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DEATH

Apartment fire kills three



Photos of 21-year-old mechanical engineering junior Thuong Le, 14-year-old Yvonne Le and 49-year-old Linh Nguyen are laid on a table outside the apartment on Ninth Street. Community members left food, soda and flowers to honor the now deceased.

BY WILLIAM YAP
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A San Jose State student died along with two family members in an apartment fire on Ninth Street on Nov. 18, according to a relative.

Mechanical engineering junior Thuong Le was 21 years old. His aunt, San Jose resident Tina Le, described Thuong as a friendly but quiet kid who helped his family.

“My family has a broken heart,” Tina said. “We cannot believe they all died and my brother is still in the hospital.”

The County of Santa Clara Medical Examiner/Coroner confirmed Thuong’s death, and that of his 14-year-old sister Yvonne Le. The office was unable to determine the cause of death at the time.

Tina said Yvonne was a freshman at Gunderson High School. She also said the



San Jose Councilmember Tam Nguyen (middle) speaks at a candlelight vigil on Nov. 21 alongside Buddhist monk Ven. Thich Hai Tich (right) and San Jose resident Bhikku Duc (left).

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EXHIBITION

Israeli culture celebrated at SJSU event

BY JOSE F. GOVEA
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Rabbi Abraham Cooper spoke about the origins of Jewish people in Israel to a crowd of San Jose State students on Monday in the Student Union Ballroom.

More than 50 people attended the exhibition, including members from the Jewish community, students and faculty members who gathered to learn about the estimated 3,500 year relationship between Jewish people and the Holy Land.

“One of our goals for this exhibit was to try to bring light to the fact that the Jews have had a presence in Israel for 3,500 years,” David Prager, Representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said.

Prager mentioned that he also wants to help inform students and other community members about the misconception that Jews migrated to Israel.

The reception was hosted to compliment the “People. Book. Land: The 3,500 Year Relationship of the Jewish People with the Holy Land” exhibition in the Student Union.

The exhibition illustrates the origins of Jewish people in Israel with the Prophet Abraham using modern technology.

SJSU is the first university in the United States to display the exhibition. It will be displayed until Dec. 1 for students to learn about the origins of Jewish people.

Members of the Simon Wiesenthal Center are going to continue their exhibition at several other universities. They have already showcased their research at the Vatican, in the halls of Congress and in various parts of the world, which include Muslim-majority locations.

The founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Rabbi Marvin Hier, and other producers received an Academy Award for their film about Jewish discrimination and injustice titled “Genocide and The Long Way Home.”

Besides members of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, other guests such as SJSU President

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POLITICS

Threat of nuclear war with North Korea grows

BY DAISUKE EGUCHI
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Some students at San Jose State feel the threat of nuclear war with North Korea.

According to Fox News, President Donald Trump referred to the supreme leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Un, as “Little Rocket Man” on Twitter when he addressed the United Nations General Assembly in September. President Trump mentioned that there will be no choice but to totally destroy North Korea, which implies war.

North Korea’s increasing number of missile tests and the escalating war of words between Kim and President Trump indicate a deteriorating relationship between North Korea and the United States.

“The threat of the nuclear attack has never been higher than it is now, and in my opinion, people are just not aware of it,” political science professor Karthika Sasikumar said. “It’s important for Americans and

others to understand the danger of the situation.”

Sasikumar teaches Political Science 154: U.S. Foreign Policy: Formulation and Administration. For the course, students performed a simulation that addressed how the U.S. can approach North Korea in order to protect itself and other allies.

During the one-hour simulated meeting, each student played a role, such as the U.S. president, members of the press and United Nations representatives.

At the end of the simulation, students concluded that America should confidentially negotiate with North Korea to improve the situation and also enforce defensive power.

“I feel like United States shouldn’t allow [North Korea] to have the nuclear weapons because he is putting the whole region in danger,” political science junior Victor Guzman said. “[Kim] is not really

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NEWS CORNER

UPD Sergeant assaulted

BY SALVATORE MAXWELL
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University Police Department Sergeant John Laws was assaulted while on patrol near the Hammer Theatre on Nov. 20, raising concerns about safety near campus.

The city of San Jose owns the Hammer Theatre, which is a block away from campus, but San Jose State manages it.

According to Laws, two SJSU students were being harassed by three men who appeared to be intoxicated when he arrived on the scene.

UPD officers took the three suspects, San Jose residents Juan Duran, Alfonso Verduo Ramirez and Uriel Verduo Ramirez, into custody.

According to SJSU Media Relations Director Pat Harris, Duran was on parole and was charged with assaulting a peace officer. All three suspects were charged with resisting arrest and gang enhancements.

After responding to a previous call, Laws was doing a perimeter check when he heard two students yell for help while being harassed by Alfonso and Uriel.

Laws was unaware of Duran’s presence while he attempted to intervene, giving Duran the chance to attack him.

“While I was actively being punched, I called for backup, then I used my baton to defend myself,” Laws said.

After Laws made the call, Corporal Scott Buckovic along with San Jose Police Department responded to the attack. Buckovic tased Duran before arresting him.

“My main concern was making sure my Sergeant was okay,” Buckovic said.

