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Frontrunners ahead in funds

Wendy Greuel and Eric Garcetti head into primaries with large contributions from interest groups and individuals

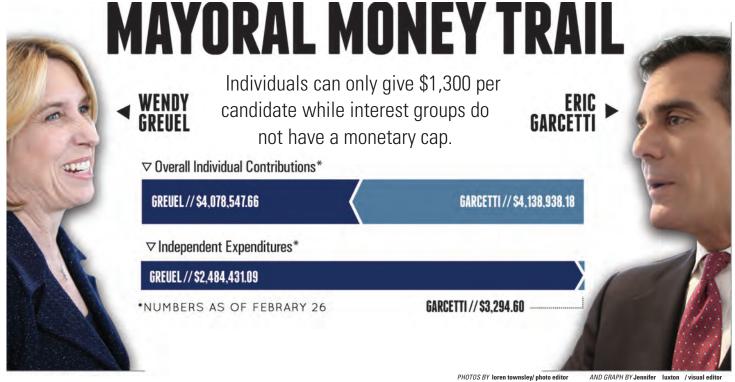
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Angeles Mayoral primaries near, frontrunner Eric Garcetti leads in individual contributions with \$4.1 million as Greuel leads in interest group funds with \$2.5 million.

The five major interest groups backing Greuelare the California Law and Order Independent Expenditure Committee, the Los Angeles Police Protective League, Feliciano Serrano M.D. Inc., the United Firefighters of Los Angeles Local Union #112 and Working Californians. These groups are according to the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission.

"In the future we have to negotiate with labor leaders and the Department of Water and Power," Greuel said during a debate at CSUN. "Everything needs to be on the table with the cost of living adjustments."

Working Californians has spent \$1.7 million to conduct polls, research, refer to consultants and create television advertisements. Working Californians is backed by local LA unions



11 and 18 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which represents employees of the Department of Water and Power (DWP).

In 2012 Greuel voted to approve \$3.9 million to DWP in order to finish building a children's museum, a decision which came after DWP increased electricity rates.

Garcetti has only recently gained an interest group to work on his behalf. The group called

Lots of People Who Support Eric Garcetti for Mayor 2013 has just been created by Rick Jacobs, founder of the Courage Campaign, and Mary Jane Stevenson, who was the California Director for Obama for America 2012 campaign.

The group just spent \$3,144 to create the group's website. Prior to that Lawrence Cimmarusti paid \$150 to the Texas Banner Company to create signage for Garcetti.

The California Law and Order Independent Expenditure Committee has used \$333,562 to produce television ads, conduct polls and refer to consultants for Greuel.

This committee is sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Protective League. The LAAPL is an organization that protects and promotes the legal rights, working conditions and compensation of LA police officers. LAAPL has worked directly on behalf of Greuel by spending \$246,785 on television and radio advertisements as well as consulting.

Greuel's platform includes public safety. She has repeatedly stated that if she is elected mayor she will hire 2,000 more police officers.

"I believe we are the most under-policed city in the country," Greuel said.

The United Firefighters of Los Angeles City Local Union #112 has also taken a liking to Greuel because of her focus on public safety and the union has spent \$50,000 on radio advertisements. The union represents more than 3,600 members of the LA Fire Department.

Feliciano Serrano M.D. Inc, is a medical practice headed by Dr. Feliciano Serrano. The group has spent \$151,630 to buy television commercial spots.

According to the Los Angeles City Contributer's Guide individual contributors for LA mayoral campaigns can only give a maximum of \$1,300 to the candi-

date of their choice.

But independent groups and the expenditures of those groups do not have that same monetary cap. Money spent by these independent groups can be spent on things such as television ads, polls and research on behalf of the candidate they are endorsing. However, it cannot coordinate or authorize its

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Alumna talks of financial news career

CNBC's Sue Herera talks about her 28-year experience as one of the first women to step into the business news world

MICHELLE REUTER
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ue Herera, CSUN aluma and co-anchor of CNBC's "Power Lunch," talked about her views on the financial world and notable moments in her career Thursday night at the Valley Performing Arts Center.

The 28-year veteran of business news graduated from CSUN with a journal-

ism degree in 1981. Once she earned her degree, Herera was surprised to find herself applying for a job at the brand new cable TV station, the Financial News Network (FNN).

She had always seen herself as a print journalist, but at FNN she learned how the market worked from the trenches and called floor traders in Chicago for information about the days stock market trends.

