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Sunday crash rattles campus

Students and local emergency responders react after airplane went down in CSUN athletic field



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Capt. Larry Jackson surveys the scene of a single-plane crash near the intersection of Zelzah Avenue and Plummer Street on Sunday.

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A day after a single-engine Cessna plane crashed at the edge of CSUN's East Field near Zelzah Avenue and Plummer Street, students and local emergency personnel continued to react to the scene.

"I didn't think it was real, it was a

shock," said Erick Rodriguez, a 20-year-old Pierce College student who said he saw the plane go down while he was driving northbound on Zelzah on his way home from church.

"I threw the car in park and grabbed my friend and we ran over as fast as we could," Rodriguez said.

The plane's occupants, a man and woman who were both believed to be in their 60s, were headed towards the Van Nuys airport for an emergency landing due to engine failure, according to Ian

Gregor, a spokesman from the Federal Aviation Administration.

They were transported to Northridge Hospital as a precaution, according to firefighter Rick Tanguay, who was among the first-responders with Battalion 70 of the Los Angeles Fire Department.

"They were really lucky," Tanguay said. "The pilot gets to chalk that up to a good landing, I guess."

The identities of the plane's occupants were not released by officials investigating the crash, but the plane was found

to be registered to a corporation called Clipper 29 Uniform LLC which is based in Newport Beach.

The plane was leaking fuel and there were a small amount of flames, Rodriguez said. The flames died down quickly, prompting Rodriguez and his friend to run over to the crash site.

The woman was described as having no visible wounds, although she seemed "discombobulated," according to

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Roof casts pall on Santa Susana Hall

Repairs highlight building chronically prone to mold, leaks and hot and cold air

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Replacement of Santa Susana Hall's roof is expected to finish this month, the only task remaining of the project that began in August is a structural cover for the building's maintenance well. The deferred maintenance project is meant to address persistent water leakage within the building at a cost of about \$550,000.

Leaks, however, are just one of a variety of Santa Susana's problems, including a bipolar heating and cooling system, which current faculty says affects both physical and working climates and have persisted since the building was erected.

Herman Debose, chair of sociology, said the leaks were common when he first got into the building in 1997. His office is one of the first affected by the sometimes-severe leaks, the remnants of which have stained the interior walls of the department office.

"Herman's office, in particular, is sitting right under the mechanical well and all the equipment is packed right over the top of Herman," said Ken Rosenthal, manager of construc-

tion services for CSUN's Facilities and Planning department.

Rosenthal explained that the building's poor design made it physically impossible to access certain areas to address leaks until the current project removed structural barriers.

Rosenthal's business card is one in a collection Debose keeps around because of the building's many issues. Debose said Santa Susana's design flaws do not just affect the comfort of faculty, but also their ability to meet with students.

"If you're a student and came to see a faculty member, and you had to sit out here – if it's cold you're sitting in the cold cause we don't have any place else to put you unless you sit by the elevators," Debose said. "But then if you sit by the elevators when the faculty member is free, if their office is way over there, how do you know?"

"It's not a good building, it's poorly designed, and I don't think that it has served the best interests of the students but – I mean – I don't have any power to move faculty anywhere so we're stuck," he added.

Last year CSUN replaced the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system (HVAC) on the fourth floor of Santa Susana with a more energy-efficient system, a total cost of about

\$627,800. Rosenthal estimates the savings for the one floor should be significant considering that the HVAC system for the remaining floors runs constantly, even when unoccupied.

"The air and the heating has been, actually, ridiculous," said Rick Talbott, chair of religious studies.

Talbott remembers an instance during a cold snap when he walked into his office to find that the air conditioning had been on all night.

The fourth floor's offices, which now have occupancy sensors, were replaced as a precursor for the current project because the old HVAC handling units for the floor used to sit on top of the roof. Rosenthal said the school looked into replacing the HVAC system for the rest of the building, but lacked the funding to follow through.

