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## Walmart conditions cause strike

Warehouse heat, lack of water prompts workers to protest

**ANDREW CLARK**  
NEWS EDITOR

**H**e works in sweltering conditions, often without any ventilation or fans, in hours of darkness.

He risks physical injury trying to make his nightly quota of 250 boxes an hour while working at a warehouse with no clean water.

Ruben Valadez, 61, worked through these conditions as a lumper, a worker who loads and unloads trailers of merchandise that end up on the shelves of Walmart retail stores in California.

Valadez was one of 50 workers who walked off the job and marched from their Mira Loma plant to Los Angeles City Hall. The protest march took six days and 50 miles through three counties.

As the world's largest retailer, Walmart employs approximately 2.1 million people worldwide. Thousands of these workers can be found in retail stores, and also in California warehouses similar to the one that Valadez works in.

"Trailers come in and we unload merchandise onto metal carts or pallet jacks," Valadez said at a rally at City Hall Sept. 18. "Everything you find inside a Walmart store, except groceries, is moved at that dock."

Valadez started working at the warehouse in February for \$8.50 an hour and worked from 12:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Throughout his tenure at the warehouse, he was unable to generate enough money to pay the rent and was evicted from his apartment.

The distribution center is owned by NFI, a privately-held New Jersey firm that handles transport of goods. The Mira Loma warehouse receives Walmart goods from the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and distributes them nationwide.

"Although they work for subcontractors, the heavy boxes the workers carry day in

and day out carry merchandise destined for Walmart shelves," said Guadalupe Palma, deputy director of Warehouse

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A warehouse worker from the Inland Empire marched to City Hall in a 50-mile pilgrimage protesting working conditions on Sept. 18. Warehouse Workers United organized the strike and protest. After 15 days on strike, workers returned to work Sept. 28 after winning safer working conditions.

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# Lecture on changing science in schools

Museum director calls for addition of engineering curriculum at K-12 levels

**MERCEDES RICHARDSON**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**T**he science curriculum is not keeping up with the changes of the world and as a result, students in primary education are not learning enough about the world they live in.

Ioannis Miaoulis, the president and director of the Museum of Science in Boston, Massachusetts, came with a message of how the education system has missed the target when it comes to teaching students about science and how engineering goes hand in hand with it.

"Science is the discipline that teaches kids how the world around them works," said Miaoulis.

He brought attention to the fact that a majority of the curriculum students in primary education (K-12) learn is focused on the "natural world," which includes subjects like the water cycle, how volcanoes work and the vascular structure of collected dried leaves.

Miaoulis stated that 98 percent of the education curriculum focuses on this realm and students miss out on the 2 percent that is considered the "human-made" world.

Miaoulis said that kids grow up without knowing how roads are built, how pens work, how planes

fly and where water comes from, among other things.

He described that when he first began to suggest changes to the science curriculum and started his program, his biggest "enemies were the science teachers."

Despite the opposition in the face of additional work for teachers who felt as if they did not have enough time to teach students the topics already listed in their science curriculum, Miaoulis kept pushing for the changes that were necessary in the academia world.

He said that his dream was to have engineering become its own section in the mainstream K-12 education curriculum by 2015, even as he shifted towards becoming the president and director of the Museum of Science in 2003. At the museum, he wanted his influence with the world of engineering to inspire the students, parents and teachers to keep the progress towards changing the curriculum going.

As a result, Massachusetts was the first to start editing its programs in 1998 to add engineering to it successfully in 2000, after it had remained unchanged since 1893.

Miaoulis talked about several reasons why engineering should become a focal point in the K-12 curriculum including: understanding how the "human-made" world



CARLA ADELMANN / DAILY SUNDIAL

**Ioannis Miaoulis, director and president of the Museum of Science in Boston, Massachusetts, lectures a crowd about the K-12 educational system and its lack of engineering programs, which affect students' knowledge of the world around them.**

works, a good way to introduce projects that do not relate to the "natural world," math and science at each grade level relevant to students' lives and how it helps to create an interest in engineering careers.

"The mainstream curriculum needs to introduce science relevant to kids' lives and CSUN has a great opportunity to start leading the way to start inspiring students with this wonderful curriculum," said Miaoulis.

Now he wants to spread the message with his two programs "Engineering is Elementary" and "Engineering Adventures," which

both focus on introducing students to engineering while making it both interesting and fun for the students.

