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NEW PARKING LOT UNDER WAY

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Julio Navarret (left), an American Landscape Inc. construction worker helps dig up the grounds around F5, a new parking lot under construction and projected to be completed in June.

Million dollar chance

Donor to match up to \$500,000

MICHELLE REUTER
DAILY SUNDIAL

The College of Business and Economics has been given an opportunity to raise up to \$1 million by alumnus Paul Jennings, who promised to match money raised by the college, dollar for dollar, up to \$500,000.

Jennings graduated from the College of Business and Economics in 1985 and is now founding partner and CEO of the telecommunications company, Public Communications Services Inc.

"The gift is incredible and significant from a monetary standpoint absolutely, but it's also incredible from an engagement standpoint," said Matt Rinnert, director of development for the College of Business and Economics.

Rinnert said he hopes the "challenge grant" inspires others to get involved, support higher education and make charitable giving more of a priority.

"If one person starts it, then maybe more and more will do it, too," said Suneet Bhatia, a senior information systems major and president of the Management Information Systems Association. "It's great for students, especially with the budget cuts that have been going on."

Recent statewide cuts to the CSU system is one of the reasons Jennings wanted to support his alma mater.

"When I go to Northridge, I see the diversity it represents," he said. "You can see the hunger in these kids' eyes. They want to learn and better their lives."

According to Rinnert, the college will raise its part of the money through direct mail and tele-fund operations in which donations are solicited from individuals and firms with a history of supporting their pro-

Building of new parking structure and extension of Matador Drive starts in February

JOHN SARINGO-RODRIGUEZ
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Student drivers may be surprised at the confirmed construction of a new parking structure on Zelzah Avenue set to begin next month, making up for lost spaces.

The CSU board of trustees decided last September with the Committee on Campus Planning, Buildings and Grounds to strategize the construction of new parking lot, F5, the restoration of surface parking lot G4 and the extension of Matador Drive.

"The construction will help students who have classes in close proximity to F5 get to their classes more easily," said Amy Feliciano, student assistant for the department of nursing. "As a working student, closer parking to work will help me avoid coming in late."

Parking lot F5 will be expanded over the former 5-story parking structure C, which was destroyed on Jan. 17, 1994 in the Northridge earthquake.

"The construction is consistent with the Master Plan on the CSUN website," said Ken Rosenthal, director of design and construction

services.

The Master Plan is the approval of Envision 2035, a strategy for CSUN decided by the board of trustees in 2006 to improve the physical development of CSUN spanning over the next couple of decades.

"There are three steps: Matador Road, F5 expansion, and then in the summer, G4, in that order," Rosenthal said.

The Parking Services Department will cover the cost of the F5 lot construction, which will cost \$2.5 million, he said.

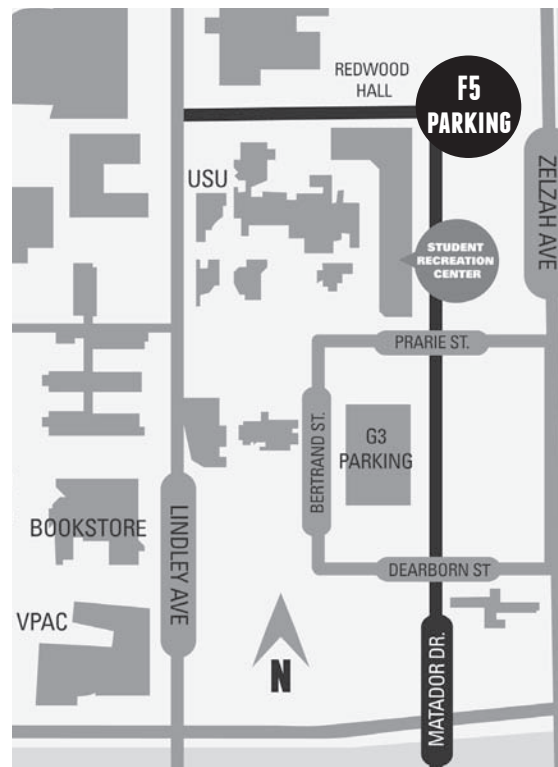
Construction on Matador Drive consists of an expansion 600 feet north, allowing for smoother passage to Zelzah Avenue. After construction, the once dark Matador Drive will be a better lit area.

The current construction in parking lot G4 will be a new recreation field next to the Student Recreation Center. There will be a loss of 105 surface parking spaces. The G4 lot restoration will fill potholes within the 120 remaining parking spaces, according to the committee.

