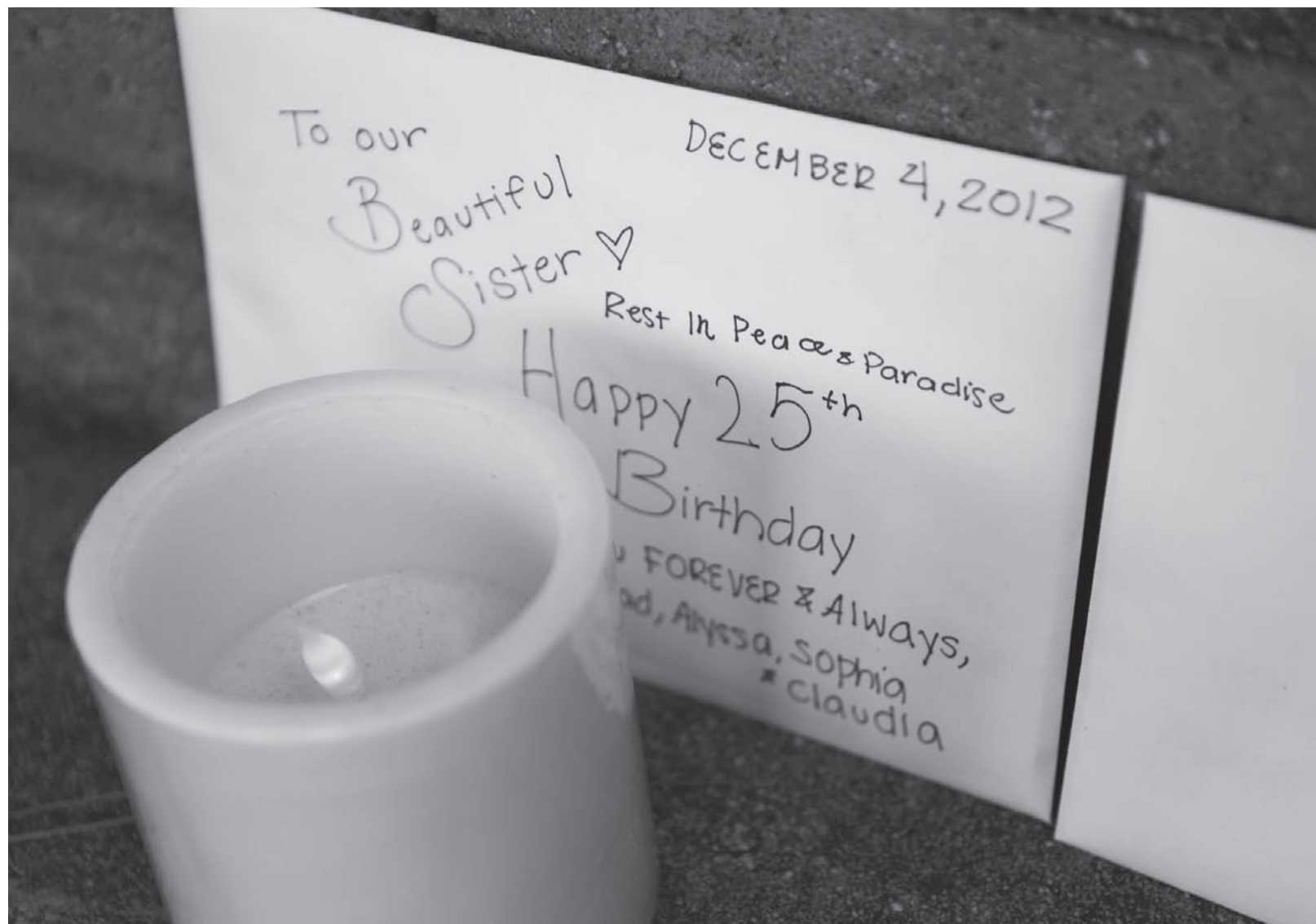


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A memorial has been built on the sidewalk in front of the house to honor one of the four Granada Hills shooting victims, Amanda Ghossein, who would have turned 25 Tuesday. The shooting occurred at 17441 Devonshire St. at 4:25 a.m.

## Arrests made in murder case

Quadruple homicide in Granada Hills ends with suspects apprehended in Las Vegas

LOREN TOWNSLEY  
PHOTO EDITOR

The Los Angeles Police Department announced the arrests of four suspects in connection to the fatal shooting of four people in Granada Hills Sunday morning.

The shooting occurred at 17441 Devonshire St. at 4:25 a.m. A memorial has been built on the sidewalk in front of the house to honor one of the victims, Amanda Ghossein, who would have turned 25 today.

According to the LAPD, the victims were visiting friends at the residence when they were confronted and shot by the suspects, who then fled to Las Vegas.

