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# A.S. president pandemic updates

**By Andrew Glenn** STAFF WRITER

Associated Students President Branden Parent reported on a student resolution that passed March 16 which will provide more flexibility and support for San Jose State students, during Wednesday's Board of Directors meeting held on Zoom.

Academic Senate Chair Ravisha Mathur said that it is the first student resolution that was passed in the senate within the last

Parent reported to the board that the Academic Senate passed the resolution on March 16.

"So it's something really big," Parent said. "We hope that [A.S.] can share that with and faculty show Academic Senate the got the support unanimously."

The Sense of the Senate Resolution strongly urges faculty members to be more lenient to students during the coronavirus pandemic.

### State of athletics

Parent also said the Athletics Board has canceled all Mountain West Conference athletics and spring contests until after spring break.

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**Branden Parent** 

Associated Students president

Student-athletes are currently concerned with their GPAs, Parent said. He added that some said the transition to online classes may have an adverse effect on their academic performance.

### Fees and refunds

Parent said the Campus Fee Advisory Committee will discuss how different departments have been making use of their funding in an upcoming meeting.

The committee also stated that refunds for student services such as housing, meal plans and parking will be partially refunded while tuition and mandatory fees will not.

Despite facilities on campus being closed, maintenance, repairs and cleanings are still being carried out, Parent said.

"I understand the concerns the students have about some of the mandatory fees like the SRAC," Parent said. "The reasoning is that there is still maintenance with taking care of the pool and security of the building."

Parent added that these fees also pay for future expenses that could not be disclosed for confidentiality reasons.

### **COVID-19 at SJSU**

Parent said the identity of the SJSU student that tested positive for COVID-19, will not be disclosed because of privacy concerns.

If someone did not receive an email from Vice President of Student Affairs Patrick Day concerning possible contact, students and staff should not be overly concerned about this issue, not affecting students' GPAs. he added.

### Pass/fail class option

Parent said the Academic Senate is transition affecting their GPAs. discussing a pass or fail option for classes with Vincent Del Casino Jr., provost and senior vice president of academic affairs, to address the concerns of this system

- The Academic Senate passed a student resolution March 16 which provides more academic flexibility and support toward students.
- Non-refundable fees will be used to pay maintenance employees and campus building security.
- Academic Senate is discussing a pass or fail option for classes to address student concerns over their GPAs being affected by the online transition.

This pass or fail option was introduced after many students voiced concerns on the Wildfire app about the online

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**Black Death:** 

1331 - 1353 (22 years)

Third plague: 1894 - 1908 (14 years)

Spanish flu:

**January 1918 - December 1920 (24 months)** 

Swine flu:

**April 2009 - August 2010 (17 months)** 

## **How long have previous** pandemics lasted?

Over time, humanity has learned to respond to pandemics more quickly and efficiently. From the Black Death in the 1300s, which lasted decades, to the recent swine flu, which was controlled in under two years, modern epidemiology and medicine have allowed for faster response times and cures. The lone exception to this gradual success is the fight against HIV/AIDS, which has been slowed by the misconceptions and stigmas.

**HIV/AIDS:** 

1981 - ongoing (39 years)

COVID-19:

**December 2019 - ongoing (4 months)** 

SOURCES: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, HARDIN LIBRARY FOR THE HEALTH SCIENCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA AND UN AIDS; INFOGRAPHIC BY KUNAL MEHTA AND MARCI SUELA

### **CAMPUS VOICES**

## How do you feel about SJSU offering partial refunds?



"Regarding refunds, I think it says a lot that the university is prioritizing residents whereas commuters get the shorter end of the stick."



"SJSU needs to refund our tuition fee since this is not the quality [of] classes that we paid for. That money is never easy [for students] to pay."



"I think it's reasonable to get some tuition back at least for labs. I do understand that SJSU has financial obligations and it's still having classes online that has a cost to it."

George Khalilieh industrial technology sophomore



"I am no longer living on campus . . . I'd really hope to get refunds on not only my housing but the parking permit I paid for [the Seventh Street] garage for the semester."

Karen Bridgitt Zamora

radio, television, video and film senior

# City braces for COVID-19 surge

By Diana Avila SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The number of people infected Harkness said. with the new coronavirus keeps growing, said Kip Harkness, San Jose deputy city manager, during Tuesday's City Council meeting, which was made available online.

there were 375 confirmed cases communal change in behavior. of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County, but the analysis by the that 80% of COVID-19 cases San Jose City Council indicates may be mild and 20% may be the number of unreported cases critical enough to put patients could be 25 times higher.

"We are using data modeling understand the spread and shape of the COVID-19 epidemic in Santa Clara County," Harkness said. "Our estimate is then there are between significantly flatten the curve in 9,000 and 19,000 actual cases in terms of the demand for ICU units running at full scale." Santa Clara County right now."

However the amount of test the curve of rising cases.

Harkness said the data collected shows how the community needs to get serious fighting the coronavirus by practicing social distancing and following the statewide shelter-in-place order.

predicting the future and again the actions we take very much influence this data,"

He said if people don't follow the shelter-in-place order, there are three possible outcomes: the curve will stay the same, continue to grow or decrease a small amount - with the last At the time of the meeting, scenario being dependent on a

> Harkness said in his report in intensive care units.

> The report also said critical patients who do not have access to the proper care or equipment can cause death rates to double.

needed," Harkness said.

City staff research estimates supplies available to San Jose 2,000 potential deaths in the residents is not enough to flatten coming 12 weeks, according to Harkness' report.

"We will be seeing the maximum strain starting to hit the health care system and a maximum number of those who are sick and infected at their sickest," Harkness said. "That means all of the capabilities and capacities that we are putting in "This is not a crystal ball place need to be able to be up and



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"The public health orders San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo listens to a public comment during a November 2018 City Council meeting.