"It was a very inspiring talk," said Dr. S.K. Ramesh, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, who helped to coordinate the event with Robert Buckner, dean of the Mike Curb College of Arts, Media, and Communications.

Buckner mentioned at the end of the lecture that the National Science Foundation (NSF) had donated several copies of the engineering books that are used in the K-12 programs as example materials to the Mike Curb college.

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## WALMART

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Workers United and CSUN alumna.

In January, warehouses owned by NFI in Chino were fined \$256,445 by Cal/OSHA after officials handed out 64 citations, including “lack of personal protective equipment, ineffective injury and illness prevention programs and lack of a heat illness prevention program.”

NFI has appealed the citations. “Workers at the Mira Loma warehouse are calling on Walmart for them to take responsibility, to ensure that the workers at least have clean drinking water, working equipment, fans because the temperature inside the warehouses often goes up over 110 degrees,” Palma said.

Walmart employs more than 350,000 California workers in its stores and suppliers. The average wage for a store employee is \$12.82. During its most recent fiscal quarter, Walmart reported sales of \$114 billion.

“Part of the union playbook is to drag the Walmart name into the discussion because it gets you guys in the media to pay attention,” said company spokesman Dan Fogleman to the Los Angeles Times.

CSUN economics professor Robert Krol argues that wages are tied to the skills of the workforce.

“They pay the market wage for the workers,” Krol said. “If the skill requirements are low, the wage will be low.”

Suppliers to big box stores like Walmart sell items at a reduced price in part because of how

retailers may buy in bulk.

“Most goods today are still manufactured in places like China. Usually, because Walmart orders mass quantities, they may negotiate preferential prices on certain items, or buy certain items with a bulk discount. However, this isn't any different than a deal that Sears, Kmart, or Walgreens may negotiate,” a Walmart clothing producer said on condition of anonymity.

Walmart and labor relations in China have had a rocky past for the better part of a decade. In a 2008 New York Times article, workers in southern China factories earned 55 cents an hour. Four years earlier, in a story in the Washington Post, a factory engineer that built stereos primarily for Walmart, said, “We have to constantly cut costs to satisfy Walmart.”

Walmart currently has more than 10,000 factory suppliers in China. In December 2007, a pair of nongovernmental organizations found multiple work violations in plants that supply goods to Walmart, including one near Hong Kong that employed child labor.

Despite allegations of worker's rights violations nationally and internationally and low wages not everyone is angry at Walmart.

“Walmart has always been a place to shop at. Good prices and a variety of items make it a great place for one-stop shopping,” said Becky Metcalf, a sign language interpreter in Santa Clarita.

Some shoppers are averse to Walmart because the profits don't stay in America or help American jobs.

“Shopping at Walmart may be



LOREN TOWNSLEY / PHOTO EDITOR

Maria Elena Durazo, executive secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, and United Farm Workers co-founder Dolores Huerta marched side by side with warehouse workers demanding safer working conditions Sept. 18 in Downtown Los Angeles.

cheaper but none of the profits go back into the American economy,” said Laura Pintar, a recent Cal State Los Angeles graduate in political science. “The few aspects that they do contribute to the local economy is pittance, because those people do not create American economic growth.”

Lance Iliev, a computer technician in Valencia, was previously a receiving clerk and had a different warehouse experience than that of the workers in Mira Loma.

“Safety was always a primary

concern for the company that I worked for, and we did what was necessary to be cost effective and productive while being safe,” Iliev said. “We voiced our concerns and let our supervisors know what issues were and tried to create solutions that worked best even if we didn't get what we wanted.”

Iliev echoed concerns over the workers' inaccessibility to hydration and cooling.

“Both of those issues are serious safety violations, and the com-

pany should be very concerned about it,” Iliev said.

Some expressed doubt over how they would impact Walmart profits if they were to change their shopping habits.

“I would like to do what I can to encourage Walmart to treat their suppliers well, but even if I was to boycott them, it's not like it'd do much good,” said Metcalf.

The 15-day strike ended Sept. 28 with workers going back to work after NFI-owned warehouses agreed to improving safety conditions.

