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SHUTDOWN: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

As the fiscal year was coming to an end, congress was not able to pass a spending bill, as the Republican-controlled House did not want to fund Obamacare, while the Senate wanted the program fully funded.

A GOVERNMENT WHAT?

When congress can't agree on a spending bill and the country is approaching the debt limit, a government shutdown occurs.

WHY NOW?

The U.S. government operates on a fiscal year, starting Oct. 1 until Sept. 30 and shutdowns can happen any time during the year when Congress passes a partial-year spending bill.

THE FIGHT IN CONGRESS

The House, which is controlled by Republicans has passed a bill but they refuse to provide funding to implement Obamacare. Meanwhile, the Senate, controlled by the Democrats demands that the program be fully funded and wants Congress to pass "clean" CR (continuing resolution without policy changes).

DOES CONGRESS STILL GET PAID?

Congress will still be paid during a shutdown because of the 27th Amendment, which states, "No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of representatives shall have intervened."

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The 113th Congress caused a "shutdown" of most federal government agencies today due to its failure to complete the standard yearly process of funding the government for the coming fiscal year (FY). The failure was caused by a disagreement between Senate Democrats and House Republicans over Republican-authored amendments to the budgeting bill that would delay the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) during FY 2013-2014. Both the first day of the fiscal year and the new health care exchanges open today.

The shutdown will stop most government agencies from functioning past programs which were already appropriated for. This means many federal workers will take furloughs and only "essential" workers will remain in place.

EFFECT OF SHUTDOWN ON PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

The U.S. Department of Education published a contingency plan Sept. 27 in case of a shutdown. According to the memorandum, 90 percent of its workers would be furloughed during the first week of a government shutdown, leaving only those who have been Presidentially-appointed and Senate-confirmed, as well as security workers. The shutdown would leave the "obligation, payment, and support of student financial aid as well as other authorized payments and obligations."

Secured funds include \$22 billion already appropriated in the 2013 budget, for student financial aid in the form of Pell Grants, Direct Loans and other programs like Federal Work Study can continue without significant damage. Other programs like "Race to the Top and Promise Neighborhoods" will only last through Dec. 31.

Lili Vidal, director of the CSUN Financial Aid and Scholarship Department, remains confi-

dent that her department will function as normal.

"We do not anticipate any impact on students if the shutdown is relatively short," Vidal said. "Because federal financial aid is forward-funded by Congress, we should not have a problem awarding and paying students this year. A lengthy shutdown could delay our ability to make timely awards for 2014-15."

According to the Department of Education memorandum, more than 14 million students at over 6,600 schools will receive financial aid through Pell Grants and Direct Student Loans. If the shutdown remains in place for a significant amount of time, payments may be delayed due to a shortage of staff to process the payments.

Congress succeeded in passing a bill to continue funding the military if a shutdown were to take place. Some in Congress floated the idea of voting to fund the government for another week, but the idea was unpopular in both parties, as both Democrats and Republicans do not want to budge on their support or opposition for Obamacare.

POLITICAL GRIDLOCK: THE ROAD TO SHUTDOWN

This is the first government shutdown to take place since December 1995. Over the last few years, Congress has been close to causing shutdowns or close to defaulting on the national debt due to political gridlock over issues like health care and taxes.

The failed bill, H.J. Res. 59, the Continuing Appropriations Resolution for 2014, was first introduced in the House on Sept. 10, to continue budgeting for the various departments and agencies making up the federal government until Dec. 15. However, Republicans in the house tacked on an amendment to the bill on Sept. 20 to halt any federal funds to carry out the PPACA or "Obamacare."

The bill was sent to the Senate, which sent the bill back to the House on Friday without the Obamacare amendment and

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Ticketmaster partnership renewed

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS (A.S.) learned that the CSUN community can now purchase tickets to events on campus through Ticketmaster.

A.S. General Manager David Crandall announced on Monday that CSUN President Dianne Harrison approved the proposal and that Ticketmaster is now up and running with CSUN events for sale on its website.

"We have worked with Ticketmaster for decades and just now recently that partnership has started back up," Crandall said.

Ticketmaster is now selling tickets for athletic events, planetarium shows, musical events and theater shows, among others.

When visiting the Ticketmaster website, a lot of information is given about each event so that visitors can be well prepared beforehand. Resources on the webpage include weather conditions in the area, parking fees and locations, directions to the campus as well as nearby restaurants and eateries just in case event-goers may want to grab a bite prior to attending.

Ticketmaster is a convenient way for CSUN visitors to purchase tickets without having to visit the campus. Tickets for upcoming events and shows will still be sold on campus at the A.S. Ticket



Senators Sonia Vaswani (Left), Sarah Garcia (Middle) and Jorge Reyes (Right) voted to reinstate a Ticketmaster partnership on Monday.

Office, which is located in the University Student Union (USU) as well as the Plaza Del Sol.

The opening of the Valley Performing Arts Center (VPAC) along with CSUN athletics, rekindled the connection between CSUN and Ticketmaster

after 10 years of disassociation.

CSUN athletics has developed a new way to make their events appealing and accessible to potential game attendees with the help of Ticketmaster, Crandall said.

The Plaza del Sol at the USU is

also now selling tickets immediately before performances, which will stop students from reselling their tickets, according to Crandall.

"And the silly thing that used to happen that can't happen anymore is that students can't sell their

tickets to others," Crandall said.

In other news, A.S. announced its first Member of the Month. The award was given to A.S. Senator and deaf studies major Sarah Garcia.

