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he national unemployment rate fell to its lowest percentage in the last four years, suggesting job growth

during the summer. The drop could shift the presidential election and be a possible boost for President Barack Obama.

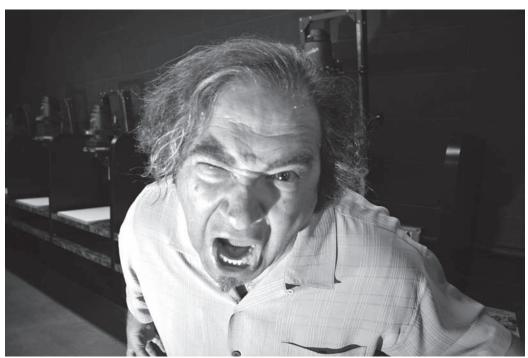
The Labor Department's report showed an unemployment rate of 7.8 percent in September, dropping below 8 percent for the first time since Obama took office.

Alan B. Krueger, chairman of the White House Council of economic advisers, expressed in a blog post on the White House's website that this is "further evidence that the U.S. economy is continuing to heal from the wounds inflicted by the worst downturn since the Great Depression."

114,000 jobs were added in Septem-

ber. The Labor Department report shows 84,000 more jobs were added during the summer. Seasonally adjusted jobs, or employment that changes at specific times of the year, have decreased since spring, with 181,000 jobs added in July, 142,000 jobs added in August.

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Csun Professor Levon Parian is the grandson of Le von yotnakhparian who helped save 4,000 armenians during the armenian Genocide.

Armenian prof. unleashes grandfather's memoir of tragedy and salvation

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evon Yotnakhparian did not expect his revered lifestyle as a soldier to evolve into a tale of betrayal, escape and the salvation of thousands during the Armenian Genocide.

Levon Parian, Yotnakhparian's grandson and a professor of art photography at CSUN, collected pictures, letters and stories from other family members for three years before publishing his grandfather's memoirs in "Crows of the Desert" earlier this year. The historical story reflects Yotnakhparian's life-saving journey.

"People are wondering where it has been all this time, and why haven't they heard of this," Parian said.

Before his death, Yotnakhparian dictated the story to his wife, who took the writings to a novelist. who changed the factual history, and left the author unsatisfied. Parian decided to publish the facts at the request of his late father.

When Yotnakhparian enlisted in the Ottoman cavalry, he had no idea that history would change before his eyes as the Turks turned on his people. According to Parian's publication, reformers known as the Young Turks overthrew Ottoman rule and

CicLAvia gives bikes free reign

Car Ly Gillis SENIOR REPORTER

s many as 100,000 Angelenos took to the streets Sunday to imagine a car-less world – or at least downtown

Los Angeles.

CicLAvia, a 9-mile street festival where the roads are only open to those with manpowered machines, closed down a sprawling criss-cross of streets from Chinatown to Exposition Park and from MacArthur Park to the Gold Line's Soto Station. The event is more than just a block party, said CicLAvia co-founder Aaron Palev.

"What doesn't it give back to the community?" he said. "It connects people together, it allows people to see the city in a different way, it empowers people."



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(a bove) a ndrewt afoya, 39, sat with his Quickie s hark h andcycle bike at the Exposition Park hub of CicLa via on o ct. 7. t afoya, who lost both of his legs from a smoking-related disease, received a grant from the Challenge a thletes Foundation for his bike. People ride through the streets of downtown Los a ngeles and pass City h all at CicLa via's Grand Park hub.





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Romney's campaign has been getting positive feedback since Wednesday's presidential debate. The former governor expressed in a comment early Friday that "we created fewer jobs in September than in August, and fewer jobs in August than in July, and we've lost over 600,000 manufacturing jobs since President Obama took office."

"If not for all the people who have simply dropped out of the labor force, the real unemployment rate would be closer to 11 percent," he added.

Krueger said that Obama's administration policies have helped recover the U.S. economy. Some of these policies include Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which gave tax incentives and financed entitlements as well as stimulated the economy with public service projects, and Wall Street reforms like the Dodd-Frank bill, which created government regulatory agencies for financial markets.

"It is critical that we continue the policies that are building an economy that works for the middle class as we dig our way out of the deep hole that was caused by the severe recession that began in December 2007," he wrote.

Tom Hogen-Esch, professor of political science, said the unemployment rate may not change in favor of Obama.

"The Obama administration getting below the 8 percent mark is a big victory; things are headed the right direction," Hogen-Esch said. "It might change the subject in favor of Obama, whether it will change

the votes, probably not. The swing states like Virginia, Ohio and Florida are the numbers that really count, more than the national numbers."

