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'Outlawing Shakespeare'

CSUN students and faculty create a documentary giving insight to effect of Arizona ethnic studies ban

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When Arizona outlawed Mexican-American studies last year, CSUN students and faculty participated in protests and captured the struggle of schools and communities in the documentary "Outlawing Shakespeare: The Battle for the Tucson Mind."

After 13 years, the Mexican-American studies programs have been axed because they violated Arizona's House Bill 15-112. This prohibited courses from promoting resentment towards a race or class of people. Several books were also banned in this movement, including William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" because of a negative depiction of a Jewish character, lending to the play being viewed as racist.

In 2010, the Arizona House Bill 2281 was signed into law and is viewed as controversial. This new law prohibited the teaching of classes that would "promote the overthrow of the federal government, promote the resentment towards a race or class of people, that are primarily designed for a particular ethnic group or that promotes ethnic solidarity."

The CSUN Chapter of the California Faculty Association offered financial support to the creation of the documentary and Antonio Gallo, Chicano/a studies professor, assisted the development of the documentary, said Gabriel Buelna, Chicano/a studies professor at CSUN and the documentaries executive director.

"I think the most active thing we can do is to get people informed of what's going on and what's been happening in Tucson and how the situation regarding ethnic studies does not simply have only implications for Tucson or the state of Arizona," said Bryant Partida, 24, a third year

master's student in Chicano/a studies. "I believe what's going on really reflects what could happen on a national scale. I don't think there's much conversation that takes place about supporting the fight for ethnic studies or the fight for Mexican-American studies in Tucson."

The group began filming the documentary in February and participated in protests that occurred in Tucson.

"There were several trips to Arizona and they took place in February, April and August," said Buelna. "The first trip that we took, we had 60 students from CSUN and five faculty members from different departments attended as well."

Two ideas that are fueling the push for the end of ethnic studies courses in the Tucson School District (TUSD) are that Mexican-American students are seeking Aztlan and that Latino/a minorities are being oppressed by having these courses removed from the schools' programs, resulting in their defiant and hostile behavior.

Aztlan is the belief, idea or a place where people can find their home or promise land, and it can be a state of mind or being, according to the documentary. However, that idea is being taken too literally, and the fear of Arizona being returned to Mexico is the fuel for this political conflict.

"I think it has to do a lot with the anti-Mexican and anti-immigrant rhetoric that's being used by the conservatives involved in the politics of Arizona," said Partida.

The documentary suggests that proponents of the law are believed to use this idea of Aztlan to their benefit and use it to strike fear within the communities. The teachers who are involved in these courses are also influencing their behavior, which will lead to the creation of solidarity among Latino/a students and the quest to return Arizona to Mexico.

"Just because we're Latino, doesn't mean that we just care about immigration. Immigration is at the top. But education is essential," said Buelna. "That's a big part of what we're fighting for and making sure that there is literature that looks like you and there is art that looks like you in use."

Recently, Willis Hawley, a court authority from the federal government, recommended that a majority of the Mexican-American programs that were dismantled be reinstated into the TUSD's curriculum.

"Should Latino students be reading about Asian literature, Jewish literature, African-American culture or learning about different religions? Absolutely," Buelna said. "This is about making sure Latinos are represented equally in everything. Not less, but equally."

