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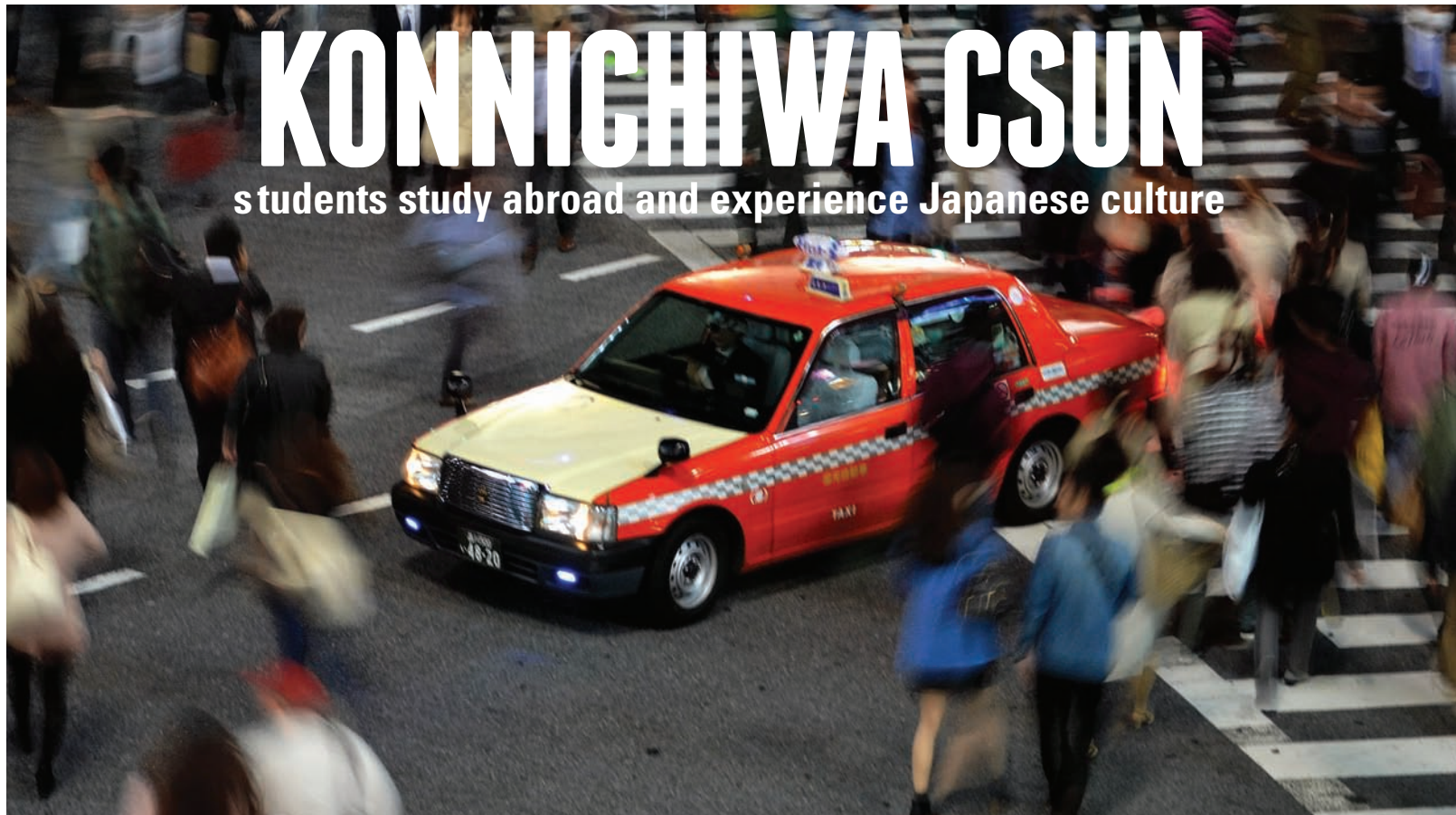
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students study abroad and experience Japanese culture



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A taxi is in the middle of a bustling crosswalk in Shibuya, Tokyo, a city with a population of roughly 200,000 residents and thousands of visitors each year, according to the Japan National Tourism Organization.

JOHN SARINGO-RODRIGUEZ
DAILY SUNDIAL

For 1,000 years it has been part of the Japanese culture to experience the sakura, or cherry blossoms, as spring is the season for Hanami, or flower viewing. At sunrise, through mid-April to early March, sakura bloom and are admired by all.

This is just one attraction that CSUN study abroad students have the opportunity to experience while in Japan.

Stevie Underwood, 25, a modern and classical languages and cultures major, is part of the CSUN study abroad program at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan and had the opportunity to go to Kyoto over spring break for a chance to see and experience the sakura.

"You can look out your window and see the trees spread out in the city. The petals were falling and it was just a beautiful experience," Underwood said.

Underwood is one of 21 CSUN students in the study abroad program at Waseda University and one of five students from CSUN.

Veronica Rodin, 20, a modern and classical languages and cultures major, explores the nightlife and restaurants in other areas of Tokyo with her classmates. Students studying abroad in Tokyo can ride the subway at an affordable price.

CSUN's study abroad program offers students the chance to visit 18 different countries and they can stay for up to two semesters with a host family or in a dormitory.

Information session dates on study abroad programs can be found on the CSUN website.

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Kathleen Lucitt, 21, and Stevie Underwood, 25, both modern and classical languages and cultures majors, began their year long CSUN study abroad program six months ago in Tokyo, Japan. They learned how to use the subway routes and proper etiquette to use the transit stations in the city.