"It was the best kind of learning, because it was eight years of learning on the job," she said.

One of the biggest lessons came during the stock market crash of 1987 when the nation saw a 20 percent loss on Wall Street in a single day. The experience taught her that anything can happen and she said she never viewed the market the same way again.

"Never say never. If you didn't experience that event, I think perhaps you're much more sanguine about the type of moves the market can hand you in a very short period of time," she said.

Covering the 1987 market

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LUIS RIVAS / senior reporter

Co-anchor of CNBC's Power Lunch, Sue Herrera speaks on her experience as the first woman to make a name for herself in broadcast business news and was dubbed The First Lady of Wall Street.

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endorsement in conjunction with the candidate it affects.

With the monetary cap for individual contributions, candidates rely on outside interest groups to work on their behalf.

While Greuel is leading Garcetti in interest group funds, Garcetti, with \$4.1 million, has more money in individual contributions than Greuel's \$4 million. Garcetti, representing Hollywood while on the city council, has brought out many Hollywood actors to contribute to his campaign.

"In my city council district we created 31 new parks and we have a bold plan to clean our community's water," Garcetti said.

Tony Denison from the television show "The Closer" and Lisa Adelstein from "House" have contributed \$1,300 each. Jake Gyllenhaal, James Denton and Salma Hayek have given \$1,000.

But Greuel has also brought out some Hollywood names as well. Actor Tom Hanks has contributed \$1,300 to her campaign as has Tobey Maguire.

Famous father and son Hollywood actors Edward J. Begley and Ed Begley Jr. are at odds with their campaign contributions. Ed Begley Sr. has contributed \$500 to Greuel's campaign while his son has contributed \$500 to Garcetti's campaign.

Senator Barbara Boxer along with the CSUN Young Democrats have endorsed Greuel for mayor.

The Los Angeles Times and Michael Eisner, which CSUN's College of Education is named after, has endorsed Garcetti.

Lily Ledbetter to speak on pay gap

ASHLEY SOLEY-CERRO

EDITOR IN CHIEF

e are in the midst of Herstory Month, and activist Lilly Ledbetter is kicking off a slew of events hosted by the gender and women's studies department on Wednesday.

Herstory Month is an opportunity for the campus to celebrate the achievements of women and honor them, said Shira Brown, director of the Women's Research and Resource Center.

"Ledbetter's story is really important and so historic because it changed how we view the pay gap and legislation around it," Brown said.

The event will include a speech and Q&A but Ledbetter said her message to students will be concise.

"I hope they understand that when they leave and get a job they need to make sure they start out with what they are entitled to," she said. "If you start off behind, you'll never catch up.'

Gaining notoriety after the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, she now tours the world speaking on behalf of the fair treatment of workers, but Ledbetter's journey started decades before her fame.

Hired as a manager at Goodyear in 1979, Ledbetter did not learn about the large difference in pay between her and male co-workers with similar job titles and responsibilities until 1998. She eventually lost a lawsuit brought before the Supreme Court because of a law that does not allow suits to be **HERSTORY MONTH**

porn's Glass Ceiling: a n illusionary wage Gap when: March 12, 11 a.m. where: Thousand Oaks Room,

USU

des Cription: Jennie Ketcham, current CSUN student, will tell her story and discuss one of the major problems women face: finding work that pays a livable wage.

s pirituality and social Justice

when: March 18, 4 p.m. where: Music Recital Hall des Cription: The Civil Discourse and Social Change Initiative will host a panel discussion on spirituality and social justice. Located in the Music Recital Hall.

10th annual take Back the n ight r ally and march

when: March 21, 6 - 10 p.m. where: Plaza del Sol and Women's Research and Resource Center

des Cription: Resource fair, rally, march, candlelight vigil and speak-out to end violence against women. Located in the Plaza del Sol and the Women's Research and Resource Center.

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when: March 25, 4 p.m. where: Jerome Richfield 330 des Cription: This three-hour workshop will teach women how to be savvy negotiators. Space is limited. Call 818-677-2780 to RSVP. Located in Jerome Richfield 330.

COURTESY OF I ill y I ed Better Women's activist, Lily Ledbetter works

to help people recognize differences in pay between men and women. she said. "I was the voice (and) poster

person, but a lot of people coast to coast worked on this bill. I owe them this and told the president that I viewed (the legislation) as putting a lot of responsibility on my shoulders to share the story."