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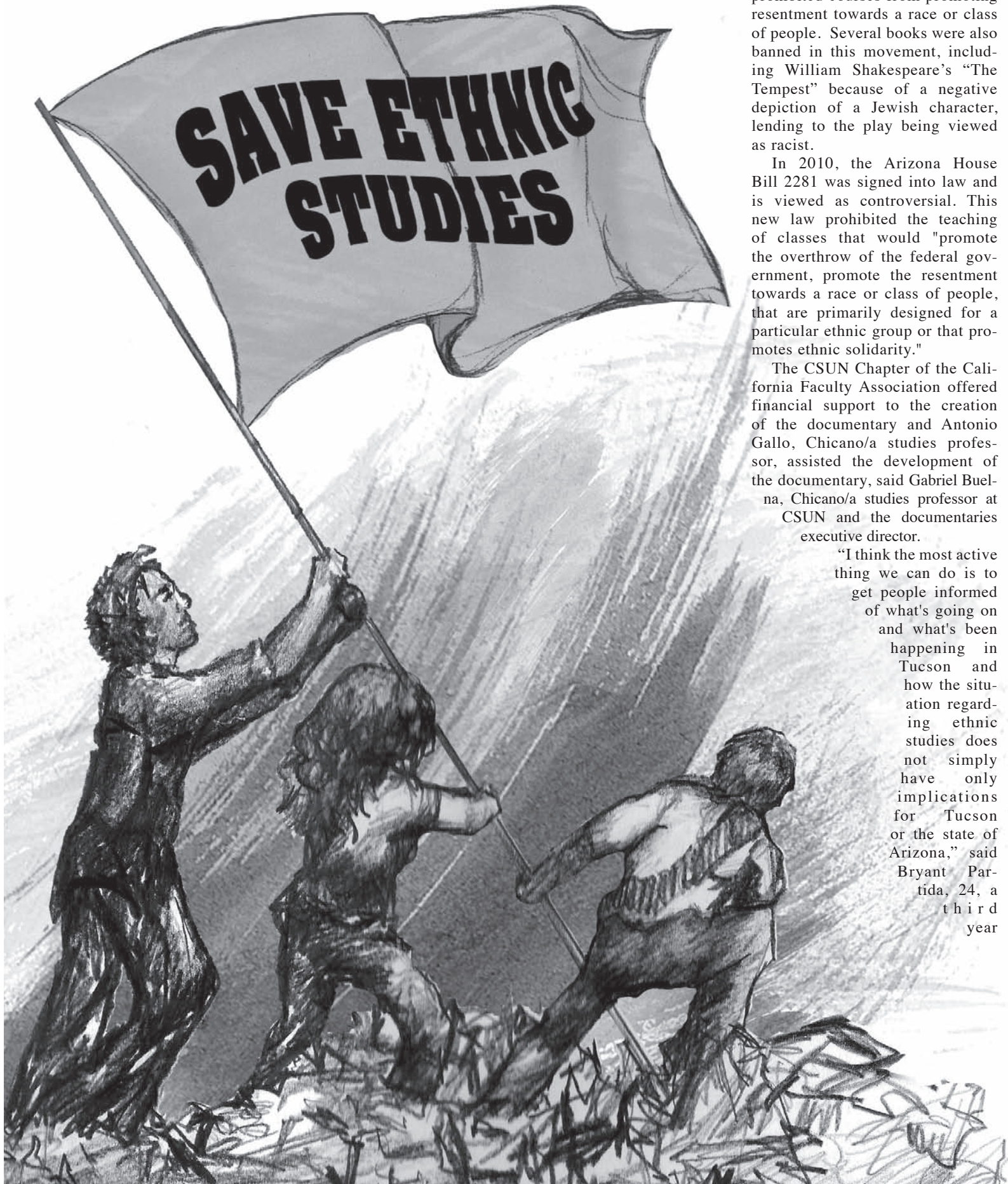


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Cyber Monday beats out Black Friday

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Waiting in line outside Best Buy in a popup tent city for four days is becoming a thing of the past, thanks to online shopping.

This past Cyber Monday sales increased by 30.3 percent making it the biggest online shopping day ever, International Business Machines analytics reported.

"Cyber Monday was not only the pinnacle of the Thanksgiving shopping weekend but when the cash register closed it officially became the biggest online shopping day ever," said Jay Henderson, strategy director of IBM Smarter Commerce, in IBM's analysis of the holiday shopping weekend.

Not only were consumers happily clicking away online, but many were also shopping via phone. Shopping with a mobile device, including smart phones and tablets, accounted for 12.9 percent of all online purchases, a 96 percent increase over 2011. The iPad generated more online traffic than any other mobile device.

This increased use of technology helped the average shopper get more bang for their buck. By taking

advantage of deals such as free shipping, many consumers increased their items per order by 14.1 percent while simultaneously lowering their purchase's overall cost.

Cyber Monday sales were up 36 percent over Black Friday sales this year, indicating that shoppers are opting more for online deals instead of the hustling crowds Black Friday is notorious for. This shift in shopping patterns could lead to more sales opportunities online and outside of the typical store setting.

"Retailers that adopted a smarter marketing approach to commerce were able to adjust to the shifting shopping habits of their customers, whether in-store, online or via their mobile device of choice, and fully benefit from this day and the entire holiday weekend," said Henderson.

Retail giants like Target and Walmart opened their doors at record-early hours this year and received mixed feelings from consumers and employees.

"Since people can purchase online 24/7, I think it's an inevitable reaction to the competitive environment," said Mary Curen, professor and department chair of marketing.

Sophomore Janet Rodriguez visited her older brother while he worked at the center

of Black Friday mayhem at Walmart at midnight in the toy department.