According to Capt. Alan Cavallo, Laws sustained a bloody nose, scrapes and bruises. He and two of the three suspects were transported to Valley Medical Center to be examined for injury.

The suspects were later processed at Santa Clara County Jail, while the two students did not sustain injury or harm, according to Laws.

“I’m really thankful I was there because with the demeanor of the three men, those students could have been in real trouble,” Laws said.

Harris and Laws advise SJSU students to walk in groups, be aware of surroundings, call police officers and let officers do their work to avoid harm.

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Burnt debris is scattered around the porch days after the Nov. 18 fire. WILLIAM YAP | SPARTAN DAILY

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mother, 49-year-old Linh Nguyen, died in the fire as well. The father, 53-year-old Khao Le, is currently in the hospital.

San Jose resident Richard Reid, who lived on the first floor of the apartment complex, said the family struggled to make ends meet. According to a GoFundMe page for the family, the father worked in a restaurant and the mother worked two full-time jobs.

Tina woke up to her brother screaming for help at approximately 4:50 a.m. on Nov. 18. As she exited her apartment, she saw thick smoke escaping her brother's apartment.

Tina said she called out for her family during the fire, but only heard a response from her brother. San Jose Fire Captain Daniel Vega confirmed that three lives were claimed in the apartment fire.

Vega said tenants in the area called 911 at 4:57 a.m. after seeing smoke and flames in an apartment. When firefighters arrived on the scene at 5:03 a.m., flames had spread to neighboring apartments.

The fire developed into a three-alarm fire and took approximately 60 to 70 firefighters to control. Firefighters extinguished the fire

before 10 a.m. and managed to pull the father from a second-story window.

"We didn't know if we had time to take anything," Reid said. "People were screaming, 'Get out, get out!'"

Fire investigators were unable to find smoke detectors at the scene, but Vega said it doesn't prove smoke detectors were never installed. The fire may have destroyed them.

Three days after the fire, friends and family gathered outside the apartment for a candlelight vigil. They decorated a table with pictures of those who passed alongside food, soda and flowers.

Community members such as councilmember Tam Nguyen spoke in Vietnamese at the event to honor the family. Ven. Thich Hai Tich, a monk from Bao Phuoc Pagoda in San Jose, led the crowd through a Vietnamese prayer.

Two GoFundMe pages were set up to raise funds for funeral and medical expenses. One reached its \$30,000 goal and the other is \$1,000 away from reaching its \$10,000 goal.

"This is very typical for me," Reid said. "I used to live in Vietnam and they would always come together, always."

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JUSTICE

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Mary Papazian and Santa Clara District Attorney Jeff Rosen spoke about their knowledge of Israel.

"I just returned from an eight-day trip to Israel with the Bay Area Law Enforcement Delegation, that included prosecutors, police officers and judges to study human trafficking in Israel and to exchange ideas on how to combat this worldwide scourge," Rosen said.

Rosen mentioned that he and his colleagues met with Israeli prosecutors and law enforcement to discuss these issues and found that both American-Israelis had the same concerns and questions.

Papazian shared her sympathy for the Jewish people during the Holocaust because she shares a similar trauma with her Armenian roots.

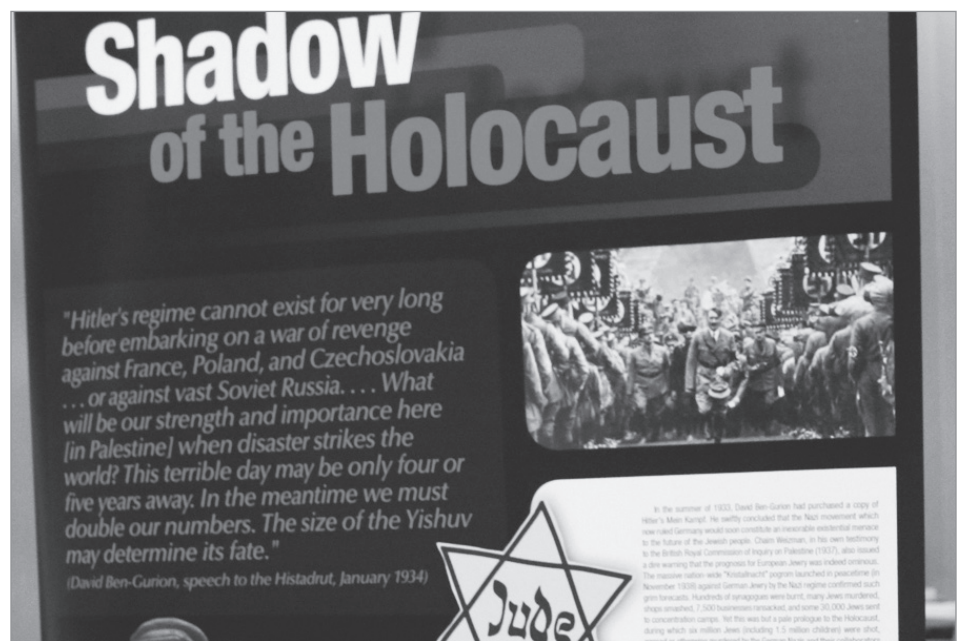
According to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) around 1.5 million Armenians were killed during the Armenian genocide.