The event will take place in the Grand Salon, University Student Union at 4 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the USU, gender and women's studies department, gender and women's studies student association, Campus Action Project grant, Provost Hellenbrand, Civil Discourse and Social Change Initiative, and the College of Humanities.

filed 180 days after someones first paycheck, she said.

President Barack Obama took on the issue in his first piece of legislation as president. Amending the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act states that employees can file equal-pay lawsuits 180 day after their last paycheck.

"What I'm speaking about now has nothing to do with party (affiliation), it's civil rights, a fundamental right that the law protects everyone," she said.

Working two full time jobs while trying to maintain a well-rounded life, including church and school functions for her children, Ledbetter said she did not have the time or resources to focus on the discrimination and now works to help others in similar situations.

"I work for all the people that are out there working," she said. "I make sure they know what to look for to know they're being paid fairly and help them get the legislation they need to get fair treatment."

The legislation convinced her that Obama understands the working class and those struggling to pay their bills, and continues to motivate her to use the experience to help others.

"I haven't got here on my own,"

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This week at the USU

Table Tennis Tournament 4 p.m. Games Room, USU

VRC Discussion Group Noon Veterans Resource Center, USU

Billiards Tournament 4 p.m. Northridge Center, USU

LA Nights 6:30 p.m. Pub Sports Grill, USU

Tuesday Talks 7 p.m. Pride Center, USU

Red Rally: Softball 1 p.m. Matador Softball Fleld

Tech Series: Microsoft Word

T-Time

Poker Tournament 4 p.m. Games Room, USU

Lily Ledbetter: Equal Work, Equal Pay 4 p.m. Grand Salon, USU

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

Noontime Concert Plaza del Sol, USU

LGBTQ Coffee Nights 5 p.m. Pride Center, USU

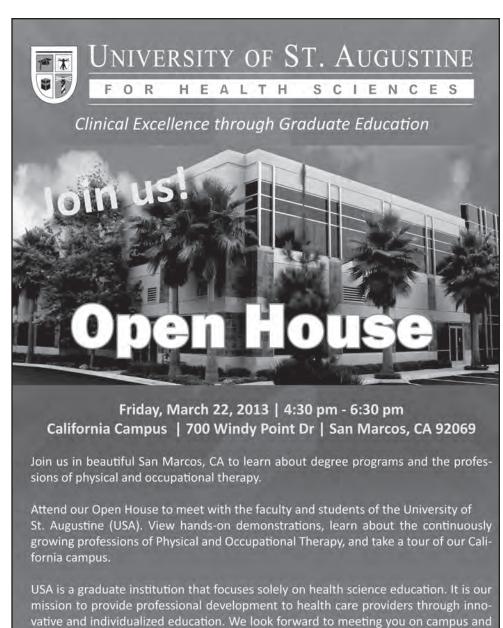
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Tech Series: Microsoft Word 3 p.m. Computer Lab, USU

Mystical Masquerade 6 p.m. Northridge Center, USU

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disaster, at the beginning of her career, helped her during the recent financial crisis of 2008. She said having the experience to know what a 20 percent selloff feels like allowed her to put the 2008 crisis in perspective.

By 1989 FNN's prospects were failing and Herera thought it best to look for another job. That's when she was approached to take a position at a new startup network at NBC

CNBC was such a new idea, that the network did not think it would be successful. Herera said they would not even allow use of the iconic NBC peacock logo in their promos.

But since then CNBC has been providing business news for more than 20 years.

After her presentation, the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions. Many people asked her opinion on specific market trends and one professor asked what advice she would give students who want to enter into business news.

"One thing that I would say is what they might want to do is take a job on Wall Street for a year or two," Herera said. "I would advocate learning the way I did. If you were interested more in the corporate side of it I would get a job at one of the investment banks and see how their culture works."

Herera also had advice for young women getting into journalism and said to find something they're passionate about and try to specialize in it.

"There are a lot of people out there who are generalists," she said. "You have much more longevity as a woman in the business if you bring something else to the table."

Artificial turf field comes to SRC

JOHN SARINGO-**RODRIGUEZ**

DAILY SUNDIAL

he finance committee of the USU board of directors approved last May to allocate a budget of \$5.5 million from USU's Revenue Fund to build a turf field that was originally part of the G4 parking lot.

"The actual cost of construction is predicted to be closer to \$4.5 million because of cost saving measures and a favorable bid climate for the project," said Jimmy Francis, director of the Student Recreation Center. "Other than some weather challenges, we haven't had any major delays and we're staying on track with the budget."

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ment and believes another field general use.