While the loss of spaces in G4 may pose a risk to students who sometimes spend 30 minutes to an hour trying to find parking before their classes, many may find relief this June when the F5 lot is completed, which will add 235 parking spaces.

Full construction on F5, G4 and Matador Drive will begin early February.

NEW LOT LOCATION



MAP BY JENNIFER LUXTON / VISUAL EDITOR

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Hundreds turn out for art invitational

The CSUN community gathers to view aspiring artists from local high schools showcase a vast range of work

DAISY PINEDA RAMIREZ
DAILY SUNDIAL

The reception of the 16th Annual High School Art Invitational held at CSUN Friday was full of art enthusiasts and entertainment.

More than 35 high schools in the San Fernando Valley participated in the event, with more than 500 people in attendance.

Among the attendees were CSUN faculty from the art department, who have been supporting the event by giving aspiring artists the opportunity to share their talents with the community.

"We try to encourage the local high schools' art programs to participate, and everyone has been enthusiastic. The bottom line is (that it is) great for the students, and it's also a great way for us to showcase what the students are doing in the San Fernando Valley," said Kenneth Sakatani, chair of the art department. "It's a great venue for them."

Sakatani added the invitational may bring students to attend CSUN.

"Some of them have come to our department (and) to CSUN,

so it's just a great way to showcase their work but also give them an opportunity to say, 'Hey, maybe I want to be an art major and go on to college,'" Sakatani said.

Many of the student artists observed the other participating schools' artwork as well as fellow schoolmates, parents, teachers, CSUN students and the event's organizers.

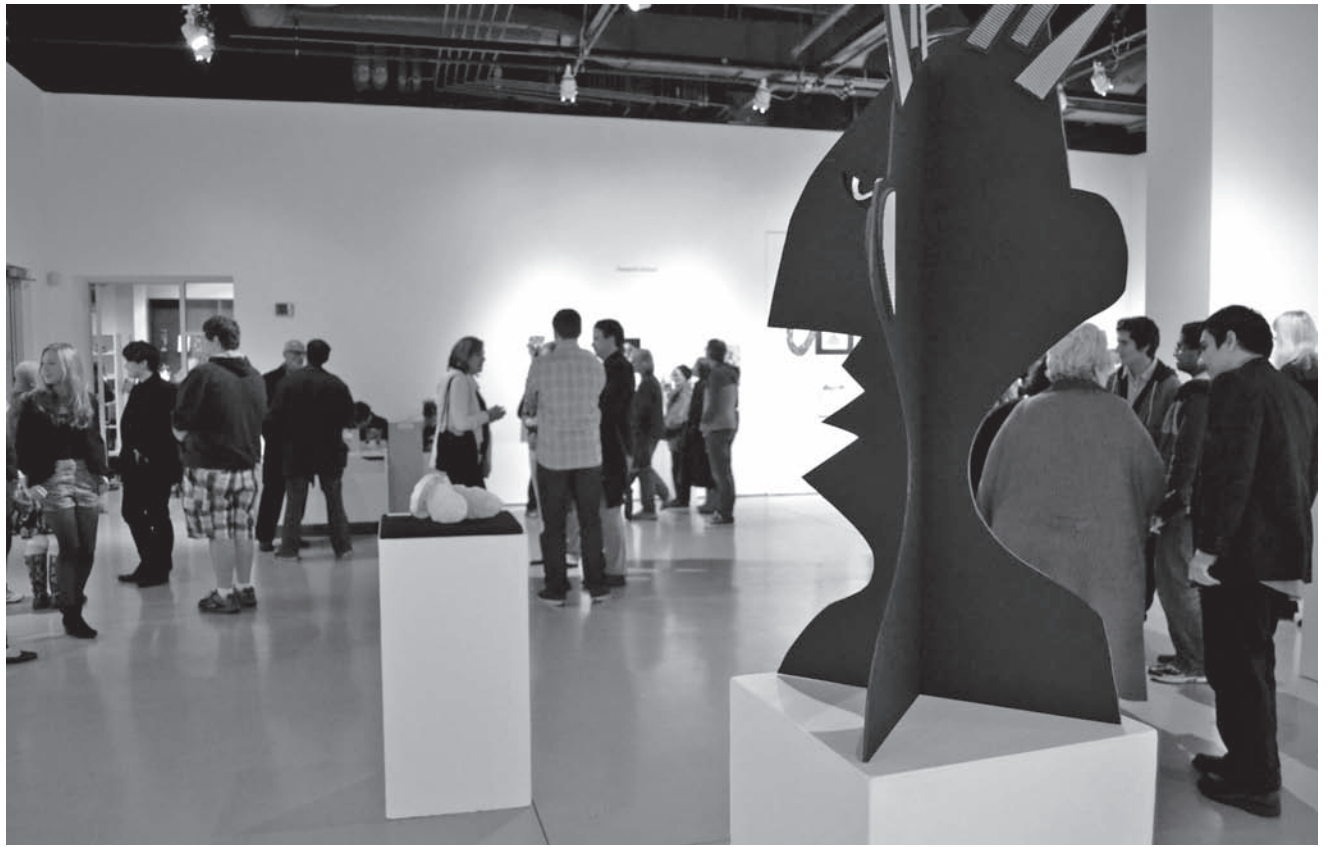
The classmates of the participating artists said they enjoyed the different forms of art and the unique usage of different mediums.