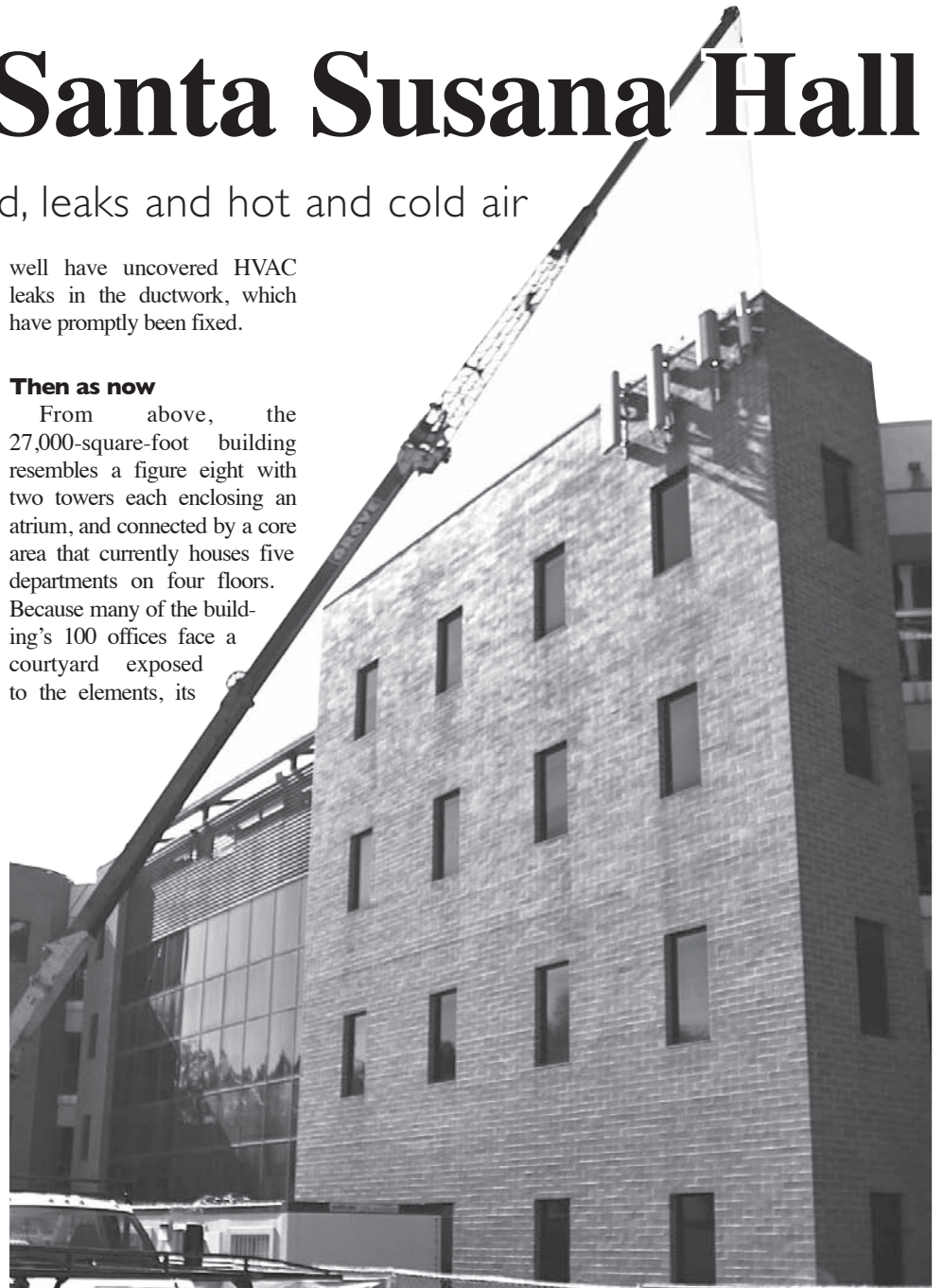
"We have many buildings on campus that have priorities, and you have to deal with the resources at hand... in the order at which they occur," said Rosenthal. "Santa Susana in particular has a lot of engineering and construction problems that are difficult to overcome."