The suspects were taken into custody at the Silverton Casino, on Monday afternoon. Ka Pasaouk, 31, of Los Angeles, was arrested for murder and Howard Alcantara, 30, of Glendale, was arrested and booked for robbery and aiding a felon. Two

additional suspects, Donna Rabulan and Christina Neal, both of Los Angeles, were arrested for aiding a felon.

Police Chief Charlie Beck spoke at a press conference congratulating the work of the Robbery Homicide Division, Valley Bureau and Las Vegas authorities.

"The operating Valley Bureau patrol officers (and) detectives initially responded to the scene and went with a very grisly tableau involving the deaths of four individuals in Northridge," Beck said. "Robbery Homicide Division was called in because of the magnitude of this case and immediately started the investigation."

Beck said few details are able to be released at this time because the investigation is ongoing.

"It has been a case that has gotten much public attention not only locally, but nationally. The successful prosecution of this case is very important to the city of Los Angeles," the police chief said.



LOREN TOWNSLEY / PHOTO EDITOR

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa speaks at a press conference about Sunday's shooting at a Granada Hills residence. Villaraigosa praised the efforts of Los Angeles and Las Vegas police for quickly apprehending the suspects.

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"As you know, crime in the city of Los Angeles is at its lowest levels in decades, it's at the lowest levels we've seen since the 1950's because

of the work of the men and women who wear that uniform," said Villaraigosa. "Sadly, tragically, not every day is free of violence."

Yesterday, city officials were at the site of the murders investigating building violations.

"Because of the crime

committed here, it drew the attention of law enforcement and city resources to this particular location," said Sgt. Jose Torres of LAPD's Devonshire division.

Torres said 15 people were living inside the resi-

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## CSUN faculty in flux

More than half are set to retire within 10 years

CHRISTINA BENNETT  
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The face of CSUN will likely shift in the next decade with more than half of the faculty nearing retirement age.

Institutional research reports that 26.9 percent of faculty were 50 to 55 years old in Fall 2011 and 27.4 percent was 60 years and older.

Preparing for the retirement of a large segment of the faculty population has caught the university's attention, said Steven Stepanek faculty senate president and computer science department chair.

Stepanek said an ideal situation would be having a continual flow of people retiring and being hired, however the reality of the situation is different.

"Two things have been working against us: one is what they call the baby boom bubble, plus because of some of the financial crises, the state's been suffering for the last 12 or more years, there have been periods of time where for multiple years there's almost no hiring, but people are still retiring," said Stepanek, who is currently serving his second term.

Hellenbrand said the number of professors hired versus how many retire fluctuates and depends largely on the budget.

"How we've planned to handle it and how we're funded to handle it are two different things," Hellenbrand said. "We hired about 200 people in the last three years, and that helped a lot but the budget doesn't allow us to recover the people we are losing."

With the passage of Proposition 30 in November, the university's ability

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# CSU asks state for money in lieu of Prop. 30

The request is expected to offset the loss the system is anticipating after students receive \$250 refund

**GABRIELLE MOREIRA**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**T**he California State University system is requesting almost \$372 million from the state for their support budget, which will see a five percent enrollment increase and salary increases for faculty and staff.

The CSU is expecting about \$69.9 million in their support budget coming from tuition fees for all 23 campuses. If the state grants the CSU's request, the support budget will increase to \$441.8 million.

"It's important to note that the CSU has submitted similar requests these past few years that haven't been funded by the state," said Tom McCarron, CSUN's vice president and chief fiscal officer, who announced his retirement Nov. 29.

CSUN's share is based on the percentage of new students enrolled compared to the total of all CSU campuses, which is about 7 to 8 percent, said McCarron. He also said that CSUN received \$123 million from the CSU for the 2012-13 academic year and if the state does grant the CSU's request it could help the university.

The CSU system is asking the state for \$371.9 million to offset the money they expect to lose from rolling back the 9 per-

cent tuition increase they implemented this year. With the passage of Proposition 30, the CSU will issue about \$250 as credits, checks, or financial aid adjustments to all CSU students and recent graduates.

The CSU expects to lose \$261.1 million over the next two academic years because of the reimbursements, according to their support budget.

If the CSU is given the requested amount, \$441.8 million in the support budget will provide a 1 percent increase each for faculty and staff, an expected 5 percent enrollment increase for 2013-14, academic programs and academic advisement, and building maintenance, among other things.

"Anything the CSU can get from the legislature to stop costs from being put on students will help," said Nate Thomas, CSUN CTVA professor and CSUN chapter CFA president. "The CFA is supportive anytime the CSU can get more money for the betterment of our university system."

In the CSU support budget, \$86.3 million, or 19.5 percent, has been allocated for faculty and staff pay increases, while \$155.8 million, or 35.3 percent, is going toward the enrollment increase. In order to help students graduate with advisement and academic programs, the CSU has allocated \$58 million, or 13.1 percent.

