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Noa Aguirre balances being a father to Christopher, 4, and is a student while working at the Office of Veterans Services at CSUN. Aguirre, a former Marine, is one of 600 veterans currently enrolled at CSUN, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

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Some majors may soon face unit caps

Board of trustees hope to increase graduation rates, but this could leave students with a disadvantage

MELODY CHERCHIAN

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he California State University board of trustees will be voting in November on whether to cap the units required to complete a bachelor's degree across all educational departments.

Currently, CSUN has 14 majors that require more than 120 units to graduate.

Elizabeth Adams, senior director of undergraduate studies at CSUN, said the reason certain degrees require more units is because of external accrediting agendas.

Outside agencies require certain courses for a degree. Between the required CSU courses, general education requirements and the accrediting agency's requests, some degrees, including electrical and computer engineering, require about 120 to 129 units depending on the student's emphasis.

Hamid Johari, professor and department chair of mechanical engineering, also sees value in the courses that may be cut. According to Jahari, these courses give them a solid background with hands-on learning that is integral to their disciplines. These majors require completion of several laboratory courses.

"We already have among the lowest unit requirements among our "We want to make four-year degrees actually finish within four years. We suggest overlapping general education courses with degree requirements and minimizing the amount of units this way. But we aren't suggesting any classes in particular."

-Erik Fallis CSU media relations specialist

sister campuses that offer similar programs," Johari said. "Our students have done exceedingly well as evidenced by their success in regional and national competitions when compared with their peers. We need to be very careful that we do not jeopardize their ability to compete in this environment by reducing important courses in their majors."

According to Adams, about half of the degrees with more than 120 units required are in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. The rest reside in health and human development and some in the music department.

The cap is an attempt to help students graduate on time saving them almost a semester, according to Adams. All majors would require 120 units and no student would have to take more classes than another.

"We want to make sure all degrees are on the same track," Adams said. "This would also speed graduation and help students save on tuition."

Sophomore Malissa Murga, 19, an undecided major, said the cap is a good idea.

However, Samuel Marroquin, 23, a senior majoring in health administration, said the cap would be more detrimental than beneficial. Although a cut in units required would mean earlier graduation, Marroquin said the experience and quality of education is worth a lot more.

"I would've been done if I didn't need certain units, but I wouldn't feel as prepared as I do now," Marroquin said. "It's to the students' benefit."

Erik Fallis, a CSU media relations specialist, said 20 percent of CSU degrees are more than 120 units. However, the cap would not affect courses required by accrediting agencies. Instead it would deal with general education, Fallis said. The CSU's major mission is access for incoming students and opening more seats for new ones, according to him

"We want to make four-year degrees actually finish within four years," Fallis said. "We suggest overlapping general education courses with degree requirements and minimizing the amount of units this way. But we aren't suggesting any classes in particular."

Professors would find themselves adjusting their courses and learning objectives to fit these new requirements, possibly splitting them throughout different classes. Professors would also see a hike in demand for the classes that double count towards general education and degree units.

If the cap is passed, it would be implemented in Fall 2014. Adams said the committee would have to make a plan and pass it through the curriculum cycle to be evaluated. The cap would only affect students whose bachelor's degrees fall under these colleges and departments.

majors will be affected in these

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departments:

- + College of Engineering and Computer Science
- + College of Health and Human Development
- + Department of Music

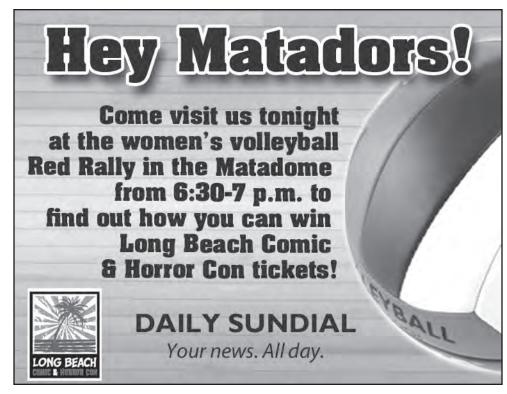


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SHOPLIFTING – A suspect stole a pair of headphones from the Bookstore Complex. He was last seen walking southbound towards the Valley Performing

Investigation Continued.

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PROPERTY – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's iPod which had been left unattended in a computer lab

Investigation Continued.

One judicial review for drug violation
Four judicial reviews for alcohol violations



MINOR IN POSSESSION

OF ALCOHOL – The suspect was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol after he was contacted by officers who had responded to disperse a party in UPA 7. He was cited and released at the scene.

Eight judicial reviews for alcohol violations

OCTOBER 13

VANDALISM (DEFACE

PROPERTY) – An unknown suspect(s) used black marker to write graffiti on a sign at the Orange Grove.

Investigation Continued.



One judicial review for drug violation

OCTOBER 15

THEFT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY — An unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's iPhone which had been left unattended in a seating area at the Student Recreation Center.

Investigation Continued.