Pedro Quevedo, 23, kinesaid the turf is a great investnian, 20. "I know when I take a look at the construction as I

will bring a more competitive spirit among CSUN students. The turf field is open to SRC members only and can be used for intramural sports, sports clubs, special events and "I think the outdoor turf field is a great addition to the SRC and another pride point of CSUN," said Associated Students Senator Talar Alexa-

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All the OHNO construction workers have a specific job to do, Aberto Rendon (left), a driller for OHNO construction, prepares the foundation for concrete.

CSUN my university." Those involved in the construction are Facilities, Planning, Design & Construction, the USU, OHNO Construction Company, FieldTurf Company and LPA Incorporated.

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on the field, I'm excited to call

The field is made up of cost-saving FieldTurf materials such as loose rubber, sand and cork particles embedded in high quality polyurethane grass that helps keep the

grass cool. The grass is strong enough that it needs little maintenance to stay a consistent and flat field surface.

A tractor will be used to evenly redistribute the rubber and sand throughout the field while an attached magnet picks up foreign objects. The field will also have a storage for the tractor, restrooms and a drinking fountain.

"I think that in the end the project will be fantastic and that it will meet if not exceed people's expectations," Francis said.

The turf field construction began in September 2012 and is expected to be finished and operational by the end of March.



OHNO construction workers make sure that gravel is consistently flat and level before the grass can be placed on the field.



The turf field construction site blocks a portion of a sidewalk on Zelzah Avenue. The construction began in September 2012.







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Jimmy Francis, Director of the Student Recreational Center walks across the new turf field. The field is expected to be complete by the end of March 2013.



FieldTurf construction workers drag the polyurethane grass across the side of the main field.



OHNO construction workers and FieldTurf Co. install the polyurethane grass and insert grass sections with colored lines that are sport specific.



Jimmy Francis (left), Director of the Student Recreational Center and Cory Hughes (right), a FieldTurf foreman, talk about the progress of the turf field, while Mauricio De La Cruz (middle), a FieldTurf installer, glues together the softball home plate.



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Voting, the easiest thing you can do

Don't let a tax increase, new City Council and LAUSD board members pass without making your voice heard

ne in six registered voters will likely cast a ballot in the city election Tuesday. That's less than 18 percent of Angelenos who will choose the new mayor, city attorney, city controller and other high offices of public service. And while we hope more people will step up to the plate this time around, we aren't putting our money on it.

The winners of Tuesday's primary nominating election, and then the general election May 21, will affect your life in more ways than one for at least the next four years. The mayor (and star of the showdown) is the man or woman responsible for setting the tone for the overall agenda in Los Angeles. Taking on duties such as proposing the

city's annual budget, leading the conversation in City Hall, introducing new initiatives and crafting a team thats sole job is to carry out their stated goals.

While the mayor may not directly cure unemployment by hiring droves of people or turn around a broken school system - they do things that need to happen in order for these things to occur. The mayor can allow industries to grow in LA, leading to job growth, and helping elect members of our school board. They propose the budget and push their agenda, telling the rest of LA what is important, what needs to be focused on and opens the doors for these things to happen.

It's said time and time again that voting is your civic duty. It is, but that isn't the reason you should vote. You should vote

because your input matters. The people we elect on every level influence our lives by setting policy and making laws. They decide what we accept to be culturally, legally, and community-driven. If you care about anything that has to do with the public as a whole, whether it's what you can eat, how much you're taxed, or what you can enjoy in life, our societal leaders make it happen. Besides, it takes a few minutes and minimal effort and only hurts a little bit.

What else we can vote on:

- A new city controller, the taxpayers 'watchdog' and LA's chief auditor and accountant that supervise the city's financial records and expenditures.
- Three of the seven Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education seats and Los Angeles

Community College District tax increase. Board of Trustees seats are up for election.

- A new city attorney, the main prosecutor, legal advisor and general counsel for LA.
- Eight new seats for City Council districts have to be determined, including 1,3,5,7, 9,11,13, and 15.
- To find out who running for each office visit lacity.org.