Around six million Jewish people were killed during the German invasion, according to USHMM.

"Why is it important for any culture to be recognized?" industrial design senior Jordan Taxon said. "It's because it reminds them [students and others] that we are here and that we are people. That we try to make a difference for the good of the world."

The exhibition is scheduled to be displayed at Santa Clara University next.

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The exhibition, "People. Book. Land: 3,500 Year Relationship Between Jewish People With the Holy Land," displays Jewish peoples' experience during the Holocaust. It will be held in the Student Union Ballroom until Friday, Dec. 1.

The U.S. vs. North Korea:

1994-2001: Clinton Tries for a Deal
- The Clinton administration decided to negotiate with North Korea, resulting in a deal known as the Agreed Framework. Under the framework, North Korea agreed to freeze and eventually dismantle its nuclear facilities, in exchange for a move toward normalizing relations with the United States.

2003-2006: Six-Party Talks Begin
- The Bush administration re-engaged with North Korea in 2003, joining South Korea, Japan, Russia and China in what came to be known as the Six Party Talks. In July 2006, North Korea was angered by U.S. targeting of its financial assets and the pace of the light-water reactor project. North Korea broke its 1999 moratorium on testing medium and long-range missiles.

2006: The First Nuclear Test
- The explosion yielded less than a kiloton, per the Nuclear Threat Initiative. For comparison, the atomic bomb that devastated Hiroshima was 15 kilotons.

2012-2016: Testing Accelerates
- Despite agreeing to a moratorium on nuclear and long-range missile tests with the Obama administration in February 2012, North Korea once again attempted a space launch with the Unha-3 that April. But the test was a failure — the rocket disintegrated shortly after launch. The U.S. halted food aid in response.

2017: A War of Words with Trump
- In 2017, North Korea reached two significant milestones. It successfully test-fired its first intercontinental ballistic missiles in July, capable of reaching Alaska. In September, Trump said that if the U.S. was forced to defend itself, it would have "no choice but to totally destroy North Korea."

Information from KQED

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looking at what could happen and the consequences to his action. It's mainly his pure ego."

At the end of the simulation, students concluded that America should confidentially negotiate with North Korea to improve the situation and also enforce defensive power.

Sasikumar decided to do the simulated meeting rather than show video clips or present lectures because she wants her students to debate the issue with each other.

According to CNN, on July 4, North Korea conducted the first test of an intercontinental ballistic missile that can reach anywhere in the world. North Korea also launched missiles over Japan on Aug. 29 and on Sep. 15.

Communications junior Mei Suzuki said if America keeps putting pressure on North Korea, Japan will unavoidably be involved in their conflict. As an American ally, North Korea will target Japan for

nuclear attacks or missiles.

Suzuki, a Japanese international student, has family in Japan. Her parents expressed their anger and fear when North Korea launched the missiles over Japan this year.

"No matter how we are really massive with the weapons we have, civilian people still have a fear of being attacked without knowing," political science senior Nasera Quiban said. "Two months ago,

"No matter how we are really massive with the weapons we have, civilian people still have a fear of being attacked without knowing."

Nasera Quiban
Political science senior

North Korea just tested the missiles in Japan without telling them, so we could have been a victim, too."

Sasikumar and Quiban pointed at some students' lack of awareness on the danger North Korea poses as another problem.

"We should not close our eyes," Quiban said. "[Students] have to watch news and understand that actually, this is the issue. It's not just for political science major students. It's for all of us because it's all about the future."

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Sunrise Ceremony celebrated on Thanksgiving day



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(1) A member of the Polynesian dance community from the Mexican Heritage Plaza demonstrates to the crowd how to position their hands in order to join a ritual on Thursday morning. After her demonstration the crowd followed along, raising their hands toward the rising sun. (2) A group of drummers faced the rising sun as the Sunrise Ceremony approached an end on Thanksgiving day at the Mexican Heritage Plaza. (3) Aztec dancers speak about their duties for the dance before the sixth annual Sunrise Ceremony. They proceeded by crushing and burning herbs such as sage in order to cleanse the surrounding energies.

Makers Market hosts inaugural event at San Pedro Square

BY KAYLEE LAWLER
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As November wraps up, Christmas shopping is on everyone's mind. On Saturday morning, small businesses gathered in San Pedro Square Market for Makers Market in the Square to sell their products during Small Business Saturday.

Small Business Saturday takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving and encourages consumers to buy from small local retailers.

Small Business Saturday was founded by American Express in 2010 and it includes small businesses that are online boutiques, corners stores, food trucks and more.

Heath Owen, chief operations manager of Makers Market, facilitated the first Makers Market event in downtown San Jose.

"We're pretty hyper-local and we're all about sustainability," Owen said. "Lots of our makers use recycled and sustainable materials. We want everybody to be able to go into our store and purchase something that was handmade by somebody in their area that they can love, cherish and use."

Couples walking their dogs enjoyed morning coffee while young kids ran around enjoying live music. Families came to see what wares different vendors offered and found gifts to cross off their lists.

Makers Market hosted the free event. Their shops are located at Broadway Plaza in Walnut Creek and on Santana Row in San Jose.

Makers Market showcased items from jewelry to homeware created by 100 artisans and makers in their stores, 75 to 80 of whom are based in the Bay Area.