ATTEMPTED THEFT - CSUN

officers received reports of a bicycle theft occurring at UPA 15. The suspects had fled prior to their arrival. Officers did recover two bicycles and damaged locks.

Investigation Continued.

UPDATED DISPOSITIONS

Theft of Personal Property (10/01) – An unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's purse from her locker in Redwood Hall.

Vandalism (03/12/09-10/09/12) – An unknown suspect(s) wrote graffiti on a DWP transformer in Parking Lot G12.

Theft of Personal Property (10/02) – An unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's headphones from underneath a desk when they were left unattended in Sierra Hall.

Theft of Personal Property (10/05) – An unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's duffle bag which had been left unattended on the south side of Jerome Richfield.

Theft of Personal Property (10/05) – An unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's bicycle which had been secured to the rack on the north side of Manzanita Hall.

Vandalism (10/05-10/08) – An unknown suspect(s) used yellow and red chalk to write graffiti on a brick wall outside Cypress Hall.

Extortion by Threat (10/06) – The victim received threatening electronic communication from an unknown suspect(s) demanding money.

Theft of Personal Property (10/08) – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's parking permit from his vehicle in Parking Lot/Structure G3. The vehicle was possibly left unlocked.

Petty Theft (10/09) – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's backpack which had been left unattended in a study room at Oviatt Library.

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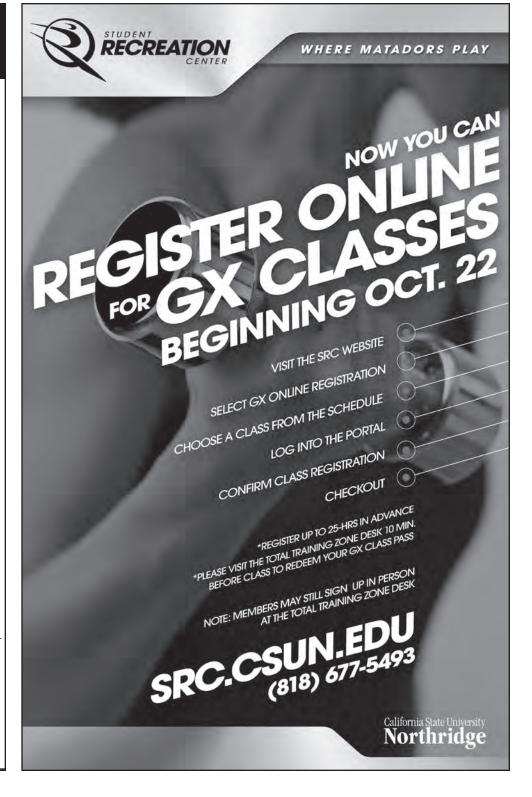
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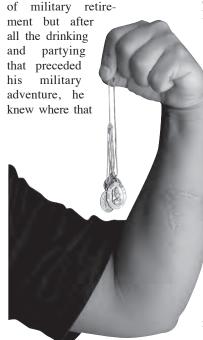
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Proud father, Marine and student

Later he was sent to Germany then transferred to Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland, one of the main medical facilities that injured service members are sent to, where he underwent physical therapy, sleep studies and PET scans.

"I had days when all I had was an MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) and water, and we had to ration it," he said. "We had classes in the military, but they were about saving our lives and other people."

After all this, he had the option



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Aguirre's scar from the IED
explosion is shown as he holds a
religious necklace given as a gift.

would lead. Aguirre accepted an honorable discharge in 2008 and decided to return to school.

"I could do anything I want to," Aguirre said. "Anything I set my mind to."

He never graduated from high school but in order to join the Marines, he graduated from continuation school. Aguirre enrolled at L.A. Valley College and received his A.A. in economics before coming to CSUN. Aguirre, a senior, is scheduled to graduate in 2014.

As an injured veteran, full-time student (with 15 units), father and husband who manages to find time to work at the Office of Veterans Services at Bayramian Hall, Aguirre looks to his family for moral support.

"My wife supports me. We find ways to make it work. I just feel proud of myself, and my family would say so too," Aguirre said. "My son is 3 and I've been married since 2006. I'll be the first in my family with a bachelor's degree."

Beverly Hills soldier

Hailing from Beverly Hills, CSUN anthropology student Alexandre Browner, 29, was only 17 when she enlisted in the Army. In the Army branch of the National Guard alone, 7,575 17-year-olds enlisted since last year according to Troy A. Rolan, a Public Affairs Officer at Army National Guard Recruiting Command.

Browner is also one of the 48,500 service members that identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual in active duty in the military or the reserves, according to a 2010 report by Wil-

liams Institute, UCLA School of Law.

She joined the Army to be a mechanic with the Infantry. Her father, who was also in the Army, did everything to talk her out of it. Her mother gave in and gave consent.

As she moved into her advanced training to become a mechanic, she was the only woman in the field.

Only 1.8 million veterans are female while more than 20.2 million are male, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

This led to uneasy confrontations with the opposite sex, including an instance where a sergeant tried to sexually harass her.

