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## Prop. 30 gets cheers, jeers in final week

**ASHLEY SOLEY-CERRO**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

**T**hrough flashmobs, conference calls and TV and online advertisements, supporters and opponents of Proposition 30 are begging for the attention of student voters during these last few days before the Nov. 6 election.

About 70 percent of young voters and Democrats support the measure, according to the Public Policy Institute of California.

"We want to spread this around to tens of thousands, getting every young person in California voting — we know from surveys that young people are in favor of Proposition 30, but voter turnout is not so great," Gov. Jerry Brown said during a conference call with student journalists Tuesday.

If Proposition 30 passes Californians will be charged an additional quarter cent in sales tax for four years, and individuals who make more than \$250,000 a year, who currently pay 9.3 percent in personal income tax will see it increase as much as 12.3 percent.

The Legislative Analysts Office estimates \$6.8 billion in additional revenue annually. Funds would be kept in the newly created Education Protection Account, which would supplement the 40 percent of the general fund budget that must be allocated for K-12 and community colleges, due to a constitutional amendment made by Proposition 98 in 1988.

The 2012-13 general fund budget puts several trigger cuts into effect if Proposition 30 does not pass, including \$250 million to both the Cal State University and University of California systems, \$5.4 billion from community colleges and K-12 education, and substantially smaller cuts to other government programs.

The board of trustees voted in September to

increase tuition by 5 percent if Proposition 30 does not pass, or offer a rebate from the 9 percent tuition increase CSU students paid in the 2011-12 academic year if it does pass.

Those who oppose the tax initiative believe the government has been effectively privatizing, or de-funding, higher education for years and that the root of the problem is how money is spent. Stop-Prop30, the main campaign against the measure, claims that if Proposition 30 does not pass, educators and students may put pressure on government to come to a bipartisan agreement, with or without Brown's participation, to enact cuts other than the trigger cuts that are already written in the budget.

"From our perspective, the defeat of (Proposition) 30 will hopefully spur the legislature to do what they should have been doing for the last 15 years, which is to prioritize spending and deal with the waste issues, or luxury items, including the high-speed rail," said Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jar-

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# Calendar of Events november 2012

## 5

**Matador Mall**  
**WHEN:** Nov. 5 through Nov. 8, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Cleary Walk outside of Bayramian Hall  
**DESCRIPTION:** A vendor fair where students can find an assortment of items to purchase.

**4th Annual Campus Clothing and Food Drive**  
**WHEN:** Nov. 5 through Nov. 14  
**WHERE:** Various Locations around campus  
**DESCRIPTION:** You can donate items at any of our drop off bins located around campus. All proceeds will be donated to MEND (Meet Each Meet with Dignity), a nonprofit organization in Pacoima, CA that serves over 31,000 individuals per month.

**A.S. Finance Meeting**  
**WHEN:** 1 to 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Grand Salon (USU)  
**DESCRIPTION:** The A.S. Finance meeting to discuss current budget requests.

**Monday Night Football**  
**WHEN:** 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Pub Sports Grill, USU  
**DESCRIPTION:** Come watch the Philadelphia Eagles at the New Orleans Saints.

## 6

**VRC Games Night**  
**WHEN:** 8 to 10 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Games Room, USU  
**DESCRIPTION:** Gaming, food and fun in the Games Room, hosted by the Veterans Resource Center. All students are welcome.

## 6 (CONT.)

**College of Engineering and Computer Science Brown Bag Series**  
**WHEN:** 12 to 1 p.m.  
**WHERE:** JD1568  
**DESCRIPTION:** In this Brown Bag series, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering Ehsan Shameli discusses Electromagnetic Sensing and its application in the pipelines and metals industry.

## 7

**Valley Pioneer Lecture Series in California Studies**  
**WHEN:** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Whitsett Room, Sierra Hall 451  
**DESCRIPTION:** Loyola Marymount University Professor Nicolas G. Rosenthal discusses "The Red Power Movement in Los Angeles and other cities in the 1970s". Make reservations with the history department at 818-677-3566.

**Big West Conference Men's Soccer Semifinals**  
**WHEN:** 7 to 9:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Soccer Field (SO)  
**DESCRIPTION:** Big West Conference Men's Soccer Semifinals! The CSUN Men's Soccer team has secured the No. 1 seed in the southern division. They will host the No. 2 seed from the northern division at Matador Soccer Field. Tickets are required for all guests, including CSUN students. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for CSUN student with ID.

## 8

**Veterans, the Middle East, and Reflections on Lawrence of Arabia**  
**WHEN:** 7 to 9 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Jerome Richfield 319  
**DESCRIPTION:** After attendees view the research exhibit, a panel of military veterans convenes to will share their reactions to viewing the film "Lawrence of Arabia" in 2012.