According to the A.S. website, the member of the month is said to "go above and beyond job duties to enhance the reputation of A.S., has done something particularly notable in their department, and (is) knowledgeable of A.S. departments and resources."

A.S. Chair of Personnel Lisa-Mone LaMontage presented Garcia with a bouquet of roses to go along with her award.

"She volunteers whenever she can, despite her busy schedule with work and school," LaMontage said before handing Garcia her award.

A.S. meetings take place every Monday morning at 9 a.m. It is at these meetings that students can voice any questions or concerns they have regarding the university.

Every A.S. meeting is open to the public and it is within the first 30 minutes of the meeting that the open forum takes place. During open forum, any member of the public (can) address the Senate regarding any issues affecting CSUN students," according to the A.S. agenda.

If students have any questions or concerns about CSUN, they can visit the A.S. website for more information regarding further meeting information.

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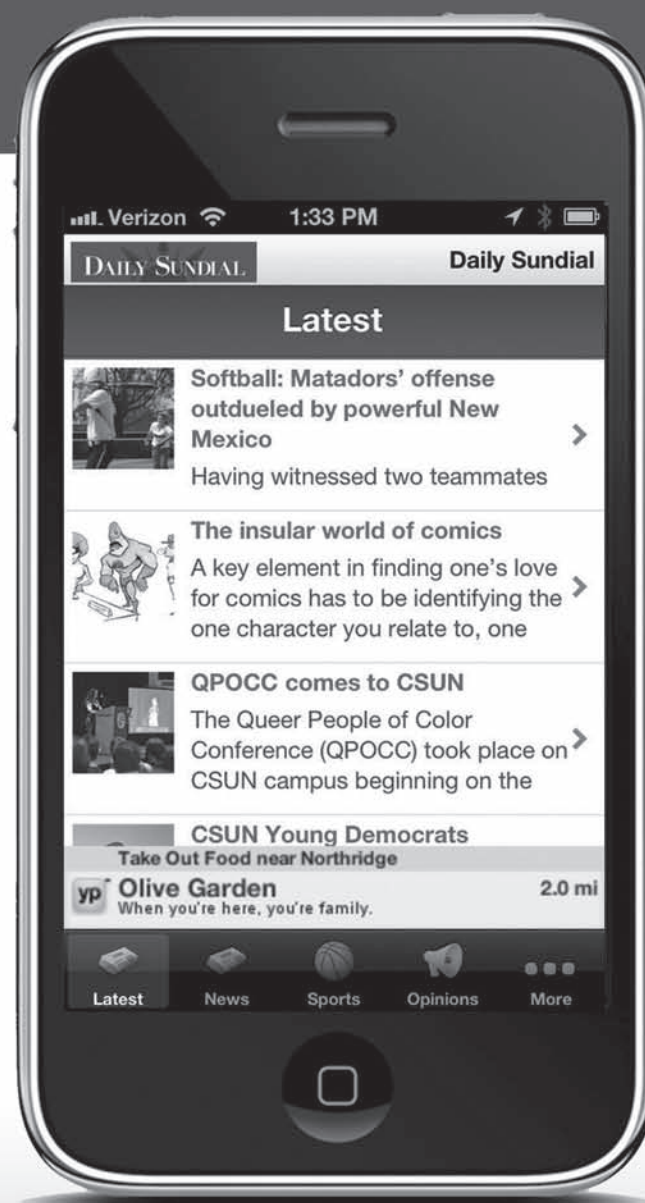
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Oviatt unveils new decor

Learning Commons will host grand opening celebration this Thursday

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THE OVIATT LIBRARY will celebrate the Grand Opening of the Learning Commons Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Beginning last semester construction workers began to renovate the library. The entire entry of the library has been transformed and students are now welcomed to a redesigned floor, new study spaces, modern and ergonomic furniture and laptop checkouts.

"It's a relaxing place," said Eric Ramirez, a junior cinema and television arts major. "I focus more and I'm more productive. I'm in here three to four hours when I'm on campus."

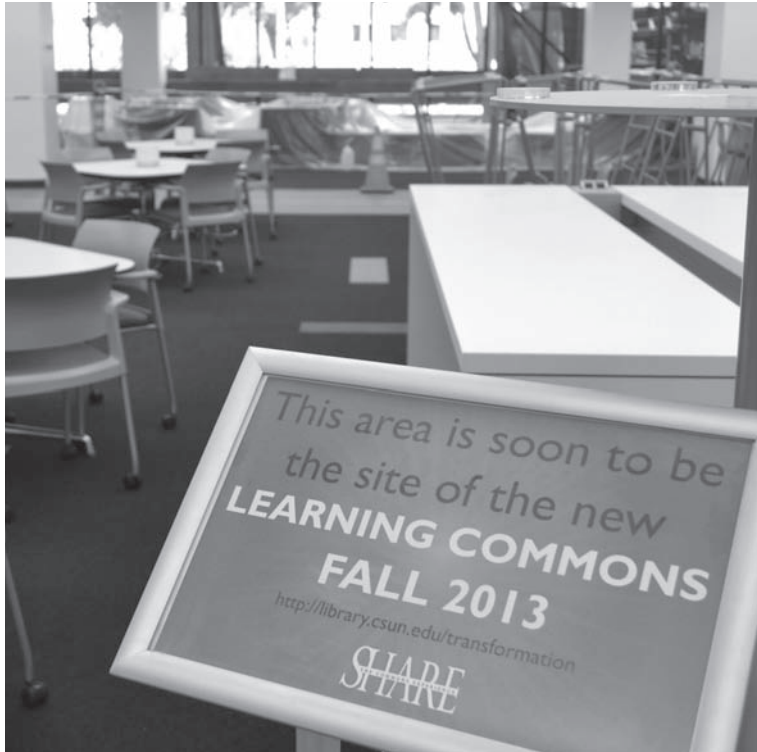
The Learning Commons also includes a permanent Freudian Sip and a relocated learning resource center.