Behind their brooms

Custodians share work experiences

MELANIE GABALL
DAILY SUNDIAL

When Maria Martinez, a custodian at the Matador Bookstore Complex, cleans the bathrooms, she finds it difficult to understand how sometimes patrons seem oblivious to signs.

"The signs say closed for cleaning. And people always come in and say, 'Uh, it's closed?' and I think, 'What the heck? There is a sign there,'" she said. "It's like, hello, wake up America!"

Rafael Souza is also a custodian at the complex. He and Martinez have been working together there for two years.

Martinez starts her day at 11 a.m. and works until 5 p.m., while Souza works from 1 to 7 p.m. They spend their day maintaining the two-story building, including the restaurants, convenience store and the outdoor area.

Some of their responsibilities include replacing trash bags, mopping the floors, maintaining the bathrooms, unclogging toilets, cleaning the windows, changing the air filters and sweeping the ground in front of the entrance to the bookstore.

Because they are both around during lunch hour when it's busy, they notice certain behavior among students, as well as some of their habits.

Martinez said on the first day of this semester, one man didn't see two wet floor signs she had up near the entrance and decided to rollerblade at a high speed into the complex.

What happened next was an inevitable spill into embarrassment.

After making sure he was OK, Martinez said she looked at him and just pointed at the signs.

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A.S. proposes refill station

The environmental affairs committee aims to cut down use of water bottles around campus

LUIS RIVAS
SENIOR REPORTER

The environmental affairs committee of Associated Students (A.S.) has approved a resolution to cut down on the usage of water bottles at CSUN.

The committee is proposing to do this by allowing a

company to put water-only vending machines on campus and install tall retrofit faucets on the water fountains with a lever to make it easier for students to refill their water bottles. This will be done in the first-floor of eight buildings on campus: Juniper Hall, Education, Chaparral Hall, Sierra Hall, Jerome Richfield, Manzanita Hall, Redwood Hall and Sequoia Hall.

The retrofication, or the process of adding the fau-

cets, is being done to make it easier for students to get access to free water using bottles they already have in their possession.

The water-only vending machines, called Refill Stations, will be provided by the Hawaiian-based environmentally-friendly company, Flo Water. It will cost 25 cents for a large refill of filtered water from the machines.

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The bathroom next to the A.S. office is the only water fountain with a retrofitted spigot making it more accessible for refilling water bottles.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS / April 2013

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Annual Juried Art Student Exhibition

WHEN: 10 a.m.
WHERE: Art Gallery
DESCRIPTION: The exhibition will stay open through May 4.

USU Table Tennis Tournament

WHEN: 4–6 p.m.
WHERE: Games Room
DESCRIPTION: The USU is hosting a table tennis tournament that will continue to a championship on April 29 from 4–6 p.m.

I Am Also Undocumented

WHEN: 4:30–6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Colleagues Room, 2nd Floor Sierra Center
DESCRIPTION: Immigrant reform will be discussed from underrepresented groups.

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VRC Discussion Group

WHEN: 12–1 p.m.
WHERE: Santa Susanna Room, USU
DESCRIPTION: The VR C is hosting the brown bag lunch and discuss topics related to veterans and their dependents.

Non-Smooth Optimization for Machine Learning

WHEN: 12:30–1:30 p.m.
WHERE: Jacaranda Hall 1568
DESCRIPTION: Faculty will take their lunch breaks and come together to discuss what they are working on and their research interests.

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USU Billiards Tournament

WHEN: 4–6 p.m.
WHERE: Games Room, USU
DESCRIPTION: The USU is hosting a billiards tournament that will continue to a championship on April 30 from 4–6 p.m.

The 2013 Envisioning California Lecture

WHEN: 6:30–8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Little Theatre, Nordhoff Hall
DESCRIPTION: This annual lecture will feature political scientist Raphael Sonenshein discussing the future of Los Angeles politics. The event is free, but reservations are preferred.

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LA Nights

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: PUB Sports Grill
DESCRIPTION: Watch the Los Angeles Clippers play the Sacramento Kings or the Los Angeles Lakers play the Houston Rockets. There will be \$2 food coupons and halftime raffles.

Lafayette String Quartet

WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Plaza del Sol Performance Hall
DESCRIPTION: This quartet will perform classical music throughout the evening with pianist Francois Chouchan.

USU Poker Tournament

WHEN: 4–6 p.m.
WHERE: Games Room
DESCRIPTION: The USU is hosting a poker tournament that will continue to a championship on May 1 from 4–6 p.m.

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Carnaval

WHEN: 12–7:30 p.m.
WHERE: Plaza del Sol, USU
DESCRIPTION: Sixteenth annual Carnaval celebrating diversity. There will be live performances, free food, crafts and activities all focusing on knowledge of diverse cultures.

LGBTQ Coffee Nights

WHEN: 5–7 p.m.
WHERE: Pride Center
DESCRIPTION: Hang out, eat snacks, and play games with other students. Allies are welcome.

Karaoke Night

WHEN: 8–10 p.m.
WHERE: Games Room, USU
DESCRIPTION: Sing karaoke and enjoy free food or enter to win a \$25 Visa gift card.

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Annual Juried Art Student Exhibition - Reception

WHEN: 7–9 p.m.
WHERE: Art Gallery
DESCRIPTION: An average of 200 students submit over 400 works for jurying; the selected works are then exhibited. The exhibition includes a broad range of works representing the various disciplines: painting, sculpture, animation, video, web design, photography, drawing, printmaking, graphic design, textiles, ceramics, and mixed media. Cash awards from the CSUN Arts Council are presented to the students at the opening reception.

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Red Rally - Women's Water Polo

WHEN: 4:30–6 p.m.
WHERE: Matador Pool Complex
DESCRIPTION: Join in and show Matador Pride during the women's water polo game against UC Santa Barbara. Free admission for all fans.