**USU Games Room-Super Smash Brother Brawl Gaming**  
**WHEN:** 2 to 6 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Games Room, USU  
**DESCRIPTION:** The Games Room hosts a Super Smash Brothers Brawl Gaming Tournament with a 16-player single elimination bracket. Prizes will be provided to the top three place finishers.

**The Invisible War film screening**  
**WHEN:** 6 to 9 p.m.  
**WHERE:** USU Theater  
**DESCRIPTION:** The Veteran Resource Center in collaboration with The Valley Trauma Center screens an investigative documentary about rape within the U.S. Military. Following the film a panel discussion featuring the film's director, producer and other experts will be held.

**USU Camp Out Movie**  
**WHEN:** 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** OST Lawn, USU (Located behind the Sol Theater)  
**DESCRIPTION:** Camp Out Movie night is screening "Moonrise Kingdom" along with free s'mores and hotdogs! Space is limited and admittance is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Lines begin at 6:45 p.m.

## 9

**Men's Basketball vs. Pepperdine**  
**WHEN:** 7 to 9 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Matadome (MA)  
**DESCRIPTION:** Free admission for students with CSUN ID! Come cheer on the Matadors with DJ MaL-Ski. This is game two of doubleheader with Women's Basketball, and a separate ticket required. Game will begin approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of Women's Basketball.

**A.S. Senate Meeting**  
**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
**WHERE:** A.S. Conference Room (USU 100)  
**DESCRIPTION:** Come see your representatives in action. Join us for the open forum to let us know how you are doing and to be heard!

## 10

**Women's Volleyball vs. Loyola Marymount**  
**WHEN:** 7 to 9 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Matadome (MA)  
**DESCRIPTION:** CSUN Students receive free admission with ID.

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*This week at the USU*

**MONDAY**

**Monday Night Football**  
5:30 p.m. Pub Sports Grill, USU

**Table Tennis Tournament**  
4 p.m. Games Room, USU

**TUESDAY**

**Billiards Tournament**  
4 p.m. Games Room, USU

**VRC Games Night**  
8 p.m. Games Room, USU

**WEDNESDAY**

**Poker Tournament**  
4 p.m. Games Room, USU

**THURSDAY**

**Craft Corner**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Plaza del Sol, USU

**Noontime Concert**  
Plaza del Sol, USU

**Super Smash Bros. Brawl Tournament**  
2 p.m. Games Room, USU

**Camp Out Movie: Moonrise Kingdom**  
8 p.m. OST Lawn, USU

**FRIDAY**

**Tech Series: Powerpoint**  
3 p.m. Computer Lab, USU

**Red Rally: Men's Basketball**  
7 p.m. Matadome

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**

**Matador Mall**  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cleary Walk

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# A.S. opposes contingency plan

**HANSOOK OH**  
OPINION EDITOR

**T**he Associated Students passed a resolution Friday opposing the CSU board of trustees' contingency plan, which would be enacted regardless of the success or failure of Proposition 30.

The plan includes three new fees: the graduation incentive fee, which adds \$372 per-unit for students who have taken 150 units; the course-repeat fee, which charges \$100 per-unit for any repeated courses; and the Third Tier Tuition fee, which adds a \$200 per-unit charge for students taking over 18 units.

The resolution is passed ahead of the next BOT meeting taking place on Nov. 14-15 at the Office of the Chancellor in Long Beach.

A.S. spent the majority of the meeting discussing the possibility of introducing an optional, two or three-day new student orientation retreat for incoming CSUN freshmen. Many other campuses have either a mandatory or optional retreat for freshmen, according to A.S. General Manager David Crandall.

A.S. President Sydni Powell said she thought it was a

good opportunity for students to get acclimated to college life.

"There's a reason why there's so many programs for freshmen — because there's data to support that when students get engaged on campus, either via a network or leadership experience, they are more likely to persist to a degree," Powell said.

The senators discussed possible ways to fund such a retreat, which would cost about \$40,000 per weekend trip or about \$240 per student, according to Crandall.

Senators suggested allocating money from the campus quality fee or fund the retreat thought A.S. funds, and either option would be supplemented by a student co-pay.

Several senators suggested that the co-pay should be at least \$120-\$140 of the cost, citing that students would be more likely to engage at the retreat if they invest in the experience.

Senator Marquise Foster suggested possible scholarships for students who cannot afford the co-payment, since he himself had difficulties paying for college costs as a freshman.

