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## Social media alerts some prior to SJSU emergency system

Lyell Marks  
Staff Writer

More than four hours after UPD arrived at the scene of Tuesday's shooting in the 10th Street garage, a text from Alert-SJSU notified students that they could retrieve their cars from all floors but the fifth, which was still being investigated for evidence.

For several students, Alert-SJSU was one of the last sources that informed them of the shooting and events unfolding on the north side of campus.

"I heard about the shooting on Twitter," said Nicholas Nemirsky, a first-year graduate student in aerospace engineering. "It was very strange to hear about it from a social networking website instead of the system that was put in place to protect us."

No mention of the shooting was made via text by the Alert-SJSU system at any point on Tuesday — both texts issued were regarding the accessibility of the parking garage.

While the police knew of the incident around 8:45 p.m., there was no warning issued until 9:13 p.m. when a message could be heard over the campus speakerphone in SJSU classrooms describing the events that had occurred less than an hour earlier.

"The shooting was an isolated, targeted and contained incident," said Lt. Frank Belcastro of UPD. "The suspect was in custody and there was no threat to the campus community."

Belcastro said that after the initial message was heard over campus speakerphones at 9:13 p.m., another alert message was sent out to classrooms at 9:39 p.m. with additional information.

The second follow-up message was announced at a time when not a single SJSU class is in regular session, but could be heard by students using the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

At 10:05 p.m., SJSU students who had enrolled using their email addresses received a message from Alert-SJSU in their inbox with a recording from UPD.

The recording repeated that there was no "active threat to the campus community" but advised students and staff to "maintain clear" of the north garage for the time being.

"If we had someone running around campus with a gun we would certainly want students to be informed about that," Belcastro said. "That wasn't the case. We had our suspect in custody and we had witnesses."

If a suspect was seen leaving the scene of the crime, a text alert would have been issued because the gunman still would have been at large, according to Belcastro.

Nemirsky had been on campus for class roughly an hour before the shooting and said he often walks by the garage.

"It's just kind of scary,"

see **ALERT** page 3

# Names to be released today for garage shooting

Nate Morotti  
Staff Writer

New information about the shooting and death of three people in the 10th Street parking garage that took place Tuesday night was released in a news conference that took place Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Police determined after the shooting that the general public was safe, but the garage was still closed for several hours.

"We are withholding the identities of the three people involved in the shooting last night until we are able to contact the families of everyone that is involved," said Pat Lopes Harris, the director of media relations for SJSU. "We can confirm that of the three people involved two were male and there was one female."

"We are also not at liberty to say whether or not the three individuals were students at SJSU, but we can say that there was a definite university affiliation within the group," Harris said.

Harris said that the shooting was an isolated incident and that the relation between the three individuals is being investigated by University Police Department.

The identities of the three individuals that died in the shooting are to be released in a news conference Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. at Clark Hall.

Freshman engineering student Daniel Man said that he did not think something like this would happen at this point in the semester.

"I was surprised because it is getting close to finals week, so I was not expecting this kind of crazy stuff," Man said. "I feel bad for those people that got locked out and couldn't get their cars until 12."

## ■ FEATURE

## Student receives award for athletic excellence, near-perfect grades

Lyell Marks  
Staff Writer

Balancing responsibilities is just another part of the routine for Shanice Howard.

Awarded in late April as the winner of the 2011 Arthur Ashe Jr. Top Overall Female Scholar, the senior gymnast has found a way to tight walk the demands of a Division-I sport while maintaining a cumulative grade-point average of 3.99 as a kinesiology major at SJSU.

Chosen from a group of more than 650 nominees, Howard was selected as the winner for the award that considers student athletes from NCAA and NAIA schools across the nation, according to "Diverse: Issues in Higher Education Magazine," which publishes the annual winners.

"It's a huge honor. I was actually really surprised when I heard about it," Howard said. "I really wasn't expecting something like this to happen. Everybody puts in a lot of hard work and it's really nice to be recognized out of such a large group of athletes."

The male recipient for this year's award was North Carolina State University's multisport student athlete Russell Wilson, who was chosen in the Major League Baseball draft by the Colorado Rockies in the fourth round and finished with 28 touchdowns and more than 3,500 yards passing for the Wolf Pack football team while possessing a 4.0



Photo: Brian O'Malley / Spartan Daily

**Pat Lopes Harris, SJSU's director of media relations, addresses the press regarding Tuesday night's shooting at 10th Street garage during a news conference Wednesday afternoon.**

Undeclared freshman Nadia Elhawary said she was disappointed with the way UPD handled the situation.

"I would have let everyone know as soon as it happened so we can be informed," Elhawary said. "I live on campus and found out through Facebook, so that is not OK. They should have told us."

Senior geology major Evan Enriquez agreed.

"I live on campus and heard about it relatively fast, but I thought the school could have been a little bit better," Enriquez said. "I think they did a good job of sealing the scene, but I would have had someone right away notify the students. It was a good two hours before we even heard about it."

Kyle Szymanski contributed to this story.



Photo Courtesy Shanice Howard

**SJSU gymnast Shanice Howard poses after finishing her floor routine at a competition. Howard was recognized for accomplishments both in the classroom and on the gym floor with the Arthur Ashe Jr. award.**

GPA, according to the higher education magazine.