About \$8.5 million from the

\$58 million would then go toward lowering the cost of textbooks, "closing the achievement gap" and funding "academic programs that have a positive impact on improving graduation rates," as stated in the CSU's budget plan.

The system's total budget for 2013-14 is estimated to be about \$4.5 billion with \$2 million coming from state funding, with or without the additional \$371.9 million.

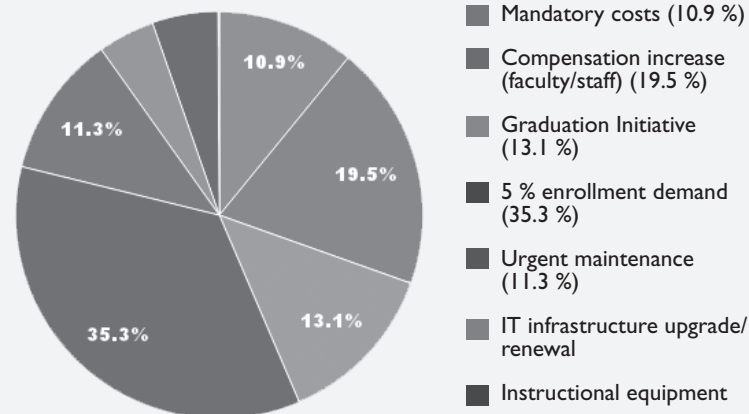
Thomas is hopeful that the CSU could be granted their request this time around, especially with newly elected officials in the legislature, some of whom have experience in the education system. Thomas also cited Gov. Jerry Brown's attendance at the last CSU Board of Trustees meeting on Nov. 14 as a "good sign."

"We cannot discount higher education," Thomas said. "I think it's a right to be educated, not a privilege."

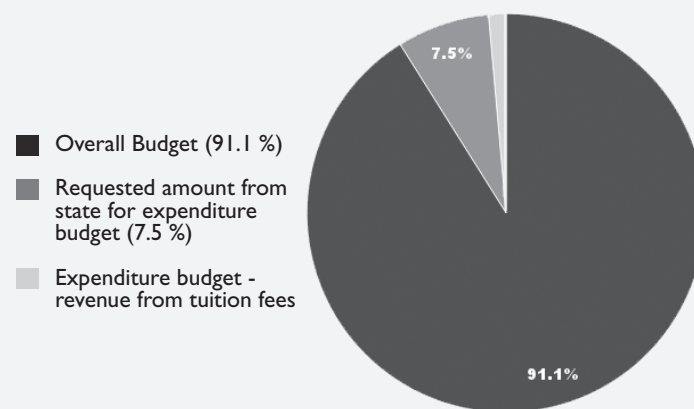
## CORRECTION

In "Demand for remedial courses evens out," which ran Dec. 4, it read that there are between 3,800 and 3,900 students enrolled in remedial classes, when there are a total of 7,740 students enrolled in remedial courses.

## CSU SUPPORT BUDGET



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## TEACHERS

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to hire in the future may be affected.

"We might do more hiring next year, but that's on the contingency that we aren't going to have any budget cut at the end of the year," said Harold Hellenbrand, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs.

Hiring is done unintentionally in waves and over-

all CSUN has been hiring a fair amount compared to other CSUs, according to Hellenbrand.

Another impending impact of large-scale faculty retirement is the effect it will have on the university's standing committees, especially for the process of reviewing faculty for tenure status, said Stepanek.

He said a faculty member can only be reviewed for tenure by a committee member with a higher status. If a wave of high ranking faculty members retire, this process becomes difficult.

The Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) at CSUN provides a transition for full-time faculty to retirement.

FERP is open to tenured faculty only and allows faculty members 55 years of age and older to receive their retirement income and benefits from CalPERS, plus a half of a year's income for teaching a maximum of 90 days per year for five years.

FERP faculty is retired, but the program allows for them to still participate in the university setting and transition out of their role.

"One of the interesting things for faculty is for most faculty being a university professor is more than just a profession. It is, in a sense, their life. They are very connected to the campus, the campus is part of their family, if you will," Stepanek



CHRISS RAMOS / CONTRIBUTOR

**CSUN Provost Harry Hellenbrand, discusses how the university is preparing for the retirement of a large segment of the faculty population.**

said. "To retire from a campus setting 'cold turkey' can be a bit tough. The idea of FERP is to provide a way to ease yourself out."

Soon-to-be retirees serve an important role in the CSUN community with their extensive teaching experience and the unique perspective to offer younger generation students.

Stepanek agreed that dif-

ferent generations of faculty and students can bring changes to the learning paradigms for the university.

If technology is the driving force behind the evolution of academia, younger faculty may be more familiar with this changes.

"While some of the faculty who have been here for the longest period of time are very innovative and are using

some of this very cutting edge technology, there are other who are still very traditional," Stepanek said. "Things are changing though."