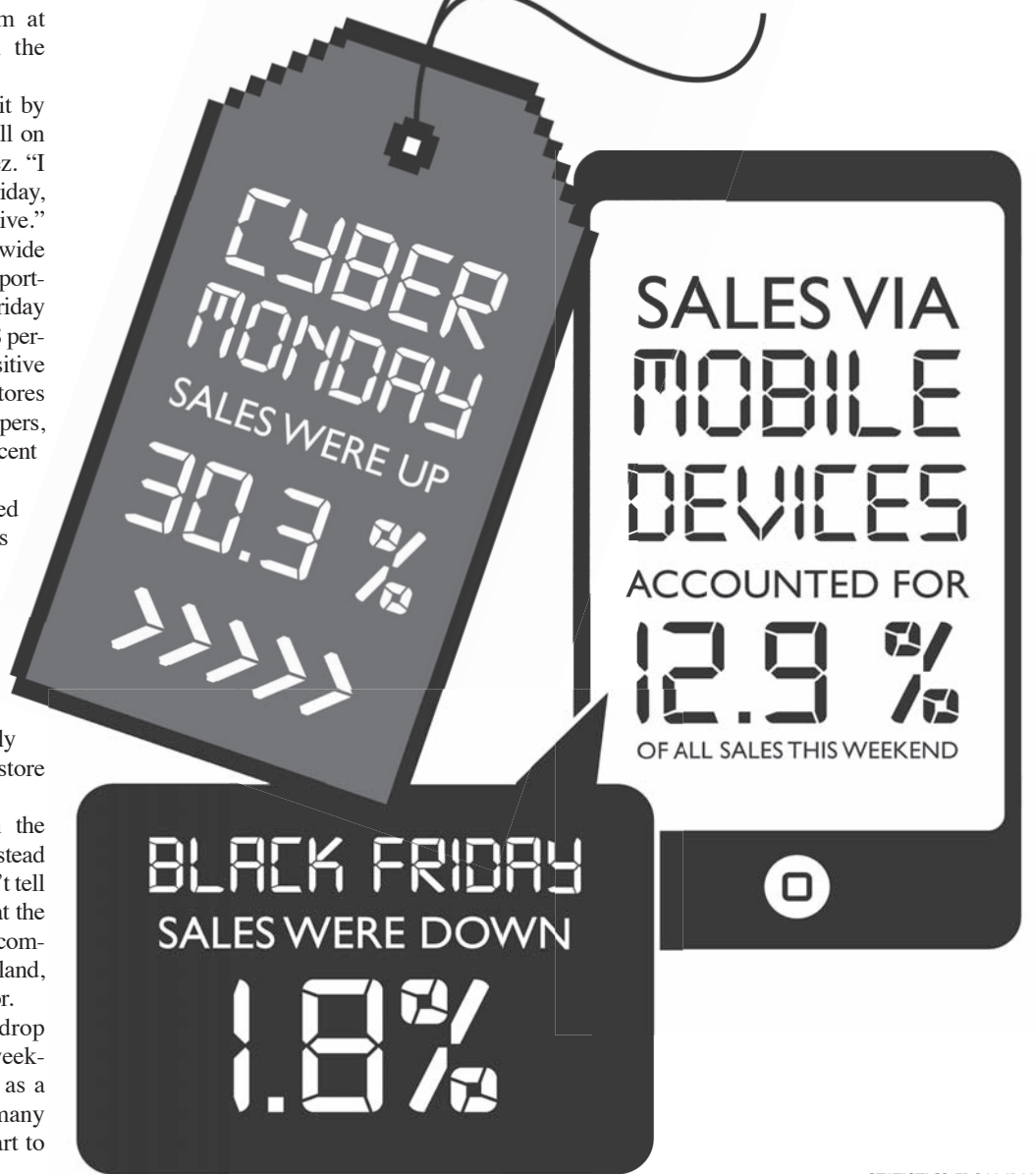
"It was chaos! I got hit by a cart, and I saw boxes fall on a woman!" said Rodriguez. "I wouldn't shop on Black Friday, people are way too aggressive."

ShopperTrak, a worldwide retail analytic company, reported that sales on Black Friday dropped approximately 1.8 percent, despite initially positive predictions. However, stores experienced a rise in shoppers, as foot traffic rose 3.5 percent from last year.

ShopperTrak explained that the earlier store hours on Thanksgiving could explain the slight drop in sales on Friday, as people could have done their shopping earlier. The surge in online shopping most likely brought down total in-store purchases as well.

"I prefer shopping in the store on Black Friday instead of online, because you can't tell how something fits or what the quality of it is from the computer," said Gianna Copeland, freshman pre-CTVA major.

Despite the slight drop in sales, Black Friday weekend is still being viewed as a resounding success by many retailers and a healthy start to the shopping season.