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Softball vs. Pacific Games 1 and 2

WHEN: 12–4 p.m.
WHERE: Softball field
DESCRIPTION: Game 1 of a double-header begins at noon. It is Toiletry Donation Day; free admission with travel-sized toiletry item. Game 2 will begin 30 minutes after Game 1 ends.

Kind of Blue: Jim Cobb's So What Band

WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Great Hall, VPAC
DESCRIPTION: Kind of Blue is an ensemble of outstanding musicians featuring drummer Jim Cobb. Cobb played on the original recording of Miles Davis' 1959 Kind of Blue.

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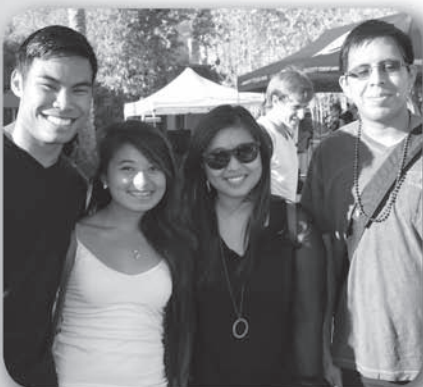
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Table Tennis Tournament
4 p.m. Games Room, USU

TUESDAY

VRC Discussion Group
Noon – 1 p.m.
Veterans Resource Center

Billiards Tournament
4 p.m. Games Room, USU

Tuesday Talks
7 p.m. Pride Center, USU

VRC Games Night
8 p.m. Games Room

WEDNESDAY

Poker Tournament
4 p.m. Games Room, USU

LA Nights:
Lakers vs. Houston/Clippers vs. Kings
7:30 p.m. Pub Sports Grill, USU

THURSDAY

Carnaval
Noon – 7:30 p.m. Plaza del Sol, USU

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

Karaoke Night
8 p.m. Games Room, USU

FRIDAY

Red Rally: Women's Water Polo
3 p.m. Matador Pool Complex

Laugh Your Class Off
8 p.m. Games Room, USU



A DIFFERENT STORY FROM SYRIA

Screening and Discussion of "The Light in Her Eyes"

The Department of Journalism's Erlandson International Symposium Co-sponsored by: Cinema and Television Arts & the Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies program

Shot right before the uprising in Syria erupted, "The Light in Her Eyes" portrays a surprising cultural shift in which women are claiming space within the mosque. Julia Meltzer and Laura Nix, who directed and produced this documentary, will talk about their film. Made without the permission of the Syrian government, it was produced with an all-woman crew.

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custodians

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She theorizes that students' attachment to technological devices is partly to blame for the distractions leading to accidents.

"On the one side technology is good (for school), but on the other side it's bad when they are all on (computers and phones) while they are in front of each other," Martinez said, who enjoys talking with people in person.

Souza described a similar instance when a female student was too distracted by her phone to notice the amount of space allowed by the automatic sliding doors.

"She walked right into the (glass side paneling)," he said. "It made such a loud noise that I thought the glass might break. She didn't even care about the pain, just looked around worried about who might have seen her!"

In general, Martinez said students and those who walk through the bookstore complex are respectful.

She said students know her there and some have even tried to help her carry things. She wears a brace to support her back through the heavy lifting.

"I don't want them to do that though," she said. "It is nice of them but they could get hurt. It's my job."

Martinez and Souza work part time: six-hour shifts Monday to Friday, which means they receive no benefits, according to Tim Killops, associate director for facilities and operations for The University Corporation.

They work for The University

Corporation, along with two other custodians: one who maintains the building in the morning and another who floats between some of the other buildings maintained by the corporation (including the Freudian Sip coffee shops, the Orange Grove Bistro and the Sierra Center, according to John McGuire, The University Corporation's facilities supervisor.

"They are great for what we

"She walked right into the (glass side paneling). It made such a loud noise that I thought the glass might break. She didn't even care about the pain, just looked around worried about who might have seen her!"

rafael souza
CSUN custodian

need them for," McGuire said of Souza and Martinez. "We cover a lot of ground."

Apart from working on campus, both custodians have families. Souza has a son, with whom he likes to spend the majority of his free time. Martinez is a single mom with a 12-year-old daughter.

"She works really hard and has made a lot of sacrifices for her family," Souza said of Martinez.

Martinez said Souza has a sense of humor, and that adds to their working relationship.

"It's hard work, but we make it fun. We laugh a lot here. That's

how you have to do it," she said.

Souza, who is always seen with a smile on his face, said the two help each other throughout the process.

"We have a really good partnership," he said. "During the first week of school she called me before I got (to work) saying she needed my help."

He explains how one of the toilets in the women's bathroom was overflowing with feces during one of the busiest times of the day on one of the busiest days of the year, and Martinez was trying to clean it up.

"I said (on the phone), 'Help me, you're my partner!'" Martinez said.

Souza commented, sparking a reaction from Martinez who pretends to hit him with a broom.

"I told her next time she should bring her swimsuit," he said, laughing.

The two said the women's bathroom is significantly messier than the men's.

They also agree it would help if everyone worked together to be a little cleaner by disposing of their trash in the numerous garbage cans around the building rather than leaving it on the table. Additionally, paper towels in the toilets and the urinals tend to clog the drains, and cause extra work for the custodial staff.

According to McGuire, two of the most costly and time consuming maintenance issues are graffiti in the bathrooms and gum on the floor, which is very difficult to remove.

At night, The University Corporation and the USU outsource custodial services to US Metro, according to Killops.