"These great relationships I had formed were about who got to have sex with me first," Browner said. "They were taking penny bets."

This deprived her of the camaraderie she had originally sought from joining the Army.

After boot camp, she was sent to Iraq. It was there, while working on a military vehicle, she fell and damaged her hip.

Browner underwent physical therapy and afterwards was able to take the medical veteran status for which she sought to go to college.

She attended eight different online colleges attempting to find the courses she wanted that also fit her schedule while in the Army. She eventually received her A.A. at West Los Angeles College.

Browner will be receiving her B.A. in anthropology in May 2013.

Looking back, Browner has no regrets in how her overall experience in the Army has shaped her.

"I feel it gives me moxie," she said. "And ready to take on whatever adversaries are in my future."



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The 1994 Northridge Earthquake destroyed buildings throughout the San Fernando Valley, including structures on campus.

Earthquake drill at Sierra Quad

CSUN practices earthquake preparedness

MELISSA SIMON

LIVE NEWS EDITOR

olice Services sent out an email Wednesday to announce an earthquake ShakeOut that will be taking place on Thursday at 10:18 a.m. on the Sierra Quad.

The ShakeOut will demonstrate how you should act during an earthquake, which is to stop,

drop and hold on. The demonstration will last approximately three to five minutes.

The purpose of this event is to practice how to be prepared should an earthquake strike at any moment.

Geology 104 students will also be on hand to distribute information on earthquake tips, emergency preparedness and what supplies are necessary to be more prepared.

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reating your own Halloween makeup is easier than you would expect. So why not save a lot of money by using household items that you already have? You may not have known, but Halloween makeup is made as inexpensively as possible to maximize profits because of the products short shelf life. Halloween makeup often contains unhealthy chemicals, heavy metals such as lead and cadmium, which is why you should make your own cosmetics.

HOMEMADE FACE MAKE UP

Ingredients

1 tsp cornstarch 1/2 tsp water 1/2 tsp cold cream Food coloring

DIRECTIONS

Blend starch and cold cream together, add water to the mix and then the food coloring. Before applying makeup to the face you should clean your face and let it dry. Use your fingertips to apply the makeup. If you want to make more ellaborate designs, use a small paintbrush. The makeup can be removed with soap and water.

HOMEMADE BRUISES

Ingredients Deep blue powder eye shadow Charcoal or smoke gray powder eye shadow

Shimmery green powder eye shadow

Makeup brush

DIRECTIONS

Take your deep blue powder eye shadow and apply it with a wet makeup brush. Then take your fingertips and add blots of charcoal

grey to the blue shadows. Use shimmery olive green on the edges. At the end smudge out the makeup so it looks real.

FAKE BLOOD

Ingredients 1/2 bottle of light corn syrup

Hot water Squirt of liquid soap Red food coloring Blue or green food coloring

(optional)

DIRECTIONS

Take light corn syrup into a container, add water and blend it together. Do this until you have the right blend. Then add a little bit of liquid soap, this will make the blood easier to clean off when the Halloween party is over. Add red food coloring. If you don't like the red color and want it to be darker you can add blue or green. Keep it cool until you are ready to use it.

EDIBLE GOOP (USED FOR SCARS, WARTS, WOUNDS, ETC.)

Ingredients

1 oz. Gelatin (not Jello, but plain, unflavored old-fashioned gelatin) 2 tablespoons of water

DIRECTIONS

Start with 1 oz. gelatin, add 2 tablespoons boiling water and let it stir for 3 minutes. This will dissolve the gelatin. If you can't stand the smell of it, add 2-4 drops of an oil that you like, for example sweet orange essential oil. After you have blended it together and you are happy with the smell of it, place the mixture on a waxed paper or another surface. Shape the gelatin into a wart or scar. If you want to mix in some color, you have to work quickly.

Add red coloring to the mixture if you want to make a wound. To make the wound look old you can add choco-

late syrup. A witch wart can be made by adding green coloring and some hair. For a ghoulish effect, add cornstarch or flour. For dead skin, add oatmeal.

After the goop has cooled down, gently peel it off the waxed paper. The goop looks best the same day because they dry out and shrink.

FAIRY GLITTER Ingredients

Aloe Vera Gel Glitter

DIRECTIONS

Blend Aloe Vera Gel and glitter, but remember to keep it away from your eyes. You can also use mineral makeup.

The recipes are from Amanda Formaro, Chef Editor of Familycorner. com and Jennifer Taggart founder of TheSmartMama.com.

DINING

Coffee shops to study at

CRYSTAL NASTOR

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ere are the best coffee shops to study at. We have rated the shops out of five, five being the highest and one being the lowest, based on food/coffee quality, crowds and noise level! These are the places we have chosen!