A.S. also discussed allocating up to \$1,000 towards free tickets for CSUN students who want to attend the men's soccer Big West



CLAUDIA GONZALEZ / CONTRIBUTOR

**A.S. President Sydni Powell told the senate that she believes that the student-orientation retreat for incoming CSUN freshman is a good opportunity for students to get acclimated to college life.**

tournament semifinal game. During open forum, members of the men's soccer team expressed their gratitude toward A.S. for supporting and funding their team.

In other news, A.S. approved funding for various student organizations, such as the Indian Student Associa-

tion, Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Preconception Peer Educators. The largest allocation went to A.S. Recycling for America Recycles Day, at \$4775.

A.S. approved allocating over \$3 million from excess enrollment fees from Summer and Fall 2012 enrollment.

## PROP 30

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vis Taxpayers Association, a legal and political watchdog organization that promotes taxpayers' rights, during a conference call Wednesday.

Opponents also contend that adding financial burden to the wealthy affects small business owners and will lead to more people leaving the state as well as an unpredictable fluctuation in revenue that will leave schools and the budget in a panic once Proposition 30 expires.

"If we adopt the highest tax burden in America, we will continue to see Americans vote with their feet, moving out of the state. The higher burden in and of itself doesn't guarantee the money will be there, in fact many of us have argued that a healthy tax and regulatory climate will actually generate more revenue," said Aaron McLearn, representative from StopProp30.

Brown argues that the wealthy are earning more now than they ever have, and should help jumpstart the economy.

"The top 1 percent of filers in California income tax earned 10.5 percent of all income in 1975, this last year they earned 22.5 percent. So it's fair that those that have done so well help in this time of need for the next seven years," Brown said.

But most small business owners pay taxes for their business through personal income taxes, Coupal said. Since Proposition 30 does not increase corporate tax, these small business owners will see their taxes increase while their wealthier counterparts will not.

Those in opposition to Proposition 30 include the National Federation of Independent Business and the Small Business Action Committee.

Supporters include the California Federation of Teachers and California Faculty Association, who held a flashmob rally at CSUN Tuesday.

Joshua Pechthalt, president of CFT, said Proposition 30 doesn't solve all our problems, but it is a step in the right direction.

"My daughter's school (a public junior high) hasn't had a full school year for the last five years, and if Proposition 30 doesn't pass she will lose another three weeks."

Advocates interrupted the speakers at the rally to dance to "Gangnam Style," a tactic that successfully drew crowds of unsuspecting students into the campaign speeches.

"This proposition is hundreds of millions of dollars in or out of the system, if you're talking about K-12 it's billions — in or out, yes or no," Brown said.

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# CSUN recognizes phenomenal women

Gender and women's studies department honors a survivor, city council member, activists, Nobel Prize winner

**CHRISTINA COCCA**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

The 10th biennial Phenomenal Woman Reception and Awards Fundraiser celebrated women who have made local and worldwide contributions to women's equality Saturday.

The event, held in the USU Grand Salon, awarded six women, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Jody Williams, human rights activists Melissa Roxas and Chancee Martorell, Lindsey Horvath, West Hollywood City Council member, and performance artist María Elena Gaitán.

"I'm looking forward to meeting these phenomenal women and hearing their stories and to raise money for the department," said President Dianne Harrison before the event.

The first honorary speaker, Williams, won the Nobel Peace Prize for her work as founding coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines



CSUN President Dianne Harrison applauded the honorees at the 10th biennial Phenomenal Woman Reception and Awards Fundraiser on Nov. 3.

(ICBL) in 1997.

"I believe each and every one of us has a responsibility to stand up and use the power we have to make the world better for everybody," said Williams, who ditched her shoes before her barefoot speech. "You all

have to make choices about how you want to leave behind the path of your life, and to me, the most important thing is, do no harm. If you can't get up and accept responsibility and contribute, at least do no harm."

Ashli Vike, a 24-year-old

junior gender and women's studies major and event volunteer, voiced her interest in the night's honoraries.

"These women have done a lot, so it's really exciting to be here and see that the GWS department does such a big

event," Vike said.

Roxas spoke of her health care work in the Philippines. While working in 2009, she was abducted at gunpoint and tortured for six days by the Philippine military. She is one survivor of three women — the two others are still missing.

"Every time it feels nervous to speak in front of a crowd or share my story, I think about not only these two women, but many other women who cannot be here to speak about what they've been through," said Roxas, who was holding back tears. "My voice may be quivering, but my spirit is strong."

Sheena Malhotra, chair of the gender and women's studies department, oversaw the event and said the diversity of the speakers was amazing.

"The beauty of an event like this is that we have local activists who are doing amazing community work, performance artists and a Nobel Prize winner on the same stage," said Malhotra. "It's a fun way to bring together a variety of people and perspectives that

we admire."

