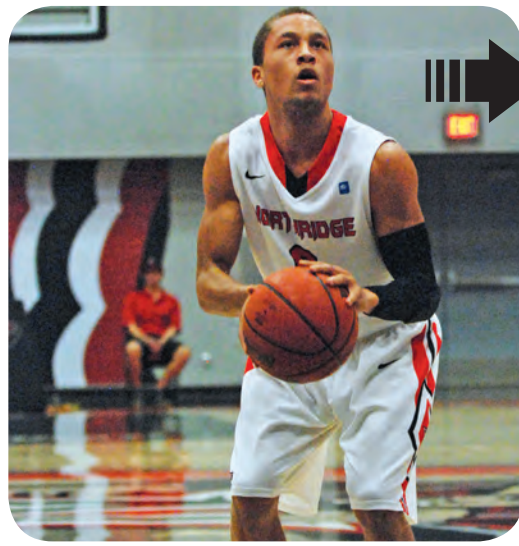


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## CULTURE CLASH



HEY, YOU'RE ALMOST THERE!

# Keeping the faith, whatever it is



Dainia Jones, president of the Virtuous Women club at CSUN, worshipping at the H.O.P.E Fellowship bible study and worship service in the Northridge Room.

KEN SCARBORO / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

20 percent of Americans are religiously unaffiliated, study says

JONATHAN BUE  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**T**ravis Baluyot grew up in a Catholic household, but when the mechanical engineering major goes about his day he seldom prays or gestures the sign of the cross for blessing, and doesn't go to mass.

"I mean, I still have a cross in my car whenever I drive," Baluyot said. The senior at CSUN is a local example of a growing segment of Americans who do not identify with any religion, according to a new study by The Pew Research Center.

The Pew study, released in October, indicates that unaffiliated Americans now make up 20 percent of the nation's population, and of these, a third are under the age of 30, a 5 percent increase within the past five years.

Rick Talbott, chair of religious studies, said the Pew data may be an oversimplification of a complex subject, and stresses the importance of putting the data into context before being interpreted. He pointed out that the increase in the unaffiliated does not mean a sudden exodus of religious people to atheism or agnosticism. In fact, according to the Pew research, 68 percent of the unaffiliated believe in a God or consider themselves spiritual.

"I fall into that category actu-

ally," Baluyot said.

Church was never a priority, but rather an obligation through his parents, he said.

"Maybe I considered going on my own, but then I never really took it seriously," Baluyot said.

He has developed a diplomatic outlook on religion recognizing that some people have a need for it, while others may have apathy. Dually, Baluyot discerns that no particular aspect of religion either pushed him away or drew him to it.

"I feel like I already understand enough about it. I know that being a good person is probably enough," Baluyot said.

Talbott postulates that the large number of unaffiliated young people, people like Baluyot, is a result of their needs being met with resistance, and sometimes hostility, by religious institutions.

"The person who lives in our culture kind of has to hold these things in tension," Talbott said. "In this culture, people are able to find meaning and purpose outside of religion, especially if the religion is oppressive."

According to Talbott, the under-30 category is suggestive of a generation of individuals fluent in a diverse culture that may be turned off by their religion's stance on friends of another belief and in some cases

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# Asperger's syndrome diagnosis changes

Condition will no longer be included in psychological reference manual, on-campus services unaffected

MELISSA SIMON  
LIVE NEWS EDITOR

**T**he newest edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, or DSM, will not include Asperger's syndrome, the American Psychological Association announced Saturday.

Dr. Laura Politte, child psychologist at the Laurie Center for Autism, said the decision was made to include all diagnoses under the category of "Pervasive Developmental Disorders," which includes Asperger's syndrome, into the diagnosis of "Autism Spectrum Disorder."

"The reason for this change was to simplify the diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder for clinicians but also to make sure that the diagnosis accurately describes a specific syndrome," Politte said.

The definition for autism and Asperger's syndrome are both defined by an impairment in social communication

skills and patterns of restrictive and repetitive behavior that interfere with functioning in a variety of settings, said Politte.

"The primary difference is that people with Asperger's syndrome do not have a history of delayed language development, and they usually have normal intellectual

abilities and self-care skills," she said. "Asperger's syndrome is often diagnosed at a later age when social differences become more apparent (as when a child first goes to school), and autism is usually more readily apparent from an early age due to atypical language development."

Politte said there have not

been a lot of studies that look specifically at the prevalence of Asperger's, but an estimate would be about 24 in 10,000 individuals have it and it is more common in boys.

Jodi Johnson, director of disability resources and educational services at CSUN, said

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## CAMPUS CRIME LOG

### NOV. 29

**VANDALISM** – Unknown suspect(s) used blue marker to write graffiti inside the north elevator and on the south wall in Parking Lot/Structure B3. *Investigation Continued.*

**THEFT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY** – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's unsecured bike which he had left unattended under the stairs at the Matador Involvement Center. *Investigation Continued.*

**MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL/DRIVER IN POSSESSION OF AN OPEN CONTAINER** – Officers responded to reports of an illegally parked vehicle with occupants consuming alcohol. After making contact the passenger was cited for being a minor in possession of alcohol and the driver cited for possession of an open container. Both parties were cited and released at the scene.

### DEC. 1

**HIT AND RUN PROPERTY DAMAGE** – Unknown suspect(s) hit the victim's vehicle causing damage to the passenger side in Parking Lot/Structure G3. The suspect then left the location in an unknown direction. *Investigation Continued.*

### DEC. 1 (cont.)

**THEFT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY** – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's bicycle which he had secured to the bicycle rack south of Jacaranda Hall. *Investigation Continued.*

**OBSTRUCTING A POLICE OFFICER** – The suspect refused to comply with officers and was taken into custody after a foot pursuit near UPA 15. He was transported and booked at Sylmar Juvenile Hall.

**RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE** – A vehicle was discovered unoccupied and running in Parking Lot/Structure B3. The victim was notified and the vehicle released to her.

### DEC. 3

**THEFT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY** – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's bicycle which she had possibly secured to the bicycle rack on the west side of Cypress Hall. *Investigation Continued.*

**VANDALISM** – Unknown suspect(s) used unknown means to make two scratch marks on the driver's side of the victim's vehicle in Parking Lot/Structure G9. *Investigation Continued.*

### UPDATED DISPOSITIONS

**Identity Theft (04/03)** – The victim reported giving his personal information to a solicitor on campus. When he later filed his federal taxes he discovered that someone has already filed taxes in his name. Case Closed.

**Petty Theft (11/07)** – An unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's wallet from her office in Sequoia Hall. Case Closed.

**Theft of Personal Property (11/07)** – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's bicycle which had been secured next to Juniper Hall. Case Closed.

**Vandalism (11/08)** – An unknown suspect(s) used light blue paint or marker to write graffiti on the southwest wall of Cypress Hall. Case Closed.

**Theft of Personal Property (11/08)** – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's secured bicycle from the bicycle rack west of UPA 3. Case Closed.

**Vandalism (11/09)** – An unknown suspect(s) used unknown means to flatten the front left tire of the victim's vehicle. Case Closed.

**Vandalism (11/09)** – An unknown suspect(s) used white paint

to write graffiti on a storage container and window at the Children's Center. Case Closed.

**Petty Theft (11/09)** – Unknown suspect(s) stole the frame and tire of the victim's bicycle. Leaving the tire that had been secured to the bicycle rack on the east side of Oviatt Library. Case Closed.

**Theft of Personal Property (11/09)** – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's bicycle which had been secured to the bicycle rack outside of UPA 6. Case Closed.

**Theft of Personal Property (11/11)** – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's cell phone which had been left unattended in Manzanita Hall. Case Closed.

**Petty Theft (11/13)** – Unknown suspect(s) stole a banner from the rail on the southwest side of Oviatt Library. Case Closed.

**Theft of Personal Property (11/13)** – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's tablet computer which had been left unattended on table in Sierra Center. Case Closed.

**Grand Theft (11/13)** – Unknown suspect(s) stole the victim's laptop computer which had been left unattended in Oviatt Library. Case Closed.

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# Student wallets not fat enough for travel

Matadors struggle to pay for holiday vacations as airfare prices increase

**MELODY CHERCHIAN**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**H**oliday traveling seems to be diminishing among CSUN students this semester as hotel rooms and plane tickets rise in price.

Marie Montgomery, spokesperson for AAA, said travel prices generally tend to be much higher during the holidays because there is a lot more demand for airline seats, hotel rooms and car rentals, especially if travelers wait until last minute to book their plans.

"There are some exceptions if you are willing to be flexible," Montgomery said. "For example, flights on Christmas Day might be cheaper. But for the most part, travelers will pay more during the holidays and possibly much more if they wait until the last minute to book their travel."

An article in USA Today reported that travelers this holiday season can expect to pay 8 percent more than they did last year for airfare and will encounter a 27 percent increase if they leave the weekends between the holidays.

Hotel rates are also rising in top destinations, including New York and Los Angeles. The average daily room rate in

Los Angeles for Christmas is 10 percent higher than last year, according to USA Today.

"Average cost for airfare and hotel, of course, will really vary depending on your destination, the type of accommodations you want and when exactly you want to go," Montgomery said.

In fact, holiday tickets this year are expected to cost around \$500 or more just from Los Angeles to New York, according to orbitz.com. Hotel prices in New York average around \$600 a night for the week of Christmas.

Itzel Cahuantzi, 19, a sophomore at CSUN majoring in criminology, said she had no plans to travel during winter break because she could not afford losing hours at work.

"I need to pick up even more hours at work now that school is almost over," said Cahuantzi. "I need to save money for next semester's tuition."

Monica Guzman, 22, a junior communications major, said she is planning on staying in town because it costs too much to travel.

"If I had the money, I would go to New York's Times Square for New Year's eve," said Guzman. "But plane tickets and hotels cost way too much."

Imagine the cost of a trip home to Japan for Yasue Taka-

na, 25, a senior CTVA major. Takana hoped to visit her family back in Japan, but she said it is too expensive.

"I have no choice but to stay here," said Takana. "The ideal way to celebrate the holidays would be at home back in Japan."

The price to stay in a Japanese hotel is an average \$200 a night on Dec. 24, not to mention the \$2,000 per person it would cost to fly there in the first place, as reported on expedia.com.

Despite an increase in prices during the week of Dec. 23, AAA expects a 3.1 percent increase in travelers this year compared to a year ago. According to AAA, 92.3 million Americans are expected to travel at least 50 miles from home by car or air sometime during between

Dec. 23 and Jan. 2.

"Most Southern Californians tend to travel during the holidays for one of two reasons," Montgomery said. "One is to visit distant relatives and friends, and the second is going with family and friends to destinations they didn't have time to go to during work and school."

Some local places Southern Californians tend to visit during the holidays include: Las Vegas, San Diego, San Francisco, Napa Valley, Grand Canyon, Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks, Big Bear, Arrowhead and Mammoth, among others.

"If you want to go somewhere for the holidays but you're not really sure where or if you can actually get a last-minute bargain, visit a travel agent," she said.

### CORRECTION

In the story "Demand for remedial courses evens out," which ran Dec. 4, it read the number of students enrolled in English remedial courses has increased this year. In fact, as of Fall 2011, the university no longer offers remedial composition courses. In the new "Stretch" composition program several first-year writing classes are taught in multiple CSUN departments, not just English, and the classes are credit-bearing university level courses.