> **MUDDHOUSE COFFEE** 22742 Roscoe Blvd, West Hills, CA 91307 Mon-Fri 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat-Sun 8 a.m.-6 p.m. **Food/Coffee Quaity** Crowds Noise level

It is a bit of a drive to Woodland Hills from the CSUN campus, Muddhouse Coffee's quality in both drinks and food (famous for their scones) have customers coming back regularly from all parts of the Valley. Studying is definitely a viable option at this location – peaceful, free Wi-Fi and staffed with baristas willing to customize a drink anyway a customer desires. The walls are bare and music is scarce so focusing on schoolwork is never a problem.



GAYLE'S PERKS 9028 Balboa Blvd, Northridge, CA 91325 Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Food/Coffee Quality **★★★**☆ **Noise level** $\star\star\star$ \diamondsuit

Just a quick five minute drive from CSUN Gayle's Perks is nothing but convenient for those living around the CSUN campus that need a quiet place to study. Outlets are plentiful for students lugging around their laptops, tablets or even just a quick charge for cell phones. Gayle's Perks offers monthly specials that highlight new sandwiches or drinks concocted by the workers. The garden patio offers a calm and peaceful outdoor study area. making customers feel right at home.

CRAVE CAFÉ 14504 Ventura Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403 Mon-Sat 24 hours, Sun 6 a.m.-12 a.m. **Food/Coffee Quality Crowds** Noise level

On a regular afternoon, Crave Café may seem a little too hectic for studying, it is definitely a great place for night owls who enjoy getting work done at a later time, as they are open 24 hours. Crave serves eggs and omelets, both sweet and savory crepes, salads, and even paninis to keep energy flowing for the long night ahead. The workers, always energetic and friendly no matter what time you come in, combined with the offbeat decorations on the walls make studying a bit more enjoyable.

>> FASHION

Too cheap for Halloween?

Take a crack at these affordable costume ideas and save money

> **CHRISTINA MOFFITINO**

> > CONTRIBUTOR

his Halloween, take on the challenge to make a creative costume and save some money in the process. With the price of gas lately, we know we could all use the extra cash! For most people, purchasing the good ol' costume in a bag is the way to go. For you 'Mean Girls' fans, it's the excuse to wear lingerie, slap on some animal ears and be a mouse...Duh!

Let's be frank, as college students we need to be frugal. Halloween is only one night, or weekend for you to get in the holiday spirit. On average a costume could cost anywhere from \$50 - \$200; is it really worth spending that much for one occasion?

This year you should opt for the economical look. Thrift and vintage stores are the best and most affordable way to get a unique Halloween look. They are the best for choosing time period clothing articles, whenever you want a 1950's Mad Men look. I found this dress along with gloves

and a hat for less than \$12 at the Salvation Army! I'll have to shorten it and put a petticoat underneath to give it that 50's flare. For men, you can use things in your wardrobe to build your costume. I found this big black hat at the Salvation Army for \$5 and paired it with a red blazer, button up and black jeans and viola...you're a ringleader!

When finding things like this, you have to make them work for you; shortening a dress, add some studs, and pairing it with things already in your wardrobe. When shopping for costumes at a hodge podge store like Salvation Army, go with recognizable characters from movies, pop culture icons, or historical time periods (20s, 50s, 70s etc). Costumes will be easier to find that way.

If you simply have no time to physically go shopping this year, online stores are great too. Online sites such as Ebay, Amazon and Etsy, sell affordable costumes for as low as \$10. You can browse online for one that suits you this year. Have fun shopping and don't be afraid to look like a fool, that's the spirit of Halloween right?!



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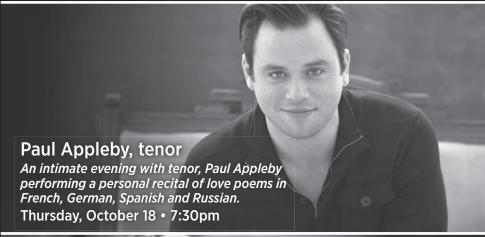
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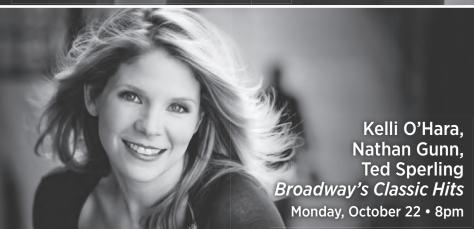
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Fall recipes for this cozy season

We have provided you recipes that are meant for the fall, using autumn foods that will have you craving for more

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atadors, I challenge you to push your culinary boundaries. I challenge you to build your recipe repertoire and invest time in trying out these recipes tailored for the fall season.

College students may be penny pinchers, but why not splurge once a month on cooking a fancier meal for vourself or quests?

Cooking from scratch or from a recipe may not seem like your cup of tea, but hear me out. The pace of our lives today is so fast that sometimes we forgot to celebrate food or take the time and care to personally prepare the meals that nourish us.