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Florida has an unemployment rate of 8.8 percent, Ohio has a 7.2 percent rate, and Virginia has a 5.9 rate, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

When asked whether the report was the result of the Obama administration's economic policies, Hogen-Esch said that "over the last years we have recovered, so yeah, maybe it's safe to say yes."



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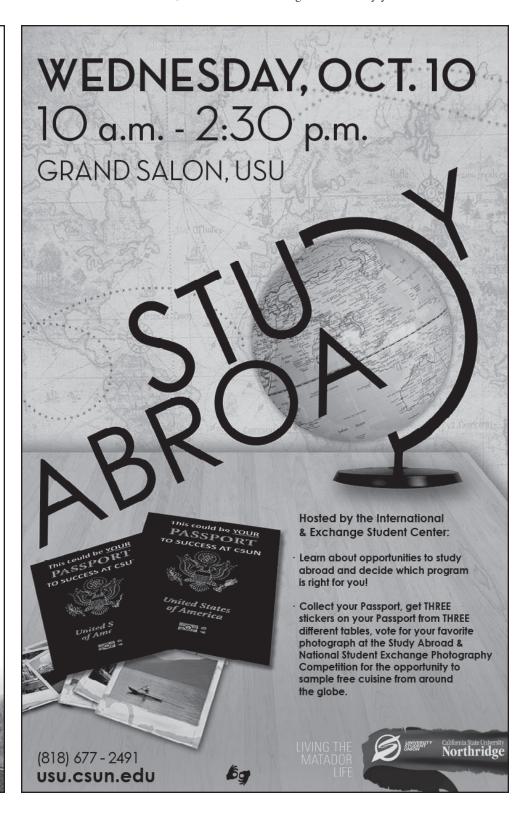
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systematically changed the way the empire was run. Rather than granting civil rights to those in the empire, the Turks were determined to "Turkify" every

Once the Turks were convinced that the Armenians must be killed, they went after the Armenian population.

"He saw the transformation," Parian said. "Armenian soldiers were highly regarded, and next thing you know they are being put into work camps - work details to be killed. He's lucky he found people that were good that wanted to take care of him and protect him."

He decided to pay it forward by escaping from the military and headed to Jabal al-Druze - now present-day Syria. After receiving help from leaders of the Arab Revolt in Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and other eastern regions, Yotnakhparian made it his mission to save the oppressed Armenian survivors and orphans after his escape. His grandson said that his late grandfather rescued over 4,000 people.

These protectors offered him services that even officials could not obtain including documents to stop trains so that Yotnakhparian could transport the rescued orphans, according to Parian.

"These people knew that if they (the Armenians) didn't win, they would see everyone in their family slaughtered. A different kind of mentality forms when you know that everybody is going to die than when you're the aggressor," Parian said.

The current Turkish government has not recognized this event as a genocide. According to Parian, the term "genocide" was coined in 1943 by Polish lawyer Raphael Lemkin, to describe the Armenian killings.

Dr. Vahram Shemmassian, a professor of Armenian studies classes under CSUN's modern and classical languages and literatures department, has done research on survivors of the genocide and the difficulty they encountered. He teaches about the genocide for at least one week in each class, and some students write their research papers on the topic.

"Every Armenian feels the burden on their shoulders because of the lack of recognition and because each and every one of us has a story to tell. It's a living testimony. We have felt it in our own skins," Shemmassian said.

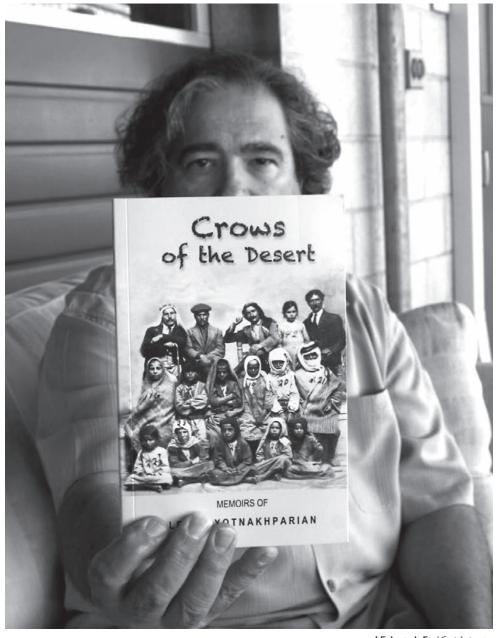
According to Shemmassian, approximately 80 percent of Armenian studies students have an Armenian heritage. Of that group, 95 percent came from public schools where Armenian heritage and culture are rarely taught. The nearly 30-year-old Armenian studies concentration in the department teaches students about Armenian heritage because it affects all of humanity, according to Shemmassian.