## Campus Voice

SIGOURNEE GRONDIN / DAILY SUNDIAL

What are your holiday plans?



**JACOB DCOI**  
ANTHROPOLOGY

"I work retail, so I've accepted the fact that I don't get a holiday."



**EVELYN GIEBLER**  
LITERATURE

"I plan on staying at home and catching up on sleep."



**SEAN PESSIN**  
ENGLISH

"I might be camping at Joshua Tree."



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there will be no change in on-campus student services, even with the change in definition.

"There may be changes in off-campus services but not on-campus," Johnson said.

Johnson said she is unsure how many students on campus have Asperger's or any level of autism because not all register with disability resources.

"There are 40 to 45 students registered every semester right now," she said. "There has been an increase over the years, and it's likely that it will continue to go up."

Tim Page, professor of music and journalism at University of Southern California who has Asperger's, said it is now included on the autism scale, ranging from slightly Aspergian to in need of full time care.

"I approve of the removal of Asperger's from the DSM, or to put it more exactly, the decision to make Asperger's syndrome part of a larger 'autistic spectrum' diagnosis," he said. "What has been called Asperger's syndrome seems to be a milder form of classic autism and I think that once parents, teachers and the autistic person grow to accept this term, the better it will be for everybody."

The DSM-5, the updated version, will have a definition that includes descriptors that will be tailored specifically to

individuals.

"Right now, there is a lot of variability in the way the PDD diagnoses are applied by clinicians, so that one person diagnosed with 'Pervasive Developmental Disorders—Not Otherwise Specified' in one clinic might not receive that diagnosis in another clinic," she said.

Page said people who are currently affected will be able to take advantage of some of the disability programs available to full-blown autism.

"There won't be the sort of automatic dismissal of all autistic people that I sometimes see," he said. "The spectrum has room for all sorts of conditions, all of which are fundamentally related to autism, and they should be called by that name."

Politte said people with Asperger's should feel assured the support and treatment they receive will not change with the definition.

"It's unclear right now what impact the changes will have on the way new diagnoses are made, but as clinicians, we will continue to focus on supporting growth and development while minimizing impairment and suffering," she said.

Page said Asperger's can be very much like a double-edged sword.

"I've had a lot of anxiety and depression in my life, but at the same time, I don't think I would have done a lot of the things I have," he said.

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science.

"Religion follows trends and if institutions aren't sensitive to these cultural trends they're going to lose members, and they're going to lose a lot of them before it's over," Talbott said.

An intellectual belief in a God or deity is a fraction of what constitutes religion, he said. Other facets include community participation and religious gathering, and for some religion is a motivational tool.

"I'm not saying classic religion is the only thing that does that, I'm just saying that that's part of what it means to be a human being," said Talbott. "If you're try-

ing to say the best hope of the world is science, well, that's a type of belief and value system right there."

The Pew study itself suggests that the increase of unaffiliated may be a matter of Americans, with little to no involvement in religious services, simply choosing to relinquish religious branding. In the past, this same group was less willing to do so, a 10-point drop from 60 percent to 50 percent since 2007.

But despite what the study shows about the U.S., religion on a global scale is on the rise, according to Talbott.

Noticeably absent within the Pew data is a wide degree of ethnic and religious diversity. Buddhists and Muslims

are never mentioned as well as the growing Asian population within America, which may suggest that the Pew study may be less about the religious whole and more a barometer on the state of American Christianity.

Fourteen of the 18 religious student clubs at CSUN are Christian affiliated, however, the makeup of CSUN's student population may indicate that the school isn't entirely reflective of the Pew report.

As of Fall 2012, 35 percent of the school population is Hispanic, 11 percent Asian, 6 percent African American, and around 29 percent white.

Dainia Jones, president of the Virtuous Women club at CSUN, confesses that the Pew results worry her, but


only because it may be saying things about Christianity. Jones, who started Virtuous Women this year, has noticed a decline in religion on campus and attributes it to religious hypocrisy, or "church-hurt" in her own words.

"They'll be around Christians, or they'll go to the church and then they're ostracized by Christians, or judged and criticized. Of course they're not going to want to be a part of that," said Jones, citing Mathew 7:20, which says that people will be judged by their "fruit" or actions. "Our lifestyle is supposed to minister to other people," said Jones, expressing that the study's findings also motivate her to lead by example, to not just preach her beliefs, "but to live it."




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Students sing songs of praise at the H.O.P.E. Fellowship bible study Tuesday night. They gathered in the USU Northridge Room to worship, pray and examine bible teachings.



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## Fall 2012 Finals

STEALING *Your Holiday Spirit?*

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lets make holiday preparation a breeze.

**REVIEW**

# Gifts for under \$25 that will never disappoint

**JACQUELINE KALISCH**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

The holidays are here and there's nothing like online shopping to do the last minute trick. Here are eight unique gifts ideas to spice up your holiday season:

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party at the end of the night looks like a Greek wedding just happened with all the broken glass? Well, instead of using glass at your next party there is always the Frozen Shot Glass option! Guests can never complain again about the liquor being too warm when the glass is entirely made out of ice. This product can be purchased at [www.fred-flare.com](http://www.fred-flare.com).