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo praised the people working to bring the pandemic to an end, but other council members are also concerned about the community's

"I'm just concerned that there's not enough child care slots available for essential workers across the city and I know that it's an immense need," Councilmember Sylvia Arenas said.

Arenas said that if there is

no adequate care for children, they might end up being looked after by someone who is not qualified.

Officials are currently defining essential workers as police officers, firefighters or any other city employee, according to city staff. However, they clarified the current list is subject to change.

Angel Rios, operations section coordinator in the Emergency Operations Center, said they are working on putting together resources needed for essential workers.

"The county has actually entered into a contract with a service provider to provide child care for county employees - it is the county employees specifically," Rios said.

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# SJSU census group sought to dissolve misconceptions

**By Austin Turner** SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Counting every person in America's 10th most populated city, not to mention every person in the country, sounds like an impossible mission.

But it must be done, according to Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution.

San Jose has a population of more than 1 million people, according to the United States Census Bureau.

The census is a government operation that aims to count every person living in the U.S. every 10 years, regardless of citizenship status.

However, some local lawmakers foresee an undercount when the census begins

"Perhaps 40% of our adults were born in a foreign country" San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo said in an interview with KQED. "We're typically undercounted in census efforts."

Four San Jose State students recently aimed

Their group #YouCount, part of Dwight, Bentel & Hall Communications, an on-campus public relations and advertising agency, finished up their campaign seeking to increase youth participation at SJSU in the census.

Agency members said there's a lack of information about the census directed

"A lot of people that are on this campus right now were very young during the last census and don't know very much about it," said Outreach and Partnerships Director Monica Mallon in February. "[We also want to] dispel a lot of rumors that are out there about the immigration question and some of the things that have happened over the last 12 months or so."

Mallon explained the main issue that could deter students from participating in the needs and what someone like me that was census - housing.

"A lot of people are scared that the data could be used against them, like to their landlords," Creative Director Kevin Perez said. "Like if there's too many people living under one roof, it could be used to kick them out."

We have to get them informed on letting them know they're safe filling [the census] out. They're scared of saying that they're not a citizen. They're scared of putting that on the questionnaire and we have to let them know that it's 100% confidential.

> Meghan Buckman #YouCount social media and personal relations director

The students wanted to make it clear this example and many others simply aren't true. The group added that the census is taken on an aggregate, so there is "no way that they could even figure out individual assets

Despite what many believe, the census doesn't ask if respondents are U.S. citizens.

"We have to get them informed on letting them know they're safe filling [the census] out," said Meghan Buckman, the social media and personal relations director for #YouCount. "They're scared of saying that they're not a citizen. They're scared of putting that on the questionnaire and we have to let them know that it's 100% confidential."

The students behind #YouCount believe getting the correct information out there will help all of San Jose's population be correctly counted in April, regardless of citizenship status.

"There's no difference in what an immigrant born in California needs," Mallon said. "We all need the same things."

#YouCount focused on ensuring two key demographics at SJSU are counted correctly: young Black men and young Hispanic men.

The #You Count group were part of this year's Bateman Case Study Competition, a nationwide collegiate public relations contest that ended Friday where teams built a campaign focused on a particular category. This year's theme was the census.

Since the census takes place every 10 years, at the beginning of March. #YouCount members attempted to make sure There, passerbys filled SJSU students learned its importance.

"[The census] gives a snapshot of what your community looks like," said Team Lead Alannah McDermott. "The number of people in the demographics pretty much tell the government where to spend money and where planning to have the BUCKMAN resources are needed."

The results of the census determine how campaign, an on-campus many congressional seats are granted to each rally on March 11. With state, as well as where money is distributed from the federal government to states and local communities, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

According to the #YouCount website, "The money received could be used to improve schools, hospitals, fire departments, new neighborhoods and public transportation."

The group has a social media-based campaign, maintaining Twitter and Instagram pages as well as a website. The site contains general information about the census, including a link to the online self-response option, and has information on Little Caesars pizzas [at the future #YouCount events.

The student group worked with Vilcia Rodriguez, San Jose City 2020 census project manager, to advocate for youth participation.

"I think that any support that we get for the census to engage the community . . . is very valuable," Rodriguez said. "There's a lot at stake in the census this time around. There always is, but more so this time around . . . We need to get as many people on board to help with the education and motivation efforts around the census."

Working with Rodriguez, the agency spoke to a group of about 30 people at the SJSU Chicanx/Latinx Student Success Center in February to spread awareness to a demographic that is typically undercounted.

"That was pretty cool because most [students] in there didn't really know much

about the census," Buckman said. "Especially knowing that their community is significantly underrepresented just because they aren't given enough information."

In addition to the presentation, the group tabled at the Seventh Street Plaza on campus

out pledge cards listing their name and where they'd like to see federal funds applied.

#YouCount was also cornerstone event of the the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation against having public gatherings to limit the spread of the coronavirus, the group wasn't able to move forward with the event.

But the members still wanted to make the best out of unfortunate situation.

"We were going to provide

event]," McDermott said. "We still kept that order and we then gave that pizza to the City of San Jose . . . and we made a little game called 'census pizza'."

**MCDERMOTT** 

City workers were given slices that each represented a section of the San Jose community that could receive a "part of the pie" in funding as a result of the census, such as transportation and Medi-Cal.

"We're so happy that we got to be a part of this," McDermott said. "Obviously we weren't expecting [the current situation] to happen . . . but we're really excited that we got to do [this campaign]."