Some students said it inspired them to take art classes to get in touch with their inner-artist. Each artist was able to share the meaning of their art piece and their inspiration with everyone who was present.

Brandon Steadman, 16, a junior at Faith Baptist High School, was one of the many participants in the event. His art piece was called "The Triangle."

Steadman said the inspiration for his design was another artist who uses various shapes and an array of colors in his artwork, although Steadman himself cannot see the colors green or red.

"I was happy to be one of the students selected for this event," Steadman said.



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The 16th Annual High School Art Invitational included artwork from over 35 high schools in the San Fernando Valley.

His parents said they were very excited and proud to see his art in a gallery alongside other talented students.

Students were not the only ones displaying their work, as their teachers also had the opportunity to display their artistic skills.

Kristi Butterworth, a teacher from Milken Community High School, was one of the teachers who participated in the event and was excited for her students' recognition.

Butterworth, who teaches architecture, was asked to submit an art piece. She

selected a photograph of the foyer of the historic Eastern Building in downtown Los Angeles.

"I'm proud and thrilled that (the students) are able to show their art work to other people and have the opportunity to be recognized,"

Butterworth said.

The atmosphere was upbeat with the participation of the group Masanga, whose South African and Latin American infusion of music had the audience dancing and served as a great backdrop for the exhibit.

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CSUN alumni elected as delegates

The Democratic Party chooses a diverse group of delegates to represent them at state conventions

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Democrats elected 12 new delegates for the 38th Assembly District to represent them at the 2013-2014 Democratic State Conventions Jan. 13.

The 38th District consists of Simi Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, parts of Chatsworth, Northridge, Porter Ranch and Granada Hills, north of Devonshire or west of Topanga.

Braddon Mendelson, who was elected as one of the new delegates, graduated from CSUN in 1983 and said he thinks that education should be available and affordable to everyone.

"When I went to (CSUN), tuition was \$600 a semester, and I believe that tuition is too high," Mendelson said. "As a delegate, I will take a stand at any position that we can to bring tuition to a reasonable rate so all the students can have a quality education."

The delegates said they plan to work on resolutions

to get students affordable education to acquire their degree.

"If being a delegate helps amplify my voice (or) gets more people to listen, then that is a great thing," Mendelson said.

Michelle Elmer, a 2012 CSUN graduate in sociology, has been heavily involved in the Democratic Party for the past two years and was elected as one of the 38th Assembly District delegates.

"I want to bring a perspective of a recent college student, because funding (for the CSU system) has been cut ridiculously and has become quite a big problem," Elmer said.

She said she wants to see more job opportunities open up, especially for college graduates, and to get people involved in environmental issues, marriage equality and women's rights.

"We are appointed a clean slate and starting over," said Richard Mathews, president of North Valley Democratic Club and regional vice chair of the Los Angeles Democratic Party.

"We want to do what

we can to get democrats elected, and endorsement is part of that. Money is (also) a very big part, and we do everything we can to help get out and vote, make phone calls, do everything we can to get people elected," Mathews said. "The endorsement process is an important part of that, and we also have local issues we are concerned about."

Education is another factor the new delegates are focusing on, because of the recent tuition fees. They said they will try to make sure there is more control over tuition in K-12 and higher education.

"Education is very important to us, and the North Valley Democratic Club works together with the CSUN Young Democrats," Mathews said. "We have a nice relationship, and we try to help each other out."