Plus, these recipes are practicable for even a novice chef with the necessary kitchen tools

Each dish in this three course meal includes an ingredient associated with the fall season, pumpkin, sweet potato

First. I have a confession to make. which if you know me isn't a secret but... I love Gordon Ramsay! This is why I used his recipe for pumpkin soup as a starter. The flavor infused in this soup is incredible. Carving, cleaning and roasting a pumpkin is not simple, but it is feasible.

The recipe is the most challenging of the three courses, so I would recom-

mend reading through the instructions a couple times before starting. The effort to make this delectable dish is considerable, but worth it.

If you want to save some time, check out an alternative pumpkin soup recipe by Delicious Magazine.

Pumpkin soup

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut pumpkin in quarters, remove seeds and score the pumpkin (cut several incisions into each section); season with salt and pepper. Rub the pumpkin

flesh with cut garlic halves and lay rosemary sprigs and garlic pieces in the center of each piece. Drizzle with olive oil.

2. Put the pumpkin quarters onto roasting trays and roast for 1 to 11/2 hours, or until tender. Cooking time varies with each pumpkin, so check periodically. When it is ready you can use a knife to effortlessly pierce the pumpkin. When ready, cool the pumpkin. Set aside the garlic and remove the rosemary. Scoop out pumpkin flesh (you can do this with a spoon) and discard the skin.

3. Heat olive oil in a large saucepan. Then add the onion and stir frequently for around 5 minutes until the onion is translucent, but not browned. Add the reserved garlic to the pan and add a pinch of nutmeg; sauté for 1-2 minutes longer. Add the scooped out pumpkin flesh to the pan, with the grated parmesan and stir.

4. Pour in chicken stock, bring to a boil and reduce heat to let contents simmer for 10-12 minutes. Then stir in double cream and heat for another minute. In batches, ladle the soup into a blender or food processor and blend until smooth. Add butter to the blender and blitz until vou achieve a smooth texture. Pour the soup back into a clean pan to reheat.

5. For garnish, heat a tablespoon of olive oil in a frying pan until it is hot. Then add mushrooms and fry over high heat until the moisture from the mushrooms has cooked off and the pan is dry. Season the mushrooms and remove the pan from heat.



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6. To plate the dish, spoon the mushrooms into the middle of the serving bowl and top with large parmesan shavings. Then carefully pour or ladle soup around the mushrooms.

This next recipe I've adapted from another great chef, Bobby Flay. Instead of grilling the apples, I sautéed them in some butter, and flambéed them with Calvados, an apple brandy.

Apple Crumble

with Vanilla Ice cream

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients. 4 Granny Smith apples, peeled

1 stick (8 tablespoons) unsalted cold butter, melted

8 tablespoons light brown sugar 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon nutmeg 34 cup granola

1 pint vanilla ice cream ½ cup prepared caramel sauce

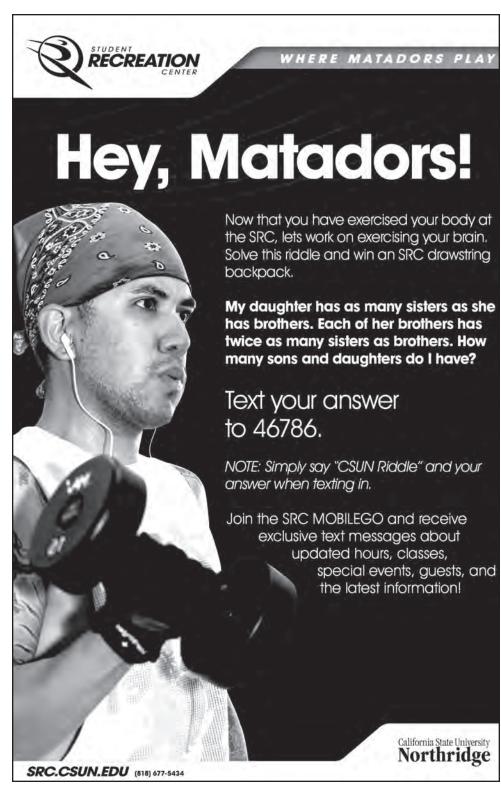
1. Heat some butter in a pan. Peel and slice the apples thinly. Add then to the pan and sauté them on medium heat. To help them cook, you can add a little water. After the apples have sautéed for about 5 minutes, turn up the heat, tilt the pan away from you and carefully pour some Calvados into the far end of the pan. Be very careful, as the alcohol will ignite and could flare up if you pour too much. The

alcohol will burn off relatively quickly. Let simmer for about 5 more minutes.

2. Once the apples are finished, place the apple slices into a bowl and toss with 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 4 tablespoons light brown sugar and 1/2 stick melted butter.

3. In another bowl, toss together the remaining melted butter, cinnamon, light brown sugar and the granola.

4. Place 1 large scoop of ice cream (I use Trader Joe's Premium Vanilla Ice Cream) into a serving bowl and top with the apple mixture. Sprinkle the granola mixture over the apple mix and drizzle with some caramel sauce, if desired







INTERVIEW

The stars of 'Wreck-it-Ralph'

Daily Sundial talks to the cast of Disney's 'Wreck-it-Ralph'



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"WRECK-IT RALPH" (Pictured) RALPH (voice of John C. Reilly) in the video game world of Hero's Duty.