The event included a silent auction with bidding items including a dinner with Elizabeth, the dean of humanities, at her home, San Diego Zoo passes, a signed David Letterman shirt and L.A. Dodgers tickets, an item on which Harrison bid.

This event saw the largest number of items in its history, according to event coordinator Shira Brown. Brown is also director of CSUN's Women's Research and Resource Center, the oldest continuing women's center within the CSU system.

The money from the auction will go to the GWS department, scholarships, faculty research and funding for the WRCC, according to Brown.

"We just celebrate women, and all they contribute to our world," said Brown, who has been with CSUN for seven years. "We're also here to acknowledge the importance of gender and women's studies, and the money raised is key for the department to function for the next few years until we have our next event."

## Prop. 35 looks at impact of human trafficking

**KAT RUSSELL**  
MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

California's Nov. 6 ballot will present 11 propositions for voters to weigh in on, including Proposition 35, also known as the Californians Against Sexual Exploitation Act (CASE).

The proposition is intended to impose stricter penalties and higher fines on human trafficking offenders while, at the same time, offer greater protection to trafficking victims.

The official summary, prepared by the attorney general, makes multiple changes to existing state laws dealing with human trafficking including: a broader definition of human trafficking, an increase in punishments for offenders and a fine to compensate victims, changes in how evidence can be used against victims and an increase in law enforcement handling cases.

The proposition's guidelines also requires sex offenders provide information regarding Internet access and identities they use in online activities.

### The Trafficking Issue

The Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), a Los Angeles based anti-human trafficking organization, reported that an estimated 12.3 million people are enslaved worldwide and approximately 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked through international borders every year, with a majority of trafficking victims being women and children. However, there has also been an increase in the exploitation of men.

The CIA estimates approximately 15,000 to 17,500 men, women and children are traf-

ficked into the U.S. every year.

Los Angeles has become one of the most prevalent points of entry into America for trafficking victims with its proximity to international borders, high volume of ports and airports, substantial immigrant population and large economy.

Amy Dennison, sociology professor, said the media mis-

ficking programs with little success," said Moshoula Desyllas, assistant sociology professor.

TVPA generally lists two types of trafficking: sex trafficking, in which victims are recruited, transported or obtained for commercial sex acts against their will; and labor trafficking, in which victims are recruited, transported

If passed, law enforcement personnel will be required to receive two or more hours of training on how to deal with human-trafficking complaints. Training would have to be completed by July 1, 2014, or within six months of an officer's field or investigative assignment, according to the official summary.

### Arguments

Arguments for the proposition have mainly centered on sex trafficking of women and children. Most notably was the testimonial of Leah Albright-Boyd, a human trafficking survivor, written in the voter guide.

"At 14, I ran away from a troubled home and into the clutches of a human trafficker," wrote Boyd. "For years, I was trafficked and abused when I was still a child. As a survivor of trafficking, I'm asking Californians to stand against sexual exploitation."

Other endorsements for the proposition say it will deter traffickers from committing human rights abuses by strengthening the current laws to incur harsher punishment for offenders and better protection for the victims.

Supporters include both the California Democratic and Republican parties, as well as the California Teachers Association, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, the California Police Chiefs Association, Crime Victims United and the Human Rights Project for Girls and others.

Arguments against the proposition center mainly on the broader definition and the financial impact at state level. Opponents say the proposition threatens anyone receiving financial compensation from consensual

prostitution who, under the new proposition, could be prosecuted as a human trafficker.

"If Proposition 35 passes, anyone receiving financial support from normal, consensual prostitution among adults could be prosecuted as a human trafficker," said Desyllas in an email.

She said this would include a sex worker's family, relatives, landlord and others close to them, and if caught would require them to register as a sex offender for life.

"I do not endorse stronger legislature or stricter penalties. What purpose will this serve and how will this support the actual individuals affected by trafficking?" Desyllas asked. "Any sort of policy pushed forward needs to focus on supporting victims of trafficking (not going after

perpetrators), in all industries, not just the sex industry."

The Los Angeles Times, in its official endorsement of Proposition 35 on Oct. 10, argued, "The state doesn't lack for effective laws to combat trafficking. It is among 21 states that have passed significant anti-trafficking legislation. California and federal law today severely punish abduction and pimping of minors (and adults, for that matter), false imprisonment, forced labor and rape."

Further arguments say the proposition will cost more than the increased fines will generate. Arguments presented in the official summary state that the act would cost the state "additional unspecified amounts," and increase the workload for "already overburdened probation departments."

**"Any sort of policy pushed forward needs to focus on supporting victims of trafficking (not going after perpetrators), in all industries, not just the sex industry."**

-Moshoula Desyllas,  
assistant sociology professor

represents human trafficking and sex trafficking as a problem that starts in poor countries and comes here.