Rosenthal says that because the current work has essentially cleared the roof of impeding structures, previously inaccessible areas like the maintenance

well have uncovered HVAC leaks in the ductwork, which have promptly been fixed.

Then as now

From above, the 27,000-square-foot building resembles a figure eight with two towers each enclosing an atrium, and connected by a core area that currently houses five departments on four floors. Because many of the building's 100 offices face a courtyard exposed to the elements, its



a crane stands by to help install a structural cover for Santa Susana Hall. The cover is intended to offer an additional layer of protection over the building's maintenance well.

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occupants often have to keep their doors closed.

The figure eight could also be a metaphor for the building's perceived life cycle: infinite problems.

Even after approval in 1975, a weak economy in the early 1980s meant Gov. Jerry Brown, at the end of his first run as governor, would put a halt to non-essential spending.

Twenty-eight years later, Brown is again governor of a state facing huge fiscal shortfalls, construction is once again put on hold, and Santa Susana still faces the same problems it had since its initial completion.

"We'd all like to replace Santa Susana Hall and it's a frustration that we can't at the moment," said Harry Hellenbrand, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

The original design called for a 38,000-square-foot building with 140 offices, but was reduced by 40 offices due to a 40 percent inflation increase, short of the 139 offices the building was meant to replace. In addition, cheaper materials, namely clay brick, replaced the more expensive cement material that was in the building's original design, said Michael Nakamoto, former assistant director of facilities planning in a January 1983 edition of the Sundial.

By December 1984 Charles Manley, former director of facilities, said to the Sundial that construction for the building once again exceeded the allotted budget by \$600,000. The overspending forced designers to omit features including operable windows and a sprinkler system—a fact that meant the building did not initially meet fire regulations. It was then retrofitted with standpipes on the outsides of the structure.

The faculty offices officially

opened October 1984 and it only took a change of seasons to reveal the many problems that afflicted it. Rain soon revealed that the stairwells were canted the wrong way, creating puddles of water at entryways, which then required piping and drains.

The cost-saving clay brick essentially made the building a large kiln with windows that no longer opened, quick to gain heat in the San Fernando Valley summer, but unable to retain it during the winter. Additionally, the HVAC in the offices had an insufficient amount of dampers in the air ducts. As a result, airflow in the building is poor and has persisted to this day.

Like the present, wet conditions led previous faculty to report dampness in the interior of certain offices as well as leaks in others.

"The northwest corner office has fungus that grows on the wall each winter," said former faculty member Audrey Vanderwier in a 1988 edition of the Sundial.

By September 1987, the school was reaching a settlement with architect Howard R. Lane on the many defects of the building, however, renovations to remedy the issues did not begin until the summer of 1988 and ultimately would not fix the problems. Lane would die of a heart attack several months later, and his firm would go on to sue the company in charge of implementing the summer renovations.

According to a current faculty member who wanted to remain anonymous, the only redeeming quality about Santa Susana is that it endured the 1994 Northridge earthquake, but the university's 1998 master plan noted that every building on the campus suffered some sort of damage.

The future for Santa Susana

When CSUN released its ambitious "Envision 2035" master plan in 2005, it referred to Santa Susana as "near the end of its useful life" along with Sierra, Cypress, Nordhoff, Live Oak, and Eucalyptus Halls. Nordhoff has recently received a new roof and both Cypress and Eucalyptus Halls are on a deferred maintenance list, according to Rosenthal.

Hellenbrand said that replacing Santa Susana's roof wasn't planned, something he calls a "major irony."

"These capital projects, when they're postponed, save you money in one area, but lose you money in another area because you're using an amount of capital to constantly repair the building, and at some point in time those repairs end up costing you more than if you had just knocked the thing down and built something new," said Hellenbrand.

The "envision" plan does call for an eventual replacement for Santa Susana and many other buildings, and Hellenbrand acknowledges that the plans for a future building have not changed even though the time period for such projects has.

Both Hellenbrand and Rosenthal point to California's budget situation, noting that recent "envision" projects such as the Valley Performing Arts Center, Chaparral Hall, the Student Recreation Center, and the Transit Station were all or partially funded locally.