The other 10 delegates include Dina Cervantes of CSUN's Young Democrats and former chair of the California State Student Association, Monika Curry, a volunteer for the Democratic Party, Jerry Danielsen, a composer and music teacher, Jorge Fuen-



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Richard Mathews, president of the North Valley Democratic Club, joined the delegates at a post-election reception.

tes, who volunteered in the 2008 and 2012 presidential elections, Joshua Heath, a volunteer for President Barack Obama, Cece Koplín, an organizer in Santa Clarita, Evan Koplín, a

volunteer for Obama, Daniel Monteleone of CSUN's Young Democrats, Lysa Simon, Secretary of the North Valley Democratic Club, and Barbara Wilson, a health care activist.

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grams. Funds will be matched starting from Jan. 1. At the end of the fiscal year, the college will review their donations and determine which ones are eligible to be matched by Jennings' grant.

While a specific plan has not yet been developed to disperse the funds, Interim Dean Judith Hennessey said the money would likely go towards developing educational and professional opportunities for students and faculty.

Hennessey added the college will focus on expanding already existing initiatives. One popular program involves graduate students tutoring undergrads during classes and lab hours.

"We need to move to a more sustainable model for these programs," Hennessey said. "This grant will help us do that."

Jennings said he will allow his grant money to be dispersed as the college sees fit, because staff "on the front lines" know better as to where the money will make the most impact.

"Allowing the money to be used in whatever direction the college needs, it gives us incredible flexibility and tremendous possibility," Rinnert said.

Jennings has been involved in supporting CSUN business students since 1985 and sits on the college's advisory board.

"The lessons I learned back then are still relevant today," Jennings said.



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Alumnus to serve in Israeli army

CSUN graduate surrenders comfortable lifestyle after his prayer at the Western Wall was answered

MELODY CHERCHIAN
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It burned intensely. The pain wouldn't go away even after weeks of physical therapy. In fact, it just kept getting worse.

The sensation began spreading from his shoulder down to his right arm all the way to his fingertips. Slowly, it reached his right thigh. Putting on clothes, laying down, taking a shower, and even the touch of air on his skin became unbearable.

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome is a rare but chronic condition that can affect any part of the body, according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine. The syndrome has no cure and treatment is in the form of pain medication.

Back in 2006, a then full-time student with a family business to uphold, Aaron Goldhammer, 25, a Cal State Northridge alumnus and co-founder of CSUN College Conservatives, was diagnosed with the syndrome. After dislocating his shoulder that year for the third time during a water polo game, Goldham-

mer quickly began physical therapy sessions like he had done before.

But this time was different. With the pain getting worse, he decided to visit specialists, take X-rays and MRIs until doctors concluded he had this rare syndrome.

"I'm not the type of person to accept failure," Goldhammer said. "My mindset: I would keep going until I physically couldn't anymore."

Twenty-four specialists, dozens of tests and nine to 10 different prescriptions at any given time, 24/7.

Still, his faith persevered.

Two years after his diagnosis, Goldhammer visited Israel through the Birthright program, which gives young Jewish adults free peer group trips to connect with their roots.

Coming from a family of Holocaust survivors, Goldhammer said he always had a connection with Judaism. He went on the trip and visited the Western Wall in Jerusalem in 2008.

"I walked up to the wall, touched it, and immediately felt the energy. I prayed and I promised God that if He healed me, I would come to Israel and serve in the army. I kept it a secret. Nobody knew about my plans," he said.

Two more years passed as

Goldhammer tried to continue with a normal life, but then in September 2010, on the first morning of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, he woke up and the pain was completely gone. It was a miracle, he said.

"If you were a secular individual, you'd probably say the doctor made a bad prognosis," Goldhammer said. "But all signs of the syndrome that had been there before disappeared when I got scanned again."

He began weaning off the narcotics, afraid of physical withdrawal and the possibility of the pain returning. After a month, he was off of the medications with no pain.

Just a few weeks ago, Goldhammer revisited the Western Wall for the first time in four years.

Last time he prayed for a miracle, this time he thanked God for the one he was given.

"The reason I chose to make the promise I did was because I knew it was the biggest thing I could give in return for my health. It meant giving up my job, money, my future at the family business, the nice car, the comfortable lifestyle and my family," he said.

Goldhammer finally told his family about his plans when he got back from Israel. They were shocked and cried at the thought



CHARLIE KAIJO / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Aaron Goldhammer, 25, a CSUN alumnus, at his home in Woodland Hills. Serving in the Israeli army was a promise he had made to himself following his recovery from Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, a rare pain condition, he said. He is currently undergoing weapons and combat training before he departs in several weeks.

of losing their only son, but they understood he had made his decision for the right reasons.

After weeks of training and rebuilding his body, Goldhammer plans to leave for Israel by the end of March.