**Konitz Classic Chalk Talk Mug \$18.43**

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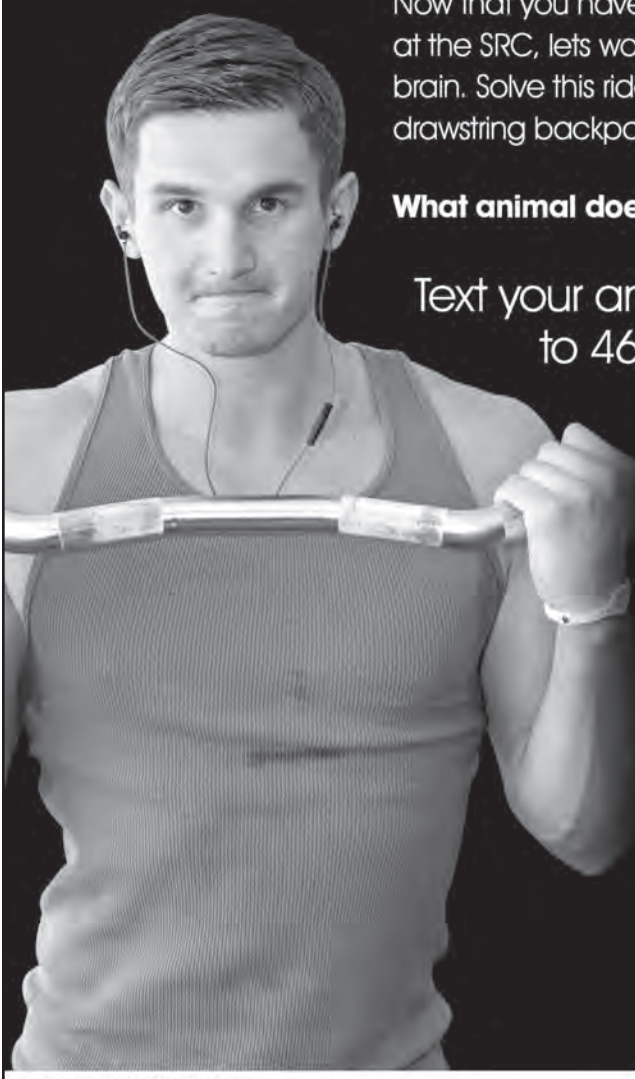
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**FOOD**

# Holiday recipes, yum

**MELODY CHERCHIAN**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**W**ith the holidays just a few weeks away, it's time to start gathering your cookbooks and finding the perfect holiday recipes for a festive dinner with family and friends.

Here are three recipes to get your holidays started. Whether you're celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa, there's a recipe for you. Some traditional, some with a modern twist, all delicious. Happy holidays!

## Christmas Peppermint Bark

**INGREDIENTS**

- 2 cups dark chocolate, chopped
- 2 cups white chocolate, chopped
- 8 peppermint candy canes

**Directions:**

Unwrap the candy canes and place the candy canes in a large Ziploc bag and seal tightly. Use a rolling pin to smash the candy canes. Prepare a cookie sheet by covering it with smooth aluminum foil. Melt



or temper the dark chocolate. Pour the chocolate onto the prepared cookie sheet and use an offset spatula or knife to spread it to an even thickness, a little more than 1/8" thick. The chocolate does not have to reach all sides of the sheet, as it will be broken up later anyhow. Place the tray in the refrigerator to firm up while you prepare the white chocolate. While the dark chocolate hardens, melt or temper the white chocolate. Stir in most of the candy cane bits, reserving about a quarter of the mixture to put on top. Remove the tray from the refrigerator and spread the white chocolate in an even layer over the dark chocolate. While the white chocolate is still wet, sprinkle the remaining candy cane pieces over the entire surface evenly. Press down very slightly to ensure they stick. Place the tray back in the refrigerator to firm up for 30 minutes. Once the peppermint bark is completely set, break into small, uneven pieces by hand.

## Hanukkah Vegetable and Feta Latke

**INGREDIENTS**

- 2 1/2 cups grated zucchini
- 1 cup peeled and shredded potatoes
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup matzo meal
- 1/2 cup freshly chopped parsley
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil

**Directions:**

Place the zucchini, potato and carrots in a colander, place paper towels or a cheesecloth over the top and squeeze out as much moisture as possible. Sprinkle salt over the vegetables and let them drain for 15 minutes. Squeeze vegetable again in paper towels. In a large mixing bowl combine eggs, vegetables, salt and pepper. Mix well. Stir in matzo meal or flour, parsley and feta. Heat vegetable oil in a large frying pan. Place vegetable mixture, formed into pancake sized cakes in hot oil and fry until golden brown on both sides. Cook two to three minutes per side. Add more oil as needed to keep cakes frying up well. Drain fried latkes on paper towels.

**RAISING THE BAR**

# Sweet holiday drinks

**CRYSTAL NASTOR**  
DAILY SUNDIAL

**W**ith finals right around the corner and the holidays creeping up, a drink or two might be perfect. Those who are looking to save money, can check out these inexpensive holiday concoctions.

## Snowball Martini

**INGREDIENTS**

- 2 oz. Vanilla Vodka
- 2 oz. Malibu Rum
- 2 oz. coconut milk
- 1/4 oz. Blue Curacao

For those looking for something that screams "classy," the Snowball Martini is perfect. Combine ingredi-

ents in a shaker with ice and strain into a martini glass. The glass may be rimmed with honey and coconut if desired.

## Red-Hot Chocolate

**INGREDIENTS**

- 2 oz. Vanilla Vodka
- 2 oz. Malibu Rum
- 2 oz. coconut milk
- 1/4 oz. Blue Curacao

This spin on a holiday classic requires a little more effort but is still simple to make. First, froth milk and cream together. When the liquid is hot, add chocolate chips until they are fully melted. Next, add Campari and brandy into the mixture. Garnish with a marshmallow or peppermint stick for decoration.