Howard and Wilson join a list of past winners that includes Jacque Vaughn (former NBA player) and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Jr. (son of NBA Hall-of-Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar).

"Someone mentioned to me that it was like winning the Heisman Trophy in academics," said Wayne Wright, head coach of the SJSU gymnastics team. "Shanice has a

work ethic that is unbelievable — everything she does is performed at the highest level."

The Sports Scholars award was inspired by Arthur Ashe Jr.'s commitment to education and love for athletic competition, according to the higher education magazine's most recent publication that features a section on Howard.

Nominees must have a GPA that is higher than 3.2, compete in an intercollegiate sport and be active

members in their community and campus affairs, according to the higher education magazine.

Howard's 3.99 GPA, athletic awards and community involvement left her standing as the winner among a group of student athletes who were considered from schools such as UCLA, Baylor, Texas A&M, Arizona State and Ohio.

"Shanice is one of my favorite

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## CAMPUS VOICES

By: Whitney Ellard

## Students React to Campus Shooting

Alonzo Rivas

Junior,  
Advertising

"I was in shock. I actually heard about it this morning and it's like wow something else is happening but now it's going as far as a shooting. If security was more around the garages I think people would feel a little bit more safer leaving their cars there as well as walking around there."

Steven Peterson

Freshman,  
Undeclared

"It's kind of scary to hear about what happened with the shootings the other night. I just don't feel safe on campus. I was actually walking around on the street when it happened and I heard all the sirens and cop cars and helicopters."

Babatunde Onadele

Senior,  
Civil Engineering

"My first reaction to the shooting was that Alert-SJSU didn't really perform the way I expected it to."

Joslyn Beard

Senior,  
Sociology

"I felt as if something could have been done to prevent it. If all three of them are students there are counseling services, there are people who are always willing to talk, there are resources on campus that they could've gone to handle the situation."

## Business professor proven a star online

Nic Aguon  
Staff writer

David Mease, an SJSU associate professor of business, is the top-rated professor on RateMyProfessors.com.

Mease teaches classes in the department of marketing and decision sciences in the College of Business on campus.

"I always try to do the best I can when teaching," he said. "It can be a lot of work, but I am pleased when I receive positive feedback from students."

He said it was very rewarding to have such high ratings on the website.

"Students tend to tell me that I act like I really enjoy teaching," Mease said.

He said students have told him he is organized and in regards to his teaching style, he said he uses a fairly standard approach.

"I display my PowerPoint slides which cover main points and provide sample problems," he said. "I supplement these on the whiteboard with additional notes and solutions to the problems."

He said he provides numerous examples during his lectures, a teaching strategy he finds effective.

"I find that students are very good at generalizing from examples," he said.

Mease said he posts videos of all his lectures online, which are available for his students to view at any given time.

"This is very helpful to students and also saves me from needing to repeat myself for the benefit of any student who might have missed something the first time," he said.

According to his faculty website, he has taught students about business statistics

and data mining.

Mease has had several stories published in the Journal of Machine Learning Research, a scholarly website.

These stories include selective assembly in manufacturing and quantile estimation, according to his personal website.

"I think my biggest accomplishment at SJSU is earning high SOTE teaching evaluations from students," Mease said.

In addition, he helped hire the current junior faculty in the marketing department on campus while serving on the departmental hiring committee.

He received his Ph.D. from the statistics department at the University of Michigan.

He has also given academic presentations in Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Portugal, Canada and the British Columbia.

RateMyProfessors spokesperson Sharon Liveten said the website uses a moderation service that checks for patterns.

"If something looks suspicious, we're able to check and see if ratings are coming from the same Internet Protocol address, location or computer," she said.

According to the website, professors are rated by students on several dimensions.

These dimensions include clarity, helpfulness, easiness and rater interest.

Overall professor quality is determined by a balanced weighing between clarity and helpfulness, according to the professor rating website.

The website uses a scale — 5 being the highest rating and 1 being the lowest — for each of the dimensions.

Mease is currently on leave and is working for a Bay Area technology company, according to his personal faculty website.

## U.S. Senators blame speculation oil prices

McClatchy Tribune

Seventeen U.S. senators on Wednesday called for a regulatory crackdown on speculative Wall Street trading in oil contracts, insisting that excessive betting in oil markets is driving energy prices far beyond supply-and-demand fundamentals.

The senators pressed the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to adopt limits on speculation in markets where contracts for future delivery of oil are traded.

"With the average retail price of regular grade gasoline now \$3.95 nationwide, and well over \$4 in many parts of the country, we have entered a time of economic emergency for many American families," the 17 senators wrote to CFTC Chairman Gary Gensler. "While there has been little change in the world's oil supply and demand balance since 2008, oil prices have jumped around from \$147 per barrel, to \$31, to \$86, to around \$104 today."

By the time the letter was made public, the price for contracts of oil and gasoline had tumbled sharply in trading Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The price of gasoline contracts dropped by more than 7 percent, and the price for a barrel of crude oil fell \$5.67, settling at \$98.21, below the \$100 psychological threshold.

Stocks fell sharply too, all sparked by new data from the Energy Information Administration showing a 2.4 percent drop in demand last week for oil and gasoline. The data from EIA, the statistical arm of the Energy Department, suggests that prices have risen so high that Americans are driving less at a time of year when they start driving more.