"It's a nice place to meet with people," said Kisha Edmonds, a junior sociology major. "It's like Starbucks."

Last semester the Freudian Sip located in the library consisted of a cart with a limited menu. Now, it's a coffee house and offers a full menu and seating space.

In addition to the Learning Commons, the Oviatt renovation also includes the Learning Resource Center (LRC). This center opened in the beginning of this semester.

The LRC was moved to the library from Bayramian Hall. It offers tutor-



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The Grand Opening of the Learning Commons will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

ing and supplemental instruction for math and science, help with writing, and preparation with the upper division writing proficiency exam.

The library will continue improving until 2016. The special collections will be expanded, a minor renovation to technical services on the 4th floor, and group study rooms and collaborative learning spaces will be constructed on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors.

"The Learning Commons is a combination of different facets including space, technology, partnerships among people and entities on campus," said Mark Stover, dean of the Oviatt Library, in a previous story in the Daily Sundial regarding the Learning Commons. Feel free to contact the library if you would like more information regarding the Grand Opening this Thursday afternoon.

Theater matures autistic social skills

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PLAYWRIGHT Lauren Goldman Marshall will direct a three-day workshop at CSUN for adults who have learning disabilities or want to learn theater techniques that can enhance communication skills for individuals with learning disabilities.

The workshop, called "Theatre of Possibility for Autism" will take place at CSUN's Institute for Community Health and Wellbeing on Friday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Oct. 13.

The workshop was created by Marshall five years ago using theater techniques from Brazilian director Augusto Boal's "Theatre of the Oppressed." Marshall uses these techniques to practice relationship skills for youth with Asperger's, Autism, ADHD and other related disabilities.

Boal's theater techniques include image theater (sculpting images to represent thoughts and feelings), forum theater (role play solutions), rainbow of desire (exploring a spectrum of emotion), and cops in the head (hearing and responding to internal criticism).

"In theater, people tend to be more accepting, therefore (those with learning disabilities) can feel more comfortable to explore themselves. In theater, we celebrate being origi-

nal and being different," said Eric Austin, theater major.

Austin described himself as introverted in the past and attributed his experiences in the classroom as a theater major in helping him become focused and people-oriented.

"You sort of enter into a different realm almost, where just about anything goes. You don't have to follow social norms all the time," said Wesley Rodriguez, theater minor. "Since autistic kids don't always follow the social norms I would follow, it is an interesting environment for them to explore."

Although Marshall lives in Seattle, she has worked nationally as a playwright and a theater director since the 1980s. Some of her award-winning plays include "Waiter" and "There's a Slug in my Latte".

In her years as a co-artistic and producing director of Seattle Public Theatre, she worked with youth groups to explore conflict resolution and empowerment in the touring Theatre of Liberation program. Marshall also co-founded Aspire Girls, a social group for girls with Asperger's, and has a daughter with Asperger's syndrome.

CSUN undergraduates and graduates are welcome to attend the workshops along with teachers, therapists, counselors, parents and care providers.

To attend the workshop, participants must register and pay a \$125 to \$150 fee after Sept. 20th to attend all three days. Fees include meals and supplies.

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Drop-in and embrace the sisterly love

Female African-American students can connect with the Sistahood Network, a new specialized therapy group

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YOUNG African-American female students, a population that does not traditionally seek counseling, will now have the opportunity to safely and comfortably obtain those services with the formation of the Sistahood Community.

Paulette Theresa, of the University Counseling Services, saw the need among young African-American women, but also because of the stigma attached to seeking mental health services. She believed that meeting the students outside of the counseling center would be the answer.

"It's a group of students and staff and faculty. I'm bringing the students together as a place for them to feel safe and to feel comfortable once a week as a drop-in center," Theresa said. "The reason we don't have the support meet here at the University Counseling Services is so students can feel more comfortable."

Debra Hammond, executive director of the University Student Union, offered to cosponsor and collaborate with



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Paulette Theresa established the Sistahood Community to provide counseling services for African American female students in a safe and comfortable environment. The students will have the opportunity to connect with mentors of similar backgrounds in an attempt to build meaningful and helpful connections.

Theresa in an effort to provide a space for black female students to feel safe and connect with others like them.

Theresa explains that an individual can connect with another that looks like them as it will make them feel more comfortable and willing to open up. It is because of this that roughly 30 mentors form

the base of the community, of which half are highly active and attend the weekly meetings. These mentors are women faculty across campus who will serve as both a connection and support to the young women.

"I've been here for a year and a half at CSUN and I felt so disconnected," said Whitney Hudson, senior communications

studies major. "I didn't participate in anything or I kind of felt out of place at a lot of events and coming here and actually speaking with the girls, African-American girls, and knowing they have the same concerns that I have is great."

In an effort to raise the student's involvement on campus, the members created four com-

mittees. They aim to organize events designed to raise their own empowerment and spreading the word of their new community. The events also serve to connect other members who may not be able to attend the weekly meetings so that they can still participate.