In the meantime, Debose and Santa Susana's other occupants have been assured that the roofing will remedy the leaks but whether this latest project solves the building's problems depends on the weather.

"The proof of the pudding will be when it rains and when it gets cold," said Debose. "I always have a jacket in this office."

Link to health problems?

Rick Talbott, chair of religious studies, is one of a chorus of faculty within Santa Susana who considers the roof maintenance long overdue, and even when the solution comes, it comes with a price.

"The attempt to fix it, we're all in favor of that, but it's been quite a cost of being able to come and operate comfortably at work," said Talbott, referring specifically to the current work being done and how he's had to send colleagues home because of headaches from what he calls "noxious fumes."

Anita Simon Hart, an administrative support coordinator for the Pan-African studies department, admits that she's generally had sinus troubles, but those problems have become a chronic issue particularly since the roofing began.

Hart, who said she's had to see the doctor several different times recently, has been put on two different antibiotics and when she recently did a throat culture, the results showed traces of mold within her respiratory system. On her doctor's recommendation, Hart called CSUN's Environmental Health and Safety department.

Tony Pepe, assistant director of Environmental Health and Safety, doesn't think Santa

Susana's problems are more or less frequent than any other building on campus. Pepe said that he is unaware of any mold complaints that have not been resolved and that an initial investigation into complaints resulting from Santa Susana's recent work has yielded known air-balance issues that his and other departments are already addressing.

"At this point in the investigation, the air quality isn't going to contribute to respiratory illnesses for healthy folks," said Pepe, "but we haven't finished the investigation, or come up with the perfect solution yet."

Hart, however, says that anyone who spends any significant time within her department office is suffering from some kind of upper respiratory problem pointing out a new assistant who, since August, is suffering from such complications.

"I got it too. We all have — I mean — it's just the way it is when we work in here," said Karin Stanford, chair of Pan-African studies. "Either relocate us or fix this building and considering the budget constraints; so I understand that, I just hope that something will change soon."

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Crash

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Rodriguez. The male occupant, who was thought to be the pilot, was bleeding profusely from his face, but he seemed to be more concerned with the health of his female passenger, Rodriguez said.

Student Recreation Center lifeguard William Vaughn, a CTVA senior, was shocked by the plane descending down over the SRC.

"I just heard my co-worker go 'What?' and as I looked up, the plane passed directly over our heads," Vaughn said. "The propeller had stopped, so I didn't hear anything, it was completely silent. It was super low and we didn't hear a crash, but a really loud thud."

Vaughn jumped onto a wall that separates the SRC swim-

ming pool and the athletic fields only to see a mangled plane upside-down. Soon after, the lifeguard radioed the administration office who notified authorities.

CSUN police chief Anne Glavin said the first call came in at 3:11 p.m. and two officers were dispatched to the scene. Initial reports were unsure of what exactly had crashed onto the school's East Field, where sports teams sometime practice.

"The officers' first attention was to the pilot and his wife," Glavin said.

Cpt. Larry Jackson of LAFD Station 70 said his station's radio traffic was relaying information from the Van Nuys airport tower where the plane had been trying to land.

"We share a radio and talk with CSUN dispatch," Jackson said. "There was no fire but a lot of smoke from the



Loren Towns Ley / PHOTO EDITOR

Fire Chief Mark Saxelby with Battalion 70 of the Los Angeles Fire Department walks past the wreckage of a single-plane crash on Sunday.

airplane."

Sgt. Andy Whitman, public information officer with the LAPD Devonshire division, said police assisted by setting up barriers on the perimeter of the scene to keep out spectators.

"We respond as an act of

mutual aid," Whitman said of how LAPD can get involved with CSUN-related cases.

Vaughn was surprised at how some students reacted with the plane falling overhead.

"There was someone sitting right behind me poolside that had no reaction at all, like he

sees planes fall out of the sky everyday," Vaughn said.

The plane was heading from Novato to John Wayne Airport in Orange County, according to Fire Chief Mark Saxelby of Battalion 70.