From Jan. 1 through the end of April, oil prices surged more than 25 percent, even as global demand for oil was weak. U.S. oil consumption is well below 2007 levels, and U.S. oil supplies are at a six-month high.

At least one CFTC commissioner, Democrat Bart Chilton, thinks excessive speculation is partly to blame.

**In a single day, May 5, crude oil traded on the NYMEX fell 8.6 percent, the largest such drop ever.**

"There's nothing that has changed in the world, other than what the traders are doing. Maybe that's OK if you are in a few-dollar range in oil, but to take a \$15 swing in a week and a \$5 swing in a day ... and there is nothing else going on in the world?" Chilton said in an interview with McClatchy Newspapers before the senators issued their letter.

Chilton voted in favor of a proposed CFTC rule earlier this year that would limit oil traders to no more than 10 percent of positions in the futures market. That proposal is weaker than many Democratic lawmakers want, but Wall Street is lobbying heavily against it.

"Congress gave the CFTC the power to rein in excessive oil speculation and the CFTC should use it," Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., said in a statement Wednesday unveiling the letter. "American consumers are getting gouged at

the pump while speculation on Wall Street runs rampant. Today, the CFTC must implement these long-overdue position limits to crack down on excessive speculation and provide relief to American consumers."

"The sheer volume of new capital coming from hedge funds, financial trades and other long-term passive investors — interests that mostly buy oil futures to turn a quick profit rather than meet a bona-fide need to hedge risk — is creating artificial demand and driving up the price for consumers in ways unrelated to actual supply-and-demand fundamentals," the senators' letter said. CFTC enforcement of position limits could restrain price volatility, they said.

In a single day, May 5, crude oil traded on the NYMEX fell 8.6 percent, the largest such drop ever. The drop tracked with media reports that big Wall Street investment groups were unwinding their bets on rising oil prices.

Besides Cantwell, Democratic senators signing the letter were: Ron Wyden of Oregon, Dianne Feinstein of California, Bill Nelson of Florida, Mark Pryor of Arkansas, Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Mark Begich of Alaska, Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, Robert Menendez of New Jersey, Mark Udall of Colorado, Patty Murray of Washington, Ben Cardin of Maryland, Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut and Jeff Merkley of Oregon. Also signing were Maine Republican Susan Collins and Vermont independent Bernie Sanders.

President Barack Obama last month announced creation of an inter-agency task force charged with probing for price gouging of consumers and manipulation.

## SPARTA GUIDE



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Nemirsky said. "If I was there at the time of the shooting I would have had no idea what was going on. What's the point of an alert system if a warning isn't sent out after a campus shooting?"

Ken Oshiro, a senior business major, said he didn't hear about the shooting on Tuesday until he received a call from his mother who was watching the 11 o'clock news, but he never received the text message updates. "I didn't get a text period," Oshiro said.

"I was kind of waiting for it after my mom called me because I thought I had put my number in the (Alert-SJSU) system."

Belcastro said there was a shooting that occurred off campus on Oct. 30, 2009 that was an example of a time when Alert-SJSU did notify students and faculty.

"If there is any doubt about campus safety, we will put the message out," he said. "When we sent out the warning text a couple years ago, it was because the shooter hadn't been apprehended and was still at large. This particular incident was not deemed a threat to the health and safety of the campus."

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students at the university," President Don Kassing stated in an email. "She is a great athlete, an outstanding student and a wonderful role model. She is a natural leader. She is unusually accomplished early in her life and I think this suggests she is going to be very successful later in her life. I have five granddaughters and she would be a wonderful role model for them."

**The Athletic Bar Exam**

Aside from her success in the classroom, the senior gymnast competed on vault and bars this season for SJSU, earning second team all-conference honors on a team that was ranked as high as No. 28 nationally this season.

She has been named to the All-Western Athletic Conference team on four occasions for her skills as a gymnast, including an All-WAC First Team selection in 2009 (floor exercise).

Howard was also chosen as the team captain for the gymnastics team for 2010-2011 and received the Team Leadership Award at the conclusion of the season.

While she appreciates the honors collegiate gymnastics has brought her, she said the truly rewarding part has been the team-first mentality she has learned from Coach Wright and from competition. "Being a part of a collegiate gymnastics team is very different from being on a club team," she said. "The focus is much more team-oriented. Wayne (Wright) is always stressing how important team GPA is, and that definitely provides motivation to keep my own grades up."

She also believes that the skills she has learned in gymnastics translate to the classroom — both venues she said require tremendous attention to detail.

"In gymnastics, if you're not focusing on what you're doing it's really easy to get hurt," Howard said. "The same thing goes in the classroom — when you're focused, you do things better and get them done faster."

**How she became a Spartan**

When SJSU gymnastics head coach Wayne Wright first met Shanice Howard on a recruiting trip more than four years ago, he said he saw a student athlete that was tailored to fit a gymnastics program that prides itself on academic excellence.

"We always look at academics first," Wright said. "That's important to me, especially coming from Stanford. When we looked at her transcripts, they were phenomenal."

Phenomenal was the word he chose to describe a weighted GPA of 4.40 from Tesoro High School — a transcript that convinced him Howard's attention to detail would translate to collegiate gymnastics.

Wright said his emphasis on academics was a philosophy he learned while serving as an assistant coach on Stanford's women's gymnastics team from 1996-2001 before he brought those values to SJSU.