Although the ingredients may seem intimidating, you just combine

## Champagne Holiday Punch

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 1/3 cup fresh lime juice
- 1 cup sugar (super fine)
- 1/2 cup Grand Marnier
- 1/2 cup Triple Sec
- 1/2 cup Cognac
- 1/2 cup fresh orange juice
- 2 bottles chilled of dry champagne
- 2 oranges (thinly sliced)
- 2 limes (thinly sliced)
- 1/2 pint fresh raspberries

everything into a bowl, stir and serve. To prevent the punch from getting watered, combine one cup of orange juice, one cup of champagne and one tablespoon of sugar and freeze it in a smaller bowl. Then use it as ice cubes instead of water ice cubes.



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# Affordable gift shopping spots near CSUN

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prise your partner or friend with a comic book or two.

**2 VALLEY SKATE AND SURF**

16914 Parthenia St  
Northridge, CA 91343

2.0 miles away from CSUN

Valley Skate and Surf puts California back into CSUN's name. They sell skateboards, roller skates, inline skates, surfboards, shoes and even brand clothing. They also have a friendly staff that is happy to help you choose. These products can go a long way as a cherished gift, especially in California. This holiday season do yourself a favor and give a gift that will be more fun than a car.

the unique gift to give this holiday season because when was the last time anyone bought anyone a CD?

**4 MR. STUFF**

19625 Parthenia St  
Northridge, CA 91324

2.4 miles away from CSUN

Mr. Stuff is a store that looks like your neighbor's garage sale. Anything you can think of is being sold for a fraction of its price. They sell items from vintage holiday decorations to tools that can fix your broken faucet. The possibilities are endless for gift ideas. You can spend days searching for the perfect gift because there is a lot of stuff, no pun intended.

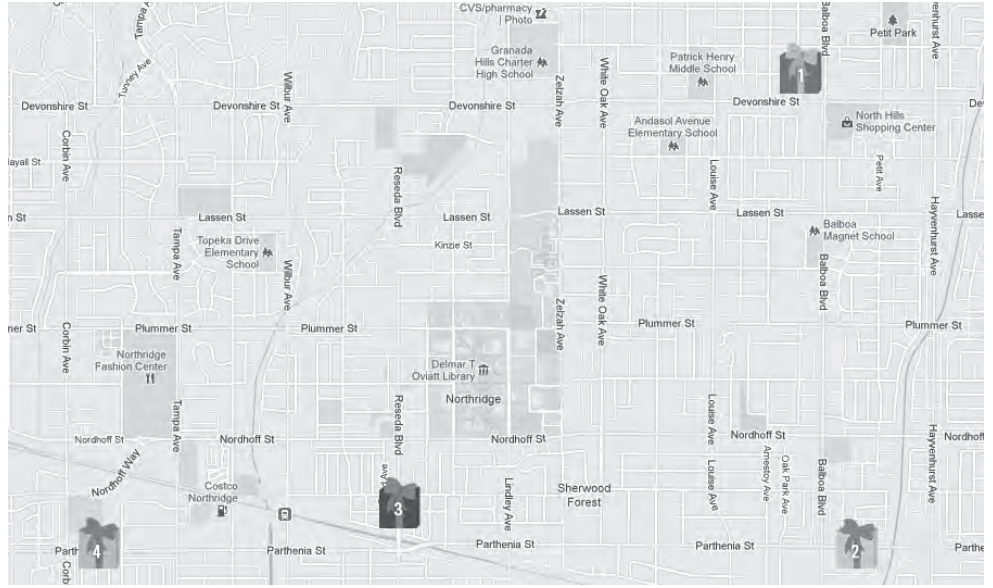
**3 ORPHANED CD'S**

8834 Reseda Blvd  
Northridge, CA 91324

1.0 mile away from CSUN

Orphaned CD's is one of the few remaining record stores in the valley with an endless amount of music to choose from. They sell pre-owned music and movies at a bargain with prices for vinyls as low as \$4 and CDs and DVD's as cheap as \$1. It is

Use the numbered presents and find your holiday gift shopping spot with the map!



**1 CONTINENTAL COMICS**

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2.9 miles away from California State University, Northridge (CSUN)

Continental Comics is just minutes from the CSUN campus. The store offers comic books from every corner, wall and shelf. It is the go-to store if you want someone to fall in love with you fast, especially if you hand them an issue of "The Walking Dead," for a decent price. This holiday season sur-

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What do you want for the holidays?



**ALLISON AGUILAR**  
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

"Definitely, I want gas money because I commute. I think when we get older we ask more what we need instead of what we want."



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# Scholarship changes student's life

**MONA ADEM**  
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**F**even Kiflegiorgis, 29, a senior majoring in journalism at CSUN, will be graduating with no student loan debt.

"I can't say it enough, but I am truly blessed," Kiflegiorgis said.

Kiflegiorgis never thought she could win the Flip Wilson Memorial Scholarship, which is endowed to journalism students at five U.S. universities. She even hesitated if she was going to apply for the \$23,931 award, but she took her chances—a last minute decision she will never regret.

"I was in shock and could not believe it," Kiflegiorgis said.

Kiflegiorgis, who grew up in United States, is half Ethiopian and half Eritrean. She moved from Oakland to Bakersfield when she was 10 years old. Before she received the scholarship, she was commuting more than 90 miles from Bakersfield to CSUN three days a week.

"I really needed the money so I don't have to commute anymore," Kiflegiorgis said, a smile of relief on her face.

The Flip Wilson Memorial Scholarship did not only help her afford an apartment in Downtown LA, but also to pay off a \$5,000 student loan tuition

for one year.

"Education pays off even while you're still in school," Kiflegiorgis said. "But I[t]'s not advertise so you kind [of] have to do the work."

But the Flip Wilson Scholarship is not the only one offered at CSUN. In fact, every department offers many different types of scholarships, ranging from \$200 to full-ride scholarships, covering the cost of books, tuition and housing.