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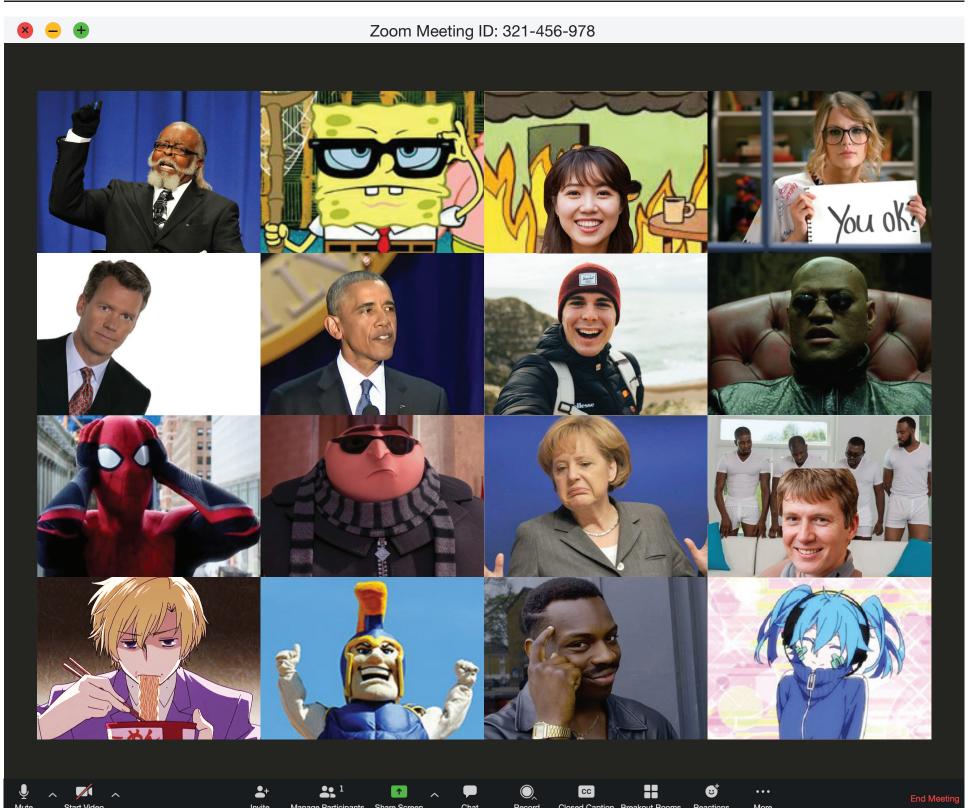
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# Zoom poses risks for students

### Video conferencing software raises concerns about privacy, security



**Kunal Mehta** 

SCIENCE & TECH EDITOR

I really haven't enjoyed sheltering in place for the past three weeks, but one thing has made it slightly more bearable: Zoom memes.

Across the world, college students are signing onto Zoom for the first time as classes are forcibly shifted online because of the coronavirus pandemic and then making jokes about it.

Widely used in the business world, Zoom and other teleconferencing software allow for professors and students to interact in a setting that is probably as close to an in-person classroom as possible.

With the ability to raise your hand, chat with fellow students and make silly faces behind your professor's back, it's a testament to modern computing technology that such a thing is possible in the first place.

But like all technology, Zoom has its

downsides. Zoom has a track record of poor privacy and security management practices that especially affect students who have no option but to use it.

As a newly enrolled student of Zoom

University, these are my main fears: First off, the host of a Zoom call can see any direct messages sent through Zoom's chat. In other words, don't try to slide into your classmate's DMs through Zoom if you don't want your professor to read the messages too.

Zoom hosts can also see whether you've switched over to a different window and no longer have your class front and center. Only the application can see what you're focusing on, so using Zoom in your web browser will protect you – more on that later.

But it gets really creepy when we take a look at what the administrators of our Zoom accounts can see. In this case, that's San Jose State staff members. In a 2015 demo video, a Zoom sales

executive showed off the excessive data collection and reporting features of the

Zoom administrators can see how much time you spend on Zoom, where you are connecting from (IP address), whether your video was enabled and what type of computer you're using. They can even see the make and model on the audio device you were using, such as the specific kind of headphones you were wearing.

Could you imagine a university administrator coming into your class to write down what kind of headphones each student has? It would be a complete invasion of privacy for no justifiable reason.

Here's the kicker: whoever is assigned as a Zoom administrator at SJSU could join your class meetings with no advance notification. In some of my classes, I would definitely be uncomfortable having normal conversations with my professors if an administrator could barge in with no notice.

Realistically, what options do we have? Our tuition money pays for SJSU's education plan with Zoom and the university seems unlikely to change course given all the other problems it needs to deal with right now.

The main takeaway I have is to use Zoom through your web browser rather than installing its application, as I had mentioned earlier. Your web browser acts as a digital sandbox, preventing Zoom from accessing most of the private information about you on your computer.

The major web browser manufacturers design them to protect users against malicious websites, and in this case Zoom does act maliciously.

Using Zoom in a web browser would have protected users in 2019 when a security researcher disclosed a serious flaw in the Zoom macOS application. Installing the app on your Mac would also install a second piece of software that effectively allowed any malicious website to force users to join a Zoom video call with their webcam enabled, without any prompt or confirmation step.

Despite the obviously problems, Zoom initially doubled down on the functionality, defending it

## Tips for students to protect themselves



### Only use Zoom through your web browser

Web browsers will digitally sandbox Zoom, limiting the amount of private information it can access.

### Don't send private DMs through Zoom

Your professor can read all chat messages sent through a Zoom call, even if they are private to a specific user.



### Advocate for student privacy rights

SJSU will likely embrace more online technology in the future, making it important that students stand up for their rights.

as providing a better user experience because there was no confirmation step when intentionally joining a meeting, according to a July 2019 story on Ars Technica, a technology news website. Apple didn't agree with Zoom and pushed an update to remove the malware from all macOS computers until Zoom reversed its stance and removed the functionality itself.

While most apps have security flaws, it's especially concerning that a company would intentionally introduce them and then try to defend the flaws once it's pointed out how problematic they are.

I should make it clear that I don't blame the SJSU administration nor professors for the current situation we're all in today. Zoom leads the market in comparable software solutions and is probably better than whatever else is available.

But as students, we must stand up for our own privacy rights. Whenever an event triggers a mass crisis, citizens lose rights that never return.