The cause of the crash is under investigation by the

National Transportation Safety Bureau, Saxelby said.

Even a day later, Rodriguez still couldn't forget the image of the plane falling out of the sky. "I can't get the picture out of my head," he said. "I see the man and woman's faces."



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Firefighters assess the damage of a single-plane crash near the intersection of Zelzah and Plummer on Sunday.

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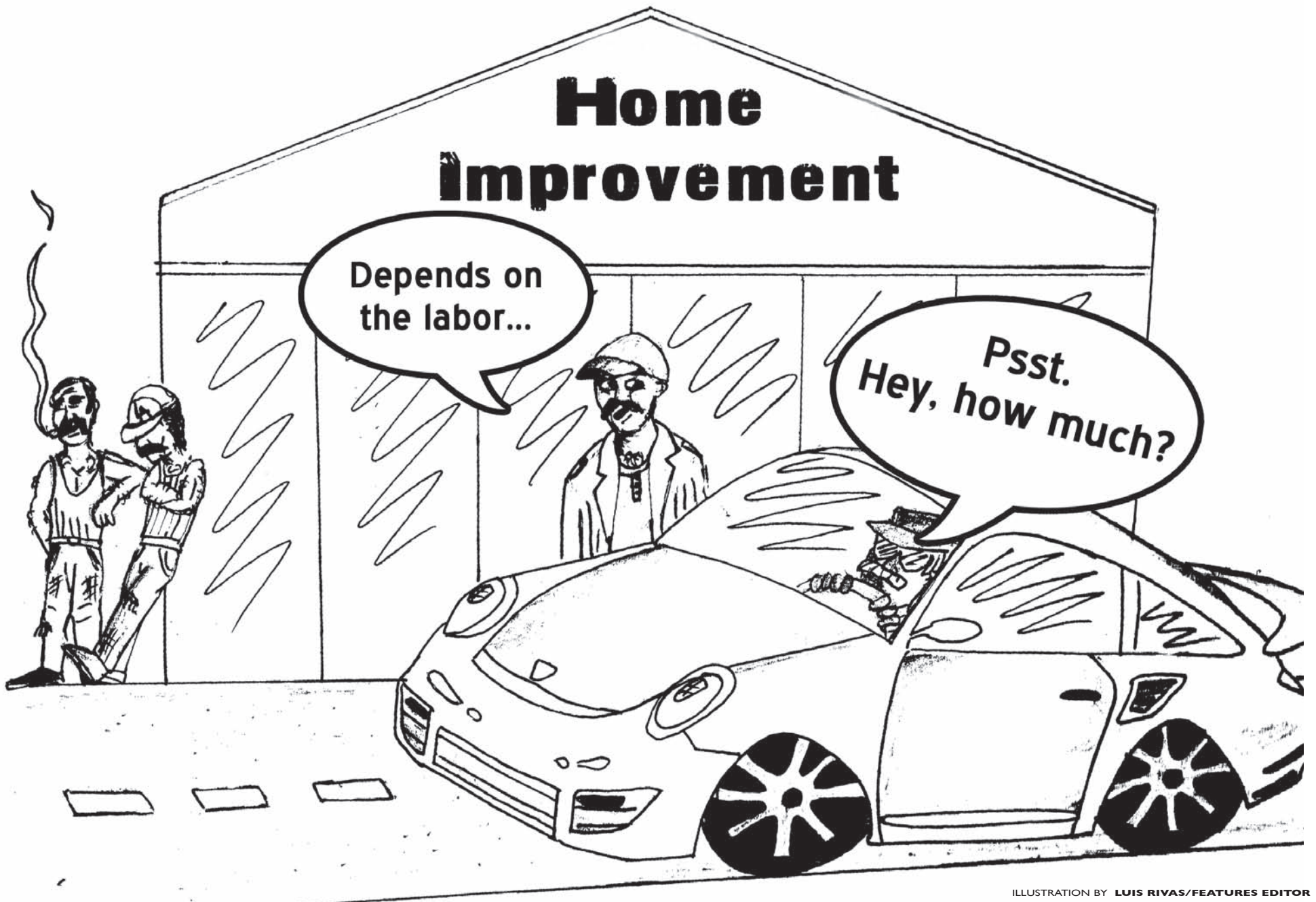


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SENIOR REPORTER

Originally born 40 years ago in El Salvador, Amber, whose name has been changed at her request, has lived in the United States for the majority of her life. Petite and strawberry blonde, I first met her two years ago while working a night shift at an adult bookstore. Amber was a former prostitute.