After he accepted the SJSU head coaching job, the gymnastics team posted the highest team grade-point average of all 16 SJSU intercollegiate athletics teams for five years straight (2001-05).

Wright said that the example Howard has set is a great blueprint for any student athlete.

"She always approaches things with full-attention and full-focus," Wright said. "I think that's what makes her such a great gymnast and such a great student."

**Sustained success**

Howard has also garnered additional academic recognition in past years as a President's Scholar (given to students who maintain a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters) on two separate occasions.

In 2010, she was a first-team Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar and was one of ten finalists for the award as a junior at SJSU.

She was also honored during 2010 with the recognition of having the highest GPA of all SJSU student athletes and has received Academic All-Conference honors in all four of her years as a Spartan.

While she has had many role models growing up, Howard said her work ethic is most likely a genetic trait.

"I think I get a lot of my work ethic from my mom," she said. "She likes to get things done right away, and I think I picked up on that. She was always making schedules and was really organized."

**Not your average jocks**

SJSU was the only school in the WAC to have a nominee for the 2011 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award, finishing with a total of nine athletes who were considered for the award, according to an SJSU news release.

Katie Valleau joined Howard from gymnastics, while Lauren Ng-Pinkerton and



Photo by Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily

**Howard becomes the first SJSU athlete to be granted the Arthur Ashe Jr. award.**

Lauren Sanchez were selected from women's soccer.

Men's cross country had two nominees in Alex Esparza and Alan Shelton — accompanied by Kerry Jenkins from the baseball team, Omri Brinner from the men's soccer team and Katrina Delen-Briones from the women's golf team.

With the nine candidates, SJSU was represented in the pool of contestants more than any other school in the CSU system, and ranked in the top-10 nationally.

"I think it's a direct reflection of the academic support systems we have for athletes at SJSU," Wright said. "It's pretty evident when you see that no other teams from the conference had athletes nominated."

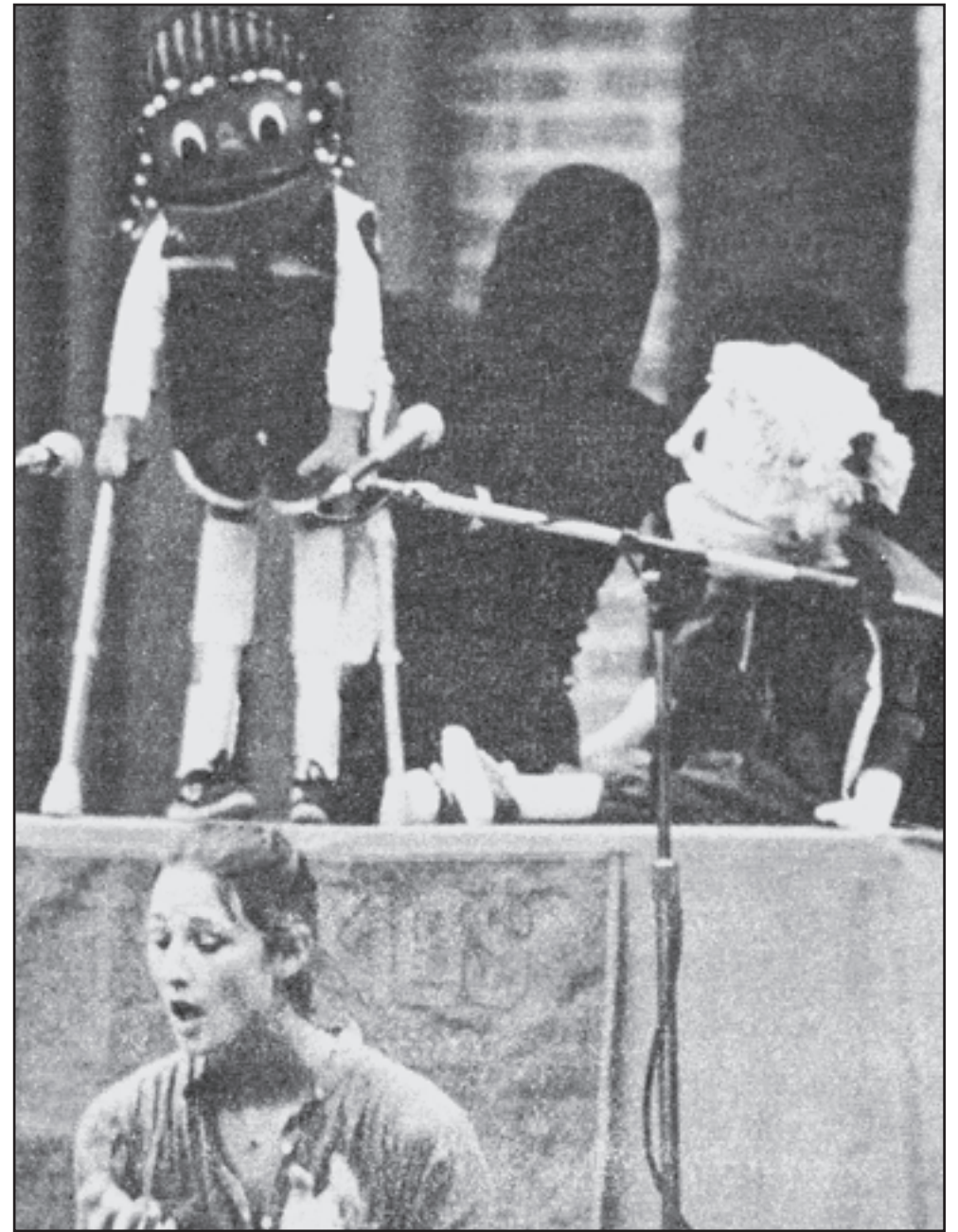
Howard's recognition marks the first time an SJSU student athlete has won the award and is also the first time a CSU system has produced the national winner for either gender, according to the higher education magazine.