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Custodians, Rafael Souza and Maria Martinez, pose in front of the Matador Bookstore. They have been working together for two years.

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Japan

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A common sight in heavily populated locations in Japan are people who wear face masks. Those who wear face masks do so when they are sick or as a preventative measure to protect themselves from allergies or other people's germs.



One of many sights to enjoy while studying abroad in Tokyo is the city's vast skyline. Those who live in the area know that while the cities of Japan are condensed there are still many hidden pockets and many levels that one does not initially see unless one dares to be adventurous and explore.



Underwood knew that she wanted to study abroad for a year because she heard from past students that they wish they had committed to a longer program. To prepare herself she would research online of what to expect and how to act as an international student in Japan.



A Japanese business man takes a cigarette break beside a convenience market in Asakusa, Tokyo. Cigarette and beer vending machines are found around many corners in crowded areas in the city.



School children are intrigued by foreigners whose culture is different from theirs. It is not uncommon to see school children in uniform and walking to their destination without an adult. "People are a lot more trusting in this society," Lucitt said.

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Strict trash and recycling regulations leave this empty alleyway so clean that no one would know thousands had walked the street earlier that day. One can also hear the echoing laughs of men and women at a bar in the distance.



There are many opportunities for study abroad students to participate in Japanese cultural events and popular tourist attractions, such as the lanterns that glow at night in Asakusa, Tokyo. The lanterns illuminate both the Kaminarimon Gate and the Nakamise shopping area.



Studying abroad allows one to step into another culture that one may not experience in college. Tokyo, Japan has a wide variety of food that tastes very different from the American-style equivalent. This includes homemade ramen noodles and grilled yakitori chicken.



When not attending classes Underwood, Lucitt and Rodin enjoy exploring the colorful streets of Waseda, Tokyo, their college town and second home for the next six months. During their down time they like to go to places they have never been before like Sirokuma Cafe, a unique cafe that serves enticing combinations of desserts and coffee.



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Minimum wage weighs us down

Stagnating wages for the lower and middle class are keeping the economic recovery from actually recovering

MONA ADEM
OPINION EDITOR

As the United States continues to crawl away from the Great Recession, positive economic indicators such as the dropping unemployment rate provide the media with a convenient talking point and sound bites. However, the point being missed by the media and pundits at large is the astronomical divide between the standard of living and the depression of wages in the U.S. for the middle-class and working poor.

After the recession, the growth of low-wage jobs resulted in a larger discrepancy. Take home pay has stagnated and in some instances decreased during the last several decades, while the cost of living continues to rise. A novice at mathematics can easily see this is an unsustainable equation. Although ignorance seems to be the norm for most politicians, the leaders of this country have to realize that they were not elected to play chess with corporations that continue to make the working American exist in a constant state of check-mate.

Last week, New York's fast food workers organized a one-day strike to demand a living wage. This is the second strike within six months where workers argued that fast-food jobs simply do not pay a wage reflective of New York City's cost of living. But as usual, the political world has given imperceptive attention to the perpetual wage stagnating.

One of the greatest arguments that continues to exist in the political sphere is corporations are "job creators" that do not need to face burdensome regulations from the government. Indeed, political leaders strongly assert that these federal regulations will only harm the economy and thus stifle job creation. However, the argument of "job creators" is only valid if one considered the types of jobs that are now available to help the economy prosper.

A 2012 report by the National Employment Law Project explicates that even though lower-wage occupations constituted 21 percent of recession losses during the recession, it made up 58 percent of the

recovery growth. At the same time, mid-wage occupations constituted 60 percent of recession losses, but only 22 percent of recovery growth. The middle-class is being decimated.

Its imperative to remember that more than 60 percent of low-wage workers are employed by larger corporations with over 100 employees. More significantly, the number of low-wage jobs that continues to increase is not stimulating the economy. In contrast, the job-creators are actually impeding the growth of the nation, while deepening an already preposterous income disparity.

By the end of 2011, the total profit for U.S. corporations reached a record high of more than \$2 trillion. The 50 largest employers of low-wage workers have largely recovered from the recession and now found themselves in a strong financial position. One of the top three low-wage employers, McDonald's, has seen a 130 percent profit growth in recent years.

One of the biggest arguments for an unregulated and lower corporate tax is the use of revenue and profit made by corporations to re-invest for growth and thus boost the economy. Although the statutory tax rate for highly profitable companies is 35 percent, the rate actually paid in current years by most companies is 13 percent. So how exactly are job-creators reinvesting their profit? The answer is, they aren't.

The top executive compensation for largest corporations averaged more than \$9 million last year. In the most recent fiscal year, the hourly compensation for the highest-paid Walmart executive has been more than \$9,000. Meanwhile, their employees would have to work over 1,000 hours to make the equivalent of a corporate hour of work.

In his most recent State of the Union Address, President Obama recently proposed an increase of the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$9 an hour. The president said, "corporate profits have rocketed to all-time highs but for more than a decade, wages and incomes have barely budged." In contrast, House Speaker John Boehner disagreed with Obama and claimed that raising wages will cause unemployment and thus burden the "job creators."

Corporations should not only be held accountable for the perpetuation of low-paying jobs, but also for a long history of outsourcing job opportunities. According to a 2012 Wall Street Journal



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analysis, 35 U.S. based multinational companies "added jobs faster than other U.S. employers in the past two years, but nearly three-fourths of those jobs were overseas." Simultaneously, the current jobs offered in the states provide a wage that keeps most working Americans just above the poverty line.