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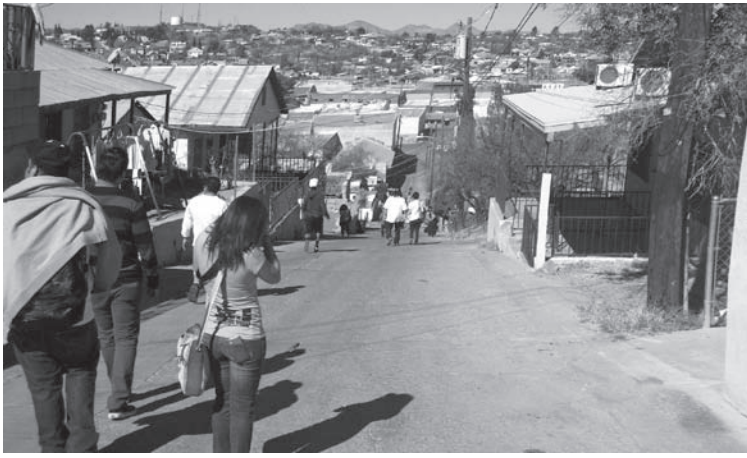
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COURTESY OF XAVIER QUINONES

Professors and students visit Tucson, Arizona to witness the ban on Mexican-American studies firsthand.

SHAKESPEARE

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commentary next month and that is when a judge will decide what happens in Tucson as far as the law goes.

“There’s a lot of initiative and there’s a lot of people around the nation who have done the work, like reading and supporting the literature books that have been banned. For example, the documentary pointed out that “The Tempest” has been banned in this ethnic studies battle in Tucson,” said Partida. “So people are reading, teaching and out-reaching by raising funds for the ethnic studies in Tucson. I think those are points for people to get involved and start supporting what’s important to them.”

The documentary is a tool of creating awareness of this situation and it comes out in a timely

manner, said Buelna. Latinos and African-Americans voted in significant numbers in the 2012 national election. This shows the important role that minorities play and reflect in regards to the government and the decisions that they allow the officials to make on their behalf.

Buelna plans to explore the finer details of this topic in a book that he is planning to write as a result of CSUN’s involvement in Tucson’s battle.

“There was a report that came out which basically shows that students who attended (ethnic studies) classes in Arizona, had better graduation rates. And it was better because when your self-esteem is improved, you can do anything. This comes from seeing more of yourself in what you study,” said Buelna. “So this issue in Arizona, ultimately, is a national issue, not just a local issue.”

Wellness Center to open

Construction for the on-campus center will begin Spring 2013

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DAILY SUNDIAL

The University Student Union board of directors approved the construction of a new on-campus “wellness center” that is scheduled to begin during the Spring 2013 semester.

The board met Oct. 22 to discuss the costs and planning of the proposed center, which will be located below the Grand Salon where the Sunny Days children’s summer camp is held.

The space used for the camp will be redesigned for the new center, and the camp may move to the former fitness center in the USU.

Debra Hammond, executive director of the USU, said the union looked at survey data over the last year and found that students’ academic performances have been affected by sleep deprivation and lack of stress management.

“We feel this facility could address all of that, and our job is to give students tools to manage stress better,” Hammond said. “This will be set up for students to really relax and rejuvenate and get centered and balanced before they go back into the classroom or work environment.”

Since the wellness center was only approved for planning, all services and budgets are currently tentative. The USU has a placeholder of \$2 million for the 2013 and 2014 budgets until they are quoted specific numbers from an architect in January.

The \$2 million budget includes costs

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— Debra Hammond
executive director of the USU

like construction, landscaping and fixtures and would be spent before the opening of the center, according to Joe Illuminate, the associate director of USU finance and business services.

“We do a financial plan and project about six or seven years from the current year to make sure we are on top of our finances and in line with long-term goals,” Illuminate said. “(The wellness center) is being financed with our cash on hand, so we are not borrowing money. It will be paid for with cash.”

The budget includes a possible elevator installation, an item that was discussed during the October board meeting.

“The stairwell there now is inefficient and cannot accommodate what we want for the center,” Hammond said of the possible elevator. “Plus, the railing for the ramp we have is not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant.”

Hammond added the redesigning of the current ramp and stairwell will involve “a lot of excavation,” and if an elevator is less expensive, the USU will do what is most cost effective.

The services that may be offered at the wellness center include guided meditation, acupuncture, massage therapy, and even sleep pods where students can take short naps, Hammond said.

Although the services that will be offered at the wellness center have not been finalized, the overlapping of services offered at the Klotz Health Center to the new wellness center is likely, according to Marianne Link, associate director of health promotion at the Klotz Health Center and USU board member. She said it is possible that some services will be offered at both centers.

“In either case, the result will be no loss of services for students,” Link said. “In fact, if the wellness center has extended hours, it is possible that the current level of some services might be increased.”

Link added the services would include what the students “want and need to increase health and wellness, reduce stress and achieve academic goals.”

Hammond does not expect the wellness center to open until May 2014.

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The girl that never gives up



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Chabelita Moreno is an 11-year-old who just started sixth grade. Like most sixth graders, she is full of energy, curiosity and loves making new friends. However, she is not an ordinary sixth grader. Chabelita was diagnosed with a rare deficiency called Succinic Semialdehyde Dehydrogenase when she was 18 months old.