# SUNDIAL UNDERGROUND WEEK 3

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# Opinions

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## Freedom of choice will improve education quality

### LIBERTARIAN WITH A BOWTIE



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Libertarianism advocates respecting the liberty of people to pursue their own happiness to the extent that they do not infringe on the liberty of others. In the case of children, libertarians advocate strongly in returning to parents the freedom in choosing how to raise their children. Most moderate libertarians are willing to accept state funding of schools, but do not believe that the state should run schools. Instead, they propose alternatives, such as charter schools and a voucher system.

Charter schools are run independently in the understanding that they will deliver academic results. Academic Decathlon, a national academic competition between high schools, is consistently won by charter schools. Recently, a Granada Hills charter school won its second consecutive academic decathlon. Needless to say, charter schools are definitely achieving high academic results versus their counterparts.

A voucher system is something both simple and at the same time revolutionary. Currently, students have little if any decision in where they can attend, and are usually simply designated a school depending on where they live. This leads to very little competition between schools to improve their teaching standards since students and parents have no other option.

Under a voucher system, students decide which school they want to attend. Each child would have a voucher worth a given amount of money that they could use to pay tuition in a private school, or to attend any state school of their choice. All children would still be guaranteed primary schooling.

Schools would not however be assured that students would choose to go to their schools. They would have to keep a high standard of quality in order to draw in students or they would cease to exist.

Good schools would prosper, and there would be a new incentive for educational entrepreneurs to go into business themselves and create new, quality schools. All of those who feel frustrated about the inefficient state schools could

finally have a chance to revolutionize education by founding new schools.

Consider that we are constantly being told our primary schools are amongst the worst in the developed world, yet our colleges continue to dominate worldwide rankings. Why is this? It is because in higher education there is a tremendous amount of choice. State colleges such as CSUN are, at the end of the day, very cheap to attend. At the same time students have plenty of choices of where to attend if they truly dislike being Matadors. Those of us in the Los Angeles have CSLA, UCLA, USC, in addition to several smaller Cal States and specialty colleges like Southwestern Law School. Imagine if these same choices were offered at the primary schooling level!

There is one common complaint against the libertarian proposal to reform schooling: What if parents decide to teach their kids creationism? Doesn't that justify giving the state complete control over schooling? The argument relies on the presumption that we need to surrender some of our liberties in order to receive safety from the state.

From an economic standpoint, there is justification that sometimes you need to give up X in order to get more safety. It would be possible for us to minimize car casualties to zero if we all rode around on tanks. The sacrifice though would be speed, gas efficiency, and increased cost in maintaining roads. The fact that we don't ride around in tanks is proof that we are okay with some car related deaths in exchange for the convenience of our current cars.

The same is true about schooling; voucher schools might specialize in one field of academics and have a lousy biology department that teaches creationism, but this would be acceptable if the students had no interest in biology. I am sure to anger some biologists, but scores of professions do not need to know if or how evolution works.

Ultimately, this choice between trade-offs should be up to parents who often have the best interests of the children at heart. If it is true that state schools will make sure that students receive a certain level of education, then parents will still have the choice to send their schools to any state school they wish for free. However those parents who want to send their children elsewhere will also have the choice. The voucher system at no points reduces school choice, but always expands upon it.

Unfortunately, neither major presidential candidate is in favor of a true voucher system.

Romney is in support of providing reform to allow low-income and disabled students greater choice in what schools they attend, but this is a strange approach. If school choice is genuinely good, then why not offer it to everyone?

Obama's main efforts in education seem to be in increasing funding, but a recent study by California Watch shows that there is very little correlation with increased funding and improved education without accompanying reforms in administration.

Romney wishes to grant states greater power over education and Obama is against the current No Child Left Behind policy — both candidates understand the need to localize education, but it is unclear just how well they understand.

On the bright side, both candidates are in support of charter schools, which is definitely a move forward in bettering education.

— Michelangelo Landgrave is President of the CSUN Libertarian Club, an illegal alien from Mexico, a Whovian and a student of Economics.

### QUESTION OF THE DAY



At this point in the election cycle and before the presidential debates air, who would you vote for?