The predicted retirement of a large group of faculty within the next decade is sure to impact the university and require hiring more instructors during the transition, according to Stepanek.

Hellenbrand added that

CSUN will have to hold its breath until January, when the governor releases his budget plans.

"If the fees are not allowed to increase and the state doesn't provide money, and the benefits continue to rise, then that's not a formula that's successful," he said. "It's a solvable problem, but it just takes coordinated planning."

### Number of retired faculty from 2010 to 2012

Total number of faculty members retired: 120

Faculty retired in 2010: 51

Faculty retired in 2011: 38

Faculty retired this year to date: 31

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**MURDER**

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dence where the shooting occurred in front of, which might have drawn the attention of the neighboring community.

CSUN alum John Antonucci, who lives on Blackhawk Street close to the murder scene, was shocked at the conditions of the house.

"I had no idea there were that many people who lived there," Antonucci said.

Three structures were deemed unsafe, in part because of a gas leak and a lack of permits.

"We have determined that there is a structure on the rear of the building that didn't have any permits and has been converted into a dwelling," said Frank Bush, bureau chief of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety. "It has some hazards on the building, so we deter-

mined it was unsafe and we are going to vacate it."

Bush said the house had little history of issues with the building safety department.

"We haven't had any complaints since 2009, we had a complaint here that alleged the garage was converted. Inspection was done, it was a garage at the time and there was no violation," said Bush. "Since that day we have had no complaints about this property."

Torres spoke about the unfortunate circumstances that led to the murders and subsequent vacating of the property.

"It's a big world, you never know how things would have worked out," said Torres. "But had we been more proactive with the property – last week four people lost their lives – maybe we could have addressed some of this prior to it happening."



LOREN TOWNSLEY | PHOTO EDITOR

City officials inspect building violations at the site of the murders. Fifteen people were living inside the residence where the shooting occurred. Three structures were deemed unsafe in part because of a gas leak and lack of permits.

# Foreign exchange numbers up

CSUN brings in more international students despite enrollment freeze

**CHRISTINA PEMBLETON**

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**C** SUN foreign exchange and international student enrollment rates are on the rise amidst enrollment freezes on other groups of incoming students.

The number of enrolled foreign exchange students for the Fall 2012 semester has increased by about 3 percent since Spring 2012 and 11 percent since Fall 2010.

Enrollment statistics for the Fall 2012 semester report that 2,008 international students are currently registered at CSUN, and last year, 1,944 students were enrolled.

Figures from the CSU reflect slightly lower estimated expenses by about \$280.

CSUN is guaranteed to collect full funds from international students because these students are "not eligible for financial aid since they have to show proof of funds in order to be able to attend a U.S. institution," said Marta Lopez, assistant director of international programs.

International students are being admitted during the spring 2013 semester, but many other groups of students, like first-time freshmen and transfers, are not being admitted again until fall 2013, and there will

be restrictions on how many are accepted, according to the CSUN admissions website.

The difference between foreign exchange students and international students is that foreign exchange students come for a short amount of time, usually one or two semesters, and international students come to CSUN to obtain a degree, Lopez said.

Though the cost is expensive, students pursue studying abroad because it introduces them to new cultures, said Justine Zhixin Su, coordinator of international programs and director of the CSUN China Institute.

"This (increased international student enrollment) is a general trend for higher education. The world is becoming smaller, and people in different countries need to learn from each other," Su said.

Enrollment statistics for the Fall 2012 semester show that most of CSUN's international and exchange students come from China (425 students) and Saudi Arabia (398 students).

The International and Exchange Student Center at CSUN hosts a coffee get-together every Friday. Samuel Dette, an exchange student from Berlin, Germany, attends the coffee hour when he has the availability.

"I'm here (at CSUN) for a

**Annual cost for undergraduate students at CSUN****International: \$34,300****Non-international: \$25,220***\*Note: Cost includes tuition, food, supplies and books*

full year, but I'm planning on staying longer," Dette said. "There is a productive energy and emphasis on being active here. It's never chill- there's too much to do."

One thing that Dette does not like is how expensive the school is. He is studying music with an emphasis in media composition, but schooling here is completely different.

Amy Lai, a foreign exchange student from Wales, majors in chemistry and is here primarily to focus on research to help with her non-major degree in the United Kingdom.

The cost of studying abroad through CSUN's foreign exchange program also affects Lai.

"We get money to study at home, but not here," she said. "There are loads of student benefits in the U.K, but everything here is expensive. Here they look after students less and actually take advantage of us."

One of Lai's examples was that the Freudian Sip's prices are comparable to Starbucks, but in Wales, there are student discounts for coffee.

Studying abroad has been a learning experience for Lai because she is understanding more about American culture.