For the past year, the organization has hosted Market in the Park in Santana Row.

San Jose State alumna Nicole Dang, maker and owner of Capricorn Honey Jewelry, displayed her products for individuals who stopped by the square.

"I took metalsmithing at San Jose State and I was in the jewelry and metalsmithing guild," Dang said. "I felt that everyone was awesome. I learned so much there. I always did. It was a hobby but I think it also took my craft to another level."

At another table, Eliza Lorraine of Medicine Bear Botanicals from Oakland explained how she gets supplies for her teas and natural remedies from around the country and her own garden.

Lorraine studied herbal medicine five years ago and began making products for her family and friends this year.

"Of course it's better to support people who make their own [products and] know where [they] are coming from," Lorraine said. "I think the connection with being able to talk to people is very important."

Other vendors, including Carolann Magnani of Magnani Holding Co., learned their craft from family members.

"It's a tradition of making," Magnani said. "I learned to sew from my mother and my grandmother. My grandmother was a maker of really fine wedding dresses in Chicago, and my mother had a wholesale manufacturing business for 30 years."



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Bottles of Medicine Bear Botanicals cider are on display during Makers Market in the Square on Saturday.

Makers Market in the Square runs from April through December. The next Maker's Market event in San Pedro Square will take place on Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Giraffage sways San Jose with stunning performance

BY JOSE F. GOVEA
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A massive crowd of fans formed a line stretching down North First Street outside The Ritz nightclub to watch electronic sensation Giraffage perform live.

On Saturday night Charlie Yan, known as Giraffage, held a special performance to celebrate his birthday in his hometown of San Jose.

"Hey, what the heck?" San Jose resident Anthony Perez said. "I didn't know it was his birthday."

Some people arrived an hour before the doors were scheduled to open in hopes of speaking to the Bay Area-based artist. They asked The Ritz employees and even the backup artists Wingtip and Sweater Beats to call Giraffage to the front of the nightclub.

The lights flashing all along the dark walls of The Ritz complemented the classic punk rock and indie rock music that was played for the audience.

As the time for Giraffage's performance approached, a man with dirty, blonde, puffy hair took the stage. His hands swung up and down as his fingers pointed to the crowd or up to the sky.

Wingtip was the first performer of three. He began his set with a classic piano loop over some mystic-sounding jungles. The soft, relaxing beats gradually built up to a trance-style mix.

Wingtip had some creative mixes of songs with throwbacks like mixing in 'Such Great Heights' by The Postal Service," Sunnyvale resident Thomas Back said.

Wingtip consistently hyped the crowd up by encouraging them to raise their hands as he clapped along with them.

As he finished his set and made his way to the back of the stage, half the audience made their way to the bar to quench their alcohol-driven thirst.

Not too long after, Sweater Beats, a short man with glasses and fitted acid wash jeans, made his way to the stage.

His instrument setup was different than Wingtip's. He had a drum pad that was designed to be hit by a drumstick rather than buttons designed to be pushed by fingers.

His act started off with a remix of "I Write Sins not Tragedies" by Panic! At the Disco and audience members sang along with him.

Sweater Beats' mixes consisted of early 2000s hip-hop and rock songs, which had the crowd dancing and singing.

"Sweater Beats got me really excited when he broke out the electric guitar and played riffs over songs," Back said.

At the end of his performance, Sweater Beats made a dramatic exit by playing guitar solos while standing at the edge of the small stage.

The crowd clapped as Giraffage made his way onto the stage. His performance was the brightest and most well-received out of the three performances.

"This was a special show for me because it was my last concert before I get a kidney transplant from one of my best friends," Mountain View resident Niem Tran said.

The graphics were lit up with brightly-colored LED lights behind Giraffage. His music consisted of deep based beats layered over hip-hop and R&B samples.

The crowd doubled in size and people danced in a tight area. People's elbows hit each other as they



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San Jose-based DJ Giraffage performs at The Ritz nightclub as part of his "Too Real" album release tour.

swayed in the dark room.

At the end of the show, Sweater Beats and Wingtip brought out a birthday cake and party supplies as the crowd sang happy birthday for Giraffage.



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Hijab Barbie redefines beauty for young girls



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One of the most beloved toys any American child can have is now wearing a hijab.

The hijab-wearing Barbie doll, which will be available in 2018, is modeled after Olympic fencer Ibtihaj Muhammad, who competed for the United States at the Rio de Janeiro Summer Olympics in 2016.

It was there that Muhammad became the first U.S. Olympian to compete while wearing the hijab. She brought home a bronze medal in fencing.

“When I think about my own journey, me being a Muslim girl involved in the sport of fencing, there were people who made me feel like I didn’t belong,” Muhammad said at Glamour magazine’s Women of the Year summit, where the doll was unveiled. “For all those people who didn’t believe in me, this Barbie doll is for you.”

For the young girls who always felt like that they were never represented in the toys and games they played with, this is a huge step in the right direction.

Barbie has been a fashion icon for young girls for generations, so to see other cultures represented is important.

The Barbie wears full fencing gear including a mask, with sneakers on her feet

and a hijab around her head. The doll is set to be part of Barbie’s “Sheroes” line, which includes other inspiring women, such as gymnast Gabby Douglas and ballet dancer Misty Copeland.