SSD deficiency is a rare inborn disorder that can cause a variety of neurological problems. Children with this condition typically have developmental delay, especially involving speech development, intellectual disability and decreased muscle tone soon after birth. According to the National Institute of Health, only 350 cases have been reported worldwide. There is no cure for this rare deficiency.

Chabelita started having seizures when she was 9 months old and more followed after that. Her weak

muscle tone did not allow her to start walking until she was 2 years old. Her speech delay still has not completely developed but with speech therapy classes, she has been able to communicate much more.

Her parents have struggled to provide what is necessary to improve her mental development so she can gain a normal life. She still struggles to do many daily activities, like brushing her hair, tying her shoes, brushing her teeth and getting dressed.

Despite her disabilities, her hyperactive personality exceeds everything else. Chabelita is very talkative, loves meeting new people and is very outgoing. Dressing up is one of her favorite activities and singing and dancing brings out her inner diva.

Even though Chabelita has a long way to go, she is a lovely girl, who loves to sing, dance and go to school. With the help and persistence of her parents, she has been able to walk, communicate better and in the near future, speak.

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Chabelita Moreno experiences language delay, a symptom of Semialdehyde Dehydrogenase. When it becomes difficult for family members to understand her she communicates with sign language.



Personal hygiene like taking showers is difficult for Chabelita to do. Her mother helps her learn and hopes someday she will eventually do it herself.



Chabelita tries to write her name but the weakness in her hand prevents her from accomplishing it. Over the years it has become easier for her to write her name, but she still struggles to make it clear.



Chabelita is very alert and active, but because of her delay in general development, she still needs help from her mother on daily tasks like dressing and undressing after school.

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Wake up to a bright yellow dawn

North Korea's Supreme Leader explains the fallacies in 'Red Dawn,' as he invades your university