Your Choices:

OBAMA

ROMNEY

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**First Presidential Debate:** Wednesday Oct. 3

**Topic:** Domestic policy

**Air Time:** 6:00-7:30 p.m. Pacific time

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**River Ave Guy** Are you kidding...  
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**Lori Kambourian** I am actually sick to death of all these "suspected" gunmen. CSUN really doesn't do anything to ease our minds. Now they've started not even telling us that there might be a gunman. Great.  
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**Wesley Lewis** If they would start handing out free food samples like at Costco maybe these people would be able to calm down and not bring guns to school :]  
September 27 at 10:01am · Like · 2



**Alexander Jahilian** they need to organize the notifications better; i received an email half hour after this semester's incident, but never received a text even though i am registered for it  
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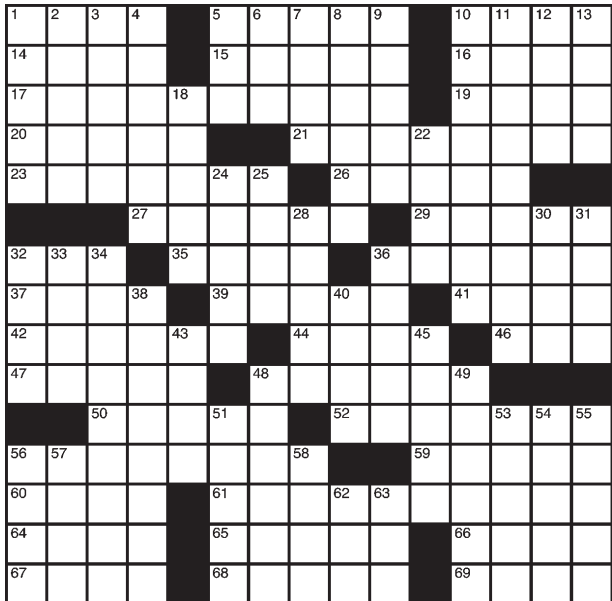
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By Don Gagliardo and C.C. Burnikel 10/2/12

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# Anteaters march through CSUN

Northridge offense stalls against UC Irvine Saturday in four-set loss, head on three-game road trip

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**A**fter defeating the Long Beach State 49ers Thursday night at the Matadome, the CSUN women's volleyball team was looking like it would keep the winning momentum going against UC Irvine, a team that got swept by Hawai'i in Honolulu Thursday.

Unfortunately for CSUN, that plan didn't account for the Anteaters performing so well in the Matadome.

The Anteaters ended CSUN's three-match win streak Saturday night, defeating Northridge in four sets 17-25, 19-25, 25-21, 19-2.

"Neither team was playing extremely well offensively and I think it was two pretty good defensive teams going after each other," said head coach Jeff Stork. "Both sides had pretty significantly low sideout percentages, but they were able to press us a whole lot more on the serving side."

Junior outside hitter Britney Graff had 14 kills and 18 digs to lead CSUN while Irvine redshirt freshman Marisa Bubica had a game-high 16 kills and eight digs for UCI.

"I just tried to stay positive and do what I can to lift up my team," Graff said.

The Anteaters had four players with double-digit kills, whereas the Matadors only had



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Junior setter Sydney Gedryn and the CSUN offense wasn't enough for CSUN Sunday.

two.

CSUN started the first set on a 5-0 run thanks in part from two Graff power kills and a Graff hit off an Irvine block.

Irvine responded with a 3-0 run of its own, including stuffing Graff and sophomore middle blocker Casey Hinger a the net.

Hinger had three blocks and four block assists, but was limited to three kills for the night.

The Matadors were up 7-3, but the Anteaters closed the gap to 10-7 and Irvine middle blocker Shannon Fleming blocked a Graff kill to make it 10-8 CSUN. Fleming finished with 12 kills,

eight digs, and six block assists.

Bubica tied up the game with a power kill and soon after gave another cross court kill to make it 13-11 Anteaters.

Junior outside hitter Mahina Haina ended the UCI rally with a kill, but Irvine quickly regained momentum with a

trickler over the Matador's front defense. Haina had 10 kills and 11 digs in the match.

Irvine continued to pound the Northridge defense from the outsides to make it 19-14 Anteaters before Stork called a timeout.

Junior setter Sydney Gedryn tried to jumpstart a Matador rally, but freshman opposite hitter Cieana Stinson powered the ball through the backcourt and out of bounds to make it 23-17 UCI.

Late in the second set, the frustrated Matadome faithful yelled at referees for not calling a double hit on Irvine, who won the second set 25-18. The Matadors were out-blocked 8-4 and had a hitting percentage of .093 through two sets.

Part of the low hitting percentage problem could be attributed to players being out of sync with each other.

