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DAILY SUNDIAL

With the state of the economy, rising tuition fees and student loans, some students are majoring in fields that will bring along the financial security

that comes with a high salary. Despite that, students are still choosing majors with lower starting salaries. They are putting more priority on majoring in fields they are passionate about and less on salary potentials.

Kiplinger recently pub-

lished a list of the "worst majors for your career," listing majors that face high unemployment rates and low starting and mid-career salary. Topping the list is drama and theater art majors in which recent grads face a starting salary of \$26,000 and an unemployment rate of 7.1 percent.

Leticia Valente, 20, junior English major and linguistics minor, is one of these students that are choosing majors with a bleak outlook for salary and employment.

"I've never looked at the monetary aspect of it but my family did," Valente said.

She was so concerned about her financial future that they encouraged her to major in biology. So during her sophomore year Valente changed her major, decided on two potential career goals and enrolled in chemistry, statistics and biology classes.

"I called her after my chemistry final and was like 'I'm hoping to get a D' and said 'Look I've decided based on how I feel that the only thing that feels right is writing.' She didn't say anything for a second but then she sighed and asked if I was positive so I said yes," said Valente.

Recent English grads stand to make \$32,000 and face an unemployment rate of 6.7 percent.

As for career plans Valente is looking to work overseas in Spain. By minoring in linguistics she plans to teach English abroad and write adult fiction on the side.

"It's always on my mind but it's not my main concern," Valente said. "I real-

ized if I'm going to do a job and I'm not going to be happy. It's just not worth it."

It was not much of a surprise for Emmanuel Sabaiz, lecturer for the English department, to hear that English was included in the list. He said that a lot of students think that all they can do with a degree in English is be teachers or tutors.

He said a lower salary is expected in today's economy, especially if students go for jobs like being a tutor. But if English majors know how to sell themselves they should not find it difficult to find employment. Sabaiz said that English majors possess a lot of qualities that employers are looking for like research skills, critical thinking and an ability to write.

"When people think of English they think of Shakespeare and not the value of language or critical thinking," Sabaiz said. "They don't see the job potential in journalism, public relations, marketing or other fields."

Freshman Avery Rodriguez, 18, said that he decided to major in theater knowing that a lot of people who work in that field do not make enough money to survive.

"What's the point of making a bunch of money if I'm depressed all the time? I rather do what I love every

day," said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez, who hopes to work on Saturday Night Live as one day as both an actor and writer, said that every actor he has talked to has told him not to major in theater, because of the low pay and amount of rejection.

"It's not a profession for the weak," Rodriguez said. "Of course it's a risky job, but that's why I have the writing minor to get me along."

There are also those students that are majoring in some of the highest paying fields. Payscale recently released a list of "majors that pay you back". The list is mostly made up of engineering and math fields.

At the top of the list is petroleum engineering with a starting salary of \$98,000. Also on the list are electrical engineering, computer engineering and computer science with starting salaries from \$58,400 to \$63,400.

Dr. Somnath Chattopadhyay, full-time faculty member of the electrical and computer engineering department, said that starting salaries for electrical engineers is high because they are in demand in the industry.

Finding a job for electrical engineers is not difficult he said because "a lot of

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Study program helps ease finals tension

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DAILY SUNDIAL

In an effort to raise morale and hope among CSUN students taking their final exams within the coming weeks, Chegg, a privately owned company, will run a free Virtual Study week on their website from Dec. 4 to Dec. 10.

The study program is a first for the academic-focused company, allowing students to have their questions answered by experts for a limited time, according to Chegg representative Caleb Finch. The opportunity will not be offered to everyone.

"Chegg is helping students on 100 campuses nation-

wide," said Angela Pontarolo, Chegg communications manager. "Schools were chosen according to several attributes, including location." The free Virtual Study week will be offered to both full-time and part-time students.

"I don't really have an approach to studying yet," said Lily Garcia, a 18-year-old freshman English major. "I procrastinate until I grind the my nose into the books for two days before the tests, dropping all my calls and occasionally forgetting to eat. Total squirrel hermit mode."

Efforts to raise awareness among college campus include an on-campus contest where organizations with the most Chegg members will win free dinner

every night of finals week.