"Poor countries merely create the supply for trafficking, but wealthy countries, like the United States, create the demand," she said.

### Existing State Law

Polaris Project, a nonprofit organization that works to end modern day slavery, reported the Federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 was the first comprehensive federal legislation created to address human trafficking, with a notable focus on trafficking's international aspect.

Since TVPA's enactment, "Over \$500 million has been spent or allocated for anti-traf-

or obtained to provide labor through the use of force.

TVPA has been reauthorized three times through the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA), in 2003, 2005 and 2008. The TVPRA of 2011 was introduced in June of the same year and has yet to be passed by the Senate or House and signed by the president.

### Impact

Proposition 35 requires that the money acquired from the increased fines would be used to support victim services for human trafficking survivors, 70 percent of which would go to public agencies and non-profits working with victims and the remaining 30 percent going to law enforcement and prosecution agencies.

### If Prop. 35 is passed...

- + The definition of human trafficking will be expanded to include more crimes related to the creation and distribution of obscene materials involving minor
- + Prison sentence for labor trafficking: increased from five years to a maximum of 12 years per offense
- + Penalties for sex trafficking of adults: increased from five years to a maximum of 20 years per offense
- + Penalties for sex trafficking of a minor: increased from eight years to a maximum of life in prison
- + Criminal courts allowed to impose stricter fines of up to \$15 million
- + Registered sex offenders required to disclose name of Internet providers and identifiers to local police

# Dia de los Muertos gathers community

**CASEY DELICH**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**C**ommunity members and CSUN students came together for a chance to celebrate and learn about Dia de los Muertos Friday night.

Put on by MEChA students (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan), everyone was invited to partake in and learn about the celebration of Dia de Los Muertos through traditional Mexican practices.

“It is an event that commemorates the dead, a close relative or family member that has passed,” said Grace Castaneda, the night’s emcee and senior political science major. “We ask for their spirits to come unite us this night and join us in this cultural festival.”

The evening started off with a blessing of the crowd and those that have come before, and soon after the event was in full swing. Multiple rows of vendor tables, an arts and crafts area for kids, free face painting, performers and beautiful art displays were just some of the things that guests could enjoy.

“The blessing brought us all together, because she brought silence to the crowd,” said Roxana Jimenez, a sophomore theater major. “She helped us all be aware of what’s going on, what the event’s about, the fact that they introduced it the introduction was very beautiful.

A walk-through the Chicano/a house showed the altars that many families make within their houses to celebrate a deceased loved one.

“The altar consists of putting objects, food or drinks that the person that passed

away loved a lot and connects with,” said Sandra Sanchez, one of the event organizers and junior sociology major. “In theory, that’s what brings them back to join us this night and commemorate them.”

MEChA members also created a cemetery area that helped show what a real cemetery might look like in Mexico during the holidays. The use of bright colors and a happy feeling is unlike anything seen in America.

The face-painting areas throughout the event were a major draw for multiple attendees, staying busy well into the night. The crowd’s main energy was focused on the stage where musical performances and skits were performed by an array of performers.

“This is pretty representative of what goes on, all the altars, food, dances and skulls, but the performances were the best part,” said Rosalba Martinez, a freshman liberal studies major.

CSUN’s own Ballet Folklorica performed folk dances, which kept in line with many of the performances throughout the night. A mixture of outside performers and CSUN-based performers kept an even balance, and gave the community something to watch and share their stories with one another.

“It’s amazing — it brings us together in a social way to meet each other, meeting culture and music,” said Jimenez.

While the event was overflowing with local community members, many CSUN students made up the crowd, and their thoughts about the event were nothing but positive.

“I heard about it from my professor and came because of the extra credit,” said Melvin Hernandez, an undeclared freshman. “I didn’t know what to expect, but it is big and well put together.”



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# Opinions

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## Death penalty unjustly punishes black convicts

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Californians have an opportunity to decide the fate of hundreds of human lives at tomorrow's election. If passed, Proposition 34 would eliminate the death penalty and replace it with a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The main arguments for Proposition 34 include that the death penalty should be abolished because it's much more expensive to execute prisoners than to keep them locked up for life – besides the fact that it is an inhumane system of punishment. Although those arguments are valid, another factor has not received the attention it deserves; the inherent racism within the execution of the death sentence.

Those who support the death penalty argue the system functions in a color-blind fashion and punishes the most violent. However, there is much evidence to invalidate this belief.

Approximately 1,264 people have been executed in United States since 1976, according to the Institute for Southern Studies. The study shows that blacks have been disproportionately affected by the death sentence for many racial reasons.