"We were struggling to stay in rhythm," Stork said. "I don't think our passing was particularly good, which creates an issue with finding consistency with the rhythm of the offense. The timing from the pass to the set to the attack was off."

Early in the third set, another no-call for a double touch tied the score at three and left Stork pacing the sidelines.

Hinger vented frustration out on the ball via a spike down on an Anteater defender, helping CSUN cut the UCI lead to 9-7.

Haina hammered the ball onto Fleming to make it 10-9, but was later roofed twice by Marissa Alvarez

and Ella Rosenfeld to make it 12-9 Irvine.

Sophomore middle blocker Sam Kaul and Graff roofed an oncoming Irvine attack to even the game at 14, which kept a 9-3 run going before the Anteaters hit off the block to make it 18-15 Matadors.

Graff hit a ball off the block that started to float back into Matador territory, but Hinger sent it right back to UCI for a 23-21 Northridge lead.

Hinger and Gedryn stuffed the Irvine attack to take the third set 25-21, closing the set on a 4-0 run.

Midway through the fourth set, a setting error by Alvarez gave Haina a chance to extend the rally and make it 14-11 UCI, but Irvine made three consecutive kills, two into the far left zone and another on the right, all three off Haina, to give the Anteaters a 19-12 lead, which Northridge never recovered from.

Graff and the team are looking to improve their consistency on a pending road trip.

"Some teams get runs on us," she said. "We can use the great moments we had in the game and use them as momentum to play more steady throughout the game."

The Matadors begin a three-game road trip next weekend to UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly, and a rematch with nationally-ranked Hawai'i, a team CSUN nearly beat earlier this month when the Wahine visited the Matadome.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

# CSUN opens Big West play with win

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**O**pening their Big West Conference play Sunday night against the visiting Hawai'i Rainbow Wahine, the Matadors won convincingly in a 2-0 shutout.

Controlling the pace of the game and having possession of the ball throughout most of the first half helped the Matadors (4-3-4) keep the shorter, faster Hawai'i (5-5-2) team off-balance.

Northridge was able to score their quickest goal of the season, only a little over a minute into the game. A shot cleared away after a deflection off a Wahine defender by senior forward Melissa Fernandez bounced toward senior defender Nicole Cruz who buried it in the back of the net for her first goal of the season.

"I was a little nervous just because I saw no one was in front of the goal," Cruz said. "I was excited when it went

in. I just hope the rest of the season goes as well as today."

Many of CSUN'S Matadors weren't successful as multiple shots sailed above the goal, including a header off the post. The Rainbow Wahine's last defender made multiple stops on the Matadors' offense, killing momentum and rendering them unable to finish fast breaks.

Hawai'i came out in the second half looking like a different team, using their size and speed to their advantage and taking control of the ball. However, the Matadors' defenders didn't find that much of a problem.

"I think along with the size, we had our own speed, and played our game, didn't find it as much of a problem," said junior defender Chloe McDaniel.

The Rainbow Wahine's time as the dominant team wouldn't last for long though, as the Matadors fought back against their onslaught.

Scoring her first goal of the night, and third point, Fernandez picked up a ball that was deflected off the goalie

on a shot by redshirt sophomore, forward Brittanie Sakajian, and shot it into the lower left corner of the goal.

"I finished something that Brittanie had already started," Fernandez said. "She shot it, and it was a rebound really, I was like 'I'm getting this ball' and put it in the back of the net."

Fernandez is tied for the team lead in goals, with two, and assists, with four, while leading the team with eight points on the season.

Coming off hard losses to Santa Clara, University of San Diego, and Friday's tie to Portland, a win was something that the Matadors desperately needed and achieved.

"It feels great, anytime you win in Division I feels great, I don't care who you beat in Division I," said head coach Keith West.

Keeping the Rainbow Wahine on their defensive half helped the Matadors reach a season low on shots allowed, with six, including no shots on goal in the second half.

Sunday's shutout win puts senior goalkeeper Cynthia Jacobo



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Senior defender Nicole Cruz, who scored both of the Matadors' goals, leaps over a Rainbow Wahine defender in 2-0 shutout victory.

at 26 wins, five short of the school record, and 21 shutouts for her career.

"I'm proud of my team," West said. "When you got to travel on a

Wednesday and Thursday and have a short week to get ready for a conference game is hard. I thought we responded great, proud of the team, they are a good side."