"The Armenian Genocide, as is the case with the Holocaust or Darfur in the Sudan or Cambodia or any genocide, is a crime against humanity," said Shemmassian. "Since we are a part of humanity and another group of humanity is perpetrating this reprehensible, incomprehensible heinous crime, part of humanity is being affected."

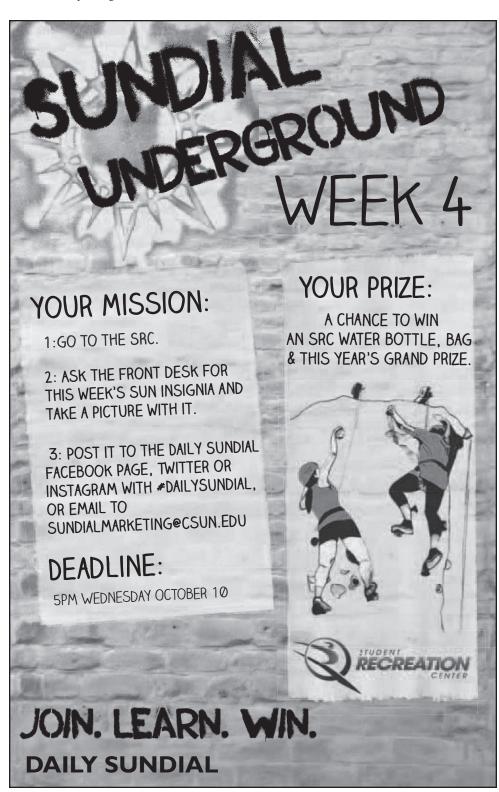
Shemmassian said that he was one of the first people to purchase the English version of "Crows of the Desert," and he used some of the information from the original Armenian version to do research a few years ago. He uses some of the concepts in the book to describe the relevancy of the genocide in today's society.

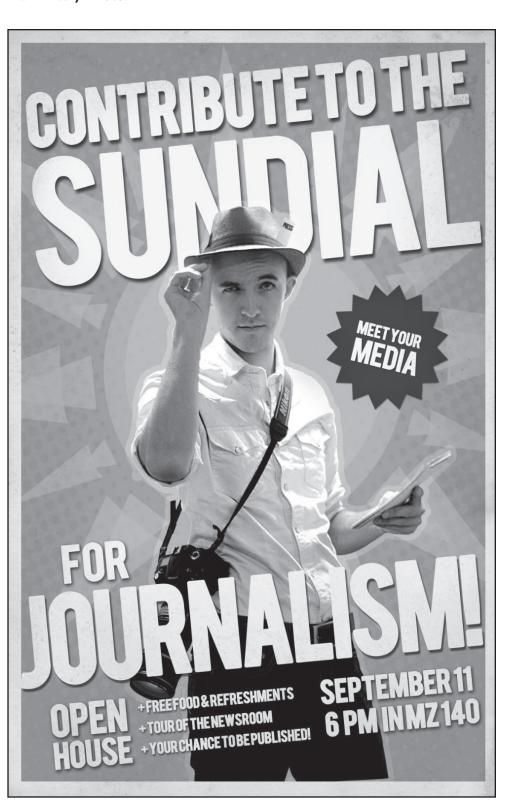
Parian will be speaking about the book at 7 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the Glendale Central Library. The lecture will be in English, and admission is free.

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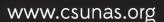




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What are GMOs?

By Tiffany Zaich

Although this seems to be a common word of the day, most people hear the abbreviation; do not seem to know what the letters stand for. Genetically Modified Foods also know as (GMO) for short, is plants, animals, and microorganisms that have had their genes altered by the use of gene splicing. Therefore, scientists were able to remove genes with a specific desired trait from one organism and insert into another. One of the goals with the bioengineering of plants is to make food products more durable; as a result, during harvesting and manufacturing, foods will last longer. The United States Department of Agriculture who oversees the production of bioengineered foods, views GM crops as advancement for plants to become more resilient against external factors such as, pest and disease (83). Leading biotechnology companies that contribute to most of the productions of genetically modified foods are, Monsanto, DOW Agro sciences, and Basf Plant Science. Although, all the acclaims for genetically modified foods seem to be beneficial for the earth's growing population, most people appose of genetic engineering. Consumers and activists alike feel there has not been enough scientific study to determine the long term health effects of GMO consumption as well as the impact on the environment. The U.S. government approves of the consumption of genetically modified foods based on studies conducted by the corporations that created and profit from their engineered foods ("GMO Facts" 2012). Therefore, California residences who choose to avoid modified food products, feel consumers should have the right to know, and demand labeling. As a result, on the ballot this November, proposition 37, enforces mandatory labeling of food products with genetically modified ingredients.