He said leaving his family will be the hardest part, but the money and luxury of living comfortably doesn't mean anything to him anymore.

"I realized the things I was striving for were so trivial,"

Goldhammer said. "Who are we at the end of the day? Are we our bank accounts or the cars we drive? The money we have? I'm going to be a soldier for Israel and I couldn't even walk before."

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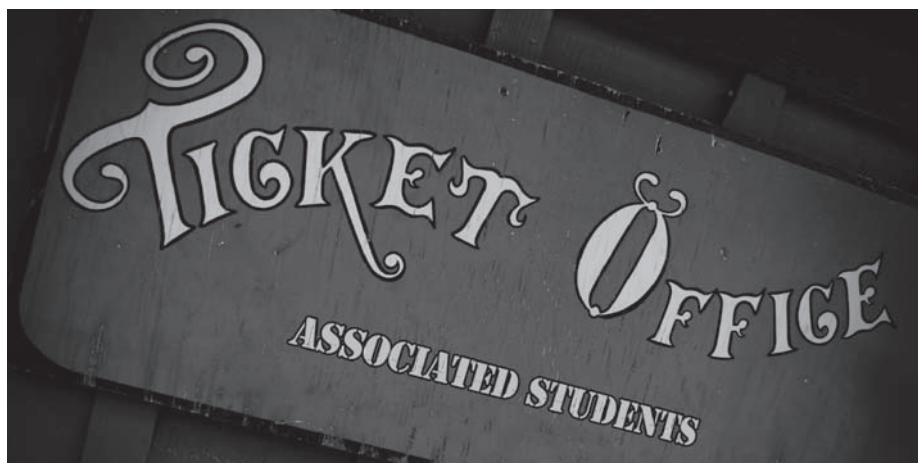


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Opinion

Over the fiscal edge

With temporary fiscal debt agreement reached, students left bearing the load of bad debt

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Our country's financial health was teetering on the edge because of the reputed apocalyptic fiscal cliff, but fortunately, this was not the end for the nation. Education, especially student aid, lucked out this time, though students continue to face the same financial problems that plagued them before.

None of the fiscal cliff revisions that pertained to education were meant to actually increase spending, but rather, they were intended to extend programs and funding. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 permanently extends student loan interest and eliminates the 60 months of repayment rule for deduction. There was also a temporary extension of the American Opportunity Tax Credit that allows students and families to receive tax credits of up to \$4,000 a year on school expenses.

Although these tax provisions help to lessen the financial burden for college students, it does not solve one of the most detrimental issues facing this nation; student loans and the subsequent debt miasma.

An article by KQED, shows tuition in 2012 was three times greater than it was in 1992. But despite the devastating increase in tuition, people continue to enroll because the job market is bleak, and it is even worse without a diploma. And enrolling in college today means facing a grim future with a pile of student loan debt.

Right now, it's obvious that many in the government shouldn't have any say when it comes to education (Ahem, Paul Ryan and cohorts). In 2012, Congressman Paul Ryan's proposed GOP budget was a major insult to the nation's youth. He proposed a \$5.3 trillion slash in education funding. Many of those cuts would include programs for students needing the most help, particularly those from low income backgrounds and those with special needs.

Following Ryan's proposed GOP budget, Obama was reported saying it was "nothing but thinly veiled social Darwinism." Obama is right. Education is often seen as the tool to raise individuals up and out of poverty while getting one step closer to reaching the purported American Dream. The GOP's constant move

to slash education further marginalizes low income students and in effect keeps the rich, rich and the poor, poor. Perhaps more importantly, solving the problem by making loans more accessible will not end up yielding better results for the individual or society as a whole.

According to Business Week, student debt exceeded credit card debt for the first time in 2010 and surpassed auto loan debt in 2011. It is now totaling \$43 billion, possibly making it the next bubble following the housing burst. A recent Harvard study showed that 25 percent of loan borrowers are behind on their loans. This has the potential to exacerbate the problem.

If student loans end up being the next bubble after housing, who will pay the debt with so many being unemployed or underemployed? With a weak economy that is still recovering from the last recession, can we weather another hit? Most likely the working class will be the one that suffers the most in this event.

Most politicians fail to realize that there needs to be a well-educated workforce for the U.S. economy to continue to stabilize and compete in the global economy. If education is not affordable, the U.S. can never be competitive.