According to College Planning Services, an organization that customizes college funding strategies, \$46 billion of free scholarship money is awarded each year by the Department of Education and colleges while \$35 million is available through private companies.

Veronica Corona, a scholarship coordinator at CSUN, said 1,167 student have been awarded scholarship totaling \$1,896,424 million in the 2012-2013 academic year.

But Corona said students usually get discouraged to apply for scholarships because of wrong-held assumptions.

"Students assume they are not qualified because they are not from a specific ethnicity or they don't have a 4.0 GPA," Corona said.

But Corona said that scholarships do not discriminate because of race, gender or age. In fact, when it comes to CSUN



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**Professor Sally Turner helps Feven Kiflegiorgis, journalism major, on a television news techniques project. Kiflegiorgis received the 2012 Flip Wilson Memorial Scholarship endowed to journalism students at five U.S. universities.**

scholarships, she said that the GPA requirement usually is as low as 2.5.

Besides providing an essay describing her need for financial aid, Kiflegiorgis also had to write a 2,500 to 3,000-word essay about Flip Wilson's life and his contribution to television and media.

Wilson was an African-American comedian and actor.

In the 1970's, he became the first black host of a top television variety show, "The Flip Wilson Show."

"There would not be a Tyler Perry if there was not Flip Wilson," Kiflegiorgis said.

After graduating from Bakersfield College, she opened up her own clothing store and Boost Mobile retail store. But when the recession hit, business

evaporated.

"It was very difficult to close the doors because it felt like I had failed, which has always been my biggest fear," Kiflegiorgis said.

Kiflegiorgis spent eight months looking for a job and every day she had to face a new rejection.

But she ended up getting a job through a friend. She worked

at a non-profit organization that taught classes on teen pregnancy prevention and gang prevention for urban middle schools.

"I started realizing that I was encouraging all these kids to pursue their dream and go to college so they can be whatever they want," Kiflegiorgis said. "But I wasn't doing the same thing."

But what truly influenced her decision to go back to school was the 2009 murder of her best friend's parents in Bakersfield that were like second parents to her. During the same year, she also lost three friends, but she learned how to embrace the lessons from death.

"Life isn't guaranteed and tomorrow isn't expected," Kiflegiorgis said. "Anything can happen and you really want to think about what kind of legacy you want to leave behind."

Kiflegiorgis does not know what the future holds for her, but she would like to produce her own show that will cover social issues and stories that have to do with regular people.

Additionally, she will have workshops on scholarships and financial aid at two conferences for young girls.

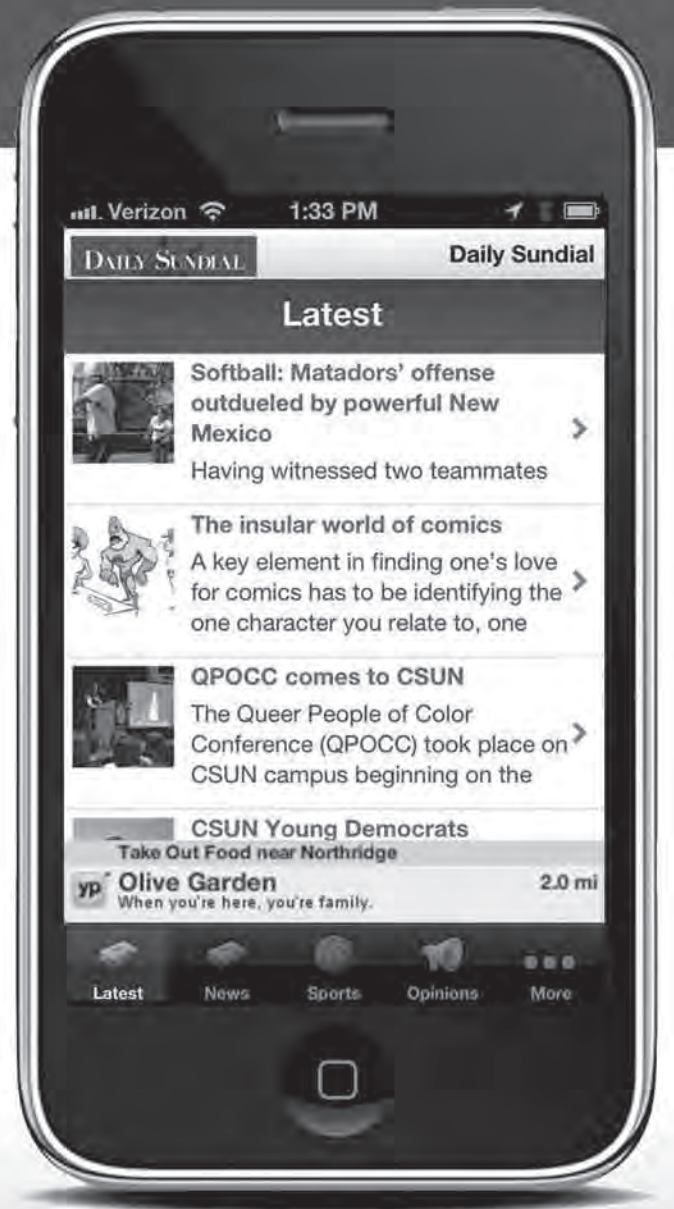
"So many people think that they can't afford going to school or teen moms that don't think they can do it, but there are so many opportunities and help out there," she said.

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# Opinions

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## A revelation of apocalyptic proportion

The apocalypse is a theme in many cultures and traditions, but myths should never be taken literally



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**HANSOOK OH**  
OPINION EDITOR

**R**ecently, my evangelical mother has been bothering me about the end of the world. No, not about the approaching Mayan apocalypse on Dec. 21, but the biblical apocalypse illustrated in the book of Revelation.