The numbers will be tracked by signups within particular groups, the winners receiving 20 free pizzas every night for the week, according to Tracy King, Chegg field marketing coordinator.

"We will be tallying signups up until the last day of Study Week for the campus, Dec. 9," said King.

As of now, there are no group qualifications which means any group can participate.

"Two semesters ago I bought a bucket of KFC chicken for studying," said Martha Torres, a 23-year-old junior engineering major. For Torres, her studying habits now always include food. "Every hour I would eat a leg or a piece of chicken while I studied and it

kept me going. I don't think I would've made it through those nights without the food."

Originally founded in 2001 by three Iowa State University students, the company provides textbook rentals – both traditional and electronic – homework help and scholarships.

Other options available to students include free massages, yoga lessons, snack packs and test kits provided by the University Student Union, beginning Dec. 3.

Students interested in taking advantage of the Chegg Virtual Study week may be able to find out more at www.chegg.com/studyweek. Group leaders interested in the contest may contact King at king@chegg.com for further information and eligibility.

Need to unwind?

Here are some other on-campus events to help you prepare for final exams:

Final Flip

WHEN: Dec. 5 from 7 to 11 p.m.

WHERE: Outside the Oviatt Library

DESCRIPTION: "Final Flip" presented by A.S. offers free food, drinks, massages and activities as stress relief for students before finals.

USU Crunch Time

WHEN: Dec. 3 to Dec. 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

WHERE: USU, Plaza del Sol, and Student Housing (Community Center)

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Calendar of Events

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Salvador Suazo, historian and writer**WHEN:** 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**WHERE:** JD 3516**DESCRIPTION:** Salvador Suazo will be presenting the book, "Lila Garifuna—Garifuna Dictionary."

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Diego Rivera: American Murals**WHEN:** 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**WHERE:** Chicano Studies Conference Room, JR 153**DESCRIPTION:** Lecture by Thomas Germano, professor of art and art history at Farmingdale State College, State University of NY.**Smart Driving: Intelligently routing drivers to parking lots****WHEN:** 12 to 1 p.m.**WHERE:** JD 1568**DESCRIPTION:** Bring your lunch and listen to your colleagues speak about their research interests and exciting projects that they are working on. We are starting out with our newest faculty members who recently joined the college and plan to continue the series to provide opportunities for all faculty in our college to share their work.

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Women's Basketball vs. San Francisco**WHEN:** 5 to 7 p.m.**WHERE:** Matadome (MA)**DESCRIPTION:** Free admission for students with ID otherwise \$8 for adult, \$5 for youth (17 & under), Seniors (60+), CSUN Faculty/Staff, Alumni Association Members, Military Service Personnel.**Men's Basketball vs. Vanguard****WHEN:** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**WHERE:** Matadome (MA)**DESCRIPTION:** Reserved: \$10/\$15 General Admission Adult: \$8 General Admission Youth (17 & under), Senior (60 or over), CSUN Fac/Staff, Military Personnel, CSUN Alumni Assn. Members: \$6.

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CSUN RTDNA PizzaRev Fundraiser**WHEN:** All Day**WHERE:** PizzaRev (9420 Reseda Blvd)**DESCRIPTION:** CSUN's Radio Television Digital News Association is having a fundraiser for their club at PizzaRev.**USU Games Room Neon Nights****WHEN:** 7 to 10 p.m.**WHERE:** Games Room, USU**DESCRIPTION:** The monthly neon nights event at the Games Room is for students to hang out, listen to music and play glow-in-the-dark billiards.**LA Nights****WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.**WHERE:** Pub Sports Grill, USU**DESCRIPTION:** Come by to watch the Dallas Mavericks vs. Clippers and participate in a raffle for prizes.

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USU Noontime Concert**WHEN:** 12 to 1 p.m.**WHERE:** Plaza del Sol, USU**DESCRIPTION:** Established in 2009, rock/reggae group PapaFish began playing on their CSUN dorm balcony and after a couple months decided to officially form a band.**Craft Corner****WHEN:** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**WHERE:** Plaza del Sol, USU,**DESCRIPTION:** Craft Corner is making ceramic fish in honor of PapaFish, a popular band at CSUN.