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he Daily Sundial, along with other media outlets, were invited to interview the stars of Disney's new movie "Wreck-It Ralph," John C. Riley and Sarah Silverman! John C. Riley does the voice for Wreck-It-Ralph, a video game villain who's tired of being bad and

wants to be a decent individual! Together he and Vanellope Von Shweetz, who is voiced by Sarah Silverman, join forces to save the arcade!This is what they had

Daily Sundial: What attracted you to this movie?

John C. Riley: "Rich Moore (director) really saw me as this guy (Wreck-It-RapIh), and wanted me to bring whatever you bring as an actor in a live action movie. That was really attractive. The wraps on animated movies aren't

that much fun for actors, no ad libbing, never meeting the other actors, and it didn't sound all that attractive to me. Rich said lets have the actors in the room together, and improvise the same way as in a movie with Will Ferrell, feel as free with your acting as you would."

DS: How were the studio sessions like?

JCR: "(With) voice work you always have more time than you need, live action movies everyone is always panicked about

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Professor Snape @_Snape_

"Paranormal Activity 4 is just Harry Potter putting his invisibility cloak to good use.

If the cold hearted professor Snape of Harry Potter had a voice in today's culture, this is how it would sound like.



WorkingBarbie @WorkingBarbie

I'm really afraid my guardian angel is a crack head.

This Barbie isn't the sweet Barbie you may have grown up with,

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the sun going down, it's just not like that with animation. Nine times out of 10 the other actor was there and we would square off against each other across the room. We'd do the scripted version a bunch of times until Rich got what he wanted, then it was play time and say whatever you wanted. Lots of improvising. Sarah is a super nimble improviser and pretty quick witted. I needed my A-game with her. "

DS: How did you get

Sarah Silverman: "Disney approached me with this and I was like 'Sarah Silverman?' I was so delighted because I am a huge Disney fan, and probably would have never predicted them reaching out to me. I'm so glad they did, the story is so great, I feel so connected to the character. She's this obnoxious, precocious, scrappy, tough kid, like most tough kids she's this scared little girl underneath. She's protecting something with that toughness, and I think everyone can relate to that."

DS: How was it seeing yourself animated?

SS: "It was so cool, it's always a long process with Disney, which is why their movies are great, its not a mill, they take that time to constantly hone and rethink and tweak, the sketches change overtime and every element and moment builds layers of richness. As the sketches change I saw her eyebrows become thick and her hair was black. I was like 'wow,' it's so extra cool to actually resemble, she looks like (what my kids would've looked like) if I didn't forget to have kids."

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"Disney approached me with this and I was like 'Sarah Silverman?""

— Sarah Silverman



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Candy Crowley: More than a fly on the wall

Was the moderator right to interject in the debate about the terrorist attack in Libya?



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fter Tuesday night's presidential debate, a point of contention has arisen as Republicans are crying foul about CNN moderator Candy Crowley's onthe-spot fact check of Mitt Romney's statement about the attacks in Benghazi. She rightfully corrected Romney for his statement that Obama did not call the attack an "act of terror" until fourteen days later. He did. It's on tape and can't be disputed by any sane person.

"No acts of terror will ever shake the resolve of this great nation, alter that character, or eclipse the light of the values that we stand for," said Obama. This quote is from the day after the brutal demonstrations in Libya in his Rose Garden speech. He specifically used the phrase that Romney said he didn't.

Of course when it comes to semantics, anything is up for debate, which is exactly where Republicans are deciding to lay this particular fight as their candidate was so roundly beaten over the head it's better for them to whine then address the truth.

The intent of Obama's use of that phrase is being analyzed everywhere, but really, it's a worthless endeavor and yet again falls into that trap of pathetic bickering amongst the people-babies we've devolved into when it comes to politics.

The administration has done a poor job addressing the Benghazi attack. They were lax in their duty

to maintain a modicum of safety for our citizens. They missed the chance to stop a deliberate act of terror. That itself is worth analyzing and should have been addressed. Instead, the ever-bumbling Romney screwed up and decided to bend the truth. He got hit and Republicans need to stop being so petulant about it.

It's somewhat expected though. When your platform is so full of ridiculous gaping holes and your only saving grace is your ability to change your stance on a dime or lie your way through the election, you are not left with many other choices but to repeatedly hit on your special brand of bullshit.

Crowley did her job and corrected Romney. She later

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here is no issue on which the Obama administration is currently more vulnerable than the security disaster and subsequent massacre at the U.S Consulate in Benghazi. Armed Jihadist thugs stormed our consulate on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, killing two former Navy Seals and brutally murdering Ambassador John Stevens. It was a dark day in American history, but you can always leave it to the current administration to make it just a little darker.