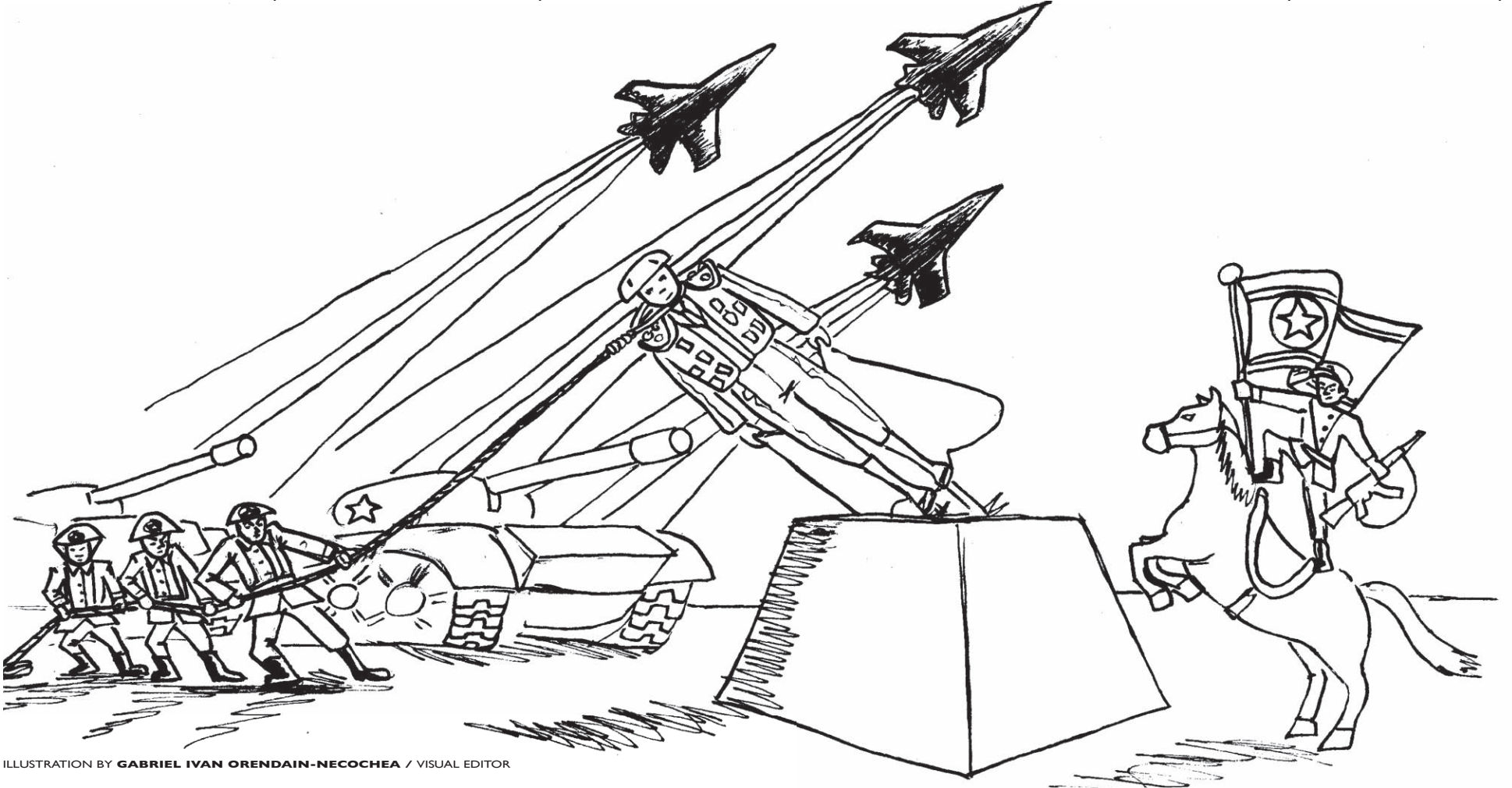


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SUPREME LEADER



KIM JONG UN
CONTRIBUTOR

While you “Matadors” were fattening up your nutritionally well-maintained bodies with what you call “turkey” and “mashed potatoes,” we North Koreans finally executed our long-overdue, most grand scheme to invade the precious land called Northridge, Calif. We have gained control of your country, despite your seemingly well-stocked nuclear weapons armory, bloated military budget and constantly vigilant National Guard.

You may think I am just trying to scare you with the storyline from the moving-picture, Red Dawn, released in theatres on Nov. 21. You may have asked yourself after you watched the moving-picture, how can a country whose 23 million people are mostly starving, trapped in labor-concentration-camps and tortured daily successfully invade the United States? Why are there no Asian Americans in the movie who are fighting against the invaders? Why did I spend my money on such crap?

We North Koreans have many angers toward “Hollywood,” because that moving-picture was a remake of our remake of the 1984 North Korean Oscar-nominated documentary. The original documentary showed how the Soviet Union, Cubans and Nicaraguans bravely invaded Colorado, but were beaten by high school students. That is why we cower at the sight of any American teenagers, for they are unusually witty and have access to so many guns and bombs!

Our version, which was to be used as truth propaganda for our starving masses, leaked a few years ago and director Dan Bradley stole all our

footage to create more false American patriotism. How dare they remove my favorite scene of the stereotype-affirming dog feast and then end the movie with the Americans as victorious! He even used American-fed Asian-American extras to fill in for the soldiers, as our soldiers look much too gaunt! And where in the red star’s blessed kingdom is Spokane, Wa.? We would never want to invade such a boring, suburban land where warriors like Thor and Peeta Mellark abound!

My father, our Dear Leader who loved to look at things, was most fascinated by Northridge and your school. You have many eateries such as Chipotle, Lum Ka Naad and Mandarin Deli – offering such different foods to our daily diet of tree bark and our people’s tears. Your school has plenty of vicious squirrels that we would love to harness as attack animals. But most of all, you have the best college gymnasium in all of Southern California, the Student Recreation Center!

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disguise, Kim Jong-Psy!

That is right, “Gangnam Style” was an intelligence move to capture the hearts and minds of the world. Do you really think that the song became so popular because of its quality or lyrics? You don’t even know what the song is saying, yet you listen! Play the song backwards, and you will hear my beautiful guttural voice exclaiming, “Heyyyy you Americans – North-north-north-north-north, North Korea Style.”

In fact, all of K-pop is direct subliminal messaging to your empty American minds. How else could a bad copy of American hip-hop and pop music become known around the globe? The female bands like the Wondergirls and Girls Generation which debuted in America this year are actually full of my many wives, you fools.

We will make our way into University Hall tomorrow, as I will sit in the glorious throne-office of the CSUN president. Every morning we will do the North Korean pledge of allegiance, which is horse-dancing to the chorus of Gangnam Style. Your slightly-effeminate Matador statue will be torn down and we will erect a statue of myself in its place. The Oviatt library will always be staffed with Asians screaming “ching chong, ling-long, ting-tong.” We will never adopt American manners.

Prepare yourself for a very yellow dawn.

– Hansook Oh takes responsibility for this nonsense. North Koreans are not invading CSUN.

Everyday you go about your lives. Unaware of the forces. That threaten your freedom.

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Hail North Korea! Behold, it is your Supreme Leader and 2012’s sexiest man alive, Kim Jong Un. Submit to my devastatingly handsome, round face, boyish charm and strong, sturdy frame!