The classic Barbie doll is thin, blonde and has large, blue eyes. Many young girls who are growing up while playing with these dolls may perceive this as the only way to be beautiful.

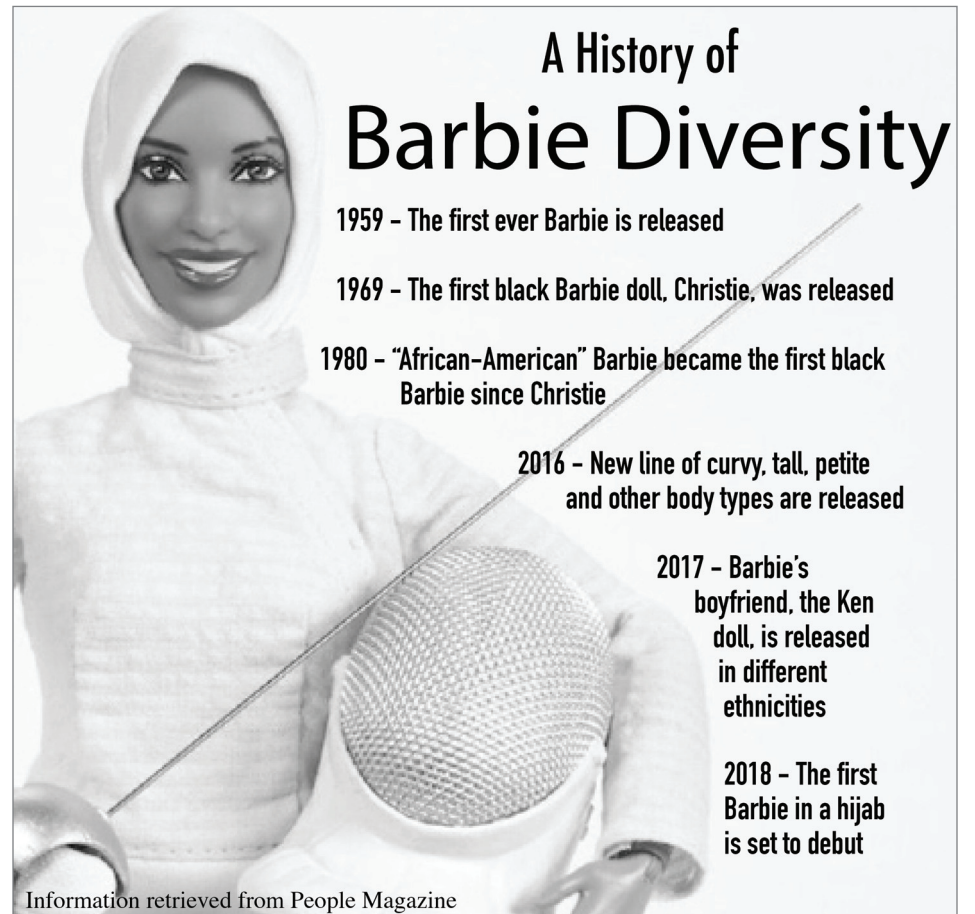
A 2010 Dutch study involving six to ten year old girls found that those who played with thin dolls, like Barbie, consumed less food than girls who played with dolls that had a more realistic body shape.

Last year, Mattel released a plus-sized Barbie doll in their “Sheroes” line. The doll was created to mirror plus-sized model Ashley Graham.

The company also took the world by storm when it released its “Curvy” line of dolls in January 2016, which led to a growth of first quarter sales by 11 percent. Mattel expanded its line to include three body types — curvy, petite and tall — and seven different skin tones that have been flying off the shelves since.

The company found that Barbie sales dropped nearly 14 percent in countries where the more diverse Barbies have yet to hit store shelves. The result had global Barbie sales dipping by 3.4 percent.

In a harsh political climate where a president that has consistently put Muslim people under attack for their religion and culture, there is no better



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time for the marginalized group to receive representation in American culture. Nothing says American culture more than a Barbie doll. These will be flying off shelves in 2018 just like the diverse line did in 2016.

“Ibtihaj is an inspiration to countless girls who never saw themselves

represented,” Barbie’s vice-president of marketing Sejal Shah Miller said in a statement. “By honoring her story, we hope this doll reminds them that they can be and do anything.”

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San Francisco tops the list of best city for singles



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Staff Writer

For singles looking to have a good time or find their significant other, San Francisco just became the right place to look. The city was named the best place for singles in 2017, according to SFGate.

The 2016 United States census estimates more than 45 percent of adults in the U.S. are unmarried. However, depending on where you live, you may have better or worse luck when looking for love.

When all the factors are calculated it makes total sense why the city is the best place for singles. When you’re single, you’re probably looking to date often, which usually leads to either online dating or physically going out to meet other people.

There were 32 key indicators of dating-friendliness that ranked San Francisco

the best for singles. The data considered gender balance, online dating opportunities, nightlife options, restaurant meal costs and beer and wine costs.

This data was put into one of three categories: “Economics, or the cost of dating, housing and self-grooming; Fun and Recreation, or how easy it is to find something to do with a partner; and Dating Opportunities, which includes the number of active Tinder users, and the number of single people in an urban area,” according to SFGate.