Almost 73 percent of the executions since 1976 took place in 13 southern states – where the death penalty was once a powerful tool for controlling the slave population. A 2011 analysis by the Houston Chronicle on prosecutorial records showed that in Harris County – the Texas county with the highest execution rate in the nation – 12 of the 13 men newly condemned to die were black.

A 2010 study in Florida illustrated that the racial composition of the jury has a great impact on the trial's outcome. The study showed that in trial cases with no blacks in the jury pool, black defendants were convicted 81 percent of the time and whites convicted 66 percent of the time. The research also illustrated that of 700 cases examined, about 40 percent of the juries had no black members and most of the others had one or two black members – often violating the defendant's sixth amendment right to a trial by a fair and impartial jury of his/her peers.

Another significant factor that explains racial disparity on death row is the importance of the race of the victim. According to the United States Census Bureau, the U.S. homicide ratio since 1980 has remained the same – evenly split between murders of black and white. However, a 2012 report by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People showed that since 1976, 77 percent of executed convicts were accused of killing a white person.

The victim's race has played a significant role in California's death penalty trials. According to deathpenaltyinfo.org, blacks are the largest racial group on California's death row. The 2005 study called "The Impact of Legally Inappropriate Factors on Death Sentencing for California Homicides 1900-1999" released by the Santa Clara Law Review, showed that California's population in 2000 was about 6 percent black. However, the racial makeup of California's death row in 2005 was 36 percent black.

The study showed that the victim's race in California has been inappropriately considered when deciding to impose the death penalty. It found that 82 percent of those executed were put to death for killing whites – despite the fact that the California Health Department indicated just 27 percent of



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the murder victims in the state were white. Homicides involving white victims were four times more likely to result in a death sentence than those with black victims.

Furthermore, blacks who killed whites were more likely to be sentenced to death than whites who kill whites. But, as illustrated in the study, this was not because such homicides were more "aggravated" or "deserving of the death penalty." In fact, even when there were no aggravating circumstances in existence, those who killed whites were almost eight times more likely to be sentenced to death than those who killed blacks, and 11 times more likely to be sentenced to death than those who killed Latinos.

It is not a new phenomenon to realize that racism and the death penalty have a relationship. In the 1972 case *Furman v. Georgia*, Furman, a black man who was declared mentally ill, claimed he killed William Mickey on accident. Even though evidence was suggesting Furman was telling the truth, he was sentenced to death after a one-day trial.

Fortunately, the United States Supreme Court reversed Furman's conviction and the Furman case suspended capital punishment throughout the country for four years. It forced some states to rethink their statutes for capital offenses in order to assure that the death penalty would not be applied in a discriminatory manner.

"The disproportionate representation of race was the important factor in the Furman vs Georgia to begin with," said Vickie Jensen, a sociology professor at CSUN who teaches criminology.

But, as Jensen points out, racial bias is still alive, but it is

hard to detect due to its subtlety. She believes inequities in the system such as access to a good attorney could be one of the reasons for racial disparity.

"You have a right to an attorney, but it is not a right to a high-powered attorney," said Jensen. "The poor and minorities usually don't have access to a good attorney and public defenders are often not equipped for a trial."

The United States proclaims justice, equality and liberty should be protected at all times. However, as admirable as this sounds in theory it has not been brought to fruition in everyday reality. As the so-called leader of the free world, the degree of equality here will be used as a measure against other democracies. No state (California for example) nor the federal government can be involved in practices that perpetuate or bear witness to racial injustice or bias without calling into question the authority of their "free world" leadership.

Martin Luther King once said "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Let these words resonate through your humanity as you vote to decide the life or death of other human beings.