Other winners from colleges in California include Nathan Irvin (2003) of UC Riverside for track and field, and Danielle Slaton (2001) from Santa Clara's women's soccer team.

For future student athletes hoping to follow in their footsteps, Howard said it comes down to avoiding procrastination.

"It's a matter of getting stuff done when you can do it, and not waiting until the last minute," Howard said. "Always keep in mind this amazing opportunity we have been given to go to college — let alone play a sport as well. It is something that very few people get to do. Take advantage of that because all of the hard work is worth it in the end."

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...**



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## ■ NATIONAL

# Photos of bin Laden stay out of public eyes

McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers who have seen graphic photos of a dead Osama bin Laden differ over whether the photos should be made public.

Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., saw some photos and came away convinced they must remain under lock and key.

"I was asked, personally, to keep them secret by folks in the intelligence field, who don't want those photos released," Nunes said in an interview Wednesday.

A member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Nunes cited his secrecy oath in strictly limiting his own description of the bin Laden photos whose disclosure he fears would endanger U.S. forces.

"I'll just say this," Nunes said. "He's dead."

But a fellow conservative Republican who saw the photos Wednesday at CIA headquarters, Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma, insisted that at least some of the bin Laden photos should be released. Inhofe told The Associated Press that he spent about an hour examining more than a dozen photos, some showing gruesome wounds.

"Either a bullet, the significant bullet, went through the ear and out the eye, or vice versa," Inhofe told AP. "It wasn't a very pretty picture."

Inhofe was among the first in what is expected to be a caravan of lawmakers making the trek to CIA headquarters in northern Virginia to view the bin Laden photos.

President Barack Obama, saying he does not want to "spike the football," declared that the photos of bin Laden would not be released publicly.

But House and Senate intelligence panel members, congressional leaders and members of the House and Senate armed services committee have been invited to a secure room at CIA headquarters.

At least some of the photos show bin Laden's face, or what remained of it after he was shot twice by a Navy SEAL commando. One of the bullets hit the 54-year-old bin Laden above the left eye and the other entered his chest, Obama administration officials say.

The type of weapon, caliber of bullet, distance at which bin Laden was shot and full extent of structural damage done have not been formally divulged by the administration.

Nunes said congressional intelligence committee members were shown "photos and videos" at a briefing, and he noted that the House panel has asked for additional photos and videos to be provided in secret as well.

"We have not seen all of them yet," Nunes said. "The committee has asked them to bring all of their photos and videos."

Still others opt out. "I don't want to see it," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told reporters, calling the photos "morbid."

The public at large would get a chance to see the photos if the AP and other news organizations succeed in Freedom of Information Act requests filed to gain access.

The CIA, though, is likely to cite national security or other concerns in rejecting the FOIA requests.

"I think there are a number of FOIA exceptions it will fall under," noted Nate Jones, FOIA coordinator for the National Security Archive.

Although rejected FOIA requests can prompt lawsuits, Jones added that federal judges often grant considerable deference to military and security organizations when considering cases.

## ■ NATIONAL

# Obama invites rapper Common to White House

McClatchy Tribune

First lady Michelle Obama's poetry and prose event Wednesday evening at the White House was intended to "showcase the impact of poetry on American culture."

The organizers got more than they bargained for, however, when one invited guest, hip-hop artist Lonnie Rashid Lynn Jr., aka Common, came under fire this week from conservatives, including Sarah Palin and Karl Rove, for lyrics alluding to violent acts against police and former President George W. Bush.

The controversy was fanned by the conservative website The Daily Caller, which published some of his lyrics, and by Fox News, which used the phrase "vile rapper" in characterizing the performer.

In one rhyme, Common says to "tell the law my Uzi weighs a ton." He also characterizes the Iraq War as being about oil rather than weapons of mass destruction: "Burn a Bush 'cos for peace he push no button."

The artist's defenders say his lyrics are metaphorical and in the tradition of socially conscious rap.

The 39-year-old Grammy winner has worked on the children's program "Sesame

Street," hosted the national Christmas tree lighting and is known for his work in promoting poetry with children.

The first lady's program included an afternoon workshop for students before an evening showcase advertised as featuring poets and performers Elizabeth Alexander, Billy Collins, Rita Dove, Kenneth Goldsmith, Alison Knowles, Aimee Mann, Jill Scott, Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers, as well as Common.

White House press secretary Jay Carney simultaneously distanced the president from Common's more controversial lyrics and defended the Obamas' decision to include the rapper in the event.

"The president opposes those kinds of lyrics. He thinks they're harmful," Carney said, without specifying the offending lines.

At the same time, Carney said, Common is "known as a socially conscious hip-hop artist or rapper who has done a lot of good things. ... You can oppose some of what he's done and appreciate some of the other things." Carney said some of the reports "distort" the sum value of Common's work.