"We are so close to LA, the land of opportunity. There are lifestyle differences, chilled out people, and a wider selection of foods," she said. "It's more than just learning about the culture. It opens horizons when you move to a different country."

The foreign exchange program is looking to inspire CSUN students to study abroad, and there are travel scholarships available, including four full scholarships from the China Scholarship Council Award Program, that cover all tuition and living expenses.

"We want to create more opportunities," Su said. "We hope we can encourage more students to study abroad."

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# Opinions

## What you REALLY learned at college

Our 44-creaking-year-old correspondent gives you the commencement address you never knew you wanted

**JIM MCLAUHLIN**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**G**reetings and salutations, Class of 2012, December division. As you leave the warm embrace of CSUN, you do so in the off-season. Everyone loves spring graduates, and you Decemberists are seen by the public at large as people with an unfortunate sense of timing, destined to show up for Friday parties on a Saturday, a bewildered look on your face like you just missed the 12:15 to Massapequa.

As such, your commencement takes place here in the lovely boiler room beneath Sierra Hall—if you catch a rat, you can keep him! And your commencement address will not come from some big-shot celebrity, famous author or noted statesman. Rather, you have drawn Jim McLauchlin, resident fat guy and agent provocateur. Hail, well met, and all that crap.

As you leave college, your medulla oblongata stretched to the breaking point with knowledge of things such as what a medulla oblongata actually is, I would like to take a few moments to tell you what you actually learned. No, really. Pay attention:

**You learned to learn.** You did 120 credits, minimum. So you learned to learn. Now be autodidactic. After 120 credits, you should know what “didactic” means, right? So keep learning. No, you won’t even want to think about it for a while. You’re like a football player on Monday morning. You’re sore as hell, and the thought of a book is gonna make you wanna punch something. So take six months and get good and drunk. Hell, call me and we’ll go on a friender-bender. But when you sober up and chase the hangover, come to grips with the fact that if you stop learning, you die. So choose to live. Keep learning.

**You learned to deal with an occasionally uncaring bureaucracy.** The default switch at Admission and Records seems to be set to “It ain’t my job, go see Student Affairs.” Interestingly enough, Student Affairs’ rote answer seems to be, “It ain’t my job, go see Admissions and Records.” Welcome to the real world, son. Life is full of uncaring bureaucracies and chair-warmers with an eye on the clock and a countdown to 5 p.m. on the brain. Think it’s gonna get better? Not really. But college taught you to navigate a bureaucracy for years. And after all of that, I think anyone who matriculates through college should get a pass for one free trip through the DMV along with their diploma.

**You learned how to jump through hoops.** Someday soon, your boss will want a red cover sheet, not a blue one, on your quarterly report. Why? ‘Cause that’s how he wants it. And hot damn, that last political science paper you did damn well on better have had one-inch margins, citations in footnotes only, and that font set to Calibri! Why? ‘Cause that’s how some professor wanted it. Congratulations. You just learned that life is full of many hoops, few of which matter. Ain’t worth fighting over. Red cover sheet, boss? Sure thing!

**You learned how to multi-task.** You held down a part-time job, 15 credits a semester, keg parties, chlamydia, friends and family, finals week, the lunch line at Chipotle and parking structure B3—the toughest task of all. And don’t forget, you did this all while checking Facebook on your phone under your desk for 30 percent of class time. You know how to juggle six chainsaws while humming the Albanian national anthem and hopping on one foot. You are now the biped version of a Swiss Army knife. You can handle any situation.

**You learned who you are, and that 25 percent of people can’t be trusted.** Remember all those wonderful “group projects” you were forced into? Little groups of four with a presentation before the class on blah-blah-blah due in two weeks? Sure you do. In each gang of four, there was one dick who didn’t do squat. There was one Herculean performer who pulled everything together and did most of the work. And there were two middle-of-the-roaders who went along for the ride. Ask yourself now: Were you the dick? Hercules? In the middle? You know who you are now. And that a quarter of humanity is just a buncha chumps waiting to see who’s gonna pull their weight for them.

So congratulations, Decemberists of 2012! Now turn that tassel from whatever side to the other. And get out. The Shriners got this room in 30 minutes.

— Jim McLauchlin is slated to graduate in December, 2013. If he catches a rat, he will keep it and name it George!