After 9/11, the Patriot Act and similar ensuing legislation gave the government broad spying powers that still infringe upon our civil liberties to this day. It's likely that similar legislation will be passed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Saturday, Politico reported that the U.S. Department of Justice wanted to partially suspend habeas corpus rights by allowing judges to indefinitely detain people during the national emergency, opening a slippery slope for every future emergency.

It is just as likely that if this experiment of moving all classes online doesn't end in a total disaster, SJSU will move forward with more online classes, relying even more heavily on technologies such as Zoom.

Although there is no stopping the inevitable increase of classes that use Zoom in the future, it is imperative that students' privacy rights are respected.

Only then can we safely enjoy our memes.

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(From left to right) "Vanquish," "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare Series" and "Resistance" are compelling games with intriguing storylines that will have players engaged for hours.

# Games to play while locked away

By Andrew Glenn STAFF WRITER

Why be scared of the coronavirus when you can play video games to keep your mind off of it?

For the safety of the general public, shelter-inplace orders have taken effect in 21 U.S. states, according to the New York Times as of Wednesday.

Essentially Americans should selfquarantine in their homes.

There is no doubt Netflix, Hulu and other streaming services have seen a surge in membership during these isolating times.

And while there is a plethora of movies and TV shows to indulge in, you could also immerse yourself in a whole world of video games for hours on end.

There are many titles out there with compelling stories and enjoyable mechanics that should not go unnoticed.

The unique storylines of each game can keep your attention while the different mechanics keep your mind active and engaged.

### "Vanquish"

Sega's third-person shooter game, "Vanquish," was released for the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 in October 2010 and is still well-respected in the gaming community.

This is precisely why it was rereleased as part of an anniversary bundle with Sega's "Bayonetta" for the Xbox One and PlayStation 4.

In the game, the protagonist Sam Gideon is an agent in the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

The character wears a speed-enhancing suit as he takes on an army of Russian bots.

When compared to other third-person shooter

"Vanquish" games, noticeably fast-paced, making it difficult for the player to look away for even a brief moment.

The story is by no means short and is evenly-paced to ensure the player will enjoy it as much as the actual gameplay.

Depending on the player's playstyle and the chosen difficulty setting, the game can take approximately six to eight hours to complete.

After the playthrough, can indulge players in the second part of the anniversary series, "Bayonetta."

### "Call of **Duty: Modern Warfare Series**"

Last year, developer Infinity Ward released the first-person shooter game, "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare" for Playstation 4, Xbox One and PC.

In 2007, the same company released "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare" for the PlayStation 3, 360 Nintendo Wii.

The first game of the franchise to feature modern military equipment, it focuses on fictional conflicts in both the Middle East and Russia.

Infinity Ward then produced sequels, "Modern Warfare 2" and "Modern Warfare 3," which were released in 2009 and 2011 respectively.

Both games compatible with Xbox One and can be played if purchased at the online store.

It provides significant opportunity for players to experience the story of a series that defined a generation of gamers.

Average game time for players would be: six hours for the first game, five for the sequel and another six for the finale.

### "Resistance"

If players are looking to immerse themselves in a realistic game that hits home, why not play a game about a pandemic that has people confined to their homes?

The "Resistance" series is a PlayStation exclusive first released in 2006.

Developed by Insomniac Games, it is a firstperson shooter on the PlayStation 3 that pits players against an alien race that grows in numbers with the spread of a virus.

The Chimera, mysterious alien race, and its virus seek to eradicate humanity so it is up to the player to prevent the death of all things human.

The third and final game, "Resistance 3," was released in 2011 and is available on demand through PlayStation Now on the PlayStation 4. Although the game

begins by sharing plot details from the last game, players are likely to be curious about what they missed in the first two, which are only playable on PlayStation 3.

Fortunately, many in-game details help fill in any missing information for new players.

Th average game time for players would be: about seven and a half hours for the first game, about 10 hours for the second game and about eight hours for the third game.

There are a multitude of games that one can play during the COVID-19 lockdown and it would be a shame if they went unnoticed.

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# COVID and cuddle for a quality quarantine

### TV series to energize the sullen days of self-isolation

As days begin to fuse into one long waiting game, you might get exhausted with reality. So, why not steer your focus away from the quarantine and delve into a new adventure right from your couch! With a treasure trove of TV shows and movies on streaming platforms such as Netflix, HBO and Amazon

Prime, there are an endless amount of choices that will keep you captivated for days. However, with so many choices, it may be difficult to know where to start. Luckily, members of the Spartan Daily staff have curated a selection of four binge-worthy TV series to help you escape the boredom of lockdown.

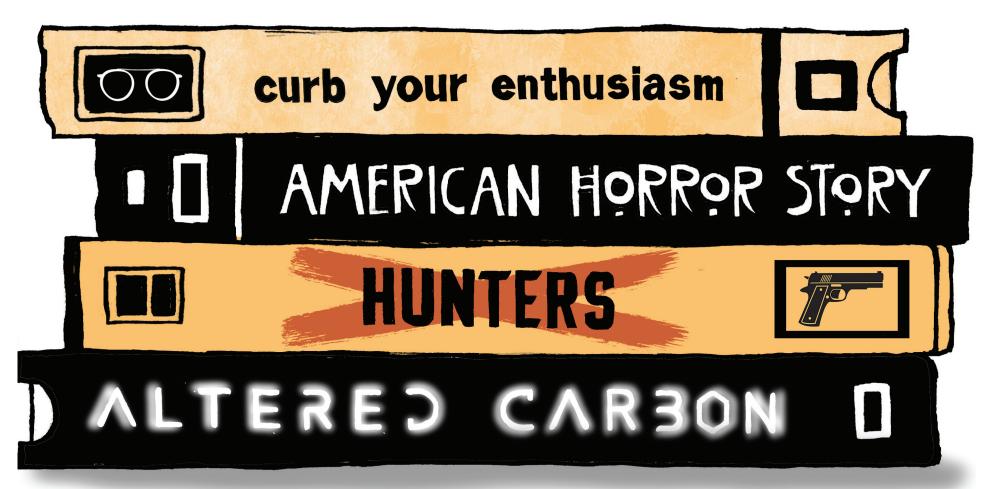


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## curb your enthusiasm

By Austin Turner • Senior Staff Writer

say that "The Office" is the best evolving into hilarious situations show to binge, but the real king such as David bringing a prostitute comedy TV is "Curb Your carpool lane or falling in love with Enthusiasm," available both on Hulu a Palestinian chicken restaurant and HBO Now to stream.

show is loosely autobiographical take "Seinfeld"-creator Larry David as he goes about his day-to-day life as a strict enforcer of social norms.

