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Rental programs become widespread among textbook providers to help lessen the cost of college

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ith the new semester underway, students are looking for ways to cut the cost of books and one way is to rent books.

There are several places students can rent from, including the Matador Bookstore, Amazon and through a new program by the CSU, among others.

On Aug. 6, Amazon launched a textbook rental program where students can save up to 70 percent in addition to being able to buy and sell new and used textbooks.

By using the multinational commerce company Amazon, students can choose from thousands of textbooks for rent.

"College is expensive, and students are always looking for ways to save money on textbooks, which is why we've long offered great prices on both new and used textbooks," said Ripley MacDonald, director of textbooks at Amazon, in a press release.

Few students have heard about Amazon's rental program and those who have still prefer the Matador Bookstore because of their easy access to book rentals.

"I've heard about Amazon's rental program but never thought about using it because I buy books on Amazon and I have seen the prices on their rental books," said Yadira Torres, a junior majoring in sociology major. "The Matador Bookstore is more reliable, they are right here and some of the books have the same prices as Amazon. I prefer buying my textbooks."

Nathan Garcia, a senior accounting major, also prefers using the Matador Bookstore.

"It is easier to go to the Matador Bookstore, buy it and keep it for a later time," said Garcia.

Cassandra Orosco, junior sociology major, said she might be interested in Amazon's rental program.

"(Renting is) easier than buying the book and then having to sell it after the semester ends," said Orosco.

It seems the Matador Bookstore has more titles for rent, while some of Amazon's books are more affordable than the bookstore.

"Competition is healthy for the customers and keeps us extra-sharp in the goods and services we provide," said Amy Berger, director of the Matador Bookstore. "We're an on-campus resource that knows CSUN, students and faculty."

Berger was not surprised to find that Amazon had launched a rental program, but she believes one of the Matador Bookstore's advantages is their location directly on campus, within close proximity of students and faculty.

"When students utilize the Matador Bookstore Rent-A-Text program, we can assure students that they will get the right book," said Berger. "If an instructor changes, or decides to use a different book, we offer returns and make sure they get the right one."

Another rental program that launched this fall is the CSU's digital rental service. The CSU recently signed an agreement with Cengage Learning, CourseSmart, Follett and Barnes & Noble, giving students access to thousands of e-textbooks at discounted prices.

The program was an initiative under the Affordable Learning Solutions Campaign offering students the option to rent digital versions of textbooks, saving at least 60 percent compared to purchasing the printed textbook.

"(The) CSU created the Affordable Learning Solutions campaign to give faculty the choice to select and students the choice to rent course materials digitally, which is more affordable for students," said Stephanie Thara, representative for the CSU.

In addition to renting textbooks, CSU provides information on course materials, e-textbooks and library materials that are free to students.

"Affordable Learning Solutions provides a website that is a one-stop-shop where faculty, staff, and students can find low cost course content that can substitute for more costly textbooks," said Thara. "By reducing these expenses, we believe that we can provide more affordable access to a quality CSU learning experience."

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GAS PRICES

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AMANDA EL KHOURY DAILY SUNDIAL

aving money on gas has become a priority for students following the Aug. 6 Chevron Richmond refinery

Edith Manuel, a freshman computer science major, commutes from Downtown Los Angeles three to four times per week to save

"My parents don't have a car and I don't want to buy a car," she said. "It's expensive (and) I don't mind taking the bus."

According to the L.A. Times, the refinery is the third biggest in the state and an important source of fuel. It can produce 243,000 barrels of fuel a day when running at full capacity. For now, Chevron has not released how much diesel and gasoline it can produce.

Gas stations, however, have already released new increased gas prices.

According to the AAA Fuel Gauge Report, the price for regular gas in the Los Angeles area last month was \$3.777 and as of Aug. 20 the price was at \$4.118.

The Los Angeles area is not the only city being affected by the raise. AAA Fuel Gauge Report stated

that the price for regular gas in Orange County has gone from \$3.748 in July to \$4.094. It also stated that the price in Ventura is at \$4.110 compared to \$3.764 from last month.

Marie Montgomery, a spokesperson for the Automobile Club of Southern California, explained that most of the impact has happened already.

"We saw an almost immediate reaction in the market, almost a 20 cents increase in 10 days or less.