The four committees include the Black Cultural Pride Committee, Campus-Wide Events, Film and Media Discussion Nights and the Personal Empowerment and Self-Care committee.

"I think that there are different, various committees for different areas that we believe that the students can benefit from and grow and feel like they belong," said Ani Avetisyan, Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the University Student Union.

The community operates on two different levels for students. It works as a drop-in center in which students can attend when they need to and stay as long as needed. It is also an entity, in that the name itself connects people together, helping to build a community.

"I think that anybody who wants to feel connected on campus, Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, anything, you should

find a club that you want to go to whether that's here or any part of campus," said Brittney Bridges, junior public health promotion major. "There is a club for everybody and if there isn't one, start one."

Although the Sistahood Community is a very young group, its goals include staying consistent so the young women can always have a place to come to, spreading the word and increasing their total number of members from the current group of 40 and focusing on the development of the girls in terms of education and self-improvement.

"I really do what I do because I feel like I'm called to do this in my life and when someone is impacted that way, there's no higher calling than the opportunity to be able to share in someone's journey with them," Theresa said. "That they would allow me to do that, it's an honor so I don't take that lightly."

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Opinion

Should you care about Obamacare?

Obamacare is needed in a dysfunctional system

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YOU SAY NO to Obamacare.

I say, I wish you had to eat, sleep, walk and work with tremendous pain simply because you say no to Obamacare.

I say, one day it may be you who has to hold your crying child in your arms, powerless and forced to watch your child in agony.

You say no to Obamacare.

I say, how would you feel if you suddenly had to say goodbye to your uninsured sibling because it was too late to save her life, knowing that if only had she been insured, the story might have turned out differently?

A recent study has shown that between 1990 and 2010, the U.S. fell from 18th to 27th among wealthy nations in early deaths and life expectancy at birth. Compared to the other 38 countries in the study, the U.S. also has one of the highest rates of chronic illness and disability. (Go U.S.A.!)

In a country that upholds empty nouns such as democracy and equality, more than 45 million of its citizens were uninsured during 2012, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Furthermore, nearly eight million children lack access to basic physical and mental health care services. (Go U.S.A.)

Don't get me wrong. Obamacare is probably not the best or only solution to fix the broken state of healthcare in this country. But how exactly can you yield a different result from a dysfunctional system? And there is little doubt that the system is not only dysfunctional, but also archaic.

Although the U.S. ranked second in healthcare cost per capita (\$8,608), according to a Bloomberg study, it ranked 46th in healthcare efficiency among the 48 countries included. A system inferior to China, Iran, Mexico and Libya. This means that while the cost is one of the highest in the world, the outcome is significantly worse and, additionally, less efficient when compared to all other nations in the study (Go U.S.A.)

From 2000 to 2007, healthcare premiums increased by almost 90 percent, according to the organization Health Care for America Now. During the same period, the profit of the 10 largest insurance companies increased by 428 percent, from about \$2 billion to \$12 billion.

Meanwhile, during this year alone, "one in five American adults will struggle to pay medical bills," according to a 2013 study. Furthermore, more than 35

million Americans (ages 19-64) will be contacted by collections agencies for unpaid medical bills, making it the "leading case of personal bankruptcy" in the country, outpacing credit card and mortgage bankruptcies (Go U.S.A.)

Health insurance companies who adamantly oppose Obamacare are fully aware that implementation of the law will further compromise their profits. And this is a valid concern in light of our for-profit healthcare system model. This model does not aim to help the sick, the poor, or the vulnerable. Quite the opposite. It is a system that relies on a vicious cycle that celebrates and embraces chronic diseases and expensive illnesses. It is a system incapable of seeing people as anything more than profit extraction vessels. It is, first and foremost, concerned about stock prices and quarterly profits. So why would we expect anything different? As the great philosopher Plato once said, "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

It is about time to stop blindly and ignorantly supporting a system that benefits the very few at the extreme cost to so many. It is time we act with morality and compassion for those who need it the most. Obamacare is far from perfect, but it is a reform that can change the playing field for so many people, especially for those who need the support the most.

One day it may indeed be you who wishes you or your family member never got sick because even with insurance in this country, your future might still be doomed. And when that happens, how will you wish your fellow Americans had acted?

