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Jose Antonio Vargas gives a speech about his experience as an undocumented worker in America on Tuesday.

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From the streets of Watts to Harvard

Professor's journey starts with struggle

SHALEEKA POWELL
 DAILY SUNDIAL

Waking up and going to sleep to the sound of gunshots and police sirens was all he knew. He had witnessed gang violence on the streets and liquor stores on almost every corner. At times, he would even go to sleep on an empty stomach.

No one would have ever thought he would become the first African-American from South L.A. to receive a full academic scholarship to both Harvard and Stanford University.

Johnie Scott, a Pan African Studies (PAS) tenured associate professor and director of community and external projects, grew up on the concrete sidewalks of Watts.

"Life in Watts wasn't about the struggle," Scott said. "It was about survival."

Being raised in a single parent household, living in the projects, relying on government assistance and being a Black male during a segregated time period was Scott's life.

The 2010 poverty rate in Watts was 48.9 percent, according to areavibes.com. Watts' total crime index is 4,563. During the week of Feb. 5, there were seven vehicle thefts, four burglaries, two larcenies, one sex crime, and one

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Redefining 'American'

Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, undocumented immigrant says 'actions are illegal, never people'

LUIS RIVAS
 SENIOR REPORTER

Jose Antonio Vargas, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, undocumented immigrant and immigrant rights activist, spoke to hundreds of people on Tuesday as part of an ongoing national tour dubbed "Define American" where he urges dialogue on defining what it is to be American.

Vargas, who has contributed to such publications as the Washington Post, Huffington Post, the New Yorker, Rolling Stone and

the San Francisco Chronicle, came out as an undocumented immigrant in a New York Times Magazine article titled "My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant."

Since writing and speaking about his experience as an undocumented immigrant living in the U.S., Vargas has focused on building a mature and comprehensive debate on immigration reform.

"I don't really consider myself an activist or an advocate," he said. "I'm not a leader or an organizer. What I am is a story teller. I'm a filmmaker. I'm a writer. I've spent more than a decade as a journalist."

Vargas traveled across the

U.S. to engage in growing an understanding of the undocumented immigration experience.

During his travels, Vargas took notes of certain terms that he thinks should stop being used, such as "illegal" to refer to undocumented immigrants. Specifically, Vargas said, undocumented immigrants that are covered under the president's deferred action program are not technically illegal.

"They're not illegal anymore, as the Los Angeles Times still manages to call them," he said. "Something is terribly wrong when we call them illegal. Actions are illegal, not people, never people."

Immigration reform was a

recurring topic throughout the event. Vargas pointed out the record-number of deportations under President Obama, totaling 1.4 million with estimates that by 2014 will reach 2 million.

"As we debate immigration in this country, the question really is the nature of citizenship: How do we define American?" Vargas said. "So we're sharing stories. I've shared mine. Sometimes I wish that I didn't, because sometimes it's really hard. I feel almost naked in front of people, but I'm doing my part because all of us have to do our part. I don't have any legal form of ID besides a Filipino passport

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assault in Watts, according to the crime mapping website.

Scott said in the late 1950s, Watts was completely different than it is today. The city's population was about 95 percent Black, according to the Urban Institute Watts Zone Profile, but today there are a significant number of Latinos/as. In 2007, The Urban Profile reported 65 percent Latino/a residents in Watts and 33 percent African-Americans accounting for the population.

Scott was raised in the Jordan Downs housing projects for most of his life and described Watts as a foreign country within the U.S.

He witnessed policemen crack skulls open, saw gangs chase people for blocks, and saw women get their purses snatched at night if they walked home without a stick in their hand.

"But somehow, out of wanting a place into which I could withdraw, I found a refuge in books," he said. "I would read and go to the library by myself at 7 years old."

Scott has always been involved in his academics and was student body president at Edwin Markham Middle School. He then



KEN SCARBORO / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Professor Johnie Scott of the Pan African studies department has been with CSUN for 29 years. Over the years here he has taught every class in the department, focusing on pro seminars and upper division classes now.

went to David Starr Jordan Senior High.

"There were 47 high schools in L.A. and Jordan was ranked 47th in academics and poverty," Scott said.