The AAA Fuel Gauge Report stated that a year ago the price for regular gas in Los Angeles was \$3.713, which means that there has been a total rise of 0.405

"It's hard to say for sure what will happen in the future. During prior years when gas prices are following a normal pattern, during winter and fall gas tends to fall. Usually, we'll see the lowest prices of the year in December and January. It might come even sooner, but that is normally what we see," Montgomery said.

Montgomery explained one way drivers can prepare for higher gas prices is by paying more attention to how one drives. A driver can improve their fuel economy by 20 to 50 percent by being a calmer driver. Also, drivers should be checking their tires every other time they fill up or every other week.

"If you drive your car as if there's a raw egg under your gas pedal then you'll know how much pressure to put," Montgomery said.

The rise in gas prices has had a mixed effect on students and professors at CSUN. Jon Craine, freshman psychology major, commutes from Central Los Angeles up to four times a week. Craine explained that he only spends \$30 per week on gas.

"I don't drive many places and I have a decent car," Craine said.

Mark Schilling, professor of mathematics, explained through email that he is hardly affected by gas prices.

"I drive a car that gets reasonably good mileage," Schilling stated. "(I) don't live that far from the university and don't take a lot of unnecessary trips. I only spend \$100 (to) \$150 (per) month on gas, so an increase or decrease in the price per gallon really doesn't have a big affect on me."

The mystery of what will happen to gas prices in the upcoming weeks is just that, a mystery.

"It's really anybody's guess," Montgomery said. "We're hoping that this is the worst of it and hoping that gas prices will come down in the fall and winter. We only have a few refineries in California and some of them have been closing down. When one refinery goes down for whatever reason it has a big impact on our prices."

Campus Voice GABRIELLE MOREIRA/ DAILY SUNDIAL

How is the rise in gas prices affecting you?



MAYOWA EMEYA COMPUTER INFORMATION **TECHNOLOGY**

"The prices are killing me and I live here in L.A. I try to schedule my classes to twice a week. I also try not to drive fast, unless I'm late."



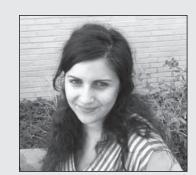
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"The high prices are definitely costing me more, but the relief is I come two days a week. I try not to use my car as much. Whether that means taking the bus or carpooling."



JASON GIBBY ENGLISH

"It was a bitch to commute, but financial aid has lessened the burden. It's L.A., there's no means of great public transportation, It's really difficult to maintain a schedule without a car here.'



LORI HAMALIAN ENGLISH

"The prices haven't affected me that much because I drive a small car with good gas mileage. I carpool whenever I can and try not to drive far. I stay local."



Request denied:

Documentary filmmaker tries to honor Ruben Salazar

CARLY GILLIS DAILY SUNDIAL

civil rights organization has filed a lawsuit against the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to release 40-year-old documents related to the death of Ruben Salazar, a noted Chicano/a journalist, to the public.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed a writ of mandate to release all papers without redaction on behalf of Phillip Rodriguez, a documentary filmmaker and senior fellow (scholar) at the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, who has repeatedly been denied access to details within the papers.

"There is no reason, in logic or law, why the sheriff should continue to withhold information that he has already allowed to be reviewed by members of the public, related to a case that is over 40 years old," said Thomas A. Saenz, MALDEF president and lead attorney on the case, in a news release.

"The sheriff should understand that the community, including law enforcement, would benefit from greater knowledge and understanding about Ruben Salazar's tragic death," said Saenz.

On Aug. 29, 1970, Ruben Salazar, a trailblazing Mexican-American journalist in both broadcast and print, was taking a break from covering a Chicano Moratorium protest when he was fatally struck in the head with a tear-gas projectile fired by a sheriff's deputy.

Due to Salazar's reputation as a critic of the LAPD, his death sparked public outrage and many accused the police of planning his assassination.

However, neither the details of his death nor those accusations were examined in court. The reigning district attorney ultimately determined there was no need for a trial and the documents related to Salazar's death were sealed and sat in eight boxes for over four decades.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca released the documents in 2011 for review by various media outlets, but not without stipulations. Each viewer was supervised by the sheriff's employees while accessing the documents and only for limited amounts of time.

Even though the papers were released for public review, the sheriff's department claims they are still exempt from public record requests and are subject

to limits of review and copying. Requests for copies made by Rodriguez, who is working on a documentary about Salazar's life and death, have been rejected.

Dr. Raul Ruiz, a CSUN professor of Chicano/a studies who knew Salazar, was among those given access to the files. He said the truth is hard to find within the restraints given by the sheriff's department.