Dubbed a "social assassin," David often winds up in outrageous 10 seasons. situations by being unable to stop for doing things such as putting their at a time. Clear your schedule. coffee cup down without a coaster or lying about wearing a toupee.

David has no filter and that makes for great television.

The plot lines get more and more

Most comedy consumers will ridiculous as the show goes on, of uncomfortable and relatable to a baseball game just to drive in the despite being Jewish.

> Each half-hour episode is packed on to the brim with jokes.

> > With the A, B and C plots being neatly tied together in true "Seinfeld" fashion, the sitcom structure makes for a terrific

Just a warning though, you won't himself from freaking out at people be able to watch one or two episodes

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By Chris Padilla • Staff Writer

"Hunters," that seeks to bring justice to Nazis motivations, as terrible as they are. United States.

"Hunters" is often serious in tone, but never so dour as to solicit apathy with 10 hour-long episodes. from the audience.

Cutaway reminiscent gags "Family Guy" Quentin Tarantino films break up the tension and bring a few chuckles without taking viewers away from

The characters are a likable bunch and rather than being caricatures of

1977 a forgone era, the Nazis are shown New York City, is about a squad as human beings with thoughts and

who have secretly immigrated to the The performances in the show are compelling, with standouts Contrary to what the premise such as the philanthropist Meyer would show, the Amazon Prime Offerman (Al Pacino), the shellshow feels more like a mysterious shocked veteran Joe Mizushima drama and less like a grindhouse (Louis Ozawa) and the sociopathic, Nazi killfest, but it's still a satisfying Darwinist Nazi Travis Leich (Greg Austin).

"Hunters" is relatively succinct

The show makes for a good binge that won't trap you into a hundred and episodes and multiple arcs.

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## AMERICAN HORROR STORY

By Nathan Doyle • Graphics Editor

inhabitants asylum, modern day covens or suburban cults, anthology series fan reactions. "American Horror Story" captivates its viewers with a refreshing change Emma Roberts and Kathy Bates, to

The FX series' hour-long episodes kick off with classic disorienting music risks with voguish casting, often played over opening credits, then quickly immerse viewers in the show's trademark dark and morbid tone.

While many cable TV shows take a serialized storyline approach spanning multiple seasons, creator Ryan Murphy who also created the hit TV show "Glee," alongside other producers of "American Horror Story" paved the road for its success by neatly containing storylines to a single season.

This also provides an opportunity

Whether it's haunted houses, for actors to be cast in different insane roles each season, something the showrunners determine based on

From familiar favorites such as of scenery every season to amp up the unexpected choices like Lady Gaga and Macaulay Culkin, the creators have never shied away from taking securing the show's place within the pop culture stratosphere.

The cast wouldn't work well together if there wasn't the right story to tell. But for nine seasons, the producers have presented the perfect union between plot and cast.

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## ALTERED CARBON

By Olivia Bowman • Copy Editor

when you can't leave your house.

Uber-wealthy humans have found a their consciousness put in small discshaped devices called "stacks," which ponder what it means to be human. can be slotted into any human or synthetic body.

the Last Envoy, was part of a failed rebellion to stop that technology.

Approximately 300 years later, he is brought back to help find out who killed one of the richest humans in the

find out what happened to the woman and is seriously binge-worthy.

With world-building qualities on track to rival "Game of Thrones,"

Set far in the future on a "Altered Carbon" is a sci-fi lover's distant planet, the Netflix series dream because of its emphasis on "Altered Carbon" is a great escape humanity's sometimes questionable ethics surrounding technology.

A cynical futuristic world is way to cheat death by paying to have anchored by heartfelt interactions between characters that make you

The series keeps the viewer engaged by immersing them in Takeshi Kovacs, also known as an enthralling space age, while teasing out the details and plot of an intense thriller.

Although there two seasons available so far, "Altered Carbon" can be rewatched to clear up any confusion between the Kovacs also uses this opportunity to two timelines viewers are plunged into

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Grad transfer quarterback Nick Starkel threw 5 interceptions as a Razorback on Sept. 21 against the Spartans at Razorback Stadium. SJSU won the game 31-24.

# Starkel finds fresh start at SJSU

By Austin Turner
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Nick Starkel: sound familiar? Every San Jose State football fans should recognize the name.

Last September, SJSU celebrated one of its biggest wins in program history, upsetting the University of Arkansas 31-24. It was a high for SJSU but a low for Starkel as the then-Razorbacks quarterback threw 5 interceptions in the game.

He was at rock bottom.

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The emotions he experienced – anger, frustration, disappointment – were

feelings that the Spartans knew all too well. But not Starkel.

The former four-star recruit took "full blame" for the Razorbacks' defeat.

To many people, it appeared as if the highly touted signal-caller was about to fall off the map.

Shortly after the dust settled on the Razorbacks' 2-10 season and head coach Chad Morris had been fired, Starkel received a surprise text from none other than former SJSU quarterback Josh Love.

"[Love] said 'Hey look, I'm graduating . . . we got a really talented receiving corps, really talented offense. It's all veteran guys in there,' "Starkel said.