His high school graduation made the LA Times with him as the first Black individual out of South L.A. projects to get a full academic scholarship to Harvard University.

Scott said Harvard had a student body of 10,000

when he was enrolled, but there were only 55 Blacks.

"We felt whenever we were being called on we spoke for Black America," he said. "If we hiccuped, Black America hiccuped."

After his first year at Harvard, Scott dropped out due to poor academic standing.

He returned home and became a janitor for Disney, working the graveyard shift making \$72 a week. Scott

said he quit the job after six weeks because he realized he couldn't get very far on the route he was going. He wanted to move his family out of the projects and further his education.

A year later he returned to school and received a full academic ride to Stanford University. There he received both his bachelor's degree in creative writing and master's degree in mass communications.

Scott has had numerous

accomplishments. He represented Watts at the 1966 White House Conference, received an Emmy Award for a NBC national special called "The Angry Voices of Watts," and became a correspondent for different publications, including Times Magazine.

Scott also was one of the founders of Sons of Watts Community Enterprises and the director, writer and producer for his independent film, "Brothers Where are You?," that CBS used a portion of during its "48 Hours on Gang Street."

Scott has been teaching at CSUN for 29 years. He said he chose CSUN instead of Stanford, Harvard, Pepperdine, USC and other universities because CSUN is a people's college, having a large amount of Black students compared to other universities.

"(There are) more Blacks at CSUN than USC, UCLA, Loyola and Pepperdine combined," Scott said. "We need more Blacks in education, particularly given the Black population in L.A. There should be more."

Scott said his goal as a Black man and professor is to inspire students to strive for excellence. On the first day of the semester, Scott presents them with two concepts.

"The first being from Dr. King when he says the content of one's character

should be how we should be judged," Scott said. "Second, James Baldwin's comment in 'The Fire Next Time.' He writes of young Blacks never being expected to aspire to be excellent but instead to settle with being mediocre."

Scott said life is full of people who work hard, yet never make it. His advice for young students who are now living in a different, but similar world is maintaining a sense of hope despite discouraging notions.

"There are no magic bullets. I wish there was a panacea where I could say if there's a will there's a way or if you just work hard you will make it," Scott said. "But you've got to believe in spite of the fact that you are living in what is still a racist society and that everyday gives you reasons to give up and reasons to drop out of the race. You got to hold strong."



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High-traffic intersection to get signal

The accident-prone Dearborn and Reseda crosswalk will get a new signal after more than 42 pedestrian collisions

JASON GALLAHER
DAILY SUNDIAL

After several hit-and-run accidents, including one on Sept. 12, 2012 that left a woman hospitalized, a traffic signal is set to be installed at the intersection of Reseda Boulevard and Dearborn Street.

Los Angeles City Councilman Mitchell Englander said a contractor is being selected to install the signal at the intersection.

According to the LAPD, 42 collisions involving pedestrians have been reported at the intersection in the past five years. Of those 42 collisions, 19 were hit-and-run incidents.

Within the past two years, there have been 10 misdemeanor hit-and-runs with minimal injury, two felony hit-and-runs and one felony DUI.

"The entire corridor of Reseda Boulevard near CSUN has very heavy car, pedestrian and bicycle traf-

fic," Englander said. "So traffic safety has always been a serious concern for us, LAPD, CSUN students and faculty and the surrounding community."

Students said they take extra precautions when crossing the street at the intersection.

"Sometimes it makes me nervous to cross the street," said Nancy Caballero, 19, freshman marine biology major. "You have to wait until it's red (at Nordhoff Street) and red (at Prairie Street) to cross."

Englander, who represents the 12th District, which includes Northridge, said the community has been concerned about the intersection for a while.

"Our office pushed to have a signal installed at this location because we have known for many years that it is dangerous, and we have known about every one of the pedestrian collisions," Englander said.

Because the intersection is off campus, accidents that occur at this intersection are under the jurisdiction of the LAPD.

"LAPD is the primary agency for this intersection," said Christina Villalobos, public information officer for CSUN's Department of Police Services. "However, that's not to say (the CSUN Police Department) hasn't assisted them."