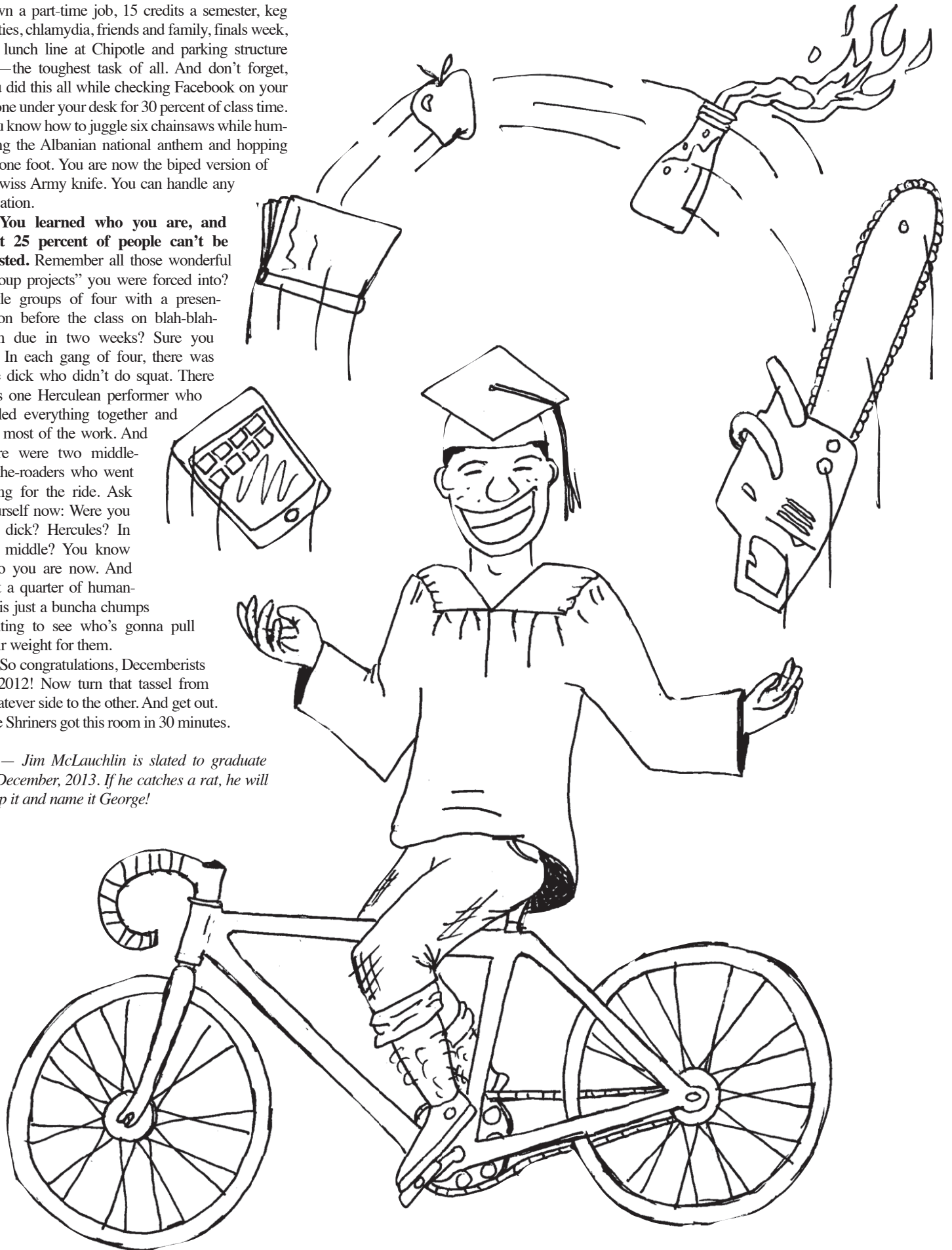


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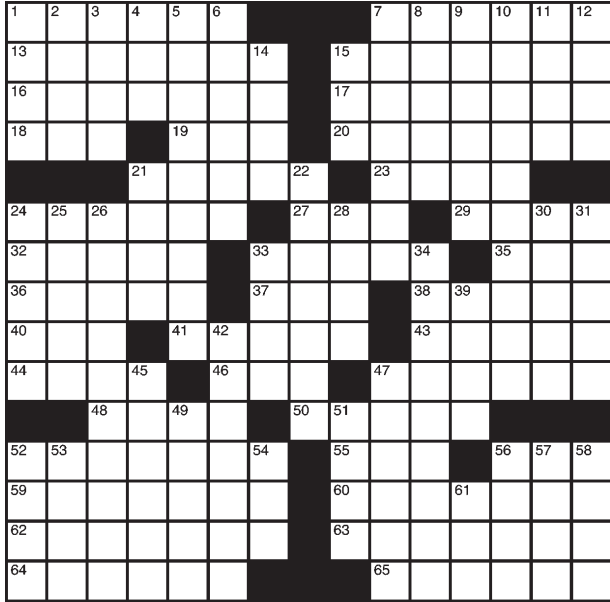
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- 17 They enjoy being cruel
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- 19 Scottish refusal
- 20 Melodic passages
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- 32 Main idea
- 33 Defensive story
- 35 "I hate when you do that!"
- 36 Balkan Peninsula capital
- 37 Profit share
- 38 Heavenly hunter
- 40 Prov. on Lake Superior
- 41 Tottenham tot toters
- 43 Squares
- 44 Grape soda brand
- 46 A in German class
- 47 Light spectrum extreme
- 48 L.A. Sparks' org.
- 50 Contractor's details
- 52 Ones with a common heritage
- 55 Eyeball
- 56 "Grimm" network
- 59 Put away, as a hunting knife
- 60 More apt to pout
- 62 Many a Nickelodeon watcher
- 63 Exalt
- 64 Astonishingly enough
- 65 Carol opener