Love and Starkel were counselors at the 2019
The Quarterback Retreat,
Steve Clarkson's training camp for quarterbacks in
Los Angeles. Workouts were followed by games of Spikeball on the beach, and the pair remained in touch. The endorsement from Love was

all Starkel n e e d e d to hear. "[Love] recruited me there," Starkel said. "He sealed the deal and it was just on the coaches to back up what he

was saying."
Love set Starkel up with
SJSU quarterbacks coach
Ryan Gunderson.

After a successful phone call, SJSU head coach Brent Brennan spoke with Starkel's parents to gain their approval, which was important to him. Brennan made quite an impression on Starkel.

"He was so cool," Starkel said, referring to Brennan. "It's like a 'bro' or a 'dude' every-other sentence... You can tell he probably has a really good relationship with his players."

Starkel paraphrased the recruiting pitch from his new coach as, "Yeah dude, you're going to love it out here, bro."

Starkel committed to SJSU as a graduate transfer less than five months after the Spartans shocked his Razorbacks.



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**Nick Starkel** graduate transfer quarterback

A couple of weeks after committing to SJSU, Starkel "announced" it with a simple Instagram post. It was a selfie of him in a ski mask captioned "Mood all 2020 knowing God got me," with the location tagged "San Jose State University."

The shocking nature of his decision doesn't escape him. Starkel knows it was a surprising move. But what blew him away was the fact that the Spartans saw something in him.

"I never would have thought that a team that I threw 5 interceptions against would want me," he said. "But they saw, 'With the right coaching, this kid could be pretty special."

Starkel adds that the coaching staff didn't even bring the game up during any recruiting pitches, but he realizes his new teammates might have something to say.

"I swear if those [defensive backs] start chirping in practice, it's going to get real serious," Starkel said.

The coaching staff looked past the rough game against SJSU and instead looked at the potential shown over his entire body of work as a college quarterback.

"It's funny because I know he didn't have a great day against us," Brennan said in a February news conference. "But I've seen what he can do and I know how talented he is, what kind of character he has. I love the fact that he has a big-time football background . . . He's played in really big games and big situations and so he knows what to expect in those things."

The 6-foot-3, 214 lb. QB catapulted out of the gate as a redshirt freshman at Texas A&M.

Despite an opening day injury, Starkel started five games for the Aggies, throwing for 1,793 yards, 14 touchdowns and just 6 interceptions. In the Belk Bowl against Wake Forest, he set Texas A&M freshman records with 499 passing yards and 4 scores.

The future was looking bright for the young gunslinger in the Lonestar State.

Lonestar State.

However, after a heated position battle, he lost the 2018 starting QB job to Kellen Mond. Looking to play his final two years of eligibility, Starkel chose the University of

Arkansas, but it wasn't the right fit.

"In my first decision to transfer, I was really insecure about getting out of the spotlight," he said. "I was like, 'I need to go to another big school . . . [but] in the end, you want to go to a team that you are going to be successful at and that just wasn't happening at Arkansas."

Starkel comes to SJSU in search of a football resurgence. After seeing the team's massive improvement from a 1-11 record in 2018 to 5-7 in 2019, SJSU was the program he thought he could lead to success.

"The Mountain West is wide open," Starkel said. "I think you can ask anybody on the team and they think we can [win it] this year, and I do too, or else I wouldn't be going there."

Starkel spent his high school years in the Dallas area, but with a military father, he moved around a lot, including a three-year stop in San Francisco.

His first challenge out of the gate is to simply land the starting job.

As a grad transfer, you might assume Starkel would have the position locked up, but Nick Nash might have a say in that.

Nash, a QB heading into his sophomore season, had a breakout year in 2019. He made a dynamic difference by throwing for 133 yards and two touchdowns and rushing for 255 yards and three scores before an injury cut his season short after playing 6 games.

Starkel said he knew the job wasn't going to be handed to him on a silver platter.

"I don't just see [this season] as my last year of eligibility. I see it as my last year of football because nothing is guaranteed," Starkel said. "I'm not guaranteed a single snap. I have to work for that. I have to earn that . . . I do want to be the starting quarterback and I know that's not going to just be handed to me."

With spring practice canceled after the coronavirus outbreak, Starkel is possibly going to have to wait until fall camp to compete for the starting job.

"I want to fall in love with the game again," he said. "And not the aspects of what football can give me, but literally just falling in love with the practices . . . and the games, the bus rides to the game, the plane ride back."

Upon arriving at SJSU, Starkel knows the pressures of playing in the media frenzy of the Southeastern Conference are gone.

Starkel came to SJSU as a QB seeking redemption.

He said him being on an up-and-coming football team like SJSU seems like the perfect conclusion to his collegiate career.

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Dear Editor,

Every student on this campus deserves a refund. It would only be fair.

Online classes are nowhere near the same as in-person, where a student is actually walking onto a paved campus, sitting on chairs and indulging actual human interaction with live faceto-face professors as opposed to laying in their homes with their personal laptop/iPads that are probably already paid off.

Let's also add the fact that we actually learn when classes are taken on-campus because professors actually do their job and teach and answer questions, as opposed to professors who cannot operate Zoom, let alone respond to emails.

I have a professor who just recently, and obligately, had to accommodate by downloading Canvas. He probably did it as a way to shut us up from asking what our midterm grade was (since we took it the day before classes were canceled) but even then, as we continue to email him, he lacks by either not giving a sufficient answer or not responding at all.

In his course we have a major project that revolves around doing research of human interaction and interviewing people. How are we suppose to move forward or get a passing grade when the professor isn't giving suggestions, alternatives or communicating with us

For a communication professor, I would say that is unfortunate.

As a communication major I would believe it would be right for a refund because our major had a lot of face-to-face activities, assignments, lectures, etc. and I would hate to pay thousands of backbreaking, working class dollars for a professor/institution that doesn't meet my needs to want to be successful.