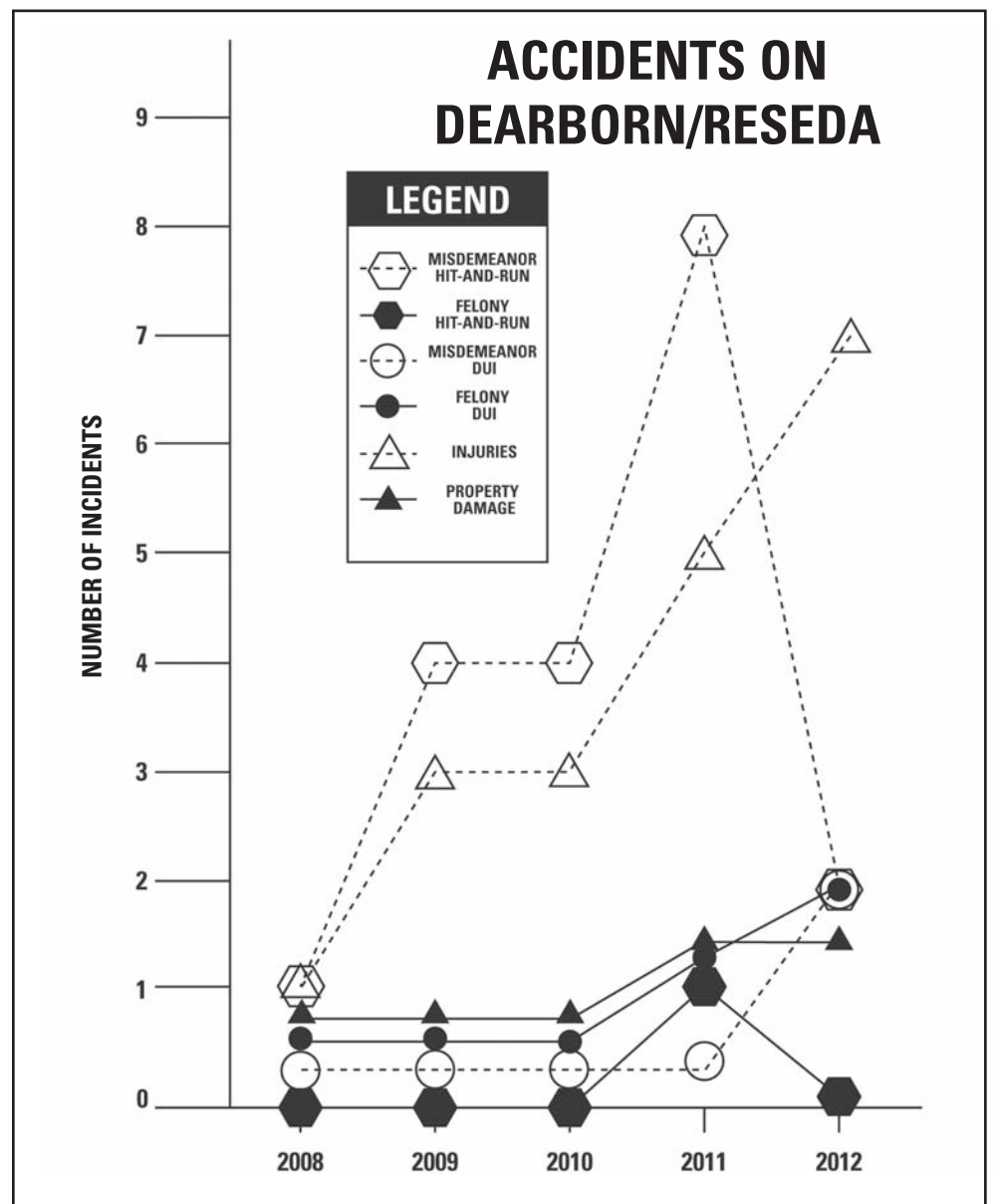
CSUN police and LAPD came together to conduct a pedestrian safety sting operation in 2010. During the two-and-a-half hour sting, more than 100 citations were written to drivers who did not yield to pedestrians.

Englander said approval for a light at the intersection occurred about 2 years ago.

"We worked to identify and secure federal transportation safety funds to pay for the design and installation," Englander said.

Modern traffic signals are estimated to cost between \$150,000 and \$300,000 depending on the type of traffic signal.