Just as many people are quite worried for their lives because of the coming Mayan prophecy, as myths on the Internet stoke fears that a comet or planet will collide with Earth and wipe out our existence, my mother is convinced that a conspiracy is brewing amongst the Obama Administration. She is suspicious of the new healthcare law because she believes that Americans will be forced to be injected with a verichip – the “mark of the beast” – and ultimately succumb to the will of Satan. She lectured me about a recent tweet sent out by a Rabbi of the Israeli military during the eight days of the fighting between Gaza and Israel, which to her, prophesied about the returning of Jesus.

She said her church told her about the prophecy. She doesn't even know what Twitter is.

Many cultures have their own versions of how they think the world will end, and still strongly believe that these myths could be correct. According to the government, NASA has received thousands of letters concerned about the end of the world, from people who are so worried, they are contemplating suicide. NASA has debunked all the rumors that Earth is in the trajectory of a Milky Way galaxy doomsday object.

Despite the gains in science and technology that we can often confidently rely on for

news of universal destruction, people would rather believe in ancient myths. Last March, over 1,000 billboards warning of the coming biblical apocalypse were put up all across America by 89-year-old Christian preacher Harold Camping, owner of a Christian broadcasting organization called the Family Radio Network. Camping is one of a long line of Christian evangelists and other religious zealots to claim that the end of times is near.

In evangelical Christianity, these apocalyptic ideas mainly derive from the last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation. The particular scripture describes the frightening visions of a man named John, which is popularly interpreted to be visions of the end of the world. His visions include a lake of fire, a seven-headed beast, the mark of the beast, multitudes of white-robed worshippers, a star falling into the sea, locusts who torture those without the “seal of God,” the coming (or returning) of the messiah, the judgement of Satan and the judgement of humans and the restoration of the garden of Eden.

According to Professor Rick Talbott, chair of the religious studies department, the text of Revelation is not supposed to be taken literally.

“Christians who start to talk about the end of the world and start to read Revelations without



contextualizing it in its original context, they think that the text is really talking specifically about their generation,” said Talbott. “There's going to be a literal battle and somehow forces of Russia are involved and every time someone sneezes in Palestine, the end of the world prophets jump on the bandwagon and they say go stand on your rooftop because the end is near.”

Talbott explained that to religious scholars, the original purpose of these types of apocalyptic texts was to address a historical crisis. Apocalyptic literature started to pop up in the third century BCE, when foreigners such as the Greeks, invaded Palestine or Israel. It refers to the time when Palestine was being hellenized as a result of Alexander the Great's conquering.

“If you take a myth literally, you prevent the text from actually being able to convey its message,” said Talbott. “The original context is that these early Christians were writing letters to other Christians in the ancient med world, who were suffering some kind of persecution, mostly some kind of social ostracism – to say hang in there, remain faithful, hang in there in the end. Rome is spoken of in terms such as ‘Babylon’ and ‘the beast,’ but it is removed from that and applied to other things.”

A literal interpretation of any myth is problematic for finding and creating deeper meanings for life.

I grew up as an evangelical Christian with a literalist interpretation of the bible. Like many of

my close friends at church, we were taught from a very young age that the bible was the inerrant words of God, that although men wrote the scriptures by hand, God spoke the message to them.

Up until college I believed that God created the world in seven days, that the first woman was made out of a man's rib and that Jonah really was trapped in a whale's belly for three days. But the most important part of the theology I grew up with was the reality of the two destinies of the human soul after death – heaven or hell. If one believed in Jesus as the son of God and a personal savior, one's soul would go into the realm of heaven. If not, one's soul would be damned to hell, and if one was so unlucky to be a non-believer during the last days, one would suffer a scary and violent judgement.

Seeing the world through this lense caused me to live in constant worry that Jesus would come back too soon, before I could enjoy my life and probably before I could convert my friends. Thankfully, learning a contextualized interpretation of religious texts helped me to let go of such an alarming and dramatic idea of the end to humanity.

Despite not following any religion now, I do understand why some people like my mother want to believe so much in a God who will vindicate those who follow him. Many poor immigrants to the United States go through traumatic experiences and believing that one is going to heaven after all of the suffering in physical life can be very comforting. Perhaps the original meaning of Revelations still provides the same comfort and hope, although in a strange way, for those who go through trials and tribulations that are too difficult to comprehend.

But I still won't teach my mom how to use Twitter.

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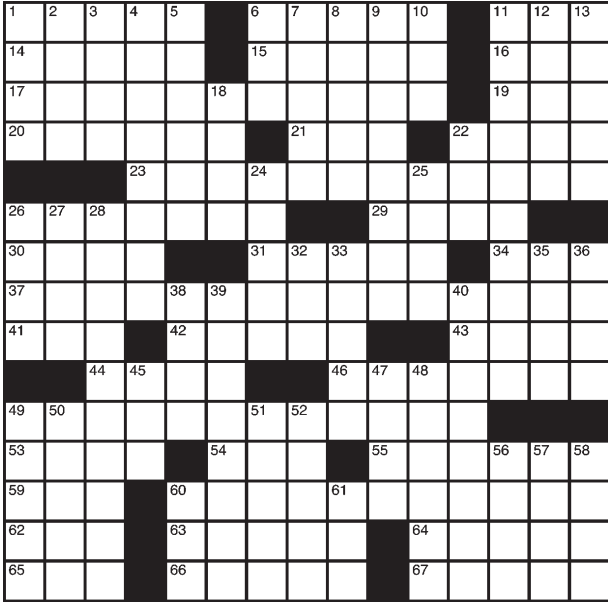
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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Greene free throw machine

Junior Josh Greene etches his name in CSUN's record books with 33 straight free throws as Matadors roll

**JONATHAN ANDRADE**  
SPORTS EDITOR

**S**ophomore guard Josh Greene broke the CSUN school record Wednesday night with 33 straight free throws made in the Matadors' 120-69 win at the Matadome.