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Psychology Department**Brown Bag Series****WHEN:** 12 to 1 p.m.**WHERE:** Sierra Hall 322**DESCRIPTION:** Jesse Graham from the department of psychology at USC discusses "Ideological Conflicts as Opposing Moral Visions" and how these ideologies influence our sense of right and wrong.**SUBMIT YOUR EVENT**

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Cash for Sandy storm relief

Student government will give \$50,000 after raising \$500 in fundraiser

AGNES CONSTANTE
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

The Associated Students will be donating \$50,500 to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts.

A total of \$500 was raised during last week's "50 in 3" donation drive, with \$424 from tabling on campus and \$76 through PayPal contributions.

Sarah Garcia, senator for the College of Education and author of the resolution for the donation drive, said she was happy with the results of the drive despite wanting to have raised more.

"I was kind of disappointed because I was hoping to raise \$100 per day both on PayPal and on campus, but it's hard — we're all students. But I was really happy with what we did. I think it was amazing that we were able to get any change. We had a lot of pennies. That adds up. We're really ecstatic about our goal," she said.

A.S. will contribute \$35,000 toward the effort from the assigned contingency account, while the University Student Union gave \$15,000, Garcia said.

The senate also approved the



A.S. President Sydni Powell listens to an update from one of her fellow senators on fundraising efforts for Hurricane Sandy relief.

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allocation of \$800 to the Institute for Health Care Improvement, \$1,840 for V-Day's Vagina Monologues, and \$1,000 to Alpha Phi Alpha, all from the assigned contingency account. A total of \$8,300 was allocated to Academic Affairs for its Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium from the academically related

reserves account.

Additionally, three members were appointed to the finance committee: Tatiana Orr, a journalism major; Dominick Hernandez, a kinesiology major; and Samantha Lorenzo, a biology major.

With an upcoming retreat for the senate, President Sydni Powell commended A.S. mem-

bers for doing well this semester, although she said it has left her with the challenge of creating a retreat agenda that incorporates activities to further senators' growth.

"This is the best senate I've ever observed. I'm very proud. You've exceeded every expectation I've ever set for you," she said.

JOBS

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industry companies come and look for them."

Chattopadhyay said that salary does play a part for some students in choosing electrical engineering as their major.

"Some people have a deep interest in the field and they don't care for the salary," Chattopadhyay said. "But most of them are interested in the salary."

Chad Widmer, 23, junior electrical engineering major, said that salary did play a role in choosing a major.

"It was 75 percent passion and 25 percent about the salary," Widmer said. "I actually thought they got paid a lot more, like \$100,000 a year."

"I like that it's challenging, exciting and that

you are always doing new things. There is very little redundancy; you will never do the same thing twice."

Osman Galo, 24, junior computer engineering major, said that salary played a role in deciding on his major.

"Sixty-five percent was salary and the rest is that I like computers and technology and I wanted to do something in that field," Galo said.

Galo who likes art and is a musician said that he decided not to major in those fields because he knew it would be too easy for him and he was concerned he wouldn't be able to make a living. Instead he chose computer engineering which he found a little more challenging.

"I thought putting more effort in now would pay off better in the end," said Galo.

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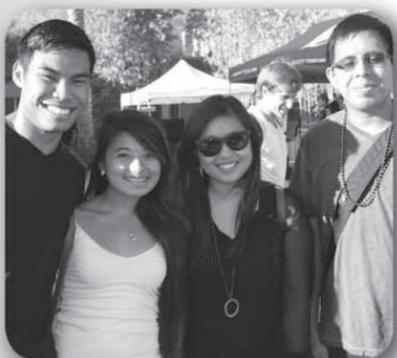
In "Wellness Center to Open," published Nov. 28, it stated that the new Wellness Center would be located below the Grand Salon, when in fact it will be located where the former CSUN fitness center was near the Games Room. Also, the Sunny Days camp is located below the USU computer lab in Activities rooms 1, 2, 3 not below the Grand Salon.