In a Facebook posting Wednesday also linked to via his Twitter account,

Common wrote: "Politics is politics and everyone is entitled to their own opinion, I respect that. The one thing that shouldn't be questioned is my support for the police officers and troops that protect us every day. Peace y'all!"

Mark Anthony Neal, a professor of black popular culture at Duke University, called the controversy "much ado about nothing" and ascribed it to partisan politics, or a misunderstanding of socially conscious rap.

Neal said Common was regarded as an "old guy" in the hip-hop world. "He's one of the responsible ones, for lack of a better way to describe it. I don't think they'd pick someone like Common thinking he's problematic for them. It's not Snoop. It's not even Jay-Z. Common is safe."

Robert Thompson, the director of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University, said he was "excited anybody is talking about poetry, period."

In terms of the controversy's impact on centrist voters who are considering whether to re-elect Obama in 2012, Thompson said, "I don't think there are going to be many swing voters, who really, truly are undecided, that this particular story is what puts them over the edge."

## CAMPUS IMAGES



Photo by Matt Santolla / Spartan Daily

**Atomic Drop Dead guitarist Russell Bennett performs at the opening party for the debut of Reed Magazine, SJSU's literary publication, Monday afternoon.**

## ■ NATIONAL

# GOP allows public vote

McClatchy Tribune

Like an inside-the-Beltway version of "American Idol," Republicans in the House of Representatives are taking the federal budget to the people, letting popular online votes determine which taxpayer-funded programs in Washington ought to get the ax.

Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia developed YouCut in the last Congress, but it didn't get too far in the Democratic-controlled House. This year, with the GOP in charge, things are different.

Different programs will be featured on the website each week, and the ones that get the most votes will go before lawmakers.

The online tool is being taken over this year by a trio of freshmen: Reps. Renee Ellmers of North Carolina, Mick Mulvaney of South Carolina and Austin Scott of Georgia.

"I just think the program is beautiful," Ellmers said. "The beauty of it is that the Ameri-

can people are involved. People are coming up to us and saying, 'We're spending millions of dollars on A, B and C. Why are we doing that?'"

Each week for the next 19 weeks, three programs will be submitted for website visitors to vote on.

A House freshman then will file legislation to kill the program that voters selected, a bill that could be tracked through the website.

Web visitors can help by suggesting programs to get rid of as well, Mulvaney said.

"There's no way you can be here in Washington and know where all the money goes," Mulvaney said.

Ellmers submitted this week's choices: cutting the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation, ending U.S. contributions to the United Nations Population Fund or stopping U.S. contributions to the Asian Development Fund.

You decide, and she'll submit the program in a bill.

"If we can cut back on the waste, we're doing good,"

Ellmers said.

Some of the government agencies didn't know their programs were in the contest.

"We think this is a great program," Rick Ruth, senior adviser in the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, said of the State Department's Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation. The 10-year-old program offers grants to foreign projects such as restoring historic cemeteries hit by bombing in Bosnia and patching mosques in Afghanistan.

Ruth said the program showed the United States' respect for other countries' histories and put America in a positive light. The GOP predicts a savings of \$60 million in the next decade by cutting the program, but the fund doesn't receive an annual appropriation so it's unclear how much would be saved.

"It's very, very cost-effective," Ruth said. "I believe the percentage of the State Department budget dedicated to this program is 69/1000ths of a percent."

## ■ WORLD

# At least 10 people dead in Spanish earthquake

McClatchy Tribune

MURCIA, Spain — At least 10 people were killed Wednesday in a magnitude 5.2 earthquake in south-eastern Spain, regional officials said.

The fatalities in the city of Lorca included a 13-year-old boy, according to television reports. Several other people were reported injured.

Emergency teams were combing damaged buildings in search of victims, and the government sent a military unit of 150 soldiers to assist rescuers.

The quake had its epicenter near Lorca, in the Murcia region. It followed an initial quake with a magnitude 4.5, which only damaged the facades of some buildings.

The second quake caused several buildings and a church tower to collapse in Lorca. Most of the damage was reported in older neighborhoods, where buildings were less solid. Falling rocks smashed parked cars on streets filled with rubble.

"The streets are full of people, we don't know where to go and many people are in shock," a witness said.

An elderly people's home,

the city hall and a hospital were evacuated.

Political parties in the region suspended the electoral campaign ahead of planned May 22 local elections.

The earthquake was the deadliest in Spain since 1956, when 12 people were killed in the Granada region. Spain experiences about 2,500 earthquakes annually, but the vast majority are so slight they are not even noticed by local residents.

Lorca, with 100,000 residents, suffered a magnitude 4.7 quake in 2005, in which nearly 1,000 homes were damaged.

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CONCERT PREVIEW

# Local venues feature variety of genres in summer concerts

Jaimie Collins  
A&E Editor

Despite an abundance of opportunities, the reputation of San Jose's artistic atmosphere has previously lagged behind that of metro-

politan centers such as San Francisco and Los Angeles.

In recent years, however, the South Bay Area has been in the middle of an effort to enhance its artistic offerings through the development of venues for stage productions, museums, dance, film and much more.

Of these advancements, the most impressive is San Jose's growing music scene.

Featuring multiple theaters that are constantly hosting a slew of bands, San Jose and its surrounding areas are quickly advancing in their status as a center for up-and-coming artists of all genres.