According to the 2010 report, "Education at a Glance 2010" by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, out of 18 industrialized countries, including Japan, Poland and other former Soviet-bloc states, the U.S. had the lowest graduation rate. But some of these countries have a different approach to higher education than the U.S., which explains their success for having a larger pool of college graduates as well as a stronger economy.

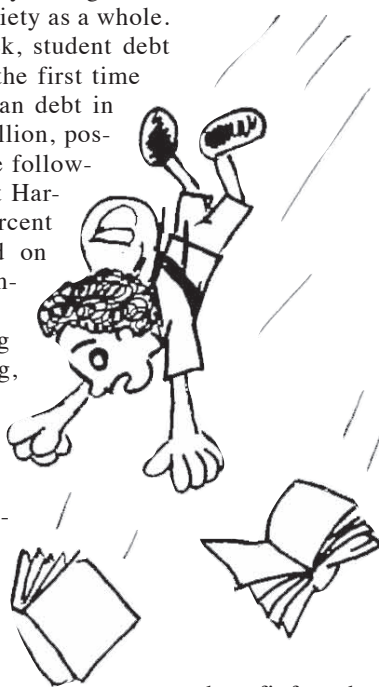
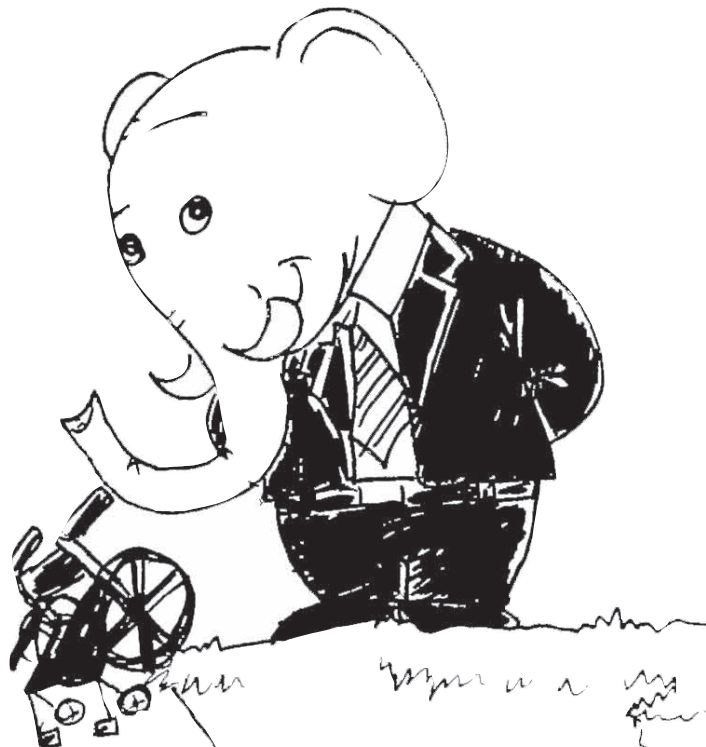
Denmark and Sweden are two countries that offer free higher education for their citizens. Although they have a higher percentage of income tax, the collective ideology as opposed to the individualistic ideology has allowed people to embrace a smaller paycheck. There is fear in our society to see a higher tax rate affect our paycheck. But we must realize that the frightening prospect is an under-educated populace and a more pervasive, powerful corporate world.

Working class people are not the ones that

benefit from having smaller taxes. Corporations reap the rewards and leave lower income citizens holding the baggage of a failed society. The corporate income tax is 12 percent, which is the lowest in 40 years according to The Wall Street Journal. We don't need to lessen the burden for those in power. Instead, we need to have a well-educated population that can give back to our society.

Free higher education in the U.S. is possible, and raising taxes would make higher education free. It's a somewhat simple solution. It's also imperative that the government provides for their citizens when the individual is not able to provide for themselves.

If this education problem isn't sorted out by the nations bickering legislators, we may just start seeing trans-national corporations (Chinese or Brazilian ones perhaps?) setting up shop on U.S. soil and employing our under-educated and under-employed youth for pennies on the dollar. The irony of that, wouldn't be delicious.