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

TUESDAY

Crunch Time: Finals Week
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Plaza del Sol, USU
7 - 10 p.m. Community Center, Student Housing

WEDNESDAY

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7 - 10 p.m. Community Center, Student Housing

LA Nights
7:30 p.m. Pub Sports Grill, USU

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

THURSDAY

Crunch Time: Finals Week
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7 - 10 p.m. Community Center, Student Housing

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

Noontime Concert
Plaza del Sol, USU

Neon Nights
7 p.m. Games Room, USU



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Koreatown plants for the future



Members fill their first garden planter with soil. Jonathan Yee (center), project coordinator, said that what they do for each space depends on the space and the person's preferences.

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ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

A small group gathers at what used to be the front lawn of Alexandra Suh's home in Koreatown. Her front yard has been cleared of sod and a large mound of soil rests near her driveway. Steve Lisp, agricultural teacher at Sylmar High School, carries out planters of cauliflower, kale, broccoli and chide sprouts he has donated. It is now the site of KIWA's Farms and Gardens project.

"The purpose is to build ties among community members through the process of gardening," Sue said. The food will be given to community members and neighbors.

The Korean Immigrant Worker's Alliance (KIWA) has identified a lack of green and community space as a problem for many Koreatown residents. Koreatown has attracted foreign investment that has transformed the area into a booming enclave of mostly commercial properties.

"Developers now are building things that are not for residents. Many of the buildings and spaces in Koreatown are being bought and developed for young professionals and not for the Koreatown residents," said Jonathan Yee, project coordinator of KIWA.

"The aim is to change that and have it so that the residents have a say, and they have a part in the development of Koreatown."

The project is in early development. With two Farms and Gardens sites built, the organization plans for its next site near Cahuenga Elementary School. Yee said KIWA will eventually display and distribute maps showing each of the sites.

"The map is to visualize how all of the Farms and Gardens sites are connected. It will show that a site is not isolated but is part of a larger network."

Yee said that the project is symbolic of the community's needs. "We live here and this is our space too, and we're able to change it to serve our needs, as well."



The group prepares the turf to place a second garden planter. A young KIWA member helps by watering the soil.



KIWA members dig holes for mounting planters on the front yard of a member's house, one of the sites of its Farms and Gardens project.



The group plants cauliflower, kale, broccoli, and chide sprouts into the soil of the planters. Alexandra Suh, the owner of the home, said the food will be given to the community.



Jonathan Yee, project coordinator, washes the hands of young helpers after completing KIWA's second Farms and Gardens site. "The garden in front of Alex's house is supposed to bring people together around the issue of green space in addition to being a visual example of what people can do with their yards that is beneficial for the community," he said.

CSUN pays the bill for campus initiative

School officials spend more than \$150,000 to tout student achievement and seek student suggestions

CHRISTINA PEMBLETON
DAILY SUNDIAL

The ongoing CSUN initiative to seek community input has a price tag.

Developing the platform cost \$167,639.66, which was allocated for the advancement communication initiative that led to "CSUN Shine," said Carmen Ramos Chandler, director of news and information at university advancement.

The funds were spent on research workshops, surveys, one-on-one interviews, consultants, and focus groups conducted in phases over the course of two and a half years. This preliminary research was paid for by a private gift from the Drown Foundation for marketing and outreach purposes.

Seven different payments were made for the initiative, with the largest bill being more than \$40,000 in Sept. 2011, Chandler said.

Since the research phase, there have been no additional costs according to Vance Peterson, former vice president of university advancement.

The school will use existing channels to promote "CSUN Shine" so that costs are kept at a minimum, Peterson said. The platform will be displayed by each department at CSUN via social media, promotional handouts, the "Northridge Magazine" and KCSN-FM broadcasts. Because these promotional tools already exist and would be used with or without the new platform, further spending is not expected.

President Dianne Harrison informed CSUN faculty, staff, and students last month that the school is seeking community input on ways to improve campus life.

This new initiative, which was announced in an email from Harrison, is called "Make CSUN Shine Brighter," and suggestions can be made through an online forum.

The campus-wide notification stated new topics will be open for discussion every few weeks or months and will include ways to make CSUN "more effective, more efficient, and easier to navigate."