Intrigued by the fact that she used to have sex with

men for money (no female customers had approached her), we became friends, bonding over our mutual crush on William Levy, a gorgeous and untalented telenovela actor. For the year I worked there, she would disappear for months and return with a new hair color or make-up scheme. She was a woman who loved color in all facets of her life, even if others (like I) did not think it was age appropriate at times.

"When I first started," Amber said, "I didn't do anal (sex) and the guys

would pay me extra to do it. Then the pinche (damn) Internet happened."

Amber discussed how somewhere in the mid to late 1990s, during the Internet boom, being a prostitute suddenly became competitive and self-respect turned into a luxury.

"Podia cobrar (I could charge) \$100 for a normal session and an extra \$150 if they wanted to go a little deeper," Amber said.

She met women and men who would charge \$50 or a warm place to sleep for the night in order to provide

such a service. Suddenly Amber wasn't so much sought after and was seen as overcharging clients and being conservative compared to pornography on the Internet.

The Oxford Dictionary defines prostitution as an individual engaging in sexual activity for payment, a profession whose history can be traced to the 18th century B.C. on the Babylonian tablet, the Code of Hammurabi. It's a profession that survived long before Jesus Christ, Craigslist or Gloria Allred could

praise or condemn it.

I originally intended to write in defense of legalizing prostitution, but hindsight has made me realize that I can not defend a profession that dehumanizes its workers. Prostitution is a job few want and often a last resort for those systemically disenfranchised by society: women and minorities, and this is a norm in the profession I am totally against.

Granted, there are benefits in legalizing prostitution such as tax revenue for states and an increase

in job safety for the women and men willing to provide sexual favors in exchange for money or other services. Legalizing prostitution would create undeniable economical benefits, a sorely needed change in an economy that offers less legal job options to the general populace. Have safe sex, get paid for doing it well and a possible health plan? Many would say "yes, please."

Such a turn in national

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policy might even erase the tired "dead hooker" plot device in CSI or Law & Order, forcing male TV writers to be creative for once.

But no amount of hallucinogenic drug consumption will make what I previously mentioned a reality.

Several scholarly articles have covered the topic, such as "Women in Street Prostitution" by Jacquelyn Monroe (2005) and "Prostitution in Five Countries: Violence and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder" by Melissa Farley (1998), discussing how those at the bottom of the social totem pole often resort to the profession.

A combination of male favoritism in hiring practices (proven in multiple job and scientific fields), economic nose dives on the national scale, uneven wages and the social pressure on women to take on the role of child caretaker as default have pinned women in a spot where unprofessional behavior, like flirting, is now being encouraged in order for them to advance in business transactions and the workplace, according to a recent UC Berkeley study called "Feminine Charm: An Experimental Analysis of its Costs and Benefits in Negotiations."

Socio-economically disadvantaged men also resort to prostitution. While standing outside a Home Depot, waiting for work, can be equivalent to prostitution for men and women, reports show unprotected migrant workers are beginning to resort to sexual prostitution in these areas. No longer is Mr. Doe pulling up to hire Pedro or Mario to paint his house or trim his lawn, but is instead paying them a days work for skin action.

When poverty strikes and you do not have resources or opportunities, what can people turn to for income? The unemployment office takes weeks to respond and sometimes one must jump through a thousand hoops in order to receive a check.

"For about a shitty six months," said 23-year-old Carina, a nursing student at Los Angeles Pierce College, whose name has also been changed, "I was let go from my job at a child daycare center and my mom's breast cancer returned."