By Robin Stears

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**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

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**DOWN**

- 1 Air Wick target
- 2 It can go on for years
- 3 Dieter's count
- 4 Picks from a lineup

- 5 "Break Like the Wind" band
- 6 Thin ice, say
- 7 Berenstain youngster, e.g.
- 8 Active beginning?
- 9 Maryland state bird, for one
- 10 \*TV drama narrated by a teen blogger
- 11 Apropos of
- 12 Storied loch
- 14 Can't be without
- 15 Bag-checking agcy.
- 21 Hagar's daughter
- 22 The answers to starred clues start with kinds of them, and are arranged in them
- 24 Canon rival
- 25 Worst possible turnout
- 26 \*Double-date extra
- 28 Tries to please a master, perhaps
- 30 Diminish by degrees
- 31 Arp contemporary
- 33 Trendy healthful berry
- 34 \*Chemical connection that involves a transfer of electrons
- 39 Classic autos
- 42 Is guilty of a dinner table no-no
- 45 Congenital
- 47 Shakespearean setting
- 49 Falls for a joke
- 51 Fleshy fruit
- 52 "Mike and Mike in the Morning" broadcaster
- 53 Via, briefly
- 54 China's Sun Yat-
- 56 Calligrapher's points
- 57 Seat restraint
- 58 Hudson Bay native
- 61 Forest female

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9	6	1	4	3	4	1	9	6
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**sudoku**

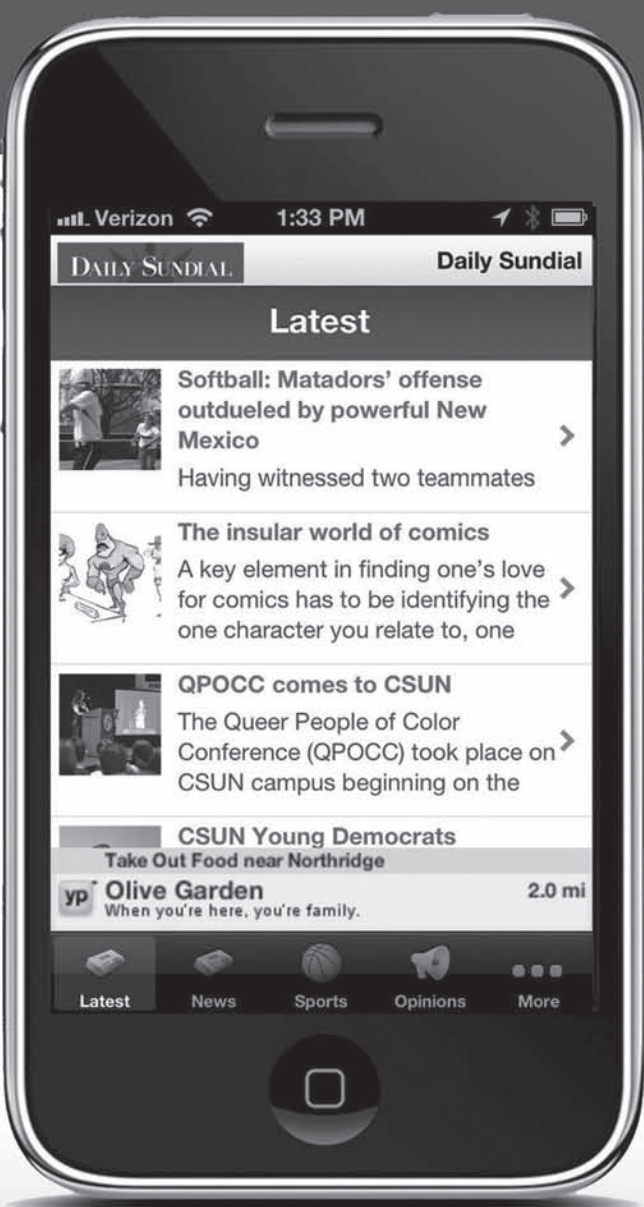
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# Benvenuta, singnora Masoni

Italian-born forward Marta Masoni has taken the Matadome by storm, striking from behind the arc at will

**JONATHAN BUE**

Dail y Sun Dial

Opponents of CSUN's women's basketball team have got to be asking where the team got their new Italian engine, Marta Masoni.

Just seven games into the season, and it's clear the kind of impact the freshman -- who throws in 3-pointers like daggers -- has had for the Matadors.