"This initiative is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the campus community to be engaged with the university and have their con-

structive ideas and solutions heard," Harrison said.

Improving pedestrian and vehicle traffic flow around campus is the first topic open for suggestions by the university. Campus members are encouraged to provide ideas for future questions or issues.

More than 100 responses were submitted, said Barbara Gross, chief of staff for the office of the president at CSUN.

"We hope that students, faculty, and staff who have suggestions will submit them," Gross said.

Employees were also asked to contribute their ideas in the address.

"As a university, we will consider how to implement promising ideas and recognize employees who contribute innovative solution-based thinking," Harrison said in her speech.

This initiative follows a first-time campus positioning platform, "CSUN Shine," which was also announced during Harrison's August convocation address as a "unifying theme for communicating with pride CSUN's identity and distinctive qualities."

The foundation for the platform began in 2010 when research consultants were hired

for a nonspecific campus advancement initiative. They were retained through 2011, but the initiative was paused after Jolene Koester announced her retirement. When Harrison became president, she wanted to proceed with the creation of a platform using the research done by consultants through 2011, said Chandler.

"We no longer needed the consultants but used the research for in-house development. Thus emerged 'CSUN Shine.' We had the skill sets internally to move forward," Chandler said.

The visual communication team was responsible for deciding how the slogan would look, and some options included CSUN. Shine. and CSUN Shines, according to Peterson.

"We have wonderful facts and pride points that haven't been widely shared," Peterson said of the school.

These pride points include CSUN being ranked No. 1

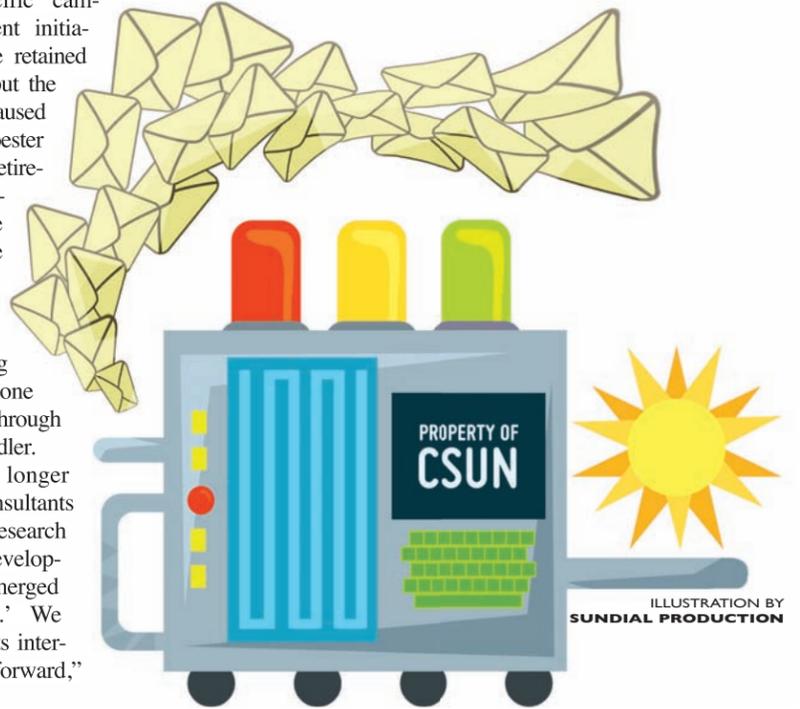
nationally in sending students to get doctoral degrees in psychology and ninth among top universities whose alumni pass the California Bar Exam, Peterson said.

Some students are not yet sold on the new platform.

"The school doesn't need a word to describe our pride. Our pride is coming to this school,"

said Wendy Villegas, junior biology major. "The new gym is a great light to the community, and the library is one of the best around."

Diana Saenz, junior pre-CTVA major, does not think that the new platform will unite the CSUN community. "CSUN Shine" are just "extra words," Saenz said.





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Drop the keyboard, pack a suitcase

You can find anything on the world wide Web, but virtual reality can't give you real-life experiences



JULIA VAZHENINA
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When was the last time you or your friends visited a foreign country, armed with a map in one hand and a foreign-language phrase-book in the other, as you tried to figure out where the next museum, bridge or mountain peak is?