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he running problem with the current ramblings of the Republican Party is that reality is only real when it fits their messed-up narrative.

The latest example is Mitt Romney's tired talking point about the unemployment situation in our country. The most recent jobs report issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics now shows that unemployment is below Mitt's wondrous 8 percent threshold, settling in at 7.8 percent for the month of September.

Romney has consistently touted the fact that unemployment was only below 8 percent for the first 11 days of President Obama's administration. When the numbers weren't in Obama's favor, Romney was more than happy to use them to guide his narrative.

The Republican candidate even commented on it during his closing arguments at the first debate.

"We've had 43 straight months with unemployment above 8 percent," said Romney.

But in a turn of events that seems all too familiar for his bungling presidential bid, Romney once again plays the fool. A mere two days after his trouncing of Obama in the first debate, the magical 7.8 percent number was released.

Romney, a true champ at deviating from a stance, decided to double down on the jobs report line he so carefully crafted, and in the process, dismissed reality at a whim.

"This is not what a real recovery looks like," Romney said in a press release. "If I'm elected, we will have a real recovery."

The number "8 percent" only has impact as a mental threshold. According to the same jobs report, most of the gains in employment were for part-time work and low-skill employees. This is a problem for Obama as it belies the truth of the recovery—that the jobs people want still aren't there.

But the Republicans' and Romney's own campaign have

Romney has opted to demolish the stadium rather than moving the goalposts.

Romney's statement shows the hypocrisy and general disconnect of the current GOP establishment. Former General Electric CEO Jack Welch took to Twitter, and as usually happens with Twitter, Tweeted something he later regretted.

"Unbelievable jobs numbers...these Chicago guys will do anything...can't debate so change numbers," said Welch.

Welch eventually walked it back a bit and claimed in a followup Tweet that he didn't specifically say the White House was responsible for cooking the books. I guess he meant Al Capone.

Quick to follow Welch down the insane rabbit hole, was Florida Congressman Allen West – always reliable for a bout of stupid. West agreed with Welch's sentiments and took it further saying, "Somehow by manipulation of data, we are below 8 percent unemployment, a month from the presidential election."

The data that the Bureau of Labor Statistics collects is impartial. No matter how many times you proclaim it from your molehill, that reality doesn't change.

Obama put forth a stimulus plan that has been slow in its effect to right this capsizing ship we call a country. Part of that blame lies with his tepid plan, and part of that blame lies with a stalled Congress, including a clear Republican majority in the House.

Obama's net gain of jobs approaching his four-year mark in office hovers at around 663,000. But the other number behind that is the 4.5 million jobs that were created while he was president. That deficit in jobs was a direct result of the previous administrations bungling through two wars and a broken financial system.

When taken as a whole, the numbers show we are on the right path. No amount of insanity from the right changes that.

-Nathan is a journalism major who lives in a reality only he dictates. It's made up of gingerbread, frosting and midcentury modern furniture.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Men's soccer edges No. 4 UCs B

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he Matadors continued their hot play Sunday, with a 1-0 shut out at No. 4 UC Santa Barbara.

Sunday's victory was the first for the Matadors (9-4-0) at Santa Barbara since 1999, handing the Gauchos (8-1-3) their first loss of the season.

"No doubt about it — it is a big win for us," said head coach Terry Davila in an interview on www. gomatadors.com. "It is tough to get points at anybody's place in the Big West. It's that much tougher at Santa Barbara and we did a good job to close the match out tonight."

The match was a battle over ball control as each team only took one shot in the first 10 minutes. Senior goalkeeper Michael Abalos was only tested once in the first half by a 17th-minute shot by freshman midfielder Ema Boateng.

reach of Highlander freshman goal-

keeper Nicole Ragano and put the

Matadors up 1-0.

Santa Barbara's goalkeeper Austin Mansker, who few minutes later, saved three shots on goal in rapid succession.

Junior forward Beto Velasquez finally broke through for the Matadors late in the first half, scoring his sixth goal of the season, which turned out to be the game-winner.