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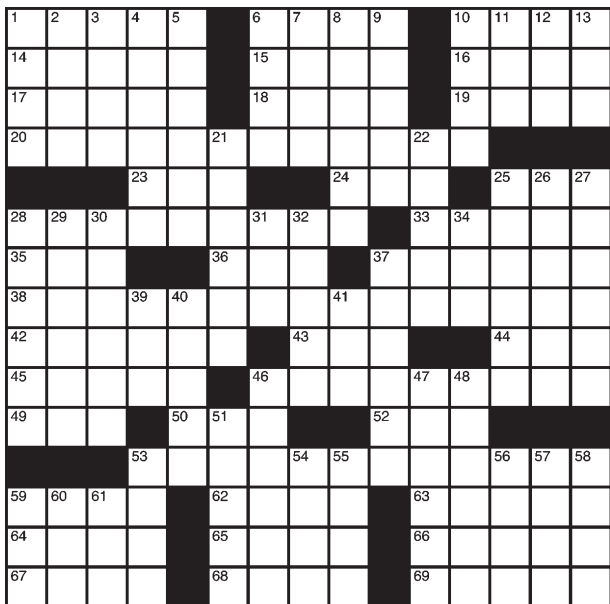
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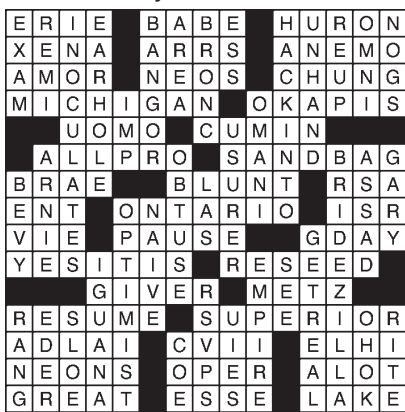
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Matadors prepare to face UCLA

CSUN looks to bounce back from their lone loss of the season as they hit the road to play the Bruins

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C SUN is coming off one of its greatest starts in school history, beginning the season with six straight wins. But after suffering its first loss of the year, Northridge (6-1) will travel to the newly-renovated Pauley Pavilion to take on No. 24 UCLA (4-2) in Westwood Wednesday night at 9 p.m.

After dropping its first game of the 2012 campaign to Brigham Young on Nov. 24, 87-75, the new-look Matadors will attempt to get another winning streak started against a more than worthy opponent.

CSUN has three players averaging over 10 points a game but in order for CSUN to have a chance to pull off the upset, the freshmen center duo of Tre Hale-Edmerson and Brandon Perry will be the deciding factor in Wednesday's outcome.

The two newcomers have combined for an average of 13 points, 8 rebounds and 2 steals a game in 36 minutes while splitting time at center.

As the least experienced team in the nation, according to a survey done by the Naval Academy media relations office, the Matadors had yet to find their identity during a pitiful season last year, but look to have found a support

system in the freshmen.

Even with the youngsters chipping in, the sophomores of CSUN are still carrying the team.

Sophomore guard Stephan Hicks is leading all scorers with 18.4 points in nearly 30 minutes per game while sophomore forward Stephen Maxwell has chipped in 14.1 points and seven rebounds in his 27 minutes a game.

Fellow sophomore Josh Greene is on the verge of etching his name in the CSUN record books with solid shooting from the charity stripe. Greene has knocked down 31 straight free-throws, one away from tying CSUN alumni Markus Carr's streak during the 2000-2001 season.

Greene has been effective at guard for the Matadors tallying nearly 14 points, five assists, and two steals through seven starts while averaging 29.3 minutes per contest.

CSUN's offense is putting up nearly 80 points a game via 14 assists per game while dominating under the boards and on the defensive end, snagging an average of 39 boards and taking nearly 10 steals a game.

Northridge will have to take its best effort down the 405 freeway to UCLA if it expects to hand the Bruins their second loss in a row.

UCLA is coming off a fresh

defeat at the hands CSUN's Big West Conference foe Cal Poly on Nov. 25, in which the Mustangs outplayed the then No. 11 Bruins down the stretch to complete the 70-68 upset.

The loss knocked UCLA out of the AP Top 25 polls but the Bruins are still hanging around the USA Today Coaches polls at No. 24.

The Bruins are averaging 77.3 points per game and have shot an average of 45.4 percent but have had a few close calls before their major upset.

Everyone will be watching UCLA freshman standout Shabazz Muhammad, who has led the Bruins in scoring in two of the three games that he's appeared in after being reinstated by the NCAA.

Including Muhammad, the Bruins have five players that average double digits but freshman Jordan Adams leads all scorers with 18.5 points in just 24.5 minutes despite having yet to start in a game.

Under the boards, CSUN has twin brothers Travis and David Wear that have combined for 22 points and 12.8 rebounds a game.

Northridge's "Tremendous Trio" will put their points on the board but second chance opportunities and the slowing of any UCLA offensive schemes must start and finish in the paint and under the boards.



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Starting center Tre Hale-Edmerson drives to the hoop for a bucket at the Matadome.