In my experience asking this question to students at CSUN, the answer is never — they have rarely, if ever, ventured outside the United States, let alone California.

I find that unfortunate as an international student. One of the many reasons I came from Ukraine to the United States for college was to experience a completely different culture and learn from it. Traveling is an important and irreplaceable part of life.

Younger Americans have lost the travel itch compared to their predecessors, according to the New York Times. The March article describes those with this behavior as the “Go-Nowhere Generation,” which includes college educated Americans, as well as those without high-school degrees.

“According to the Pew Research Center, the proportion of young adults living at home nearly doubled between 1980 and 2008, before the Great Recession hit,” the writers, Todd G. and Victoria Buchholz claimed. “Even bicycle sales are lower now than they were in 2000. Today’s generation is literally going nowhere.

This is the Occupy movement we should really be worried about.”

Why is our generation so reluctant to get out and go to explore our planet, which has so much to offer?

The article suggests that technological innovations have something to do with it. The writers cite a University of Michigan Transportation Institute study, which found a correlation between a person’s Internet use and his or her likelihood of getting a driver’s license.

“Of particular note was the finding that a higher proportion of Internet users was associated with a lower licensure rate,” stated the study. “This finding is consistent with the hypothesis that access to virtual contact reduces the need for actual contact among young people.”

It is disappointing to know that many young Americans don’t seem to have the desire to explore something new without using their laptops or phones. They have stopped travelling with their feet and surf the net instead, but they are missing out on experiences they could never have in virtual reality.

The world is full of unique things. Nothing can compare to the surreal experience of diving into the Red Sea and swim side-by-side with colorful, exotic tiny fish or the peaceful experience of welcoming the sunrise, while jogging barefoot on a sandy shore on the island of Haiti. There is no replacement for the feeling of greatness and power evoked by the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, designed by genius architect Antonio Gaudi. There are

few sights that can compare to the ancient and mystical Giza Pyramids and famous Sphinx in Egypt.

There are plenty of places in America that are also awe-inspiring and perhaps even life-changing. Nothing can match up to a feeling of freedom and closeness to the skies when you are at the top of the mountains somewhere in Yosemite or Grand Canyon. In Times Square, you feel so small in the big concrete jungle of New York, but the moment you get up to the top of the Empire State Building and see the luminous world under your feet, you feel free.

California has plenty to offer, as well, you just need to be open to take it. Each city in the Golden State has its own unique atmosphere and attitude. It only takes six hours to drive north to San Francisco, one of the most unique cities in the country. It is so different that it almost gives you a feeling of visiting a foreign country — tiny streets with a variety of architectural designed houses, a seafront promenade with 40 different piers and of course that iconic golden bridge that shines beautifully at sunset.

Some might defend their sedentary life choices on the poor economy or because they do not have the finances to get out of town. I have been to the places mentioned above, and believe me, I don’t have a hefty income. My parents are not millionaires and will never be, but we love to travel. Our top priorities include getting to see and to know as many places as we can.

Most people I know don’t set aside any

money for a travel fund. I always think of the money many spend on coffee every morning or on expensive food, much of which they seem to throw out every week. I am not suggesting that we stop drinking coffee or eating good food — God knows how much I love coffee. I just think that people actually do have money to travel, but they just don’t prioritize it as just as important as other things in their lives.

Some people spends hundreds of dollars on clothes or shoes or video games without a thought, but cringe at the idea of paying the same amount for a plane ticket. Do they really think that adding another pair of shoes to their closet will replace traveling experience? No, nothing can.

If it’s necessary, I will sacrifice my desire to buy a new iPhone (not that I have this desire) in order to go to Mexico, because I know it will help my young soul and spirit to grow. It will give me the energy to live through another day and to know that someday I’ll see something new.

No Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or chatting and playing games while sitting at home can give you all of that. Virtual reality is not reality at all and pales in comparison to the real world, so turn away from your computers and start living.

— Julia dreams of visiting every single country during her life, but for now the next place she wants to see is Ireland, a place of highlands and stories about eternal life, charms and Druids.