A 2013 study by Economic Policy Institute illustrates that until the 1980s, earning a minimum wage could have been enough to lift someone out of poverty. In fact, the minimum wage income during the late 1960s was higher than the poverty line for a family with two adults and one child. However, as the research indicates, "today's minimum wage is not enough for a single parent to reach even most basic threshold of adequate living standards." Furthermore, minimum wage-workers are no longer characterized as young high-school students looking to make extra bucks.

More than 40 percent of those

working in low-paying occupations have some college degree and almost 30 percent are parents. Perhaps more importantly, more than 50 percent of those working in low-paying occupations are full-time workers. But working full-time is no longer enough to break oneself from a poverty trap and President Obama's proposal of raising minimum wage to \$9 is modest to say the least.

If the minimum wage had kept pace or expanded at the same rate as the average wage, it would be about \$10.50 today. Furthermore, when comparing wages with the top 1 percent, American workers in low-wage occupations would be paid over 28 dollars an hour. Instead, as the bottom 20 percent lost more than \$130 billion in annual income between 1979 and 2005, the top 1 percent continues to celebrate more than \$670 billion in annual gains made during the same period. But wages

must also be discussed in relation to making ends meet and the cost of an individual worker's labor.

Since the '90s, the cost of living has gone up more than 60 percent. The income required for a single worker to have a real economic security should be around \$30,000. Instead, one year's earnings at the minimum wage is around \$15,000. Perhaps more importantly, if the minimum wage had kept pace with productivity or with the economy's overall capacity to generate income, it would be nearly \$18.67 today.

The concept of 'productivity' makes up a great deal of the American exceptionalism where working longer hours while balancing two or three jobs are considered unique American traits. Indeed, not only are U.S. citizens some of the most over-worked people in the world, they are also the least protected as workers.

As indicated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation, Americans work almost 400 hours more per year than workers in the Netherlands or Germany. Although countries such as Russia and Hungary have on average longer annual hours per worker, the U.S. is the only industrialized country and one of the very few countries worldwide that does not give workers the right to weekends off, paid vacations or paid maternity leave.

But to be a proud American and to manifest patriotism, one has to accept working oneself to death and selling labor for free as a natural part of capitalism where the corporate world assures that hard work eventually pays off. After all, low-occupation jobs should only be considered a stepping stone when moving up in the economic ladder which is the fundamental value of the 'American Dream.'

However, a 2013 study by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, shows that if you were born in the bottom 20 percent, your chances of ending up in the top 20 percent are about 5 percent. Meanwhile, children born into the top quintile, almost 50 percent, are still there as adult and only 7 percent fall to the bottom quintile.

The vast majority of us do not see any advantageous benefits for a misguided sense of corporate patriotism. Instead, we work harder to barely get by. It's a mess that needs major fixing. Unfortunately, the willpower to do so, is being drained by the very problem we face.

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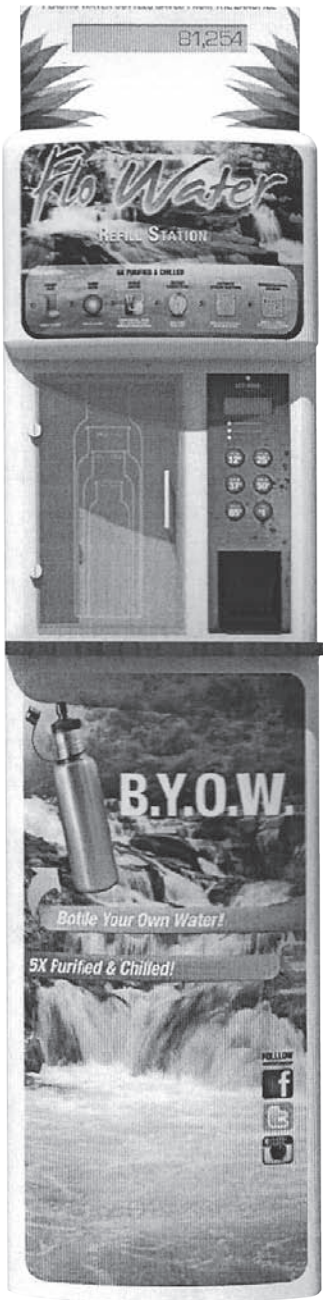
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A prototype of the Flo Water stations that would be installed around campus.

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Tiffany Zaich, 21, junior, food science major is supportive of both plans. As chair of the environmental affairs committee of A.S., she said that the water from Flo Water is not only environmentally better, but a healthier alternative.

“A lot of people go purchasing water bottles because they believe that the water bottles are filtered and the cleanest and best quality that you can get,” Zaich said. “But in all reality, they’re not.”

According to the company’s website, Flo Water delivers the highest quality of filtered water, which goes through six different filtration processes and reverse osmosis, removing rust, dirt, chlorine, pesticides, herbicides and other pollutants.

Wesley Graft, 24, a graduate student in the history department sees both the Flo Water machines and the retrofitted spigots as a great thing. He works at a private high school in Santa Clarita where they have similarly made efforts to cut down the usage of water bottles on campus and have incorporated the retrofitted spigots on their water fountains.

“Basically, we decided to get rid of plastic water bottles,” he said. “We have our own lunch program at Sierra Canyon School in Chatsworth. That’s where I work. It’s a private school. Starting this school year, when we started in August/September, they decided to get rid of water bottles completely.”

Graft said it was primarily an effort to reduce plastic water bottles in the trash. The nature of kids, especially younger ones, is to be neglectful with recycling, he said.

Currently, the A.S. Senate is still voting on it. Furthermore, in order for a company to come to campus, it has to be approved by University Corporation.

Mike Lennon, associate director of retail operations for University Corporation, said that they would have to work with Physical Plant Management (PPM) to ensure that the refill stations are next to water lines.