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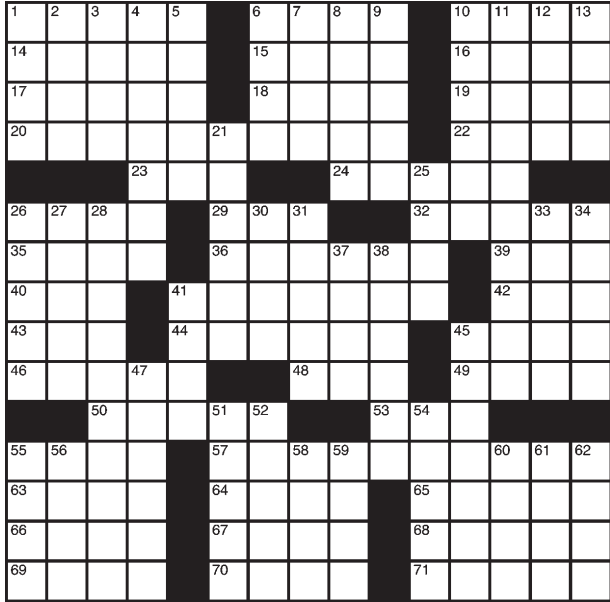
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- 1 Bit of high jinks
- 6 Eastern European
- 10 Sounds of disapproval
- 14 Team leader
- 15 Hang (around) in a hammock, say
- 16 Dos cubed
- 17 Second-largest Indian city
- 18 Play parts
- 19 Say grace, say
- 20 *4-0 World Series win, e.g.
- 22 Salad fish
- 23 Make illegal
- 24 Spy for Moses
- 26 Bit of schoolyard disagreement
- 29 Gardner of Hollywood
- 32 Under the covers
- 35 "The Shield" force, briefly
- 36 Diabolical sorts
- 39 "Norma _____"
- 40 Pooling vehicle
- 41 *Broom alternative
- 42 www bookmark
- 43 Org. with many specialists
- 44 Online newsgroup system
- 45 Nora was his mistress
- 46 Justin Timberlake's former band
- 48 Fir feller
- 49 Bok ____ : cabbage
- 50 Nudges
- 53 Corrosive stuff
- 55 Cashless deal
- 57 Designed for two functions, and a hint to the answers to starred clues
- 63 Buffalo's lake
- 64 Not nuts
- 65 Run to the window
- 66 Gave for a while
- 67 Malevolent
- 68 Great enthusiasm
- 69 Colony critters
- 70 Riga resident
- 71 Scatter about

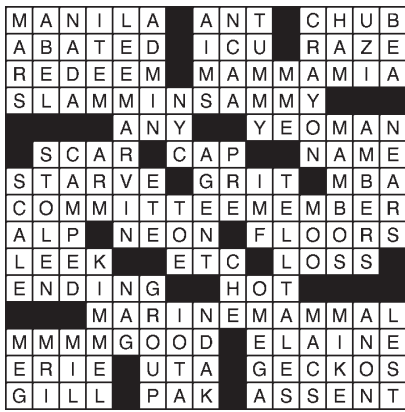


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DOWN

- 1 Adapter letters
- 2 Carolers' offering
- 3 Shakespeare's "The Winter's ____"
- 4 Sleepy Hollow schoolteacher
- 5 Plates for company
- 6 Side with a sandwich
- 7 Bridal gown trim
- 8 Ancient Mexican
- 9 Italian scooter
- 10 David Letterman list
- 11 *Scouring aid
- 12 Genghis ____
- 13 Tofu source
- 21 Bureaucratic bangles
- 25 Speech therapist's concern
- 26 Highway to Fairbanks
- 27 Sirs' counterparts
- 28 *Graffiti maker's medium
- 30 Clamping device
- 31 MetLife competitor
- 33 Turn a deaf ____
- 34 Airport annoyance

Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 37 Carlsbad Caverns locale: Abbr.
- 38 "I'm listening!"
- 41 "Watch your head!"
- 45 Prevalled against, slangily
- 47 Common rental restriction
- 51 Four-wheeled flop
- 52 Dry Italian wine
- 54 Safecrackers
- 55 Ward of "CSI: NY"
- 56 Small songbird
- 58 Army division
- 59 Shot at the bar
- 60 Cold War country: Abbr.
- 61 Mal de ____: Henri's headache
- 62 "That hurts!"

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

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MEN'S SOCCER

MLS nets another Matador in draft

CASEY DELICH
SPORTS EDITOR

Men's soccer senior defender Joe Franco, an All-Big West First Team selection in 2012, was selected by Chivas USA in the Major League Soccer supplemental draft Tuesday.

Franco became the 10th Matador to be drafted by an MLS franchise, the first to Chivas USA. Taken in the second round of the supplemental draft, Franco was the 21st player selected.

"It's an amazing surreal feeling," Franco said about being drafted. "It is still barely sinking in that I'm a professional soccer player because its always just been a dream. Now it has become a reality. It is just the beginning though, because I have a lot to prove on the field."