Receiving a pass from junior midfielder Carlos Benavides near midfield, Velasquez juked his defender and put a shot through Mansker's legs into the net. It was Velasquez's second game winner of the season.

Going into halftime, the Matadors outshot the Gauchos 7-to-5.

An airtight defense that has shined all season and stellar goalkeeping by Abalos helped keep them ahead in the second half.

"I thought we did very well all-around. We defended as a group and didn't allow plays behind us," Davila said to www.gomatadors. CSUN got a chance to test com. "We have a great back



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Junior forward Brian Behrad added two shots to Cs UN's 12 in s unday's 1-0 road win.

line and goalkeeper, and our defenders are making it difficult on the opponents."

With four total shots on goal, the Gauchos didn't

seem to threaten breaking through against the Matador defense until the final

> Gauchos midfielder

Josue Madueno put up a header towards the goal that nearly flew by Abalos, but he was able to make the save and preserve the lead. A lastminute corner kick from the Gauchos gave them another chance to score, but they came up short.

Abalos earned his 24th win and 19th career shutout for the Matadors.

Abalos earned Big West Defensive Player of the Week and Big West Madness Player of the Week for his efforts.

The Matadors came into the game unranked, having received no votes in the national NCAA rankings.

Recording their seventh out of the last eight games, CSUN has already bested its win total from last season's, when they finished 8-8-3.

The Matadors' unranked status could change after their wins over Cal Poly and UCSB.

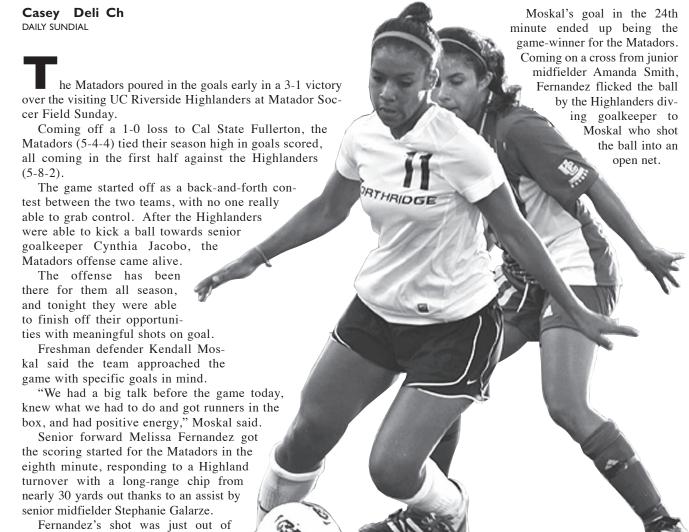
The Matadors hadn't beaten both Cal Poly and UCSB on the road in the same season since 1998.

CSUN welcomes No. 26 UC Riverside to Matador Soccer Field on Saturday, before heading on a threegame road trip against Big West opponents.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

CSUN comes out firing against Highlanders

IEFFREY ZIDE / CONTRIBUTOR



It was Moskal's first career goal at CSUN.

Fernandez has had an assist and a goal in each of the Matadors' last two victories. "It was really exciting, I was really happy that I finally

got it in," said Moskal, who was playing a new position. "I didn't come in as a forward, so it relieved all my stress." Multiple turnovers by both teams really made each of

them live life on the edge, with many of them coming in their own zones. There were multiple offsides calls for both teams, but it

seemed to have a bigger impact for the Highlanders, who couldn't capitalize on any of their breakaway opportunities.

On defense, which has been a strength for the Matadors all season, CSUN prevented the Highlanders from getting many shots on goal and controlled the game's pace.

"We did really well with running off the ball and try to find spaces to play it to, and when we control it in the back we get more of a rhythm," said junior defender Chloe McDaniel.

McDaniel also scored her first goal of the season, a header, on a corner kick by redshirt freshman Cori Deason in the 35th minute.

With a 3-0 lead starting the second half, Jacobo and many of the regulars were replaced with fresh legs and

Redshirt freshman Cynthia Tafoya made her first career appearance for the Matadors in goal, and proved her mettle with multiple touches in the first few minutes of the second half.

"It was nice to see her in goal, she's been having a great camp so far and a great season in practice," said head coach Keith West. "We finally got a chance to get her on the field."

Tafoya did give up a goal in the 79th minute when she left her line to defend a shot, but a Highlander comeback was out of reach.

A physical game turned more so in the later part of the second half, with players from each team leaving the field with injuries. Galarze, whose status is unknown for next week, left the game with an injury sliding on a loose ball against Ragano.