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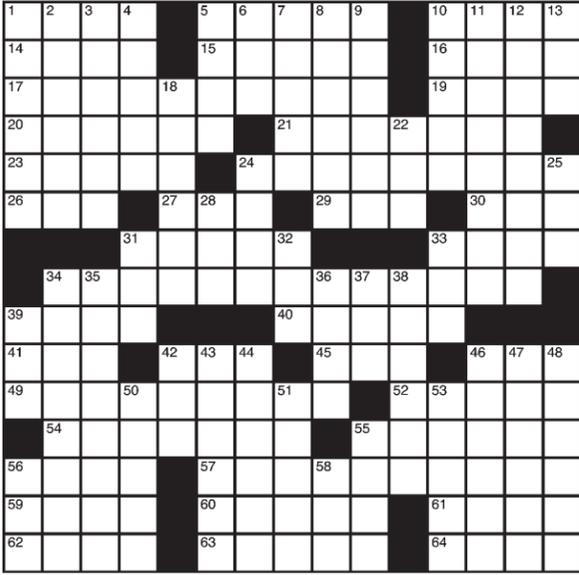
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By Gareth Bain

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Column

Stern spurns the Spurs

Commissioner David Stern unjustly fines San Antonio a quarter-million dollars for resting its top players

RON ROKHY
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Gregg Popovich's decision to rest four of the Spurs' best players in a nationally televised marquee matchup against the Miami Heat last Thursday was more than enough for NBA commissioner David Stern to remind everyone that his authoritarian regime isn't quite over yet.

Stern, who's set to retire in 2014 after serving since 1984, released a statement that night saying San Antonio would face "substantial sanctions" for its actions. One day later, he hit the team with a \$250,000 fine, claiming they did a disservice to the fans who paid for tickets by choosing to send home Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and Danny Green.

Although I'm completely against the team receiving a fine, I also disagree with Popovich's call because it was not only pointless, it signified he was trying to dodge playing a tough opponent.

Popovich's argument was that the Spurs were coming off a long road trip which had them playing four games in five nights, and they needed a breather to manage fatigue in order to compete for a championship later on.

The reasoning seems solid at first as the Spurs have the oldest core in

the league, but it completely falls apart once the timing of this choice is taken into account. Last I checked, it's not even 2013 yet. We've all seen stars rest throughout the weeks leading up to the playoffs, but resting them for a postseason that is half a year away? Nonsensical.

Also, why take the game off against Miami? The Spurs road trip before squaring off against the Heat consisted of games at Indiana, Toronto, Washington and Orlando.

Three out of those four teams are just plain terrible, and one of them (Washington) are the de facto beat 'em up team of the league as they currently hold a record of 1-13. Why didn't Pop rest his players then? Surely, San Antonio's bench — which put up a fight against Miami as they only lost by five — could have easily handled those teams without its starters. They could have been ready and rested for a slugfest against the defending champions, but it didn't happen.

That's not to say that the Spurs were scared of Miami, but that Popovich meticulously planned to take the easy road. Is this smart coaching or cheap tactics?

I'd say both, but at the end of the day, it doesn't really matter — it's Popovich's team, so it's his call. The NBA has no right to dictate what plays a team runs during a game, it has no right to

schedule a squad's practices and it certainly has no right to command a coach — an extremely reputable one at that who's won four titles since 1999 — what players he's allowed to play in a game.

Furthermore, it's very important to note that the game was in Miami. Now, I'm not much for sweeping generalizations, but I can say this with confidence: there aren't many Spurs fans in Miami. No one was there to watch Duncan and Parker play, they bought tickets to see LeBron James and Dwyane Wade — and they did. No harm, no foul.

San Antonio has never been a very marketable team in the first place. They're described by most fans as "boring," and are known to take after Duncan and Popovich, who'd both rather not be in the spotlight. They play with no flash, no frills, and are consistently a top regular season team as they've made the playoffs 15 straight years (though they've only been in the Western Conference Finals once in the last five years).