Embracing the summer season, individual artists and bands will be making their way to San Jose in the next few months for a series of performances that will continue to bring San Jose the musical appreciation it deserves through an exciting concert roster.



Photo Courtesy: Sony Music Entertainment

Usher will visit San Jose as part of his *OMG* tour.

## HP Pavilion

Home of the San Jose Sharks, the HP Pavilion has featured artists of every genre from country to heavy metal. Selling tickets priced anywhere from \$20 to \$600, HP is Downtown San Jose's premier center for concerts. Here's what it has in store for the hot summer months:

**Glee on tour**

May 24 — 25, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$53 — \$93

**Usher**

May 29, 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$29.50 — \$128

**Britney Spears with Nicki Minaj**

June 18, 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$29.50 — \$350

**New Kids on the Block and Backstreet Boys**

July 2, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$33 — \$93

**American Idol Live**

July 13, 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$44 — \$65

**Katy Perry**

August 12, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$35 — \$45

**Sade**

August 25, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$78.25 — \$98.25

**Taylor Swift Speak Now Tour**

September 1, 7:00 p.m. \$26.50 — \$82.50



Photo Courtesy: San Jose Downtown Association

English Beat is a Ska and New Wave band.

## Music in the Park

Free to the public, Music in the Park is a weekly series of live performances accompanied by food vendors in Downtown San Jose's Plaza de Cesar Chavez. Running from June 2 to August 25, this year's lineup consists of an array of local artists performing each Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

June 2: Gregh Kihn Band with the Houserockers

June 9: The Original Stone City Band — Funk / R&B

June 16: Freddie McGregor — Reggae

June 23: White Album Ensemble — Beatles Tribute

June 30: Natural Vibrations — Hawaiian Reggae/Rock

July 7: Led Zepagain — Led Zeppelin Tribute

July 14: Special artist announced on June 5

July 21: English Beat — Ska/New Wave

July 28: Cracker — Alternative Rock/Americana

August 4: Dredg — Alternative Rock

August 11: Marcia Griffiths — Reggae

August 18: Sergent Garcia — World/Latin/Reggae

August 25: Pete Escovedo Orchestra —Latin/Jazz



Photo Courtesy: Red Light Management

Tim McGraw is traveling on his *Emotional Traffic Tour*.

## Shoreline Amphitheatre

Known to host several prominent country artists, the Shoreline Amphitheatre is an outdoor concert venue in Mountain View. With tickets available either in the stadium seats or on the sloping lawn, Shoreline is a great place to relax in the warm summer air and listen to some great music:

**System of a Down**

May 15, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 — \$65

**Emotional Traffic Tour**

Tim McGraw with Luke Bryan and The Band Perry  
June 11, 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$29.75 — \$75

**Vans Warped Tour**

July 2, 11:00 a.m. Tickets: \$34.50

**Rockstar Mayhem Festival**

Showcasing 12 bands, including Disturbed, Godsmack, MegaDeath and more.  
July 10, 2:15 p.m. Tickets: \$31 — \$61

**Kid Rock with Sheryl Crow**

July 29, 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$31.50 — \$81.50

**Unity Tour 2011**

**311 & Sublime with Rome**  
August 23, 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$21 — \$55.50

**Sugarland with Sara Bareilles**

August 26, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: On Sale 5/15

COMMENTARY

# San Pedro Square delivers fresh food delights at weekly farmers market

Matthew Gerring  
Staff Writer

After a long, cold winter filled with next to nothing but green onions and root vegetables, the San Jose Downtown Farmer's Market in San Pedro Square is finally open for business, along with a bounty of delicious vegetables delivered by California's fertile soil every spring.

When I moved to San Jose nine months ago, the first order of business after finding a place to live was finding a quality farmer's market.

I moved here from Sacramento, where every Sunday morning year round, dozens of vendors gather under a freeway overpass selling whatever vegetables are in season for ridiculously low prices, right in the middle of downtown.

My bar was set pretty high to begin with, and nothing I've found in San Jose so far has been quite as good, but the Downtown Farmer's Market comes close.

If you've never been there, drop all your plans for this coming Friday and show up bright and early (meaning 10 a.m.) and check out everything this awesome market has to offer.

You can find everything from staples such as peppers and tomatoes to more specialized items such as fresh seafood, handmade hummus and fresh-sliced bread.

All this, for prices that either beat the grocery store or compare favorably given the quality. Prices do vary widely, so I always make sure to scope out all the different stands for each item before I commit to buying anything.

The stand with the cheapest price for one item might not be the cheapest for all of them, so always make sure to check.

Some incredible deals were available at the grand opening, such as three full baskets of ripe red strawberries for \$5 and Yukon Gold potatoes for 50 cents a pound, prices you will never find in any grocery store even when they're plentiful and in season.

You can even manage to get breakfast for free at the market, since you can get full on the samples alone — many restaurants set up booths in the square on Friday mornings and they'll let you taste just about anything.

If you've got a little money to spend, check out the Pacific Harvest Seafood stand for fresh-caught seafood straight

from the coast, or the specialty olive oils infused with things such as Meyer lemon and blood oranges.

Besides food, there are plenty of other things you can pick up — one stand called Small Bees sells local honey as well as face creams and soap made from beeswax.