"The files are in terrible shape and are not, in any real way, organized," he said.

Although the Office of Independent Review, a watchdog agency, reviewed the files last year and found no evidence of intentional targeting, Ruiz said more scrutiny could be applied.

"I find it a preposterous notion that he was killed the way they say he was killed," said Ruiz. "We need the public and researchers to look and weigh the evidence."

Noting Salazar's experience as an international journalist who had reported on the Vietnam War, Ruiz finds it hard to believe he would refuse to cooperate with police while covering a domestic news story.

"When the press is eliminated in a horrible way, we need to pay attention," said Ruiz. "If it happened then, it can happen again."

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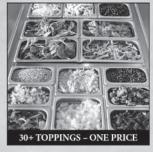
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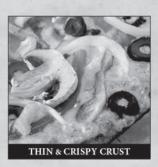




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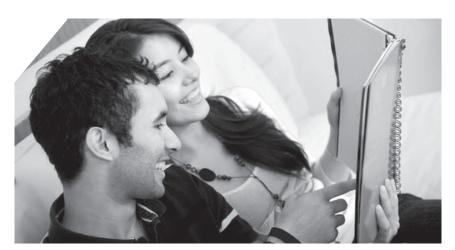
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The sex divider: how to keep your private life private from your roomie

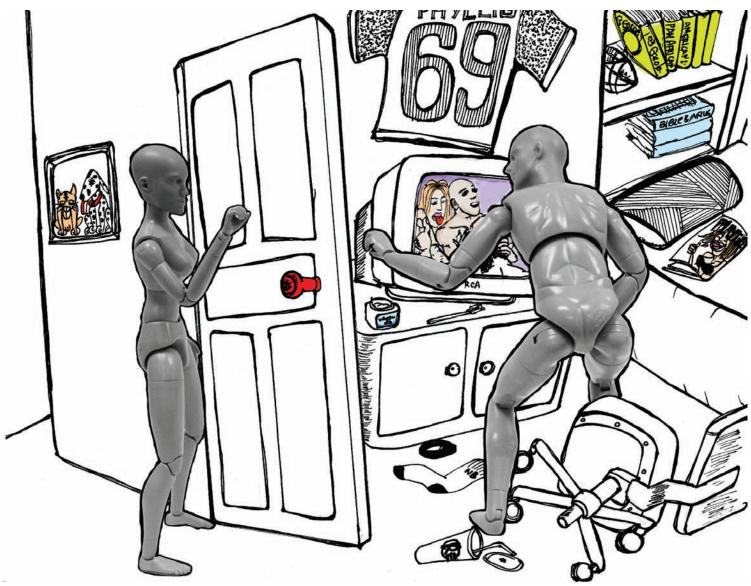


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THE TALK

We're bringing it back. The very controversial and much-missed sex column will appear in this section throughout this semester and hopefully into the next. Yes, this paper attempted the column in the past, only to tarnish our journalistic integrity—a tacky story on "blow jobs" published nearly three years ago has been our most-viewed story on our website to this day. But that was due to poor writing and bad editing, which we will not tolerate on any page, especially concerning this column.

"The Talk" is a series of articles that examines an essential part of human life. Sex is often a challenging, awkward, but exciting aspect of the college experience and deserves to be discussed in a supportive space. We will visit topics such as the psychology of sex; asexuality and sexual fluidity; reproductive health issues; the intersections of religion, race, class, gender and sex; sexual trauma; masturbation and pornography; and new research regarding human sexuality and behavior.

"The Talk" will be sophisticated, interesting, educational and positively sexy. As CSUN's campus newspaper, we strive to reflect the needs of our community. Students and professors are welcome to contribute to "The Talk" or send an email to opinion@csun.edu with story ideas.

FREDY TLATENCHI

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reshman year for Gail Castillo was excruciatingly memorable.

The then 18-year-old graduated high school with honors, began a life of semi-independence in the dorms of UC Berkley and walked in on her roommate getting nailed on five different occasions - two of them happened to occur on Gail's bed.

Containing the classic elements of a college horror story, Castillo was stuck with her free-loving roommate for the entire year.

Irritatingly, her roommate believed that Castillo was in the wrong for entering the room without knocking. The fact that her roommate had partners over for sex while Gail slept, flattened the appeal of her knocking proposal.

Many can identify with Gail, who

endured embarrassing and humiliating moments in her dorm life due to one individual lacking a well-built "sex divider."