“Currently, we are not at that phase yet,” Lennon said. “Basically, it still has to go through PPM. Once we get approval, then we take it from there.”

Lennon said that he and the University Corporation are happy to work with A.S. in efforts to be more environmentally friendly.

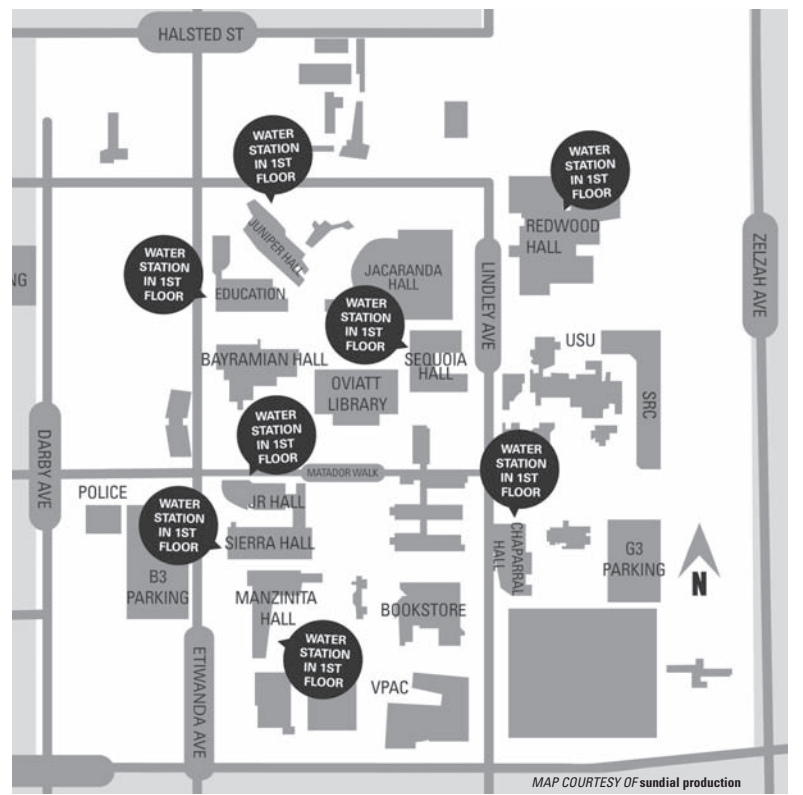
The job of the environmental affairs committee and A.S. in general is to stand up and represent the student body, which has come out in favor of wanting filtered water stations on campus, Zaich said.

“We are making those proposals to the University Corporation, and they are on board for the flow water filtered water stations,” Zaich said.

Members of the environmental affairs committee saw the need to reduce the use of plastic water bottles due to ecological reasons, such as ocean pollution.

Zaich stays up to date with environmentalism news, such as the Trash Islands. The most well-known of these islands are located in between Hawaii and California and have a dangerously high-level of plastic pollution, so much so that birds and other marine wildlife consistently die from their ingestion of plastics.

Wyatt Taubman, founder of Flo Water, studied environmental studies and economics at the University of San Diego. Like Zaich, he too was personally motivated by the extreme case of plastic water bottle pollution that has



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negatively affecting oceans and marine life. This is where the concept of Flo Water came from, Taubman said. Additionally, the idea of providing truly healthy water was a key factor.

“It’s the highest quality water you can drink,” Taubman said. “The water goes through six filtration processes, and it provides continual water from on-site connection to the municipal water line. It could be hundreds of feet from water lines.”

Karlin Villafuerte, 20, a junior liberal studies major, has mixed feelings on A.S.’s plan to reduce the use of water bottles.

“I’m kind of in the middle about it,” Villafuerte said. “I think the spigots might be a bad idea. But using water fountains to refill your bottles,

that’s good. I think that’s a good idea.

Villafuerte, who like many CSUN students buys bottled water regularly from campus, understands that it’s environmentally better to use washable water bottles but it’s sometimes inconvenient for a college student already-carrying at capacity.

“Sometimes I don’t do it just because I feel like ‘Oh, I have to carry it’ and that’s kind of an inconvenience. You have so many other things you have to carry,” she said.

But overall, it is better to use washable water bottles, she said.

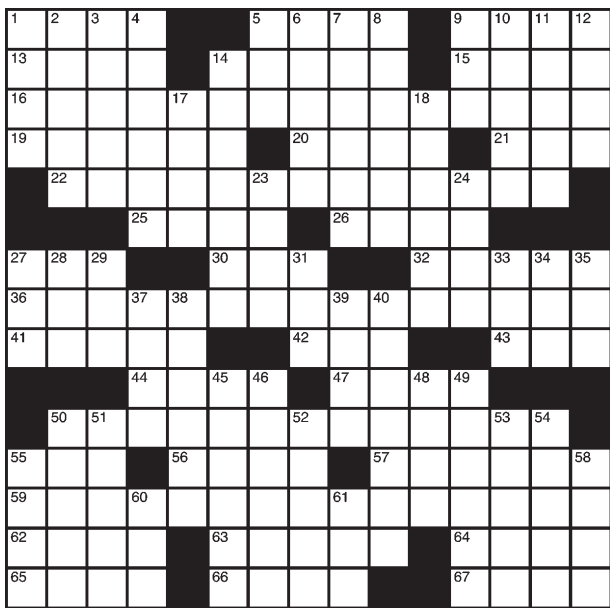
A.S. will cover the cost of the retrofitted water fountains, which will be around \$160 per retrofitted unit. The current projected estimate is \$1,280.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Wynonna or Naomi of country music
- 5 “Doctor Zhivago” heroine
- 9 Files opened with Adobe, for short
- 13 Licked cookie
- 14 Underage person
- 15 La Scala showstopper
- 16 *Comforter-and-sheets set for a large mattress, say
- 19 Enter gingerly
- 20 Bigfoot cousin
- 21 “Miserables”
- 22 *Gaga way to be in love
- 25 Follow one’s new job, in Realtorese
- 26 “Cheerio!”
- 27 Sci-fi vehicle: Abbr.
- 30 Attention from Dr. Mom
- 32 Answers an invite, for short
- 36 *Big tourist draw
- 41 Movie trailer, e.g.
- 42 Sun, in Spain
- 43 Sea shocker
- 44 Hieroglyphic snakes
- 47 Lovers’ spat, say
- 50 *Industry-spanning work stoppage
- 55 Right-angle piece
- 56 Pamplona runner
- 57 Professor’s security
- 59 Simon Says relative, and a hint to what happens after the starts of 16-, 22-, 36- and 50-Across
- 62 Shade provider
- 63 In ___: mad
- 64 Not right in the head
- 65 “Auld Lang ___”
- 66 Nevada gambling city
- 67 Auto repair figs.