Stern has always had it out for the Spurs (he once had Executive Vice President Stu Jackson call one of their players and say he plays "too dirty") because of their tendency to stay out of the public eye. So Stern he took matters into his own hands and brought them the attention. Along the way, he may have inadvertently set a new precedent: no resting your players allowed.



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Reigning MVP LeBron James drives to the bucket for two as Spurs' guard Patty Mills attempts to strip the ball from his grasp.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Matadors fail zone test, lose to UCLA

JONATHAN ANDRADE
SPORTS EDITOR

WESTWOOD—Live by the three and die by the three.

It's a moniker any basketball player at any level has heard in their days, yet CSUN learned the hard way Wednesday night as they shot a mere 19 percent from beyond the arc en route to a 82-56 romping at the hands of the much bigger UCLA lineup in the Pauley Pavilion.

CSUN threw up 26 three-point shots, only connecting on five, but they had no choice after multiple failed attempts at penetrating the Bruins' lengthy zone defense.

"Their length hurt us," said head coach Bobby Braswell. "Those big guys, as tall as they are, as long as they are, they made it that much tougher and that bothered us... We knew they were going to play zone. Didn't know they were going to play it all 40 minutes, but they played it all game."

The Northridge defense allowed UCLA to shoot an astounding 53 percent from the field while also getting out-

rebounded 47-35.

CSUN's offense didn't do much better, hitting 32 percent of its shots, and only getting to the charity stripe five times on the night.

"We've been averaging close to 25 free-throws a game and to get only five says a lot," Braswell said.

Sophomore Stephan Hicks led Northridge with 11 points, three steals and two rebounds. Freshman guard Landon Drew, facing his brother Larry Drew II of UCLA, put up 10 points, two assists and a steal in 23 minutes off the bench.

The Bruins jumped out to an early 6-0 lead while CSUN looked like bystanders on the defensive end. Northridge managed to battle its way back to a tie ballgame with six straight points of its own highlighted by an alley-oop from Hale-Edmerson to Hicks.

CSUN hung in early and took the 14-12 lead after freshman Brandon Perry put away a layup while getting fouled but failed to convert on the following free throw.

Northridge's offense struggled to get any penetration, settling for multiple three-pointers, and extended its deficit to six before taking a timeout.



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CSUN Freshmen center Tre Hale-Edmerson (35) gets tangled up with UCLA guard Kyle Anderson (5) as they battle for a rebound.

"We could have been more aggressive," Hicks said. "We played soft tonight. We could have boxed out more but we were just no the more aggressive team."

The Matadors came out of the break with a busted play while UCLA's Shabazz Muhammad ran the court on the ensuing possession and turned in a three-point play.

UCLA went on a 16-3 tear,

pushing its advantage to 28-17, before the Matadors could respond with five quick points.

CSUN failed to keep up the new-found offense and the Bruins closed out the half with a 10-2 run, highlighted by another Muhammad slam, leaving UCLA ahead 38-24 after the first.

Northridge shot just over 30 percent from the field in the first half while UCLA managed

to shoot 45 percent, outscoring CSUN in the paint, 26-14.

CSUN's struggles penetrating the Bruins' defense continued in the second half and allowed the Bruins to extend the gap with an 11-2 run.

"We looked like freshmen and sophomores tonight," Braswell said about his team, the youngest in the country. "I don't know if we were intimidated or what but we just didn't play as

hard as we'd been playing."

The stellar shooting of UCLA continued as the Bruins shot over 53 percent throughout the half while the Matadors continued to depend on the long ball, shooting 19 percent from beyond the arc in the second.

CSUN began to look as if it were attempting a comeback in the latter half of the second but the game was well out of reach as the Bruins continued to pound the boards.

"We knew we had to respond or things were going to get ugly," said junior guard Josh Greene. "This year we've been known for punching back but we haven't done that these past two games."

UCLA built up its lead to as many as 28 before the crowd started chanting for Adria Gasol, the Los Angeles Lakers Pau Gasol's younger brother, to make his UCLA debut.

Despite the efforts, the crowd didn't see its beloved celebrity sibling, but did see the Bruins easily cruise to the victory.

The Bruins had three of five starts in double digits while Norman Powell came off the bench and added 17 points, eight rebounds and two steals in 29 minutes.