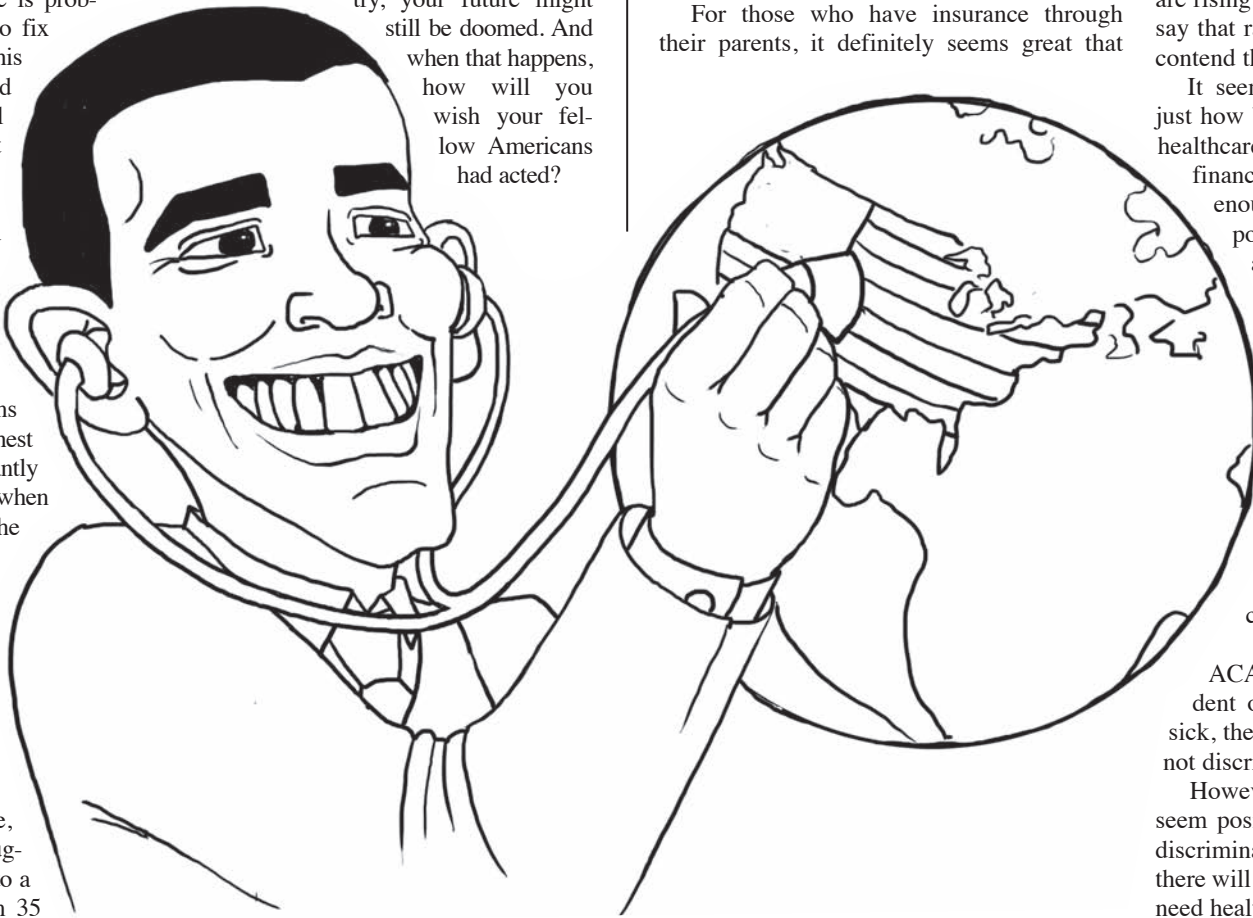


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Obamacare is not good for you, unless you're already sick

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TO SAY the 2,000-plus pages constituting the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), commonly known as Obamacare, are complicated is an understatement. Alas, there are certain core problems many acknowledge.

First, it doesn't affect everyone equally, including students. There are students who do not yet have insurance, and if they do, it's through their parents, work, school or themselves.

For students without healthcare, they will need to purchase some by the beginning of 2014. We all know the struggle is real enough already without adding about an extra \$145 a month (estimated cost for a 27-year-old with an income of \$25,000).

The struggle goes beyond college students, but generally, students will not benefit from the ACA. The insurance playing field is essentially supposed to be sort of leveling out, which means young people will no longer have the upper hand.

Since insurance companies now can't discriminate against those with pre-existing conditions, they also can't favor those who are healthier, which is generally younger people.

For those who have insurance through their parents, it definitely seems great that

they have until age 26 to get their own. However, because of seemingly great benefits like this the cost of insurance is rising in general.

Since more coverage is now mandatory in even the most basic insurance packages, premiums are rising. However, many say that rates have been rising continuously regardless of the ACA.

So if you're on your parents' plan and they can continue to afford it, it's not really a con for you.

If you have insurance through your work, you can only hope that they aren't just biting the bullet and paying the fine for not providing health benefits.

What's more likely is that you aren't working enough hours to score those benefits (you have to be full-time) and if you are, your company may very well stop giving you those hours.

If you have insurance through CSUN, CSU healthcare premiums have been rising, so perhaps the ACA is actually better for you. Some student health plans are not forced to comply with certain protections from the law such as the caps on annual or lifetime benefits.

Once the health exchange marketplace opens up, you will be able to more easily compare rates of different insurance companies, and this is the same if you have insurance on your own.

The real dispute here is if premium rates are rising. Obama and advocates for the ACA say that rates are not rising, but many others contend that they are.

It seems to boil down to this question: just how broke are you? If you get a student healthcare plan, you can include that in your financial aid package – if you're broke enough to have one. Or perhaps you're poor enough to be eligible for Medicaid, meaning you're making about \$15,800 a year in California.

But perhaps you're in this awkward purgatory where you're not quite broke enough for those assistances and subsidies, yet you don't actually have enough for insurance. You could settle for the catastrophic insurance plan where you'll pay less in premiums, but more towards actual costs if you do suffer some sort of catastrophe.

The biggest schism in how the ACA will affect people is highly dependent on their health. For those who are sick, the ACA generally seems excellent for not discriminating against that.

However, even for aspects of the bill that seem positive, like ending lifetime caps and discrimination against preexisting conditions, there will be unintended consequences. We do need healthcare reform, but the ACA is not it.

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SHUTDOWN

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changed the resolution date to Nov. 15.

The House amended the bill again and voted on Saturday to delay Obamacare for one year and repeal a medical devices tax that was created by the health-care legislation. The Senate rejected the amendments and Monday, delivered the bill back to the House, taking negotiations back to square one. The House did not budge against the Senate, voting again on a bill that would delay the individual mandate required by the PPACA.