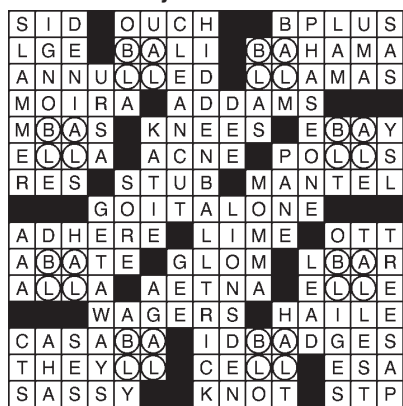
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- 2 Dickens villain
- 3 Like a thicket
- 4 Folded corner
- 5 Tina’s “30 Rock” role
- 6 “... for ___, a tooth ...”
- 7 Poet Frost
- 8 Franklin of soul
- 9 Hippie’s digs
- 10 Dentist’s tool
- 11 Traffic violation consequences
- 12 Slumps
- 14 Camera maker that merged with Konica
- 17 Fries, for one
- 18 Coke Zero competitor
- 23 Battery unit
- 24 Sunup point
- 27 Baseball official
- 28 Gary Larson’s “The ___ Side”
- 29 Pedro’s peeper
- 31 Dol. parts
- 33 Compete
- 34 “The Raven” poet
- 35 NBC sketch show

Thursday’s Puzzle Solved



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- 37 Yemen neighbor
- 38 Met, as a difficult challenge
- 39 Decays
- 40 Somewhat
- 45 Like political hawks
- 46 “Hell is other people” French dramatist
- 48 At no charge
- 49 Big operatic ending
- 50 Morning ___: flower
- 51 DeGeneres’s sitcom
- 52 Actress Lindsay
- 53 Praise
- 54 Straight up
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- 58 Greek Cupid
- 60 Golfer Trevino
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Bryant's injury leaves LA in bind

Torn achilles means the Lakers must rally behind big men Pau Gasol and Dwight Howard to make the playoffs

MARK AWAD
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Los Angeles stood still at the end of the fourth quarter with three minutes left as superstar Kobe Bryant went down. The news broke post-game: Bryant probably tore his achilles heel (an MRI confirmed it later). As Bryant stood up with crutches and a teary eye he said "I can't, I can't walk." Kobe's injury sucked the oxygen out of Lakers fans and their playoff hopes, very similar to when Magic Johnson announced his retirement due to HIV in 1991.

The 34-year-old has averaged 45 minutes in April, which is staggering for a player his age. Most critics will point the finger at coach Mike D'Antoni saying he ran Kobe to the ground while others would say the Lakers had no option but to play him this much in order to make a playoff push.

The Lakers season has not been impressive and they are

currently fighting to hang on to the eighth seed in the West. Los Angeles currently has a one game lead over the Utah Jazz with two tough games remaining against the Spurs and the Rockets. The Lakers are still extremely talented without Bryant but they will have to make major adjustments and utilize their bigs in a slow-tempo offense to stand any sort of chance.

The Lakers have two all star giants down low in Pau Gasol and Dwight Howard. Steve Nash could be back as soon as the next game against the Spurs, which will allow them to run more half court sets and pick and rolls. Nash needs to be more of a scoring point guard while orchestrating this offense while Dwight Howard needs to step up and anchor the team's defense the same as when he was on Orlando.