A sex divider goes beyond being a decent roommate who never borrows clothes without asking, nor steals your money. Firmly preventing one's sexual and public life from overlapping in seriously unappealing ways, a sex divider is a mutual agreement reached by all parties who share a personal space.

One can test their divider through introspective analysis. Do you take precautions in order to prevent your roommate from walking in on you while changing or worse? Are all your toys and porn stashed away in a box? Do you treat mystery stains with discretion? Or do you simply expect your roommate to know when to knock?

We don't have to run for Chick-Fil-A's moral crusader of the year

award. Unless you are interested in opening the door to someone's metaphorical sex closet, snapping a lock on your sex life should be a given and not an option.

Work with your new roommate and create an environment that promotes open discussion. Set boundaries early on that you can both agree upon. Topics that should be covered in the first few days include food, tidiness, the labeling of materials (acquaintances can be viciously possessive) and curfew. Strangers aren't fond of drunken roommates stumbling into the dorm at 2 a.m. on a Wednesday.

Most importantly, define what is and what isn't appropriate sexual behavior while in the company of roommates. Will he or she be offended if you bring your significant other to the room? Is having sex with a partner acceptable if your roommate is not present? If one

is having sex in the room, should they hang a tie on the doorknob as a sign? Should one give a heads-up on future "spontaneous" play?

The conversation will be awkward, but necessary- a bit like getting an STD check the day after sleeping with someone on the first date. Without these talks, readers might find themselves in the following situation.

A year ago, Kenny Orwin, a nursing student at Pierce College, shared a small two-bedroom apartment with two other male students for a semester before deciding to move out.

In the beginning, Orwin said things were typical. No one fought and belongings did not mysteriously go missing. Then the steady stream of strange men coming into his living space started. One roommate often invited men over from Craigslist's "Casual Encounters" section. It was during one of those visits that Orwin had his favorite leather jacket go missing.

The other roommate proved to be just as difficult. He left animated pornography, hentai, in the shared DVD player on a regular basis.

"I should've said something, but it was a different time for me," Orwin said. "You leave your tissues lying around now, I'll put you on the spot in front of your girlfriend or boyfriend."

Students finding reasons to justify their X-rated actions tend to forget that both parties paid to room with a stranger. No one is king or queen of the pocket sized domain nor should roomates be completely vulnerable to the other's whims.

Rooming with a stranger is a bit like settling into a stand-still where special considerations and eccentricities might leave one open to criticism or hostility.

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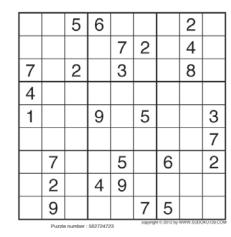
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Huge salary, no chance

Newly-acquired Adrian Gonzalez helps the Dodgers' batting order but won't be enough come playoffs





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he Los Angeles Dodgers are making a push to the playoffs, trading for new players, at a time when restrictions make it nearly impossible to complete a trade like this. Taking on a little more than \$250 million in salary from the Boston Red Sox shows the Dodgers want to win, and this is the year they plan to do it.

Though this trade looks good on paper, it is only good for the Boston Red Sox. While the Dodgers need a hard hitting first baseman, something they have lacked all season, fourtime All Star Adrian Gonzalez is not the same player he was three years ago. Carl Crawford is unworthy of the \$20 million a year he earns and may only be able to platoon as an outfielder when he returns next year, and Josh Beckett is past his prime as a staff ace.



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Los Angeles Dodgers Adrian Gonzalez hits a 3-run homer in the 1st inning against the Miami Marlins at Dodgers Stadium in Los Angeles, California, on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012.

With the updated roster, the Dodgers will still be heading home early in the playoffs. While a playoff berth seems a given now with these new additions, they are missing that 1-2 punch in the rotation that would make them World Champions.

After floundering for eight years under the ownership of Frank McCourt, the Guggenheim Partnership has completed three mega deals within the past month, spending over \$2 billion to acquire them in March and promising to bring back the legacy of the team that seemed lost. It seems Guggenheim is making fielding a perennial winner its priority.

"We did this for our fans. We want to win now," said part-owner Magic Johnson in an ESPN interview. "It sends a message to our fans that we want to win. Our players are

Starting with the acquisitions of Hanley Ramirez, a three time All-Star and Randy Choate from the Marlins in July, the Dodgers then traded for the Phillie's Shane Victorino, and the Mariner's Brandon League.