You will also get the chance to vote on two ballot measures:

-Proposition A: Neighborhood Public Safety and Vital City Services Funding and Accountability Measure. This issue at hand is whether or not the LA should enact transactions and use tax (referred to as sales tax) of one-half percent to help fund City services. A yes vote mean L.A will see a sales

-Charter Amendment B: Fire and Police Pension Plan: Cost Neutral Purchases of Retirement Credit by Certain Members. This measure would modify the Los Angeles City Charter to allow certain police personnel in the City's Department of General Service (OSD) who become LAPD officers to transfer their retirement benefits from the City civilian system to a sworn employee retirement system. The measure is not expected to result in any additional cost to the City. A yes vote mean you are willing to give DGS police personnel who becomes members of the Fire and Police Pension Plan the option to change their pension plan. A no vote mean the police personnel will not be allowed to transfer their retirement credit.

WHERE TO VOTE

Students can visit the Satellite Student Union Lobby on campus to vote. The SSU is at the north end of campus near the residential dorm rooms and the address is 9851 Zelzah Ave. The polls open early at 7 a.m. and close late at 8 p.m. That's plenty of time to get out and make a difference. If you'd rather find something near your house, you can go to lavote.net for locations.

Mayor hopefuls and frontrunners come from diverse backgrounds, wide range of experience and plans for LA

Wendy Greuel Democrat, City controller



Jan Perry Democrat, City Council 9th district



Pros: As a life-long Angeleno and the City Controller of LA, Greuel has been known as the 'watchdog' over wasteful spending. Being the only candidate with a child in a public school, Greuel is also discerned as an active LAUSD parent who was a leader in the creation of LA's BEST, a nationally acknowledged after-school program. Gruel is also known as the champion for small business and affordable housing and is identified as being the initiator of a business tax reform that sup-

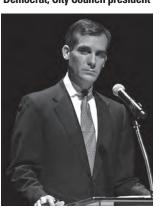
Pros: Pro business and development, Perry has garnered support from business conservatives, helping her ability to negotiate with Republicans. She is also credited with improvements made in her district, overseeing projects, such as LA Live, that have created 90,000 new jobs, \$15 billion in investment and \$40 million in new city tax revenue. Also an avid fighter of obesity, she has put fast food restrictions in place and promotes farmers markets.

posedly returned almost \$100 million to local businesses.

Cons: Greuel's work as city controller also makes her a questionable mayoral candidate. Organizations she had overseen as a controller and councilwoman have made contributions to her campaign. As the legitimization of money in politics become more prevalent, the lines between contribution and bribery becomes more blurred; affording the city a less transparent government.

Cons: Unlike Garcetti, Perry won't be accused of being too much of a people pleaser. Her direct approach could alienate those that don't agree with her. One of the more controversial moments in her political career came several years ago when South Central Farm was demolished. While explanations differ, some think Perry's support of the property owners sell of the land and subsequent end to the farm showed a lack of compassion for the farmers, who cannot vote for the most part.

Eric Garcetti Democrat, City Council president



Kevin James r epublican, talk radio host



Pros: Garcetti has a history of re-vitalizing his city district, 13. The area includes Silverlake, Atwater Village, Echo Park and Hollywood. Silverlake itself has long been a culturally affluent mecca and that great neighborhood vibe has made it's way to Atwater Village and Echo Park. Garcetti has also been involved with keeping youths off of the streets by opening new parks and fields as well as using existing facilities from the LAUSD to allow citizens further places to enjoy in the city. His initiatives

Pros: As an outsider James is less prone to political machinations and can see things from a different perspective. James also has some interesting ideas about how to kickstart our economy. He wants to streamline the process for businesses to obtain permits to open shop in the city which could help revitalize our economy. James also supports opening the entire LAUSD to open enrollment and letting parents pick and choose where their kids will attend especially if they are troubled youth.

often lean towards the environmental.

Cons: Our city, like others, is in an economic crisis with rising pensions and city expenses. As president of the city council for the last six years, Garcetti bears quite a bit of the responsibility for the current state of affairs. If he couldn't shepherd us through the downturn as president of the city council, then his claims to economic stability cast a shadow over his eligibility to do it as mayor.

Cons: The biggest glaring issue with James is that he's a Republican. In a city dominated by Democrats in every level of government, he immediately faces issues with getting his right leaning agenda pushed forward. His lack of political experience will only exacerbate this issue. James also has misguided issues when it comes to our culture of marijuana. He wants to limit the expansion of dispensaries in the city which will have an adverse affect on the cultural acceptance of a harmless drug.

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By Peter Koetters

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

CSUN loses sixth straight game

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he Matadors (14-17, 4-13 Big West) lost their sixth straight game as they fell to the UCSB Gauchos (9-19, 5-11) 83-74 Saturday night, and now have a very slim chance of clinching conference tournament berth.