Working as a web-cam girl in order to pay the bills, Carina doesn't remember her months fondly but she does remember the few clients who were pleasant while she entertained them.

"A few wanted to talk because they were lonely," she said, "some guys really liked me because I was curvy."

The worst, for Carina, were the ones who would pick on her for her weight despite them paying minutes to see her alone. Others would perform sexual acts in front of the web camera that would make it difficult for Carina to remain pleasant.

"I would go to this studio in Van Nuys [Calif.]," she said, "and I would sit on these funky stained sheets in front of the camera... and sometimes I was surprised, during a performance, that this was legal."

Carina remembers the moistness of the sheets and mattress she performed on and how the employers ignored her requests for cleaner conditions.

Legalization isn't going to automatically ensure a prostitute's safety or better her world. It might stop them from consuming drugs on the job, much how Nevada's prostitution laws work, but it won't protect them from the next coked-up client from freaking out during a session.

"Crackheads are the worst," Amber said, "You have to soothe them into believing that you aren't going to rob them. They're paranoid as fuck. And when they can't get 'it' up, because of the crack, they start a bitch fit even if they trust you."

Legalization will not remove the stigma of being a sex worker or the unnecessary risks the job brings. It will not get rid of the barriers many minorities and women face when trying to succeed in the workplace. The government will merely provide the illusion of safety and tax individuals who they've mostly neglected.

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DOWN

- Midterm, e.g.
- Do followers, scalewise
- Protects from disease
- Battling helmet opening
- Orono, Maine, is a suburb of it
- Surveyor's measure
- Bucking horse
- Start of summer?
- Access illegally, as computer files
- "___ me, you villain!"
- Agree to another tour
- Former Atlanta arena
- Christmas quaffs
- Holy terror
- Gulf State resident
- Loan shark
- Immortal PGA nickname
- Thick
- Control freak in a white dress
- Syrian leader
- "CSI: NY" actor
- Sinise

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- Bunch of beauties
- Andalusian article
- Rose-colored glasses wearer
- Wet behind the ears
- "Who are you kidding?!"
- Tropical lizard
- Ewing Oil, e.g.
- Notice
- Sends regrets, perhaps
- Pealed
- River of central Germany
- Gin flavoring
- Direction reversals, in slang
- "Yeah, what the heck!"
- Communion, for one
- Miler Sebastian

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Head coaches in need of the boot

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A household name in the NFL goes a long way but it can't keep you out of hot water forever. Some of the NFL's better-known head coaches have under-achieved this season and it's finally gotten to the point where these coaches need to get the ax.

Andy Reid-Philadelphia Eagles

Am I missing something here?

Can someone explain to me how Andy Reid, a pass-first coach who has failed to produce a single championship run for the Eagles since being hired in 1999, still has a job amidst a six-game losing streak?

Sure, his current offensive line is battered beyond belief and he's stuck with a mediocre quarterback who signed a long term deal, but this doesn't excuse his past failures and his ardent unwillingness to run the ball despite having top-tier running backs -- or losing six straight games.

Reid, who is known for having a run-to-pass ratio hovering between the high 50s and low 60s, consistently makes the mistake of giving an unacceptably low amount of carries to star running back LeSean McCoy -- the same treatment he gave to Brian Westbrook, whose early career was blanketed by Reid's offensive philosophy.

What's clear is that this ideology doesn't work -- at least not with-

out a superstar quarterback.

From 2007-2010, Reid called a whopping 1,959 throws for former QB Donovan McNabb, including a year where he attempted 571 passes and failed to even break the 4,000 yard mark for the season.

Under Reid, Michael Vick is getting similar treatment as he gets nearly 20 attempts per game while McCoy only rushes 16.4 times per game, a number way too low for a guy who's averaging 4.7 yards per carry. Vick hasn't been impressive either, putting up a combined passer rating of less than 90 throughout his last three seasons.