Not only does Masoni lead the team in minutes played and field goal percentage (42.2), she also leads the entire Big West Conference in three-pointers made (20), at a 40 percent rate.

"Meno male!" Italian for "it's a good thing."

"She's been a pleasant surprise. She's been even better than we anticipated to be honest," Head Coach Jason Flowers said, noting how Masoni shattered his stigma about European resiliency with her tough play. The evidence for just how much trust the decision makers have in Masoni may be reflected by all her time spent on the court, a 35-minute per-game average.

Masoni has played basketball, or "pallacanestro" in Italian, since she was 5



CSUN freshman Marta Masoni (left) has found her role on the court and has become a vital part of the Matadors' offense

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years old, and was ingrained in the Euro-style of play since she was 13.

"Physically, it's harder here than in Italy," Masoni said. "In Europe you use more plays. Here it's more free, more one-on-one."

In a recent 70-67 win over Santa Clara, Masoni led the team with 22 points, a season high that she's already man-

aged to hit twice. And while the victory indicates a larger team effort by the Matadors, the 3-point difference may be symbolic of the specific skills Masoni offers.

"I really like to make the best situation for a girl on my team. I don't care (about) my points, but I really like creating things for my team," Masoni said.

Flowers, however, praises Masoni for more than just her shooting ability. Her ball handling, passing and defense are bonuses to her maturity as a player and a person, according to Flowers.

"I just think with her skill set and her mentality and her experience; her basketball IQ, she could have a really good career," Flowers said.

"She has a different experience than anybody we've had since we've been here, with her extensive International experience."

Masoni comes from an athletic family who've all played at a competitive level, but she might most resemble her mother Rita who, like Marta, played basketball for the Italian

Women's National Team.

But her transition to basketball may have been easier than the one to Northridge.

Masoni comes from Taranto, Italy, which she affectionately calls "my city," and had received offers to play at Washington and Kansas State amongst others, but decided on Northridge. The weather may have been a big factor in her decision because of CSUN's proximity to the beach. Masoni has an affinity for the sea and explains that when she's back home she might be there from sunrise to sundown.

And even though California's warm climate and brown-watered beaches may have been a draw, it was her family that ultimately convinced her to come.

"They said you have to go you have to try it, because it's a very big opportunity for you," Masoni said. "I'm Italian so I'm here to get this new experience because it's completely different here -- I had to try it."

For Masoni, playing for the Matadors and all the goals that come with it weren't the only reasons for moving to another country. She's also here to pursue an education.

Her other goal? Being a brain surgeon.

## BASKETBALL

# Matadors brace for doubleheader

Guay and Co. look to stay above .500 with a visit from a mediocre San Francisco University squad

**RON ROKHY**

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After a strong 2-0 start, the Matadors (4-3) look to

bounce back at home against San Francisco (4-3) Wednesday night after losing three out of their last five.

CSUN last lost 73-63 on the road against San Jose

State, which saw Northridge get outrebounded 47-38 while giving up a 43.3 shooting percentage.

Head coach Jason Flowers, who has preached defense since taking over the team three years ago, said his team sometimes loses track of that on a game-to-game basis.

"(Defense and rebounding are) always first and foremost, and sometimes we take it for granted," Flowers said. "Regardless of what sport it is, if you play defense and minimize mistakes, then you have a chance to win every game you play."

CSUN's offense was bottled up against the Spartans as the Matadors hit only 6 of their 25 shots from downtown.

"We got good shots, and we missed a lot of them," Flowers said. "That's why teams that win championships play defense and rebound because those two things will get you through when you have a tough night offensively."

**JONATHAN ANDRADE**

Spor t S EDit or

CSUN has dropped its last two games after starting the season 6-0, but return home Wednesday night and hope to get back on the winning track against Vanguard at 7 p.m. in the Matadome.

In CSUN's latest outing, the Matadors were completely outplayed by the Bruins in Westwood in a 82-56 laughter that saw CSUN shoot a horrid 32 percent against the UCLA zone (defense).

"We've struggled against the zone this year and we have to do a better job on that," said head coach Bobby Braswell. "We worked on it some but it comes down to guys being confident and making sure we're moving the basketball."

Northridge will have to try to get the ball in the paint if they expect to penetrate any future zone defenses. CSUN has a tough talent in sophomore

forward Stephen Maxwell to get the job done.

In CSUN's wins, the offense has averaged 78.8 points per game but only score 65.5 points in losing efforts.

Redshirt sophomore

Stephen Hicks leads CSUN with 17.5 points a game, while junior guard Josh Greene has 13 points of his own while adding 4.8 assists a contest.



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Sophomore Ashlee Guay must get the offense up and running with her court vision to make the necessary passes



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Junior guard Josh Greene has a chance to get his team back on track. Greene has a team-high 4.8 assists a game