There’s no doubt that finding something to do when dating is easy when you’re in San Francisco. Because the city is a tourist hotspot, singles have a lot of options for recreational activities.

Places like the Golden Gate Bridge, Pier 39, San Francisco Giants games, museums and many other places make San Francisco enjoyable for singles.

San Francisco may have just become the best place for singles, but it seems to be more beneficial for singles to have a good time in San Francisco while dating rather

than actually finding the love of their life.

“Even though I’m not single, I do agree that San Francisco has the best place for dating because even my boyfriend and I will drive to SF for the day just to go on a date,” engineering senior Nancy Nguyen said.

“There’s no doubt that finding something to do when dating is easy when you’re in San Francisco.”

San Francisco is the sixth most expensive city in the world for dining out, according to Business Insider. The city lost points when it came to the average price of meals, beer and wine. Because of the expensive prices, it may be discouraging for some singles to dine out in San Francisco.

However, it offers a high number of

restaurant and bar options.

San Francisco barely came in first place over Atlanta and Los Angeles. According to WalletHub’s best big cities to live in ranking, Atlanta ranked 27 and Los Angeles ranked 29.

Cities such as San Jose and Sacramento did not rank as high because they do not have a lot of options for things to do. They are also not big cities like San Francisco, Los Angeles and Atlanta.

San Jose came in at number 34 and Sacramento at number 44.

“Big cities epitomize opportunity, which appeals especially to young professionals seeking advancement in their careers and social lives,” according to WalletHub.

Cities like Oakland, ranking No. 100, and Fremont, ranking No. 157, are suburban cities where families typically live and there are not many things to do for singles.

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“Get Out” was unfairly placed in Golden Globe category



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A remarkable horror film, director Jordan Peele’s “Get Out” is capable of competing as the Best Motion Picture, Drama in the upcoming Golden Globe Awards.

The film might not be best categorized as a horror, but the combination of horror and systemic racism should make it eligible in that category this year.

Comedian Jordan Peele wrote and produced the film for his directorial debut. It follows an interracial couple going to see the woman’s parents and discovering that young black men are being captured.

“Get Out” is recognized as a thriller, mystery and horror film, but according to Deadline Hollywood, Universal Pictures submitted the film in the Best Motion Picture, Comedy or Musical category at the Golden Globe Awards.

Peele told Deadline Hollywood he didn’t find an issue with entering the film in the comedy category and said, “It’s important to acknowledge that though there are funny moments, the systemic racism that the movie is about is very real.”

Peele doesn’t care which genre this film falls in to. He said he hopes this movie becomes an all-time remarkable

film that spotlights the systemic racial issues of today.

After watching the film and knowing the story behind the Golden Globes news, I agree with the decision they made.

The answer to whether the film contained any comedic scenes is no. It shows brutal murder and gruesome surgery scenes. The dialogue of Rod, a policeman, was humorous, but that is not enough to turn the film into a comedy.

Peele’s attempt might have confused a lot of fans — including me — at first, but this is not a particularly unique thing if you look into film history.

According to Entertainment, genre films such as “The Exorcist,” “Gravity” and “The Lord of the Rings” series had a great record with major award bodies, especially at the Oscars. Even the Ridley Scott sci-fi film “The Martian” won the best comedy and musical award at the Globes in 2016.

Based on the accomplishments of such films in the past, I don’t disagree with Peele’s decision to enter this film because this seems to be what he has to do to let people know that it is more than just a horror film.

As a horror movie, “Get Out” was well-made, but the story seemed a little typical when compared to other horror films, so this should not be the part to praise for a Golden Globe.

The unique thing about this film was Peele’s challenge of integrating classical horror tropes with systemic racism. I’ve seen a lot of comedies, such as “Men in Black” and “Rush Hour” that casted

Films that competed as comedies at GOLDEN GLOBES

2017 *La La Land*
(Winner of Best Musical and Comedy)

The musical stars Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone as lovers chasing their dreams in Hollywood. It received a 92 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

2016 *The Martian*
(Winner of Best Musical and Comedy)

Even the sci-fi film that featured Matt Damon won the Golden Globes.

2011: *Burlesque*
(Nominee)

Nominee Burlesque premiered to lukewarm reviews. Starring Cher and Christina Aguilera, it received a C- review from EW and a 36 percent on Rotten Tomatoes.

2011: *The Tourist*
(Nominee)

The director couldn’t say whether the movie was really a comedy or not, and to this day the only really funny thing about it is the comical lack of chemistry between Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie.

Information retrieved from IMDb & Entertainment Weekly

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black actors and portrayed systemic racism in a funny way, but never in a scary way.

“‘Get Out’ doesn’t just belong to me any more, now it belongs to everyone,” Peele said to Deadline Hollywood.

What determines the Best Motion Picture shouldn’t be the genre of the film. It has to be how impactful the film

is on our society.

The nominations for the 75th Golden Globe Awards will be announced on Monday, Dec. 11.

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Black Friday deals are not worth the mayhem



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As many shoppers know, preparing for Black Friday is like preparing for war. Unfortunately, every year the chaos worsens.