Though many provisions of Obamacare have been implemented since 2010, as well as upheld as constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Republican party is still adamantly opposed to President Obama's signature legislation. Within the GOP, this crusade against Obamacare is driven by "freshmen" congressmen who represent the Tea Party, such as Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.). Cruz, who led a 22-hour filibuster against Obamacare on Tuesday, is being credited with the budget hold up and the consequential government shutdown.

Some more moderate Republican members failed

in an attempt to rally support in their party to pass a "clean" appropriations bill, without any amendments that make government funding contingent upon delaying Obamacare.

House majority speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) has supported his party's decision to use the appropriations bill as leverage against Obamacare. In a statement after a closed-door meeting with Republican members of Congress just hours before the shutdown, he reiterated that the campaign against Obamacare in relation to the appropriations bill was an issue of "fairness."

"We've spent the last hour and a half meeting with our Members," Boehner said in the statement. "And it's pretty clear that what our Members want is fairness for the American people. The president provided a one year delay of the employer mandate. He's provided exceptions for unions and others. There's even exceptions for Members of Congress. We believe that everyone should be treated fairly. So we're going to move here in the next several hours to take the Senate bill, add to it a one year delay of the individual mandate on the American people. And get rid of the exemption for Members of Congress. It's a matter of fairness for all Americans."

In a press conference Monday, President Obama called House Republicans actions as

the "height of irresponsibility."

"All of this is entirely preventable if the House chooses to do what the Senate has already done," Obama said. "And that's the simple act of funding our government without making extraneous and controversial demands in the process, the same way other Congresses have for more than 200 years."

"Unfortunately, right now House Republicans continue to tie funding of the government to ideological demands like limiting a woman's access to contraception or delaying the Affordable Care Act, all to save face after making some impossible promises to the extreme right wing of their party."

President Obama also said that despite the shutdown, the PPACA will remain the law and that the health care exchanges will not close.

"The Affordable Care Act is moving forward. That funding is already in place. You can't shut it down. This is a law that passed both Houses of Congress, a law that bears my signature, a law that the Supreme Court upheld as constitutional, a law that voters chose not to repeal last November. Those things are already happening. Starting tomorrow, tens of millions of Americans will be able to visit health-care.gov to shop for affordable healthcare coverage."

CAMPUS VOICE

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Q: What is your opinion on the government shutdown?



BRIAN SHAW
CTVA

"I feel like the Republicans are real bitter about the Affordable Care Act and they're trying to institute anything that would make the bill look like a bad decision. That's the first step towards saying, these are the repercussions of this bill."



GEVORG KHUDYAN
PSYCHOLOGY

"I'm kind of stressed about it. It's really easy for Congress to sit up there and toy with the idea but real lives are being affected. Congress is using it as a tool to kind of bash each other. It's a political power struggle."



MITCHELL YAHATA
URBAN STUDIES AND PLANNING

"I'm sure congress could work things out, but they don't. It's just kind of ridiculous that they've gotten to this point. I think you need more moderates to agree so they can pass bills."



KATHRYN LAYTON
SOCIOLOGY

"I think it's a little bit silly. I think the health care reform will end up helping a lot of people and they [republicans] are just thinking about the short term affects."



ADILENE SANCHEZ
UNDECIDED

"I don't know why they haven't come to an agreement yet. The public does have an opinion, but we know that (they) are going to do what they want."



CASSIDY STULL
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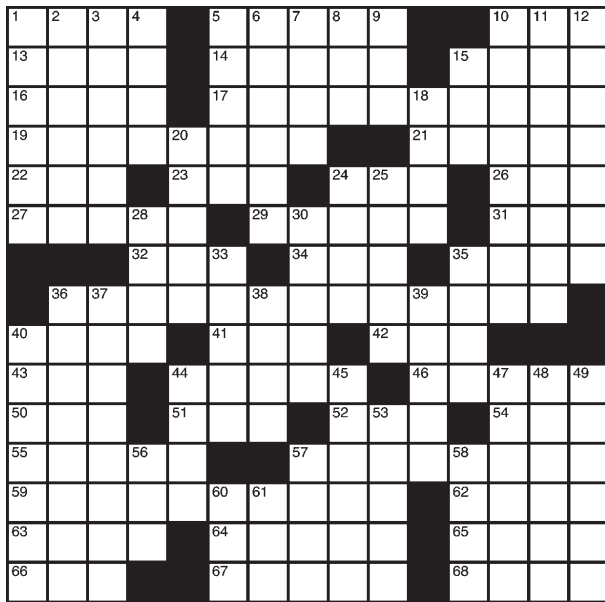
"I kind hope it does happen. I think it would be beneficial because the American people would open their eyes and see how bad the Obamacare really is."