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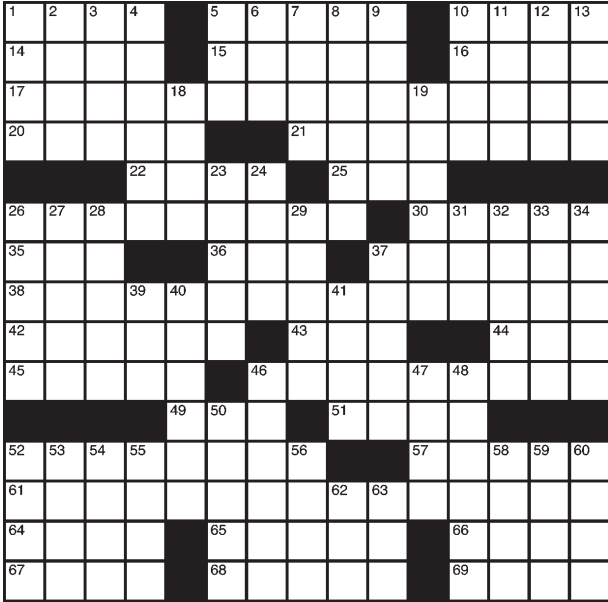
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- 15 Group of experts
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- 17 Return on one's investment, in slang
- 20 Replay technique, briefly
- 21 Relaxing time in the chalet
- 22 "There oughta be ..."
- 25 Hi-fi spinners
- 26 Plain dessert
- 30 Playing decks
- 35 Diplomatic bldg.
- 36 Juanita's aunt
- 37 Yukon's country
- 38 Prada imitation, perhaps
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- 45 Fruity-smelling compound
- 46 Jay-Z, for one
- 49 L.A. bus-and-rail org.
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- 52 Begin
- 57 Gate-hanging hardware
- 61 Announce one's arrival gently ... as opposed to words that start 17-, 26-, 38- and 46-Across
- 64 Voting no
- 65 In an unusual way
- 66 Student's stressor
- 67 Very familiar note recipient?
- 68 "Fetch my smelling salts!"
- 69 Avg. levels



By Patti Varol

11/5/12

**Thursday's Puzzle Solved**

W	A	S	N	T	A	I	D	T	R	O	M	P		
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**DOWN**

- 1 Goes on and on
- 2 Unwritten
- 3 Barcelona boy
- 4 Joke writer
- 5 HMO alternative
- 6 Musical sensitivity
- 7 One-named Irish folk singer
- 8 Magazine with a Stylewatch spinoff
- 9 Eat noisily, as soup
- 10 Elbows rudely
- 11 "In the morning" radio host
- 12 Security device
- 13 \_\_\_ torch: patio light
- 18 Finish the laundry
- 19 Perform another MRI on
- 23 Oldman or Newman
- 24 Ragamuffin
- 26 Orange \_\_\_ tea
- 27 Old Dodge autos
- 28 Horseshoe-shaped fastener
- 29 "The Trial" writer Franz
- 31 Furthermore
- 32 Synagogue scholar
- 33 Times to send in the troops
- 34 "Full House" co-star Bob
- 37 Panama crosser
- 39 Co. in Paris
- 40 "Sesame Street News Flash" reporter
- 41 Hula swivelers
- 46 Family-friendly, filmwise
- 47 German coal valley
- 48 Native American groups
- 50 Sierra Nevada resort
- 52 Tax-sheltered accts.
- 53 Store opening time
- 54 The "I" in IHOP: Abbr.
- 55 End-of-the-week letters
- 56 Scandinavian literary collection
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**Solution to today's sudoku**

1	5	9	7	3	2	4	9	8
3	8	2	9	6	7	4	5	1
4	7	6	1	8	5	2	3	9
9	6	7	8	1	3	5	4	2
8	2	4	5	6	9	1	3	7
5	1	3	2	4	7	8	9	6
2	9	3	7	8	5	6	4	1
6	2	7	5	4	1	3	8	9
5	7	3	1	2	9	8	4	6

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**sudoku**

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*Solution above.*

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# CSUN earns first playoff win ever

Senior goalkeeper Cynthia Jacobo earns another shutout as Northridge drops Cal Poly 1-0 in Irvine

CASEY DELICH  
DAILY SUNDIAL

IRVINE- CSUN women's soccer team got one step closer to their preseason goal Thursday night, earning the program's first postseason win in a 1-0 shutout against the Cal Poly Mustangs. Needing a win to advance to the championship game, head coach Keith West's "don't lose" game plan was simple enough.

Senior forward Melissa Fernandez fends off a Cal Poly defender in Thursday's semifinal match. Fernandez scored the only goal of the match, her seventh of the year.

Both teams came out fighting hard on both sides of the ball, regularly trying to tie up the others offense with pressure. Neither team was able to take control of the game, but senior forward Melissa Fernandez was able to break the stalemate taking the first shot on goal just five minutes into the game.

A hand ball by the Matadors gave the Mustangs their best shot at scoring in the first half with a free kick just beyond the box. Senior goalkeeper Cynthia Jacobo stretched out to make the save knocking the ball into the crossbar and out of play. The bang-bang play continued when the ball skirted to another

Mustang player who put a shot on goal, easily saved by Jacobo.

Plenty of chances to score were given to the Matadors throughout the half, with multiple missed shots and some amazing diving saves by Mustang freshman goalie Alyssa Giannetti.

"We were unlucky for the most part, balls sailed over to the wide, we had a lot of opportunities," said Fernandez about the Matadors' offensive attack.

Fernandez, the offensive catalyst over the last few weeks, was able to score the game's first and only goal.