Stores mark down their prices for Black Friday shopping and people line up all day Thursday to be the first ones to get the deals. The stores finally open their doors and people charge in like animals. Then news outlets show incidents of people getting trampled and injured.

For me, Black Friday is just an ordinary day. I don't believe that any sale a store offers is worth facing angry crowds on Black Friday.

This year some malls in the Bay Area opened at 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving. Instead of visiting family, some people lined up outside stores around noon.

Fortunately, this year the Black Friday hours improved. Previously, the mall and select stores would open on Thanksgiving around 6 p.m., stay open for over 24 hours and close on Friday night. This year, the mall and some stores closed at midnight on Thursday and reopened at 7 a.m. on Friday.

Years ago I worked at Best Buy, one of the most popular stores to shop on Black Friday. I worked the graveyard shift from 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. Friday morning. I found that because the store opened at 6 p.m. Thursday, the crowd was dying down by midnight and was dead around 1 a.m.

"I thought it was nice that some stores didn't open until Friday because they didn't want their employees to work on Thanksgiving," communication studies

sophomore Angel Garcia said.

The change relieved retail employees of working through the night and it saved the stores money.

"I don't believe that any sale a store offers is worth facing angry crowds on Black Friday."

Although the hours were better this year, the chaos did not lessen. Getting inside Valley Fair mall and trying to park was horrific. A ton of people directed traffic but they were not enough to control the swarm of cars.

Once I finally got into the parking lot, parked and walked into the mall, 30 minutes passed.

It seemed like thousands of people were packed inside the mall. It took about 10 minutes in line just to get into some stores. Bigger stores like Victoria's Secret had lines that stretched throughout the mall and took about 30 minutes to enter the store.

"There were huge crowds of people everywhere in the mall," health science junior Kelly Yu said. "It made me feel good that there was so much security there because I was scared there could be fights or any other violence happening."

Many sales aren't worth the hassle of waiting to get into the mall and then waiting to get into stores. A lot of the Black Friday sales also happen throughout the year, anyway. We just don't pay attention to them because we wait until Black Friday to go on our big shopping sprees.

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CLASSIFIEDS

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1. Concludes
- 5. Seashore
- 10. Religious offshoot
- 14. Distort
- 15. Orderly grouping
- 16. Worry
- 17. Always
- 18. Sacred Christian writings
- 20. Fine or decorative clothing
- 22. Renaissance jacket
- 23. A common cyst
- 24. Savors
- 25. Wealthy person
- 32. Double-reed instruments
- 33. Proprietor
- 34. Faster than light
- 37. A region of SE Pakistan
- 38. With
- 39. Entreaty
- 40. South southeast
- 41. Not asleep
- 42. Districts
- 43. Thicket
- 45. Recorded
- 49. 18-wheeler
- 50. Artist's workroom
- 53. Charring

- 57. Expression of sympathy
 - 59. Region
 - 60. A single time
 - 61. Work dough
 - 62. Eve's opposite
 - 63. Clairvoyant
 - 64. Obdurate
 - 65. Kiss
- DOWN**
- 1. Pitcher
 - 2. Central area of a church
 - 3. Remnant
 - 4. Spread-eagled
 - 5. Gambling house
 - 6. Killer whale
 - 7. Arrive (abbrev.)
 - 8. Told
 - 9. Misprint
 - 10. Aqualung
 - 11. Noblemen
 - 12. Stream
 - 13. Exams
 - 19. A fleshy root
 - 21. Wreaths
 - 25. Nonvascular plant
 - 26. Nile bird
 - 27. Solitary
 - 28. Bedouin
 - 29. Aroused

- 30. Not outer
- 31. Regulation (abbrev.)
- 34. Took flight
- 35. Nipple
- 36. Whip
- 38. Barley bristle
- 39. TV shows
- 41. Sound
- 42. Diva's solo
- 44. Covetous
- 45. Anagram of "Coast"
- 46. Redress
- 47. British penny
- 48. Church officer
- 51. North American deer (plural)
- 52. Lease
- 53. Glance over
- 54. Weightlifters pump this
- 55. Roman emperor
- 56. Mob
- 58. Prefix meaning "Modern"

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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

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FOOTBALL

SJSU finishes dreadful season on high note

BY DAISUKE EGUCHI
Staff Writer

Junior cornerback Dakari Monroe's two interceptions helped San Jose State shake off Wyoming in the final game of the regular season.

The Spartans (2-11, 1-7 MW) defeated the bowl-bound Cowboys 20-17 at CEFCU Stadium, Saturday.

"[I was] just trying to do my assignment," Monroe said. "You gotta credit the defensive line getting a push — forcing erratic throws."

This was the Spartans' first win since Sept. 2 when they hosted Cal Poly. It was also SJSU's first win against a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) team this season — meaning it was also Brent Brennan's first win against an FBS team as a head coach.

"Just because our record is bad, it doesn't mean we give up," senior cornerback Jermaine Kelly said. "Today, I saw the spark [and] I saw the finish. I can't wait to see what they do next year."

Wyoming (7-5, 5-3 MW) punted the ball 10 times. When SJSU played San Diego State, the Aztecs punted zero times. SJSU lost the game to San Diego State 52-7 on Nov. 4.