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 2012 Ben Affleck political thriller
- 5 Organizes by date, say
- 10 Is able to
- 13 Former Defense secretary Panetta
- 14 Came into play
- 15 "Mission: Impossible" theme composer Schifrin
- 16 Novelist Tyler
- 17 Most populous city in South Dakota
- 19 Second-in-command in the kitchen
- 21 Demean
- 22 Baby goat
- 23 Legged it
- 24 Mercedes rival
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- 31 Digital camera battery, often
- 32 Legal thing
- 34 Hoops gp.
- 35 Superficially cultured
- 36 Michigan or Ontario city on the same border river
- 40 Unit of cotton
- 41 Carry a balance
- 42 Yeats' land: Abbr.
- 43 Land parcel
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- 67 Betsy Ross, famously
- 68 Lodge group

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- 2 Pierre-Auguste of impressionism
- 3 Take it all off
- 4 Small bills
- 5 Barack's younger daughter
- 6 "Murder on the Express"
- 7 Ski rack site
- 8 Lone Star State sch.
- 9 Gender
- 10 Ristorante squid
- 11 "Good Hands" company
- 12 Bouquet of flowers
- 15 Chem class requirement
- 18 Baby deer
- 20 Fishing basket
- 24 Neuwirth of "Cheers"
- 25 Home of baseball's Marlins
- 28 "You're right"
- 30 Very big maker of very little chips

Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 35 "Iliad" war god
- 36 Home to millions of Brazilians
- 37 Half a superhero's identity
- 38 Switch
- 39 Animated mermaid
- 40 Open, as a bud
- 44 KGB country
- 45 Take a nap
- 47 "No worries, man"
- 48 "Shame, shame!"
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- 53 Recluse
- 56 Franchised supermarket brand
- 57 Put away
- 58 Almost never
- 60 Sit-up targets
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NL and AL playoff predictions

MEGAN DISKIN
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IT IS officially October and to baseball fans everywhere that means it's the start of an anxiety-filled postseason. It all starts tonight when the Cincinnati Reds and the Pittsburgh Pirates play each other for the wild card spot.

CINCINNATI REDS VS. PITTSBURGH PIRATES

Led by star outfielder Andrew McCutchen, the Bucs are making their first postseason appearance in 21 years. McCutchen had a breakout season last year and has continued that surge into 2013 batting over .300 with 21 home runs. Third baseman Pedro Alvarez, who leads the team in home runs with 36, gives the team a one-two punch in the lineup. Francisco Liriano, by far the team's number one starter, will take the mound in tonight's elimination game. There's no other pitcher I trust on that team, my fantasy team and I have been burned too many times.

But the Cincinnati Reds have a major edge over the Bucs, having made a postseason run last year before losing to the San Francisco Giants. First baseman Joey Votto is consistently a stud. He's an RBI and home run machine whose batting average hasn't dipped below .300 since 2009. Rookie Billy Hamilton's speed has been an asset to the team, but it has yet to be decided if



NATIONAL LEAGUE

COURTESY OF MCT

The St. Louis Cardinals are the top seed in the National League and hope to get to the World Series after falling short last year in the NLCS.

he'll make the postseason roster. The Reds also have a deeper pitching rotation than the Pirates with Mike Leake, Johnny Cueto, Tony Cingrani and hard-throwing left-handed reliever Aroldis Chapman. It'll be a close series but the Reds will ultimately be the team facing the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday.

There is no doubt that the Cardinals will crush the Reds though. The Cardinals are just one of those teams that no one sees coming. Starting pitcher Adam Wainwright continues to be an ace boasting a cool 1.06 WHIP and 19 wins. Rookie starting pitcher Michael Wacha has made a promising debut and last week was one out

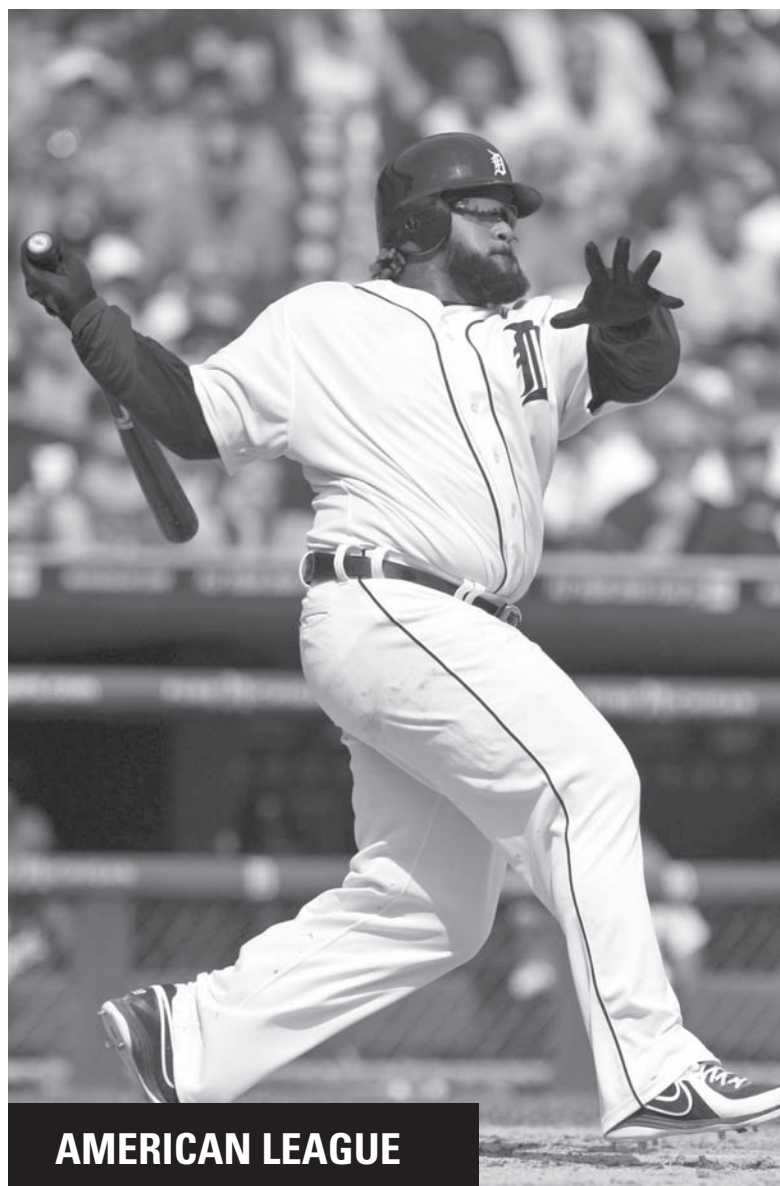
away from a no-hitter. He could be fundamental in rounding out the rotation, but will he be able to stand the pressure? The real value on this team is in second baseman Matt Carpenter, who can play at almost every position and still produce runs. Allen Craig has power in his bat too, but a foot injury could sideline the first baseman.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS VS. ATLANTA BRAVES