On Saturday, morning the Dodgers completed the biggest blockbuster of the year, acquiring Adrian Gonzalez, Nick Punto, Carl Crawford, and Josh Beckett from Boston in exchange for James Loney, Allen Webster, Ivan De Jesus, Rubby De La Rosa, and Jerry Sands.

Once the trade deadline is passed on July 31, a trade can't be initiated between teams unless players being moved are placed on the waiver wire, giving the other 29 teams a shot at claiming them. Starting in order from the worst record to the best, the first team to put a claim on the player may initiate talks with the original team. The claiming team then may trade the player, pull them back, or release them outright.

This trade was only able to hap-

claim for each of the players, and Boston was willing to get rid of them.

With baseball's new postseason setup, a wild card berth does not guarantee postseason play, making the division title all that more important. Entering play on Sunday, the Dodgers were two games back of NL West leader San Francisco Giants, and leading the NL Wild Card.

The Dodgers have floundered since acquiring Hanley Ramirez, going 16-13 and continually trading the NL West division lead with the Giants.

The trade already showed signs of promise of a Dodgers' playoff berth, with Adrian Gonzalez's first at-bat being a three-run home run. Gonzalez was hitting .300 with 15 home runs and 86 RBIs in 123 games for Boston

Josh Beckett's debut did not go as well, losing 10-0 to Colorado on Monday, throwing 5 innings and giving up 3 runs. Beckett, who was an integral part of last year's epic Boston collapse, was 5-11 with a 5.23 ERA in 21 starts this season.

Carl Crawford, a disappointment since signing a seven year \$140 million contract in 2010, recently underwent Tommy John surgery, and won't be back on the field for nine

With players moving from the American League to the National League, there is normally performance boost in their numbers, especially for pitchers, according to a recent article on ESPN.com. The Dodgers hope that Beckett can find the form that made him the 2003 World Series MVP for the Florida Marlins, and a part of Boston's 2007 World Series win, but in the end, it looks like they won't have enough to win this year.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

CSUN prepares to host undefeated Wolverines

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he Matadors (2-1-1) will try to get back on the winning track tomorrow against the undefeated Michigan Wolverines (5-0), who visit Matador Soccer Field Thursday at 7 p.m.

Senior midfielder Stephanie Galarze got the season off to a roaring start, scoring two goals in the first two games, helping the Matadors to a 2-0 record. She received Big West Offensive Player of the Week honors for her play.

The Matadors suffered their first loss Friday against No. 24 Baylor Bears, and followed it up with a 1-1 draw against Fresno State on Sunday.

Thursday's game will be a tough test as the Wolverines come to town with an undefeated record, outscoring their opponents 9-1 in their

Trying to slow down the Michigan offense will be Matadors senior goalkeeper Cynthia Jacobo and senior defender Stephanie Norton.

Norton was named the conference player of

the week by College Sports Madness for her performance in the Matadors' first two games. She is currently tied for the team lead with two

Jacobo, the All-Big West first team goalkeeper, started the season off with two shutouts in the Matadors only wins and has allowed three goals in the last two contests.

CSUN has tallied at least one goal in each of its first four games, but will face a stingy defense in Michigan. The Wolverines have shut out three of their first four opponents.

Senior Forward Melissa Fernandez is tied for the team lead with four points and is the only player to record an assist and a goal for the Matadors this season. Her ability to create plays and finish will be vital against a tough Michigan defense.

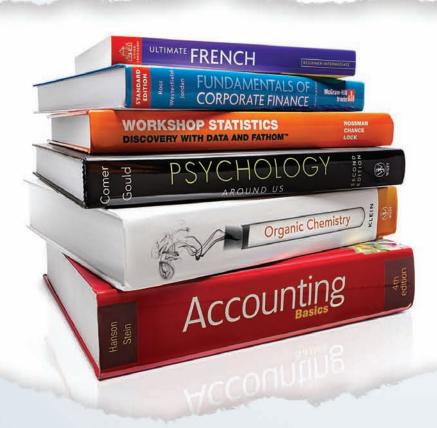
Knowing how important this game is for the Matadors, athletics has marked this home game as a Red Rally Night. To increase support and reward fans, CSUN will be handing out free vuvuzelas and CSUN t-shirts to students that attend tomorrow night's match with a valid



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CSUN senior midfielder Stephanie Galarze charges pass Baylor defender, junior Taylor Heatherly, on Friday, Aug. 24. Galarze will be key in the Matadors' gameplan against the undefeated Wolverines Thursday at 7 p.m.

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