Bids are now in for the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection, Englander said. Once a contractor is selected, he expects the signal to be up and running within a couple months.



VARGAS

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that the Filipino embassy gave me shortly after I disclosed my status."

He went on to say that the focus has largely been on young people, particularly students, in the immigration reform debate, but it should not stop there.

Both Congress and the president proposed immigration reform packages that focus on reprimanding undocumented immigrants who have entered the country illegally and placing them in "the back of the line," a term used to refer to the multi-year wait period that many immigrants are on when going through the proper channels.

Chicana/o studies professor Rudy Acuña was acknowledged at the event by Vargas as an inspirational and historic figure for the state of California. CSUN is home to the nation's first Chicana/o studies department, which was helped in part by Acuña.

"(Vargas) served as a role model for all of the students with a similar experience," Acuña said.

Jose Rosas, 24, Chicana/o studies and anthropology double major, is also an undocumented student. He is involved with Dreams to be Heard, a CSUN-based undocumented student support group. He

co-founded an AB-540 (undocumented students that are legally protected to go to school) support group at East Los Angeles College called Students for Equal Rights.

Rosas is hesitant in backing President Obama's immigration reform package, considering the high level of deportations under his administration.

"The language they're using to describe what they're trying to do is not even going the right way," he said. "It's still calling us 'illegals.' I don't see it realistically, those 12 million immigrants, (that they) are going to get that chance. If you have a record, then you are put to the side. Unfortunately, not all of us are going to get covered. Just the few."

Rosas understands that sometimes people have to be pragmatic.

"So many people are for this immigration reform, not because they really believe what immigration reform is going to bring, but it's because we need it," Rosas said.

"It's an urgent necessity."

Vargas ended the event with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., urging people to act.

"History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people," Vargas said.

Trayvon: one year later

Residents gathered to remember the first anniversary of Martin's murder

CHARLIE KAIJO
SENIOR STAFF

Neighbors and activists gathered at Leinert Park in downtown LA to honor Trayvon Martin on the one year anniversary of his death and to call attention to gun violence on Tuesday.

About 60 people attended the gathering, and many held signs with Martin's picture. Some wore hoodies in remembrance of his attire when he was killed, and others held up a bag of Skittles – what Martin was holding during his confrontation with George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watchmen who has been accused of killing Martin, whose trial is set to begin in June.



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Keith James, a supporter of the Revolutionary Communist Party, speaks on the frequency of gun violence in the Los Angeles area during a press conference held during the event.



A young supporter holds a picture of Trayvon Martin during the one year anniversary of his death.

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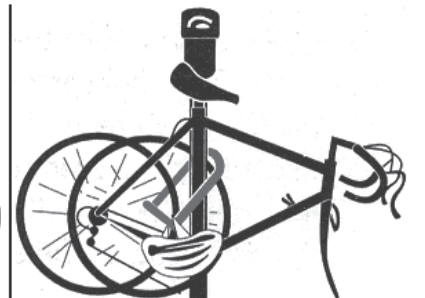
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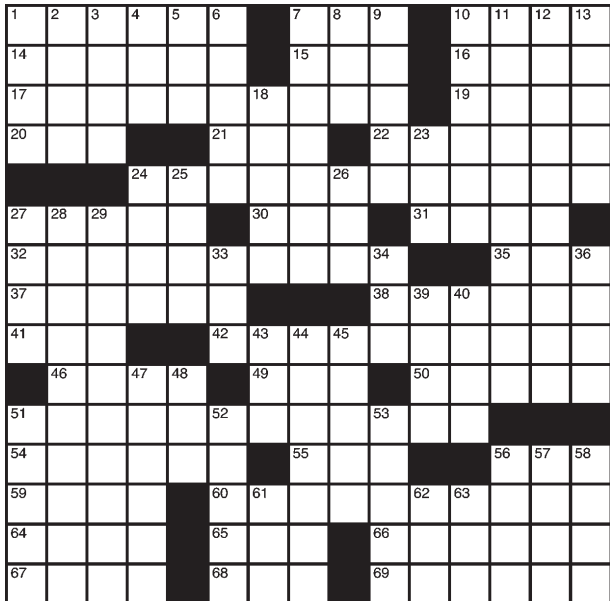
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- 41 Ft. Worth campus
- 42 "Knocking sound"
- 46 Australian six-footers
- 49 Punching tool
- 50 "SNL" alum Mike
- 51 "Delighted"
- 54 Animals who like to float on their back
- 55 Female hare
- 56 "Hardly!"
- 59 Violin holder
- 60 "Island nation in the Indian Ocean"
- 64 A sweatshirt may have one
- 65 Rocker Rose
- 66 Sedative
- 67 Overnight lodging choices
- 68 Low grade
- 69 Incursions ... or, phonetically, what the answers to starred clues contain