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From Linsane to Lineffective

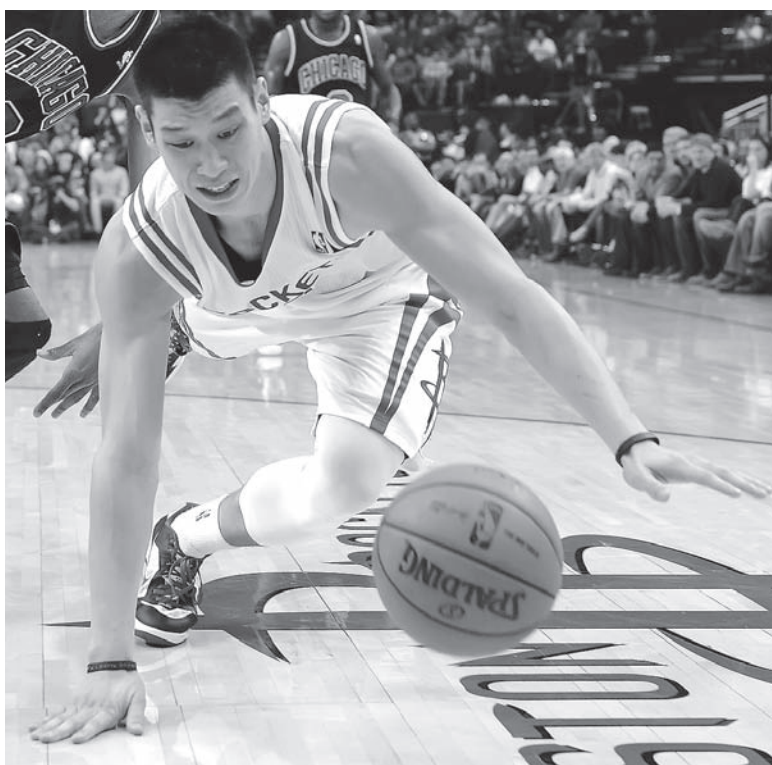
Houston point guard Jeremy Lin's meteoric rise on the Knicks last year is now marred by underwhelming play

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Last season's emergence of Jeremy Lin had most people believing the 6-foot-3, Taiwanese-born Harvard grad could actually ball with the best.

Lin averaged 21.5 points and 10.6 assists per game on 49.6 shooting last season during an eight-game stretch for the Knicks and sparked a global phenomenon dubbed "Linsanity" by the masses which cemented his status as a faux-superstar. He even had a game where he lit up Kobe Bryant and the Lakers for a career-high 38 points in a 92-85 victory.

However, as I predicted in a previous column, those numbers gave back down to Earth once Carmelo Anthony returned to the Knicks lineup and Lin was forced to share the ball. He finished his 2012 campaign missing the last 17 games due to a knee injury and finished the season averaging 14.6 points per game to go along with 6.2 assists.



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Rockets point guard Jeremy Lin dives for a loose ball during a home game against the visiting Chicago Bulls.

But I couldn't predict what would happen next.

After the offseason madness

cleared and the Knicks refused to match the Rockets' backloaded offer designed to ruin their sal-

ary cap, it seemed as if Houston landed a budding star for the next four years. Lin, who was cut from the Rockets, received a 3-year, \$25.1 million contract to return as their starting point guard and said it was "God's plan" for him to come back to the team.

Unfortunately for Houston, it seems as if God's plan is for them to lose because Lin's production so far has been woeful at best.

Through 12 games so far, Lin is putting up 10.2 points per game on an abysmal 34.8 percent shooting and is taking a major backseat to both James Harden and Chandler Parsons on the offensive end.

So what's going on? Well, it's simple: Lin is being exposed and is playing like the third string bench player he came into the league as. He's shown an inability play without the ball in his hands, turns the ball over nearly three times per game, and he's proven himself to be both a below-average defender and shooter as he's only hitting 24 percent of his shots from beyond the arc.

Lin's play is nowhere near worth the money he's getting. He has a long way to go to earn

his paycheck and the only reason he got such a large contract is because fans and media alike prematurely dubbed him a superstar. He was a fluke.

Don't believe me? Lin even said it himself:

"I've been exposed a lot early on in the season and have a lot to work on," Lin said in an interview with the New York Post. "I'm young. I've started 30-something games my entire career. It's something I have to keep in mind. I've felt better before but it's just a process."

Could his recent play be chalked up to being a learning process for a young and upcoming player? Or could it attributed to his inability to share the ball with superstar-caliber players?

Either way, two things are for sure: the Knicks made the right call this off-season by opting to bring in Raymond Felton to start as their point guard, while the Rockets are probably kicking themselves for passing on the chance to sign Goran Dragic, who's averaging a career-best 16 points and 7 assists per game, instead of signing Lin.