Within 24 hours, security officials announced to Congress that the attack on the consulate was a coor-

dinated act of terrorism. Yet for nine whole days the Obama administration insisted that the cause of the attack was an anti-Muslim video on Youtube. The president even went so far as to go to the U.N. and tell the world that the future did not belong to those who insulted the Prophet Muhammad, in the most embarrassing act of submissive bootlicking since the apology tour he took at the beginning of his term.

So when the issue of Libya finally came up during the presidential debate, what did moderator Candy Crowley do? She jumped into the ring with the president, interjecting that Romney was incorrect when he claimed that Obama had refused to call the Benghazi attack an act of terror, shielding the president

from what would have been perhaps the most devastating blow in the debate.

Of course that wasn't correct. The president had made mention of "acts of terror" in his first speech, but never explicitly called the assault on the consulate a terrorist attack, and in fact his spokesperson adamantly claimed it wasn't for nine days.

This issue is very important because it highlights two very alarming things about the president's character. First, it demonstrates his inability to accept responsibility for his failures. Second, it demonstrates his willingness to blatantly lie to the American people for as long as possible in order to save

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MCMAHON

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admitted that her intent was to get the debate out of the realm of wordplay and back to some semblance of substance. She also agreed that Romney was right to bring up Obama's handling of the intel and attack, but she didn't backtrack from what she said at the debate.

Of course, substance was lacking through the entire affair. The best thing to come out of the debate was the binder meme and that's only because it was such a ridiculous statement that it had to be made fun of. The Internet did its job in that regard at least.

There was a serious lack of discussion on important issues like drugs, poverty, education, guns, our decaying infrastructure, and the wars we find ourselves continually fighting. Instead, we get treated to so much stump speech material and robot-like sound-bites because that helps to get through the noise of our hectic lives.

This is what our political climate has devolved into, a game of words with little substance or meaning and yet our country and culture is slowly burning to the ground in the process. A gentle slide into the miasma of irrelevance.

Maybe it's just time to stop having debates and pretending that they even matter. Each side has mostly chosen who they are going to vote for and any stragglers left in the middle are either inept or lazy or a combination of both. Let the candidates give their boring, fact-disabled stump speeches and be done with the whole absurd affair.

Besides, Survivor's on and our childish election is cutting into my Jeff Probst time.

- Nathan is a liberal ingestor of facts and bullshit. He likes to spew them out just as much as everyone else, but he's always right, so there.

GOSPARINI

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face. This isn't the first time this has happened. When congress tried to investigate the Justice Department for Operation Fast and Furious – a woefully handled gun smuggling sting that ended with a body count of 300 dead Mexican civilians - President Obama immediately shielded his attorney general by using executive privilege.

Crowley ended up retracting her statements after the debate. It is too bad she couldn't do that while people were actually watching. If the ratings for this debate are close to the ratings for the last, that means that around 70 million people were told a falsehood that favored the president from a moderator who was supposed to be objective and not insert herself into the debate. How many viewers stuck around for the post-debate coverage on CNN? A million? Two?

This shouldn't have surprised anyone. Crowley stated herself that she was not going to be a "fly on the wall" in an article on Politico. A fly on the wall is exactly what she was supposed to be. She was supposed to be moderating, not interviewing. Crowley interrupted Obama a total of nine times, but Romney a whopping 28 times. It was obvious that Candy Crowley was not an impartial moderator.

Republicans need to stop tolerating this. Republicans need to stop allowing their ideological opponents to retain the responsibility of refereeing the debates. If liberal moderators can't help themselves and stay impartial, then perhaps conservatives should start insisting that Rush Limbaugh moderate the next debate. At least then we can abandon this stupid pretense of objectivity that fools nobody and insults the intelligence of everybody.

- Arman is a junior, writer and pre-CTVA student with ambitions of Galactic Conquest.

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CSUN's soccer soldiers

Trio of Israeli-born soccer players join forces in Northridge after serving in the war-torn nation's military

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ransitioning to a foreign society can be a difficult period in any person's life including one of a college student. Likewise, it can be extremely difficult for a soldier coming off active duty to assimilate back to civilian life. When transitioning from a state of constant war into the relatively mellow life of Southern California, it's not all that bad when you have with you two fellow countrymen.

Meet Sagi Lev-Ari, Yuval Barak, and Yarden Azulay, all of whom served in the Israeli Defense Force and are current members of the CSUN men's soccer team.

"Before we came here, none of us knew each other. but now we're like brothers," Lev-Ari, 23, said.

The sophomore business major grew up in Kiryat Ata, a city located in the Haifa District of Northern Israel. Lev-Ari has been playing soccer for almost all his life and has been playing at a high level since the age of 12, when he began playing for Maccabi Haifa F.C.'s youth squad.

"First of all, I have no family here, so that's already a big change and makes it difficult, but I enjoy it here," Lev-Ari said. "In Israel, soccer was my main focus, but here I have to focus on my studies also...In Israel, it's a lot more competitive and people are at each other's throats more often. Here it's friendlier, and I hope to be successful here."