Northridge was led by junior guard Josh Greene, who poured in 25 points on 8-19 shooting. Freshman guard Landon Drew also chipped in 11 points on 3-4 shooting from beyond the arc. After taking a two point lead into halftime, the Matadors failed to stay consistent in the second half.

"You have to play the whole forty minutes," said head coach Bobby Braswell. "This has kind of been a broken record for us the last half of our season. When teams elevate the level of play, which is going to happen, we just haven't responded well to it."

The first half was a battle back and forth between the two teams, with neither able to assert dominance over the other. The largest lead in the first half was five, with each team reaching that mark.

CSUN was able to lead the first half in most of the statistical categories, shooting 47.8 percent from the field and 55.6 percent from behind the arc on 5-9 shooting. After playing well in the first half, Braswell didn't feel like his team responded well to the physicality of the game, especially the second half.

"They were a whole lot bigger and a whole lot more physical than we were," Braswell said. "That was one of the most lopsided physical games I have seen in a long time. We had no response to (Williams) and his physicality tonight, we couldn't stop him."

The Matadors struggled to push the tempo over the course of the game as they had four fastbreak points in the game, zero in the first half.

"They wanted to stop our transition and our fastbreaks," Greene said. "A lot of teams know we are too athletic and want to push the ball in transition. It was just them executing their game plan against us."

Opening up the second half, the Matadors surrendered the lead for the last time with 17 minutes left, and would never see it again. Within 10 minutes of

gaining the lead, the Gauchos would open up their advantage to a game-high 12 points, 59-47.

The closest CSUN would be to the lead wouldn't come until the last minute of play, when Greene hit a 3-pointer with 35 seconds left to cut the lead to four. Five more points would be scored in the game, all by the Gauchos.

The Matadors gave up 40 points in the paint, largely due to Gauchos' forward Alan Williams who scored 32 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. His size and strength proved too much for CSUN to handle as the game went on.

"Alan Williams just came out and made a difference, he showed that he was going to step up," Drew said. "He was very effective against us."

Only the top-eight teams make the conference tournament, and the Matadors currently sit 1.5 games behind UCSB for the final spot.

In order to make the tournament, Northridge needs to win its last game of the season against Hawai'i (17-12, 10-7) on Thursday and to have UCSB to lose its remaining two games against Cal State Fullerton (14-15,6-10) and UC Riverside (6-23, 3-13).



Freshman guard Landon Drew beats two UCSB defenders and drops in two of his 11 first-half points.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Matadors drop last road game of season

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SPORTS EDITOR

inishing up their final road game of the regular season, the Matadors (13-15, 7-9 Big West) traveled to Hawai'i (15-12, 11-5) Saturday night to finish their home-and-home series with the Rainbow Wahine, ultimately losing 69-60.

Ultimately doomed by its first half play, Northridge couldn't seem to get anything going. CSUN shot 21.7 percent on 5-23 shooting from the field, committed 15 turnovers, and only scored 13 points to finish the half.

Coming out strong at the start of the game, the Matadors held a lead for most of the first 10 minutes of the game. Up by five points just seven minutes into the game, it was a short lived lead for CSUN.

Northridge's next field goal would not come for

over nine minutes, allowing the Rainbow Wahine to jump out to a six point lead. In the final 13 minutes of the first half, Northridge would only score one field

Coming out in the second half, the Matadors showed signs of life, outscoring Hawai'i 47-44, but it was too little too late. Cutting the lead to four points in the final minute, the Matadors were unable to get any closer with Hawai'i draining their free throw attempts with ease.

Sophomore guard Ashlee Guay was one of three Matadors scoring in double digits. Guay led all scorers with 17 points on 7-15 shooting, including going a perfect 2-2 from behind the arc.

Rainbow Wahine junior forward Kamilah Martin was again a thorn in the side of the Matadors, leading Hawai'i with 15 points. She was just one of four players to score in double digits. Hawai'i went to the foul line 28 times during the game, sinking 24 of their free throws.

CSUN is still alive in the hunt for a Big West conference tournament berth.

Currently in sixth place, the top-eight teams make the postseason tournament. Northridge will round out its regular season with two home games next week against visiting Cal State Fullerton (9-19, 5-11) on Thursday and UC Riverside (11-16, 4-12) on Friday. Both teams are behind the Matadors in the Big West standings, and one win will wrap up a tournament berth for CSUN.

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Guard Ashlee Guay shows her post up game when CSUN faced Hawai'i last time at home on Feb. 2