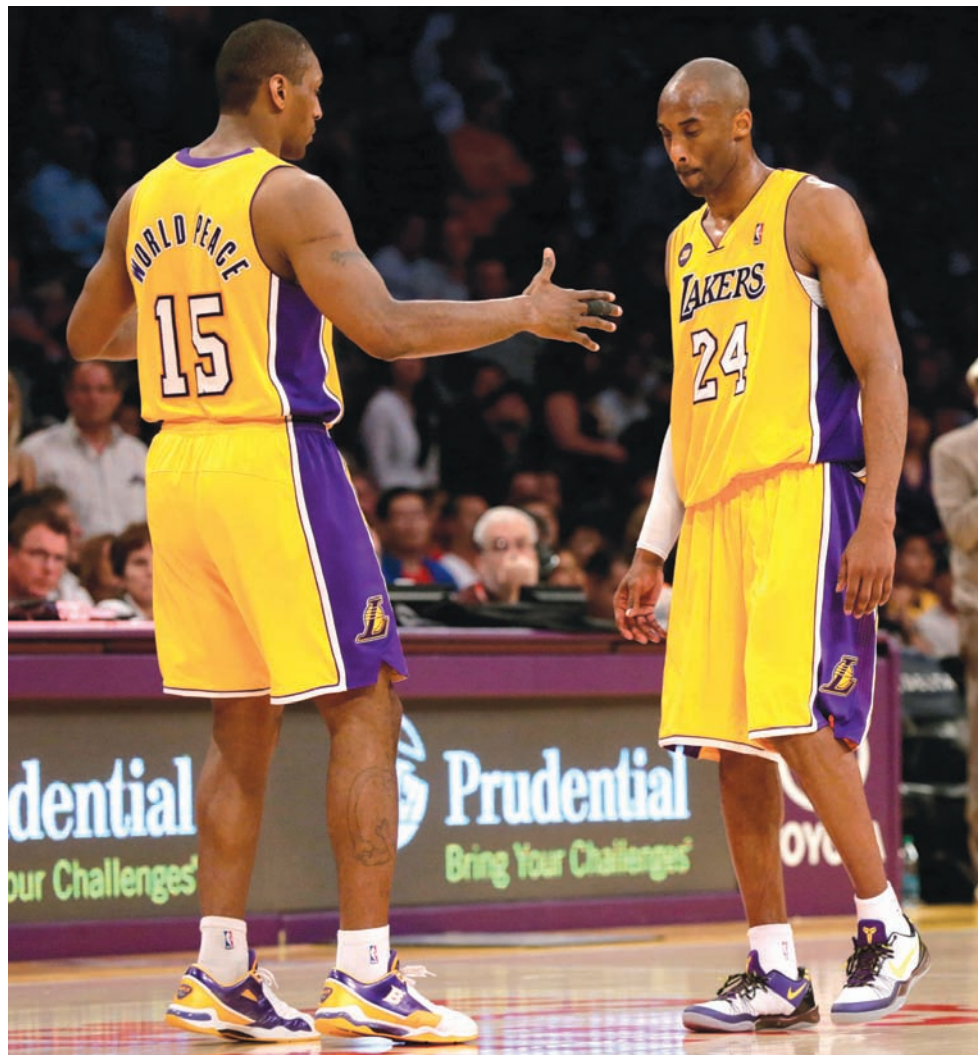
Gasol, who recorded a triple double when Kobe got hurt against the Warriors, has been scoring, passing and rebounding impressively the last three games and needs to carry this play into the playoffs. Hopefully, this injury sparks Los Angeles to the playoffs.

As we witnessed earlier this year, injuries can have an emotional and inspirational force on a team. Louisville saw star guard Kevin Ware go down with a gruesome injury, but the team rallied and ultimately won the NCAA championship.

As for Kobe, he'll be with his team coaching, teaching and doing anything he can to help this team off the court. The odds of him returning to the game ever again are against him as an achilles tear takes roughly six to nine months to fully heal.

Bryant is currently 34 years of age and has played 17 NBA seasons, his body has been through a lot of wear and tear throughout the years. If that was truly the last time we saw Bryant take the court, he left us with an amazing 17 seasons of basketball, five NBA championships, an unbelievable 81 point game, countless buzzer beaters, highlight plays and dunks. Kobe will arguably go down as the fiercest, most dominant shooting guard to ever play this game (with all respect to Michael Jordan).

Then again, something tells me he'll be back and ready to go for the next season.



Guard Kobe Bryant hobbles off the court in the second half of the Lakers matcup with the Warriors. COURTESY OF MCT

New coach vows positive changes

MELANIE GABALL
DAILY SUNDIAL

Reggie Theus was officially introduced by President Dianne Harrison and Athletic Director Dr. Brandon Martin as the CSUN men's head basketball coach in a press conference held at the Matadome Friday afternoon.

The former NBA player and coach, who signed a multi-year contract with CSUN, said his goals for the upcoming season are to "be the hardest playing team in the conference, with a full court pressure defense," and create a team that CSUN's community will want to talk about.

"I challenge our student body that if you support our program one thousand percent, I will put the product on the court that you can be proud of," Theus said.

Harrison said that she is happy to have Theus onboard and believes he will develop the players not only on the basketball court, but also to



Athletic Director, Dr. Brandon Martin, welcomes the new men's basketball coach, Reggie Theus, to CSUN during a press conference at the Matadome. Theus, previous coach of the Sacramento Kings, succeeds Bobby Braswell following a 14-17 season. CHARLIE KAIJO / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

have successful careers.

"We share the same values, that student success is priority number one," Harrison said. "He is also a great storyteller. He can tell amaz-

ing, true inspirational stories about basketball."

Theus was head coach at New Mexico State for two seasons before becoming an assistant coach at the Univer-

sity of Louisville under hall-of-famer Rick Pitino. In the 2004-2005 season, the Cardinals reached the NCAA Final Four and Theus was named one of the Top 25 recruiters

in the nation by Rivals.com.

Getting phone calls from potential recruits nationwide since he was hired, Theus believes he has to find "the right pieces" to fit the current roster.

"Recruiting is about relationships, I have great relationships. It is about your program and we have some challenges in our program," Theus said. "I think that you are going to see a difference in the program immediately, in terms of the look of it. CSUN basketball has sort of been the third wheel, that has to stop. That stops today."

Bringing on his own staff, Theus is in the process of finding assistants and hopes to have his support staff finalized by next week.

Along with playing in the NBA for 13 seasons, he was the head coach of the Sacramento Kings for two seasons (2007-2009) and an assistant coach with the Minnesota Timberwolves (2009-2011).

"I love the NBA and what it's done for me, but I am a community person, I love people, and in the NBA they sort of want to keep you away from the people," Theus said. "I think having the opportunity to be back in college is always been where my heart is. Mentoring (the players), and having an affect on their lives is something that's personal for me."