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- 1 With 2-Down, "Rio Lobo" actor
- 2 See 1-Down
- 3 ___ stick: incense



By Mark Bickham

2/27/13

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 6 Key of Beethoven's "Emperor" concerto
- 7 Funnel-shaped
- 8 Compass-aided curve
- 9 Pulitzer category
- 10 Like a spoiled kid, often
- 11 Unwritten reminder
- 12 Cab storage site
- 13 Hunted Carroll creature
- 18 Microwave maker
- 23 Braves, on scoreboards
- 24 Against
- 25 Exactly
- 26 Mauna ___
- 27 "Whoso diggeth ___ shall fall therein": Proverbs
- 28 Fundraiser with steps?

- 29 Thing taken for granted
- 33 California's Big ___
- 34 Not dis?
- 36 Chow
- 39 Avatar of Vishnu
- 40 Wd. derivation
- 43 Some Duracells
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- 45 Foil maker
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Rev. Tyler takes the field at CSUN

Recent transfer from Northwestern and ordained minister Jennifer Tyler begins first season at Northridge

MELISSA SIMON
SENIOR REPORTER

An anthropology major, softball player and ordained minister. That's something you don't hear everyday.

Redshirt sophomore utility player Jennifer Tyler remembers the day her sister asked to marry her and her boyfriend after seeing an episode of the Canadian show, "Degrassi," where a couple was married by their best friend.

"We loved it," Tyler said. "We thought it was more personal and our family isn't religious. My sister, being super emotional at the time, asked me to marry her and her boyfriend."

After an online questionnaire she took through some church she can't even remember the name of, Tyler is now an ordained minister and has the certificate to prove it.

"It's kind of been an ongoing joke," she said. "I can be called a reverend. I can be called a healer. I can be called an educator. My teammates and I are really enjoying it. They call me Rev. Jen or Rev. Tyler and it's kind of funny."

But Tyler takes her education and softball very seriously.

Beginning her college career at Northwestern, Tyler originally planned on being an OB/GYN. Difficulty finding the program

and getting the credentials ultimately led Tyler down a different path toward biology.

"I was taking all these really

intense classes like chemistry, calculus two and French, and I ended up dropping chemistry so I could pass the rest of my classes," she said. "Grades are really important to me and I'm not OK with a C."

She started taking some anthropology classes after her adviser recommended doing something beyond the typical biology major to increase her chances of getting into medical school.

Anthropology seemed like the right fit because of its strong biological aspect and involvement in human dynamics. The classes helped her find her passion and connect with her professors, she said. So she eventually changed her major, she said.

Tyler, now a junior at CSUN, has kept her anthropology major.

"I'm doing general anthropology, but I'm specialized in archaeology," Tyler said. "I love learning about other cultures and learning about different traditions and rituals. I just think it's amazing how diverse our world is."

When transferring to CSUN from Northwestern, Tyler said

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—JENNIFER TYLER
redshirt sophomore utility softball player

she looked mainly at the demographics and location. She wanted to go somewhere different that had sun almost all year round, but still wanted to stay relatively close to her family.

"Living in Arizona my entire life, traveling to California, vacationing in California, has always been kind of a big bright side

and a lot of fun in my mind," Tyler said. "I also really wanted to help the softball program here and go back to what its



LOREN TOWNSLEY / Photo Editor

Redshirt sophomore utility softball player Jennifer Tyler is in her first season as a Matador after spending the previous two years at Northwestern University.

traditions were."

Growing up as the youngest of three girls all one year apart, Tyler was often in the shadow of her sisters. Tyler and her sisters were always involved in team sports; never individual sports.