The Los Angeles Dodgers have had great momentum this season which seemed to stop suddenly in September. The team has accrued some pretty nasty losses in the last couple weeks including a 19-3 loss to the San Francisco Giants. Not to mention on Sunday the team announced that outfielder Matt Kemp will not play in the postseason due to an ankle injury. However, Kemp has been out for the majority of the season but the team still managed to secure a playoff berth. Pitchers Clayton Kershaw, Zack Greinke and rookie Hyun-Jin Ryu have all had solid performances this season. It's whoever pitches after them that is the concern.

The Atlanta Braves have been consistently solid this season and it could be their turn to shine. They could easily knock out the Dodgers, since they've beaten them five out of seven times this season. Rookie starting pitcher Julio Teheran had an incredible 14-8 season and proved himself to the team. Reliever Craig Kimbrel could be a difference maker in the series if he can lock up those one-run games, which the Dodgers frequently let slip away. Reliable hitters, like first baseman Freddie Freeman, third baseman Chris Johnson and outfielder Justin Upton are cause for concern as well.

The Dodgers are favored to win it all, but if they can't make it out of this slump my money is on Atlanta.



AMERICAN LEAGUE

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The Detroit Tigers look to build off last year's success and make the World Series for the second consecutive year.

ANDREW MARTINEZ
DAILY SUNDIAL

THE ROAD TO the World Series will go through Boston, as the top-seeded Red Sox surprised everyone and dominated the American League. Boston will await the winner of the Wild Card, as the Cleveland Indians will battle the Tampa Bay Rays for the last playoff spot. In the second Division Series, the Oakland Athletics will host the Detroit Tigers in a rematch of last year's Division Series.

TAMPA BAY RAYS VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS

The Cleveland Indians have been the biggest surprise in all of baseball, winning 10 straight games to clinch the top wild card berth in the AL. Skipper Terry Francona, who was fired by the Red Sox two seasons ago, has led a team without a superstar to 92 wins. The Indians don't have a .300 hitter, a 25-homer player, or a 15-win pitcher, but what they do have is a different hero emerging to win each game.

Cleveland will host Tampa Bay in the Wild Card game on Wednesday, and they should win behind a pumped home crowd. Despite having one of the league's lowest payrolls year after year, Tampa Bay has continued to contend in the American League. The rotation is led by co-aces Matt Moore and David Price while third baseman

Evan Longoria, the face of the franchise, leads the team with 32 home runs and 88 RBIs. Rookie sensation outfielder Will Myers has given the Rays new life after being called up in June. However, after Longoria and Myers, the Rays' offense lacks punch as several starters bat under .260. The Red Sox mashed their way to a league-leading 97 wins as their offense led the league in runs scored and finished first or second in most other offensive categories. The Red Sox bullpen has been lights out, as closer Koji Uehara has dominated opposing batters by striking out 101 batters in 74 innings. Boston's only weakness may be its starting rotation, where no true ace has emerged this season.

A matchup between Francona and the Red Sox, his former team, would be intriguing, but Boston should dominate, save for a pitching meltdown.

DETROIT TIGERS VS. OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Much like last year when they clinched the division on the last day of the season, the A's scrappy play in September led them to another division title. Third baseman and fringe MVP candidate Josh Donaldson led the team with a .301 batting average and 93 RBIs, while Cuban slugger Yoenis Cespedes and first baseman Brandon Moss provide some additional pop in the lineup. The A's have an average starting rotation, but 40-year-old Bartolo Colon, who continues to defy his age by winning 18 games

with a 2.65 ERA, gives the A's a solid starter for game one.

Detroit stumbled into the playoffs, but still remains a heavy favorite to win the pennant. Third baseman and reigning MVP Miguel Cabrera had a season for the ages, hitting 44 home runs for the second year in a row to go along with 137 RBIs and a .348 batting average. Productive veterans Prince Fielder, Torii Hunter and Victor Martinez provide protection in a deep lineup. A starting rotation of Max Scherzer, Anibal Sanchez and Justin Verlander give the Tigers the best starting rotation in the postseason. Scherzer and Sanchez are Cy Young candidates with sub-3.00 ERAs, while Verlander remains the most clutch pitcher in baseball, last year throwing a complete game shutout in Oakland to clinch the ALDS for Detroit in game five.

Although the A's would love to avenge last year's playoff loss, Detroit's top-heavy pitching will shut down Oakland in a quick series, if their offense doesn't bash A's pitching early on.

A Detroit-Boston championship series would be an exciting matchup for fans, as Detroit's pitching will be tested against Boston's lineup in hitter-friendly Fenway. However, if Detroit's starters could squeeze out a win in Boston, Red Sox pitchers may falter in the equally hitter-friendly Comerica Park. An exciting series should result in Detroit winning the AL pennant for the second year in a row.