Last year, the Eagles missed the playoffs and finished with a 8-8 record despite making numerous key offseason signings which brought in marquee defensive players like Nnamdi Asomugha, Cullen Jenkins and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie. Their 3-7 start this year signals it's time for a change -- one that has Reid replaced with someone who's willing to put the rock in McCoy's hands.

Currently, the Eagles may not find a better overall coach, but ridding Reid is a step in the right direction as the franchise is in desperate need of a massive overhaul due to its \$90 million roster playing on par with the Cleveland Browns.

Norv Turner-San Diego Chargers



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Philadelphia eagles' head coach Andy Reid had his glory days in Philly but those times are long gone in 2012.

Many people are quick to blame the Chargers' problems on Philip Rivers, whose performances in the last two seasons have demoted him from a top-tier passer to a middle-of-the-pack quarterback.

Though Rivers has thrown a combined 34 interceptions in the last 27 games to go along with nine lost fumbles -- 18

of those turnovers coming this season -- San Diego's 4-7 record isn't entirely his fault. He's driven the Chargers' offense the last two years to a 24 points per game average while throwing 45 touchdowns and 270 yards a contest.

So who's to blame for San Diego missing the playoffs for the third straight season? Look no further than head coach Norv Turner.

Turner, an offensive-minded coach who is not known for his defense, has carved out a nice little niche for himself the past couple seasons: finding a way to lead his team to devastating losses despite building large first-half leads

The Chargers started the month of October with back-to-back losses to the Saints and the Broncos, both of which being games they should have won. San Diego led New Orleans by 10 points at half-time, but gave up 17 points in the second half to lose the game. Against Denver, they allowed 35 unanswered

second-half points, handing the Broncos an incredible win as they trailed 24-0 at the half. They'd con-

tinue to win just one out of their next five games since, including another one where they dropped a large halftime lead as they scored just three points in the second half to lose 24-34 against the Buccaneers.

This last Sunday's overtime loss to the Ravens -- which saw their defense give up a 30-yard catch and run to Ray Rice on a 4th and 29 -- just highlights Norver's incompetence as a head coach and is more than enough reason to fire him. San Diego's roster has more than enough talent to be a playoff team, but Turner's ineptitude continues to hold them back.

Rex Ryan-New York Jets

There's a reason why the Ravens chose to hire John Harbaugh instead of promoting then defensive coordinator Rex Ryan to head coach in 2008 and the Jets are finding out why.

It's time for the Jets to end the Ryan experiment and clean house in New York. The team of general manager Mike Tannenbaum and Ryan experienced too much success too early and owner Woody Johnson needs to send them to "have a snack."

NFL fans across the nation were wishing that the outspoken Ryan was their team's coach in 2009 and 2010 when he took over the Jets and led them to the AFC Championship two years in a row. He displayed his lovable, confident personality on HBO's reality show "Hard Knocks," which catapulted his popular-

ity in the NFL world.

The Jets backed up their confident coach by getting to the AFC Championship two straight years by running the ball and playing good defense. The decline of the team started when Ryan and former offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer decided to steer away from their hard-nosed approach to the game and tried to finesse their way to victory.

In 2009, the Jets led the league in rushing and total defense. They then let go of workhorse running back Thomas Jones in favor of an unproven Shonn Greene and an over-the-hill Ladanian Tomlinson. The next year, the rushing game fell to fourth in the league and the defense fell to third.

The decline continued as Ryan and Tannenbaum brought in big names that did not fit the hard-nosed mentality the team was successful with. Players with big egos like Santonio Holmes, Plaxico Burress, Antonio Cromartie, Tomlinson and the most recent debacle, Tim Tebow tore the locker room apart.

The locker room tensions came to a head earlier in the year when players started taking sides in the quarterback battle between Tebow and Mark Sanchez. Some publicly stated their preferences while others anonymously criticized Tebow through the media.

These exploits are the final straw for Ryan who has clearly lost control of a team of superstars. In his first two years as head coach, the Jets were a run first team. They then became a more balanced team. Now their a team of dysfunction with chaos as their identity.



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Jets coach Rex Ryan (right) shakes the hand of Chargers coach Norv Turner (left)