Around seventh grade, Tyler was pretty serious when it came to playing both club soccer and softball, as were her sisters.

"It got really expensive for both my sisters and I to do that and it was a hectic lifestyle," she said. "My parents knew that in our generation it was evident that club sports were your ticket into college. I chose softball mostly because my sisters chose softball."

Softball has led to many memories for Tyler, and holds a special place in her heart because of the bond it created with her family.

"Softball is important to me because I played it with my sisters. I would say every memory I have of my childhood, every vacation we had and stuff of that aspect was surrounded with a softball tournament," Tyler said. "We would go to a week-long tournament in Colorado and have maybe a morning game and the rest of the day was what we'd do as our family vacation. Everybody in the family talks about it, everybody knows about it and that's why it really touches home and my heart."

Tyler has not married her sister as of yet but believes it will happen in the next year or two. Besides that, Tyler has no other plans to use her title.

Now she's taking on being a Lamaze coach for one of her sisters. Tyler was enthralled when her sister came home from her softball season seven

months pregnant and needed to start her classes. She loved the idea of learning about the entire process and the development of the class.

"The first class I went to with her, I came straight from softball practice and was a complete mess. I stunk and my sister, of course, is all dolled up," she said. "It actually helped out, though, when we went to the hospital the day she went into labor because I knew the whole thing about the focal point and her exercises."

Tyler is set to graduate Fall 2013. She is debating between doubling up on classes and work towards both a masters of science in anthropology and a general masters of business administration. She's considering a graduate school in Arizona, specializing in administration or human resource management.

Choosing to transfer to Northridge has been an uplifting experience not just for Tyler, but her entire family. The close proximity gives her family the chance to come out, see her play and support the team.

"Even my mom says constantly how much of a change she sees in my happiness," she said. "I don't know if it's just (because it's) always sunny and I'm not covered in two feet of snow all the time, but I just think what we're doing out here is really going to translate to this season and I'm really excited to start playing."

Even with such a passion for anthropology and her goal of getting a master's degree, Tyler hasn't lost focus as a softball player.

"I love softball and would be all for playing after college if someone would take me," she said.

COLUMN

Manti Te'o unable to prove he is the best ILB

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Notre Dame inside linebacker Manti Te'o, surrounded by controversy off the field with his hoax dead girlfriend story, had the chance to put that aside and focus on football at the NFL Combine this past weekend.

Needing to show that the

BCS National Championship game performance was that of a fluke and not the kind of player he will be in adversity, Te'o disappointed everyone.

Te'o ran a disappointing 4.82 second 40-yard dash, potentially dropping his draft stock even further than the hoax story already has, from projected early-first round pick to a middle of the pack second round selection.

That time put him near the end of all linebackers,

20 out of 26, but it wasn't just the 40-yard dash that was disappointing.

Te'o participated in five of the seven combine drills and failed to rank in the top-5 of any of them. For someone who's draft stock had been so high just a few months ago, this is a devastating drop.

Maybe it was the American's public love of such a heart-warming story that allowed Te'o's abilities to shine brighter, playing in games after his grandmother and "girlfriend" had

died. Te'o is definitely an above average linebacker, recording 101 tackles, 1.5 sacks and seven interceptions in 2012, but there are better picks for teams needing to draft a linebacker.

Georgia inside linebacker Alec Ogletree was a monster for Georgia's defense after missing four games in the beginning of the season due to a failed drug test. In his 2012 season, he recorded 111 tackles, three sacks and an interception, guiding him to the top position

for linebackers in the draft.

Kevin Minter, Louisiana State University's top inside linebacker, is another product of a consistent NFL producing team. Recording 130 tackles, four sacks, an interception and fumble, Minter helped lead a dominating line, and is known for his speed and hard hits.

Te'o will have a NFL career, when and where he is selected in the draft is another story. Though as we have seen throughout the history of the draft, where

you are selected is not indicative of potential success, thank you Tom Brady for proving that point.

An American public looking to hang its hat on such an inspirational story of Manti Te'o and all that he overcame throughout the year, made an average player blow up into what many thought was the next great of the NFL. We all got hoaxed, and Te'o has fallen back to Earth with the numbers he has produced at both the Combine and Championship game.