Lev-Ari is currently tied for fourth in scoring in the nation with 10 goals through 14 games, good enough for 84th in the nation and 7th in the Big West.

The Matadors' team captain, Yuval Barak, 25, was born and raised in Tel-Aviv and has been playing soccer since the age of five.

"Life here is serenity; it's nirvana," Barak, a senior kinesiology major, said. "In Israel,



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ity towards it," Azulay, who

Sagi Lev-Ari (left), Yuval Barak (center) and Yarden Azulary (right) hope to clinch playoff berth in upcoming games.

there are constant pressures on your mind...In (America), it's calm and peaceful. I only need to focus on my education and soccer. I don't have much stress on my mind here. Through the blessings of God, this is a dream. I enjoy every moment here and say thanks that I am here.'

Azulay, 24, was born in Jerusalem but grew up in Bikat Hayarden. The sophomore business major has also been playing soccer for most of his life and played for Beitar Jerusalem F.C.'s youth team. His father was a professional soccer player and played for Beitar Jerusalem F.C. as well.

Yarden and Lev-Ari are familiar with each other as competitors when they played against one another on their youth squads back in Israel.

"There's a big difference between here and Israel," Azulay said. "There's a difference in the attitudes of the people, a difference in stressors. Here they want to help you sharpen up, help you advance. More or less it's calmer here, and more focused...It's still hard to cope with not seeing your family and friends, but in regards to the lifestyle here, I love it."

In Israel, every male citizen is obligated to serve for at least three years after you graduate high-school and every female citizen is obligated to serve

Serving in the military and participating in active duty will change anyone's life if you are fortunate enough to come out

"It's true, it's true. The military will change your perspective on life and your mental-

served in the Israeli Air Force, said. "When I came here, you see it, as you hang out with kids here my age, you feel the difference in maturity between

Having two friends with you who are of similar background and share a similar mindset, can make the transition into a new culture a lot

"Of course the military will change your perspective," Lev-Ari, who served as an infantry soldier, said. "Me, Yuval, and Yarden, for example, are a lot different from all the kids here in regards to our mentality, maturity, and attitudes."

Barak served for, Modeiin, the military Intelligence division, and arrived in the U.S. only a week after he was released.

"Even if you don't serve in

the army in Israel, just growing up there changes your mentality," Barak said. "I don't know how to explain it, it's different than here, it's a mentality that at any moment someone can come and take your country from you.'

All three of them agreed that their experience in the military also changed how they approach the game of soccer and allows them to feel more comfortable in the leadership

"Everything in Israel is like you're constantly at war, everything is life or death. In soccer you're disciplined to treat a loss like a tragedy," Barak said. "You have to give it your all every time, and give your all to win."

Aside from the military aspect of growing up in Israel, the game of soccer is interpreted differently and as a result, is played differently and the difference in play between Israeli and American players is no exception.

"Here the game is a lot quicker, more physical and the whistle is blown less. The fouls that I would draw in Israel are not given to me here. The players here are a lot faster and stronger and less technical as a result." said Lev-Ari.

According to Lev-Ari, if more focus were given to the sport of soccer, with all the athletes the U.S. produces, America could be the top country in the world and could win a World Cup.

The Matadors (10-4-0) have come off of two big wins against No.4 UC Santa Barbara and UC Riverside, in which Barak had two assists, and earned CSUN the No. 21 ranking in the nation.

The success of Lev-Ari and his extraordinary goal-scoring ability, along with the leadership of Barak, has allowed the Matadors to take the top spot in the Big West conference with a 4-1 conference record. This being Lev-Ari's first season with the Matadors, CSUN has much more to look forward to in the future.

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-Yuval Barak

WEEKLY PREVIEW

Women's Soccer:

Northridge begins its two-game home stand with a Red Rally event hosting Pacific at 7 p.m. on Friday. The Matadors then host UC Davis on Sunday

CSUN has gone unbeaten in its last three games, earning seven points via two victories and a draw.

Northridge will celebrate its nine seniors during Sunday's Senior Night festivities. Of the nine, forward Melissa Fernandez and midfielder Stephanie Galarze will be a part of the celebration. The two have combined for six goals, six assits and 18 points.

Women's Volleyball:

CSUN returns to Big West action tonight against Pacific at 7 p.m.

The Matadors lost two of their last three on their lastest road trip but head home for a two-game stand beginning with Pacific and followed by a visit from UC Davis on Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the Matadome.

Junior outside hitter Britney Graff will lead the charge paired by fellow outside hitter Mahina Haina. The two have combined for 405 kills and 463.5 points on the year.



The Matadors continue their tear through the Big West southern division with a visit to UC Irvine on Saturday at 7 p.m.

CSUN had its six-game shutout streak snapped on Oct. 13 but extended their win streak to three games with the 2-1 victory over UC Riverside.

Sophomore Sagi Lev-Ari will look to add to his team-leading number of goals while senior Michael Abalos and the defensive core will work to fend off the Anteater attack.





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