Redshirt sophomore midfielder Brittanie Sakajian dribbled the ball up the middle of the field and passed to Fernandez on her right. Fernandez dribbled through multiple defenders and was able to curl a ball into the upper left corner past a diving Giannetti.

Responsible for another game winner, her third in the past two weeks, Fernandez leads the team with 19 points.

"I waited a long time for this, I'm a fourth year senior, so this is it for me," said Fernandez about her recent success.

The Matadors came out firing in the second half, trying to put the game out of reach, but were never able to. The Matadors' offensive zeal seemed to fire up the Mustangs, and they exerted



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CHARLIE KAIJO / ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

tremendous pressure on the Matadors' defense. Multiple Matador defenders helped Jacobo make a stand in goal against repeated attacks by the Mustang's offense.

Untested most of the game, Jacobo made a diving save in the early part of the second

half, diving and stretching out to her right, keeping the score at 1-0.

"We were letting up a little bit at the end, and we just need to keep fighting and keep staying strong til the end, because we knew that they would come out in the second

half as fast and strong as possible to try and get this win," said Jacobo.

A high stake game such as Thursday's was bound to be a physical match, and from the start it was. The Mustangs were hit with two yellow cards, including one when two

defenders seemingly crushed senior defender Stephanie Norton at midfield.

A sense of euphoria and excitement swept over the Matadors' players and coaches for a culmination of four years of work for most of the girls on the team.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

# Matadors drop UCSB in four sets



CLAUDIA GONZALEZ / CONTRIBUTOR

Sophomore middle blocker Sam Kaul jousts for the ball against a UCSB player. Kaul finished with five kills.

ANDREW CLARK  
NEWS EDITOR

The Matadors avenged a sweep earlier this season at the hands of the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos by defeating their rivals from the north in four sets at the Matadome.

Junior outside hitter Mahina Haina and freshman hitter Cieana Stinson led CSUN with 13 kills each. Haina added a service ace, and Stinson pitched in with two blocks.

"We were all clicking really well. We were on the same page and we really wanted it," Haina said. "We want to make sure we keep our second spot. This was a big game."

After going down 2-0, Stinson shot a kill over the block off the fingers of Santa Barbara outside hitter Leah Sully.

Late in the first set, Sully hit a kill off the Gedryn block to make it 24-17 and followed it up with another cross-court

kill to win the first set for the Gauchos, 25-18.

But after that, it was all Matadors, led by Stinson, junior outside hitter Britney Graff and Haina.

"The change had to do with our offense," said head coach Jeff Stork. "We had six kills in the first set, we had 17 in the second set. Turning points tend to have to do with keeping ourselves in an offensive rhythm."

Stinson and sophomore middle blocker Sam Kaul blocked a UCSB offensive to put CSUN up 12-10, forcing a Santa Barbara timeout.

Graff hit a powerful kill down the left side of the court after a long rally that included Elizabeth Meddaugh taking a kill to the face. CSUN followed with another kill to go up 16-12.

UCSB overhit the sideline to make it 24-19, but Kara Sherrard got the ball back. Graff hit the ball soon after, but it was ruled out of bounds,

cutting the Northridge lead to 24-21.

Hinger stuffed the block to win the second set 25-21 and even the match. Later, she won the third set with one of her trademark skyhook kills.

Stinson started the fourth set off with a kill off a UCSB defender. CSUN went on a 3-0 run courtesy of a Hinger kill that ricocheted into the Matadome seats.

CSUN opened up the set on a 6-1 run via a block from the tandem of Graff and Hinger, forcing a UCSB timeout. Soon after, Hinger and Gedryn teamed up for a block to put the Matadors up 8-1.

Haina hit a kill that ricocheted off Gaucho libero Taylor Formico and into the UCSB bench to make it 11-3 CSUN. Soon after, Haina hit another kill off a Gaucho, this time Britton Taylor.

"There was really good energy, it was really exciting and I took advantage of that," Haina said. "Everybody was

setting me up, Syd (Gedryn) and the passing were great."

Sully airmailed the ball over the heads of the Matadors out of bounds, but responded with a kill herself to make it 15-7.

Graff sent the ball into the Gaucho defense, who played it like it was a game of "hot potato" but couldn't get it over, giving the Matadors a 17-8 lead and forcing a UCSB timeout.

Sully hit a cross-court kill and followed it up with a tip over the net to get the Gauchos within seven, but a UCSB service error gave Haina the ball with a 22-13 lead.

Stinson nailed the ball right off Sully to seal the deal for the Matadors 25-14.

After sweeping Cal Poly on Thursday and the win against Santa Barbara, the Matadors look to continue their three-game winning streak against Loyola Marymount on Saturday in the final non-conference match of the season.