The streak, which spanned seven games, was just one of many highlights in a romping that saw the Matadors (7-2) shoot 70 percent in the first half en route to a huge 58-37 lead over the Lions (6-5).

"It felt good when I did step to the line," Greene said. "To be honest, I did think about it a little bit...I'm just glad I was able to put my stamp on history."

Northridge, led by Stephan Hicks and his double double of 23 points and 11 rebounds, easily cruised to victory as CSUN had six scorers in double figures.

Sophomore Stephen Maxwell had 16 points and nine rebounds, while Greene added 15 points and nine assists.

Hicks got the scoring started with a breakaway jam off an intercepted Vanguard pass and set the pace on defense for the Matadors.

The teams exchanged points while freshman Landon Drew began to heat up. Drew sunk two three-pointers on consecutive trips, giving CSUN the 18-15 advantage.

Both teams were even at 21-21 before the Matadors put

on an 11-point run to widen the gap and force a Lions' timeout.

"We were focused throughout the whole game and there were some stretches that we turned it up offensively," Greene said. "If you let teams like that hang around they can end up beating you."

Hicks and Maxwell weren't going to allow the Lions back into the game. They powered CSUN offensively, scoring 13 and 10 respectively, as the Matadors kept their distance despite turning the ball over nine times in the half.

CSUN outrebounded a smaller Vanguard squad, 22-10, allowing second chance opportunities with seven offensive rebounds.

"We looked at their size and just wanted to get to the glass," Hicks said. "We needed to get those offensive boards and we did."

Northridge further extended its lead in the second half with solid play from freshman Landon Drew and Tre Hale-Edmerson and pulled ahead by as many as 52 at one point.

Vanguard's sophomore Preston Butler tried to will his team back into the game with some motivational war cries but the Lions' offense continued on without as much as a purr, shooting 37 percent.

The crowd went wild as CSUN hit 100 points, handing all fans in attendance a free combo at The Pub.

CSUN let off the offensive



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Junior guard Josh Greene attempts one of his four free throw attempts of the game. Though he missed one, he still set the record for most consecutive free throws made at 33.

pedal and let the bench players nab some minutes as they cruised to the 120-69 final score.

Northridge gathered 32 assists as a team, which was a different scene than the one fans saw against UCLA in the Matadors' last game, and also

outrounded the Lions, 49-25.

"We asked our guys to focus on the things it takes to be a good team and not necessarily on who we're playing," said head coach Bobby Braswell. "We knew tonight, if we weren't careful, could be one of those

nights that you come out and lay a big egg because we weren't playing UCLA or BYU."

The team was happy to gather its seventh win of the season, the same amount of wins CSUN had all of last year.

"It's been a long time since

we had won," Braswell said. "We just wanted to make sure we got back on the right track and I think these guys were able to focus on the right things... Guys were worried about playing good team basketball which we did tonight."

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# CSUN routs San Francisco at home



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Sophomore guard Ashlee Guay drives hard into the paint

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**C**CSUN's offense came alive Wednesday night in a 77-33 laugher of a victory against the University of San Francisco in the Matadome.

Northridge shot an astounding 46 percent from the field as freshman Marta Masoni and sophomore Camille Mahlkecht combined to score 29 points in the blowout, while CSUN held the Dons' offense to a mere 19.6 percent shooting from the field.

"Tonight was a whole team effort," Masoni said. "Everyone was aggressive on defense and we won by 44 points. We destroyed them."

Mahlkecht had a monster game under the boards snagging 13 rebounds, three steals and blocking 8 shots in 24 minutes of action.

"I was trying to be active every play," Mahlkecht said. "Our defense is intense and it's important to help everybody out. A majority of my blocks and rebounds came from rotating because it was great team defense."

CSUN had four players in double figures and combined to sink 10 three-pointers on the night.

CSUN came out with the hot hand, nailing its first six attempts from beyond the arc to put the Matadors up 20-4 with 16 minutes still left to play in the first half.

"We've been fortunate enough that we make shots from three," said head coach Jason Flowers. "We shoot a much better percentage than we did last year and it was something we focused on. Our kids put in work so we have no problem letting them [shoot]..."

The Dons' defense eventually settled down and slowed

the CSUN offense but still couldn't figure out how to penetrate a tough Northridge defense, committing six turnovers in the first 10 minutes and shooting 20 percent from the field.

USF couldn't get leading scorer Mel Khlok started and fell further behind as the Matadors continued to attack from three-point land, going 9-14 from beyond the arc in the first half. Sharpe (3-3) and Masoni (3-4) were extremely efficient from three-point land.

Northridge shot 50 percent from the field and forced the Dons into 13 turnovers while three Matadors were able to gather two steals apiece.

Masoni, Sharpe and Jackson led CSUN in points in the first half with nine each, while sophomore forward Randi Friess had the boards covered with a team-high five rebounds.

CSUN's Camille Mahlkecht

came out in the second half and got the crowd back into it with two monstrous blocks on consecutive trips by the Dons.

The CSUN defense continued dominating in the paint with a solid zone defense that left Mahlkecht available to shift over for multiple weak side blocks.

CSUN coasted in the final ten minutes of the second half while Friess and freshman center Bernadette Fond took advantage of the minutes.

Friess had six points, seven rebounds, three assists and two steals on the night while Fond had four rebounds in only her second appearance as a Matador.

As a team, CSUN forced 23 turnovers and totaled 12 blocks in the victory.

"We worked on defense really hard these last few days," Mahlkecht said. "I'm really proud of my teammates that we were able to come out and play such great defense."