I also believe that if you are fortunate to have helpful professors, then bless up and succeed. Either way, there has to be some refund, such as for parking permits, meal plans, whatever money goes into the gym and etc. It would only be right.

Daniela Bustamante **Communications senior** 

# SJSU faculty need pay

Dear Editor,

I'm a graduate, but I think that part-time and full-time faculty and staff, maintenance workers, dorm staff cleaners deserve their pay.

I understand I am not a student. But as a alumna who met many part-time professors who were struggling and cleaning staff for the dorms, they work paycheck to paycheck and they deserve their pay too. I think the school should work hard to make sure workers get paid while refunding all they can to students.

There are a lot of vulnerable people who work on campus who need their pay to feed their families. The school shutting down affects students and workers.

The university needs to take care of all parties involved. Lord knows SJSU doesn't prioritize the right things all the time and honestly they need to prioritize the vulnerable.

Sincerely,

Yovanna Gonzalez **Public health alumnus** 

## Students deserve a refund | Online classes have less value

Dear Editor,

I think it's damaging to SJSU's reputation for them to not at least partially refund tuition. We payed for in-person classes. If we wanted to have online classes, we would have chosen them.

Online classes are NOT the same as in-person, and it's made it very difficult for people whose learning style is hands on and face-to-face.

While it isn't the university's fault that we had to move online, it sure isn't the students' either. So why should we (the ones who are not getting what we paid for) get the short end of the stick?

The way I see it, sometimes the university has to make difficult decisions with the students' best interests in mind. Right now, it feels like they are not fully putting students first. I am grateful we are getting refunds for housing, meal plans, and parking, but it's not complete justice.

The monetary value of online classes versus in-person classes differ, and should be accounted for. Especially since they would only technically have to give refunds for part of a semester, I don't see why they wouldn't if they actually value and respect us.

**Aimee McPherson** 

**Business administration and marketing senior** 

# Healthcare reform is needed

Dear Editor.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA), implemented by President Barack Obama, was one of the most significant healthcare legislations in U.S. history since the creation of Medicaid. While the ACA was disparaged by Republicans, its implementation irrefutably accomplished its main goal of providing access to comprehensive health care for all Americans, which is the only way that we can ensure optimal reduction in preventable disease.

The U.S. health care crisis has reached a dangerous plateau, cultivating a debate marred by deeply entrenched and differing political lines that have halted our progress on policy reform. Americans have quickly been thrusted into a cycle of medical debt, potential homelessness, and a range of medical complications due to limited access to affordable, common-sense

This approach breeds an atmosphere where only the wealthy have the highest quality of life and health, while the poor are priced out of an unbalanced system that fosters chronic illness and suffering. When one demographic suffers from disease, the ease of transmission of illness and that impact on our health care system force the entire nation to pay the repercussions.

Sincerely, **Ashley Turner Justice studies senior** 



# Estudiante busca refugio entre pandemia



Ella solamente tuvo un día para salir de su habitación y encontrar un nuevo lugar para vivir.

Celeste Navarro-Hernández, una estudiante de la Universidad Notre Dame de Namur, en Belmont, California, estaba trabajando el 12 de marzo, cuando recibió la notificación que los estudiantes tenían que desocupar sus dormitorios.

"No sabía ni lo que estaba pasando cuando fui al descanso en mi trabajo," dijo Navarro-Hernández en una mezcla de español y inglés. "Mi teléfono estaba lleno de mensajes de amigos explicandome lo que estaba pasando."

Somos estudiantes de la Universidad Estatal de San José y sentimos los cambios drásticos que la pandemia COVID-19 ha provocado durante el último mes.

Le dimos refugio a Navarro-Hernández en nuestro apartamento porque su prima vive con nosotros.

Conmocionada y angustiada, Navarro-Hernández no tenía otra opción que quedarse en nuestro hogar.

Nos apresuramos en decirle que podía quedarse con nosotras de inmediato.

Navarro-Hernández, originalmente de Richmond, California, nos cuenta que su universidad requirió que los estudiantes desalojaron sus cuartos en menos de un día o podrían recibir una multa.

Fue injusto para todos los estudiantes que viven en los dormitorios de la Universidad Notre Dame de Namur, ya que algunos de ellos no tienen la posibilidad de encontrar refugio en menos de las 24 horas dadas para evacuar los edificios.

La escuela envió varios anuncios breves sobre la desocupación de los dormitorios y fue así que informaron el rechazo de todas las solicitudes para seguir ocupando un espacio en los dormitorios.

Los únicos aceptados para quedarse fueron estudiantes internacionales.

Lo único que Navarro-Hernández pensó, al igual que los otros estudiantes, fue "¿Qué voy a hacer?"

"Cómo [estudiante universitaria] de primera generación, tener la opción de volver a casa no siempre es la mejor decisión," Navarro-Hernández dijo.

Navarro-Hernández dijo que es difícil enfocarse en sus estudios viviendo con su familia porque tendría que cuidar a sus hermanos y atender los labores de su casa.

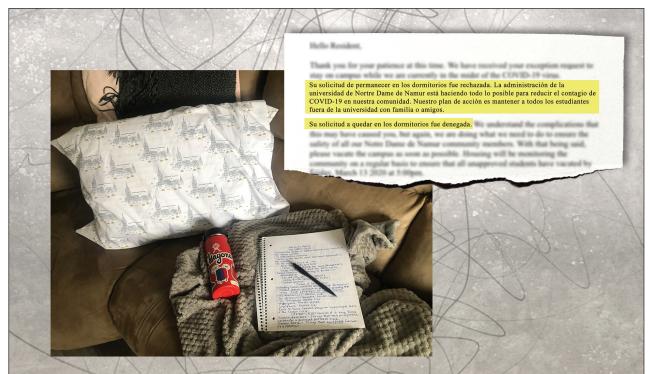


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Después de que su solicitud para quedarse en los dormitorios de la Universidad Notre Dame de Namur, en Belmont, California, fue rechazada, Celeste Navarro-Hernández tuvo que encontrar refugio con su prima en San José.