Saturday was also Senior Day for the Spartans.

"It feels so great for me to know that their last memory as a player at Spartan Stadium is a win," SJSU head coach Brent Brennan said.

Wyoming was without star quarterback Josh Allen — who threw for 3,203 yards last season — due to a shoulder injury. In his absence, Nick Smith passed for 171 yards, two interceptions and one touchdown.

The Cowboys' backup running back Kellen Overstreet rushed for a career-high 139 yards on 17 carries. SJSU's most productive offensive player was wide receiver Tre Hartley. He had seven receptions and 109 receiving yards.

Despite having four rushing touchdowns through the first 12 games, SJSU had two Saturday. The first was a fiver yarder by freshman quarterback Montel Aaron in the



first quarter; the second was a 44-yard scamper by junior college transfer DeJon Packer in the fourth.

SJSU junior kicker Bryce Crawford used his big boot to make two field goals from 44 and 52 yards. However, he missed one from 55 yards in the middle of the final quarter.

Junior linebacker Frank Ginda finished the season with the most tackles in the nation. He earned 94 solo tackles compared to No. 2 Khalil Hodge's 66 with Buffalo.

Kelly said that their fight in the fourth quarter was the type of play the Spartans lacked all year.

"This team just stuck together," Brennan said. "I'm hoping that this is something that pushes us into recruiting, pushes us into the off-season, and pushes us into everything going forward."



(Top) SJSU redshirt freshman quarterback Montel Aaron (7) tucks the ball and runs Saturday against Wyoming at CEFCU Stadium. (Bottom) First-year Spartan head coach Brent Brennan and senior cornerback Jermaine Kelly Jr. hug after an upset victory on senior night. It was SJSU's first FBS win of the season.

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BIG BALLERS

Spartan athletes assess the fear of not going pro

BY JONAS ELAM
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The fear of failure is common in any field, and many are competitive and require large time commitments. Becoming a professional athlete is no exception.

A plethora of San Jose State student-athletes aspire to become professionals. They invest their lives striving toward one goal, and the highly competitive nature of that field makes it a huge risk.

"I absolutely [have dreams of becoming a pro football player]," business marketing junior and quarterback Michael Carrillo said. "I think everyone here does."

While the future is uncertain, Spartan

athletes don't let that uncertainty turn to fear and risk it getting in the way of their hopes.

"The only thing I think about is it's going to happen," communications junior and linebacker Frank Ginda said. "If it isn't, someone is going to have to crush my dreams and take it from me. I have all the chips in football right now. I think you should always be fully bought into what you want in the future."

Ginda isn't the only athlete with this mentality. SJSU linebacker coach Bojay Filimoeatu played for the Oakland Raiders before beginning his career as a coach.

"You know when you're playing, you really don't [have a fallback]," Filimoeatu

said. "When I was going through the transition of college and graduating and playing football, it wasn't something on my mind and I didn't think about it until that tragic accident with my knee."

Filimoeatu sustained a severe knee injury in January 2013 after posting 71 tackles and five sacks in his senior season.

The football team has the support of the Beyond Football Program, which is only four months old. Beyond Football supplies players with knowledge and resources to graduate with either a job in hand or an opportunity to play at the professional level.

"It's important that any young adult has fear," Beyond Football Coordinator

Tobruk Blaine said. "It's not necessarily that our players have a fear that they won't get it into the NFL."

Blaine compares football players to any other student in that they also fear not having a job or profession. One of her goals is to demonstrate that the players' careers do not end if they do not make it into the National Football League. She said wanting to be in the NFL is similar to an engineering or business student wanting to work for Apple or Adobe.

That competitiveness keeps players' mentalities in check and drives them to work hard.

"I think you always have to have that thought that a percentage of student athletes have a slim to none chance to make it to the NFL," Filimoeatu said. "You have to face your reality, so I think every student athlete needs to have a fallback plan. School is a small fraction of your life, but if you do it right, the rest will follow."

Some players utilize the uncertainty of going pro as a form of motivation and look at everything optimistically.

"It's hard knowing how competitive, knowing the stakes are against you, the odds are against you," Carrillo said. "I think if you continue to work hard and do what you're supposed to do, I think things work out for themselves."

Many players have been working toward their dreams of going pro since they were five years old. Every day is a grind of working hard on and off the field.

"Don't let anybody take the dream from you," Ginda said. "I'm from a small town and everyone said I wasn't going to make it. Don't let them take that dream."

SPARTANS WHO MADE IT TO THE BIG LEAGUES

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	KRAZY GEORGE HENDERSON (CHEERLEADER) CLASS OF 1971 INVENTOR OF THE WAVE 1967-PRESENT		YOSHIHIRO UCHIDA (JUDO) CLASS OF 1947 SJSU COACH FOR >60 YRS 1964 OLYMPIC COACH 1940-PRESENT
	ISAI ALVARADO (SUPER SMASH BROS.) CLASS OF 2007 GREATEST SUPER SMASH BROS 64 PLAYER EVER 2003-PRESENT		JOEY CHESTNUT (COMPETITIVE EATER) CLASS OF 2006 ATE 73.5 HOT DOGS IN 10 MIN. (WORLD RECORD) 2005-PRESENT

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