chance to make a push in the latter stages of conference play.

CSUN sits in sixth place of the nine teams in the conference and has three of its last four opponents behind it in the current standings.

The Offense

The play of junior Cal Vogelsang and freshman Ryan Raslowsky at the top of the order mixed with the recent power surge of junior Kyle Attl gives CSUN the chance to put up runs.

Vogelsang is currently on a six-game hit streak, his second longest hit streak since his 12-game streak that spanned Mar. 14 to April 3. In the two spot, Vogelsang has hit .301 and has managed a .327 on base percentage.

Raslowsky has maintained a .319 OBP in the leadoff role, including 10 walks, and leads all Matadors in at-bats in Big West play with 53 visits to the plate.

Attl has homered twice in Big West play and four times this season leading to 19 RBI in 2012. The shortstop has paced the CSUN offense with eight of his RBIs in conference play alone.

Usual power-bat Miles Williams has seen a drop off in production but has still had his hand in some Matador victories. More recently, the junior outfielder drove a ball off the outfield wall against Long Beach State that scored Vogelsang in the ninth and extended the game into extra innings. CSUN would go on to win the game in the 12th.

Williams is still slugging .396 in Big West play with an OBP of .358 but has only

homered once in conference, taking his season total to five.

Injury Update

Transfer Junior Brett Balkan saw his first action since April 3 in the 12-3 loss to Long Beach State on Sunday. Balkan came in at shortstop and committed one of CSUN's two errors on the day.

The third baseman has been plagued with a series of minor injuries and was replaced by freshman Michael Livingston at the hot corner for the 11 games that he missed.

Redshirt junior Tommy Simis has recovered from his arm injury caused in a collision on a play at first base in the 5-4 loss to Rhode Island on Mar. 13.

Simis saw his first action since the injury at second base after he replaced Raslowsky in the Matadors 5-2 win over CSU Bakersfield.