A staple of CSUN's top ranked defense for the past four years, Franco helped lead the Matadors to their first Big West Championship and their first NCAA Tournament berth since 2005.

Playing nearly every minute of the Matadors games, Franco was a defensive presence roaming the back field.

Franco suffered a season ending knee injury in the Big West Championship game against UC Davis, and was unable to participate in the NCAA Tournament.

The same injury that prevented him from leading his Matadors in the tournament, may have dropped his stock in the draft. Originally projected as a late first round draft pick, Franco was invited to participate in the MLS Combine, but declined to continue his rehab.

"I don't know what goes through the coaches minds so I don't know, but I am sure that it definitely played a factor," Franco said about the draft and his knee. "Which is also motivation for me to prove those coaches wrong that passed me up, and show Chivas that they made a great decision in taking a chance with me."

Named the Big West Conference Defender of the Year in 2012, Franco anchored the Big West's highest ranked defense. Allowing .89 goals per game average, the Matadors edged out



FILE PHOTO / DAILY SUNDIAL

Senior defender Joe Franco goes for the ball against visiting Army. Franco was selected by Chivas USA in the MLS Supplemental Draft.

perennial contenders UCSB and UC Davis for the Big West lead.

Franco ended his CSUN career with six assists and three goals. During his final season, he was awarded NSCAA All-Far West Region Second Team and

Scholar All-America honors.

The MLS held their Superdraft on Jan. 17, which involved the first 38 picks of the draft spread over two rounds. The supplemental rounds involved four rounds and included all 19 teams in the league.

LAST TWO DRAFT PICKS

2012 - Rafael Garcia,
Midfielder - second
round supplemental,
38th pick LA Galaxy

2010 - Chad Borak,
Defender - third round
SuperDraft, 40th pick
Colorado Rapids

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CSUN's clutch shots lead to 2OT win



JOHN SARINGO-RODRIGUEZ / DAILY SUNDIAL
Junior guard Haley White tries for a layup. White led the Matadors with 21 points in a comeback victory.

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The Matadors (11-8, 5-3 Big West) hit multiple clutch shots to beat Cal Poly (10-8, 5-3) 80-70 in a double-overtime victory, tying the game with seconds left in both regulation and the first overtime.

"I was excited, but our coaches really prepare us for things like that and they push us to limits. So when it came to the overtime, I feel like we were in better shape," said junior guard Haley White, who scored a career-high 21 points off the bench in 35 minutes of play.

Sophomore guard Janae Sharpe gave Northridge an early lead (2-0) with an easy layup, capitalizing on a steal by sophomore guard Ashlee Guay within the first minute of play.

The Matadors lead lasted a meager 13 seconds as Cal Poly tied the game on their next possession. Northridge was forced to play catch up throughout the game, trailing by as many as 12 late in the

second half.

Playing into the Mustangs up-tempo offense, the Matadors made mistakes early. Passes went awry, CSUN was unable to get into the paint and it couldn't stop a potent Cal Poly offense.

Cal Poly's opportunities came from second chance points off rebounds, and Mustang junior center Molly Schlemer racked up 21 points and 13 rebounds.

"In the midst of rotation, (Schlemer was) getting the ball or getting offensive rebounds," head coach Jason Flowers said. "We definitely have to sure up some things on the defensive end."

CSUN went into halftime trailing 35-30. CSUN shot 26 percent of its 3-pointers in the first half, making 4-15.

During the second half, Northridge pushed back on Cal Poly. No longer settling for three-point shots, the Matadors poured in points from the paint.

"We were just rushing in the beginning, while in the second half we were thinking about our plays and moved the ball better and driving and make good passes," freshman forward Marta Masoni said. "We

were not rushing the plays."

Trailing by as many as 12 in the second half, CSUN was down by 10 with under four minutes remaining. A 10-0 run, capped off by sophomore center Camille Mahlknecht's basket with 28 seconds left sent the game into overtime.

Four layups in overtime gave Northridge extra life, extending the game into double overtime, where the Matadors again found their shooting touch and second wind.

Feeling confident going into the second overtime, Northridge outplayed a Cal Poly team that had been running the pace of the game.

Three-pointers from Masoni and sophomore guard Janae Sharpe put the game out of reach, extending the Matadors lead to 10.

The Matadors held the Mustangs to four points in the second overtime.

Though Northridge defeated the Mustangs, Flowers is already thinking of improvements.

"Every game does count, but it's a marathon," Flowers said. "It's getting better every single day, every single week, so that you know the first week of March you're playing the best basketball you can play."