"Tenía que pensar que sería lo más apropiado y responsable, regresar a casa me haría sentir que luché completamente," dijo Navarro-Hernández. "Tengo que poner un buen ejemplo para mis hermanos como estudiante de primera generación."

Siendo la hija mayor de su familia, ella siente más responsabilidad durante el pánico de la pandemia.

Navarro-Hernández ama su familia y le encantaría regresar pero no es razonable en una transición tan súbita.

Muchos estudiantes enfrentan problemas simples cómo conseguir acceso a sus clases en línea.

Un apagón en nuestra cuadra nos dejó sin luz por un día durante la estancia de Navarro-Hernández.

No pudimos conectarnos al internet ni cargar computadoras y teléfonos con la falta de electricidad. Fue desafiante completar nuestro trabajo escolar y

comunicarnos con profesores durante este tiempo. Las universidades que forzaron estudiantes desocupar sus viviendas no consideraron los obstáculos que enfrentan

Durante su tiempo con nosotras, Navarro-Hernández expresó que fue como "un suspiro de aire fresco."

Ella mencionó que se sentía motivada para hacer su trabajo cuando estaba con nosotras porque vió la solidaridad entre todos que estamos en la misma situación.

"Era un ambiente motivador y cómodo y me di cuenta que en realidad no soy la unica, estamos batallando todos," Navarro-Hernández dijo.

Su estancia desafortunadamente no puede ser por mucho tiempo. Tiene que estar constantemente buscando un lugar para mudarse permanentemente.

Navarro-Hernández regresó a su universidad buscando ayuda. Los consejeros le avisaron que devolvieron el dinero de su vivienda por el resto del semestre.

Y también aprendió que su escuela clausuró permanentemente sus clases después de la caos.

Su trabajo le dio tiempo de descanso unos días después. Ahora tendrá que buscar un nuevo lugar para vivir y pensar cómo pagará por cosas esenciales.

Esta situación ha dejado bastantes estudiantes perdidos y preocupados por lo que sucederá en el futuro.

Las universidades deben de ayudar a los estudiantes sin refugio y tecnología. Tiene que desarrollarse un plan de acción para cuando surja una situación crítica cómo una pandemia.

> Sigue Isalia y Jovanna en Twitter @lsaliaGallo y @itsJGOZ

## Restaurantes se adaptan a COVID-19

Por Vicente Vera **REPORTERO** 

Dentro del restaurante Chacho's en San José, las sillas v mesas alojan polvo en vez de gente.

Chacho's restaurantes mexicanos cercanos a la Universidad Estatal de San Iosé cerraron después de una orden de toque de queda del condado de Santa Clara el 16 de marzo.

Como resultado de la crisis provocada por la pandemia de COVID-19, oficiales del departamento de salud del condado de Santa Clara ordenaron que solo los negocios permanecieran abiertos hasta el 7 de abril.

Lugares no esenciales tal como gimnasios y tiendas de ropa y zapatos tuvieron que cerrar sus puertas.

Los restaurantes considerados esenciales. Muchos continúan abiertos y ofrecen comida para llevar.

La mayoría de restaurantes mexicanos en el centro de San José permanecen abiertos para gente quien quiera ordenar comida para llevar o entrega.

"Estoy agradecido de tener trabajo todavía, pero obviamente las cosas en el centro han sido mucho más despacio para nosotros," dijo Collin Dwyer en inglés, un empleado de Iguanas Burritozilla.

Dentro del restaurante a lo largo de Third Street, los empleados de Iguanas Burritozilla quitaron todos los asientos, utensilios y colocaron desinfectante de manos cerca del mostrador.

Dwyer, quien también es un estudiante de segundo año de marketing en la Universidad Estatal de San José, dijo que solamente tienen comida para llevar,



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pero gente todavía viene con intención de comer ahí.

"Pero definitivamente se puede ver que el negocio diferente," dijo. "No hay nadie afuera, no hay carros en la calle. Definitivamente es una vibra diferente, algo aburrido."

La vista de la calle a mediodía no es tan bulliciosa como los días antes del 16 de marzo.

Las únicas personas visibles en Fourth Street eran clientes del Bank of practicando America, distanciamiento social.

A unas pocas puertas del Bank of America está el restaurante Chacho's, una cantina que sirve comida mexicana mientras música tradicional fluye de los altavoces dentro.

Chacho's está cerrado completamente hasta el 7 de Abril.

Un anuncio puesto en la puerta dice que Chacho's no puede operar porque el condado de Santa Clara ha restringido reuniones de más de 35 personas.

Para medida extra de seguridad, cerraron restaurante con una verja y candado.

"En medio del cierre de emergencia de San José de tres semanas, nuestra ubicación en el centro estará cerrada hasta nuevo aviso," se escribió en la página de Facebook del restaurante en inglés.

Pero también escribieron que su restaurante en el este de San José seguiría preparando comida para llevar.

Otros restaurantes mexicanos que abiertos y sirviendo comida para llevar en el centro de San José incluyen todas las ubicaciones de La Victoria, Tostadas, Super Taqueria, Cali Spartan Mexican Kitchen y California Wet Burrito.

Un trabajador de California Wet Burrito dijo que clientes aún pueden sentarse en el patio para comer.

Trabajadores de estos restaurantes están expuestos ambos al riesgo de contraer COVID-19 y tener que participar en discusiones con la gente que entra al negocio.

En Iguanas Burritozilla, un cliente quiso devolver una tacita de salsa a Dwyer, pero Dwyer le dijo que no podía aceptarla porque ya había sido tocada por el cliente.

"Siempre ha sido nuestra política no tomar de regreso las salsas que alguien ya tocó," Dwyer dijo. "Especialmente durante este tiempo, no voy a tomar nada de regreso. No voy a tomar el riesgo."

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