According to the proprietor of the stand, if you have allergies, local honey can be one of the best remedies. If you're especially adventurous

and you happen to be around toward the end of the market at 2 p.m., you can sometimes pick up the vegetables that are about to go bad — or weren't pretty enough to sell — for free.

If you're at all handy in the kitchen, it can be a great way to get enough food for a feast for nothing.

The Downtown Farmer's Market is only open until mid-November, so enjoy this awesome market while you can.

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# Why do we live in fear?

The shooting that took place in SJSU's 10th Street garage that left three dead in a murder-suicide killing brought the city's homicide toll up to 20 — the same number that equals the total homicides for 2010.

On October 28, 2010, San Jose's 20th and last homicide of the year took place.

This one was a random drive-by shooting a little after midnight, leaving a 41-year-old man clinging for his life as he lay with a bullet wound to his back on the porch of his mother's home, where he lived and cared for her.

He was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead, leaving his mother, two sons and extended family to cope with the heartache that followed.

The last homicide of 2010 was my uncle.

According to the San Jose Police Depart-

ment, homicide rates for 2010 had been the lowest in the past couple of years.

Unfortunately, they are rapidly on the rise again.

Having reached the same amount of homicides as last year in May completely blows my mind.

Just this past weekend, another triple shooting took place at a house party, leaving one person injured and two dead, according to the San Jose Mercury News.

It seems as though it reinforces this state of fear for people affected — directly or indirectly — that the same thing could happen to them at any time for any reason.

People shouldn't have to live in fear.

I just don't understand how people can



Amaris Dominguez Senior Staff Writer

**"Nobody knows the effect that a murder can have on a family, unless they experience it first hand."**

be selfish enough to take someone's life, out of rage, or most likely over a stupid reason that they felt was enough ammunition to take someone's life into their own hands and end it — unaware of the large degree of people they are affecting.

Tuesday night's shooting not only affected the students who were forced to leave their cars in the parking garage, or students who took to social media outlets swearing they would never park there again, or students who feared for their safety on campus when alerts may or may not have been sent to their phones about a gunman.

It also affects the families of the three that were killed.

They are the ones that have to live with the untimely deaths of

their loved ones and struggle with moving on.

Nobody knows the effect that a murder can have on a family, unless they experience it first hand.

I can tell you it hasn't been easy to cope with for my family.

After my uncle's death, my grandmother stayed with my family in our small and cramped home.

It took her a few months to regain the courage to visit her house again knowing my uncle would no longer be there to make her feel safe.

It was hard, but as we entered a new year she knew she had to go back.

My younger brother moved out of our house and in with her so that she wouldn't feel alone or afraid — attempting to take my uncle's place.

No one should have to live in fear, whether it be in their homes, workplaces, schools or surrounding neighborhoods.

I wish people had enough common sense and respect to think before they react in a permanent way to an issue that is only temporary.

Ultimately, more people are affected than just the victims.

# Bad manners: The next generation's downfall

Flipping through the headlines on Yahoo news, I noticed a story titled "25 Manners Kids Should Know By the Age of 9" and I had to click and read.

It had listed some of the common mannerisms one would think of: Say "please" and "thank you," don't interrupt adults when they are talking, say "excuse me" when you need to get someone's attention or if you accidentally bump into someone, and don't say mean things about other people.

The article had listed some unconventional mannerisms as well: Keep negative opinions to yourself, don't comment on someone's physical appearance, knock on closed doors before entering, and don't use foul language in front of adults.

These simple mannerisms are ones that you would think were obvious for children to learn when it comes to growing up, but do kids learn these things?

If so, why is it that there are so many rude people who lack good manners?

Whether it is the influence of pop culture or the negative effect of degrading musical lyrics, the manner in which we talk to each other and treat each other has changed immensely.

I hear it all the time, girls my age calling their friends sluts, bitches and whores as friendly greetings.

Many guys use slang language when talking each other as well, addressing one another in a demeaning way.

I've also noticed that people hardly use simple phrases such as "please" and "thank you" anymore, and instead of a "you're welcome" response, "uh huh" is what comes out.

Just the other day, I saw two people walk into each other. Neither of them were paying attention, but after the collision, one person rudely responded, "Watch where you're going."



Melissa Sabile The Real Deal

As for physical appearances, more often than not we will make snarky remarks about someone's outfit, hairstyle, accessories or body shape.

I'm not saying that I'm perfect or immune to these rude mannerisms either.

I have been guilty of swearing and throwing around cuss words as if they are not offensive to anyone else around me, not realizing at the time that there are many people who don't wish to hear those words.

What I wonder, however, is what is being done to change these rude habits?

I know that I don't tolerate my friends calling me derogatory names and when someone does say something like that to me, I immediately correct them and demand that they not call me by those names.

I had written a few weeks ago that American culture has become a race to the gutter with all the obscene things that are happening around us in the media, and I fully believe that it starts with our children.

Continued vigilance is necessary if we are going to progress as a society.

We must teach proper manners to our children and then apply those same good manners to our own daily lives.

We must stop degrading each other with vulgarity, especially if we are talking to someone who is supposed to be a friend.

We must end the verbal attacks on other people's physical appearances, because it only encourages bullying and lowers self-esteem to those who are being put down.

Maybe if we can learn to implement these small steps in our own lives, we can move in a positive direction and leave behind a culture that respects one another.

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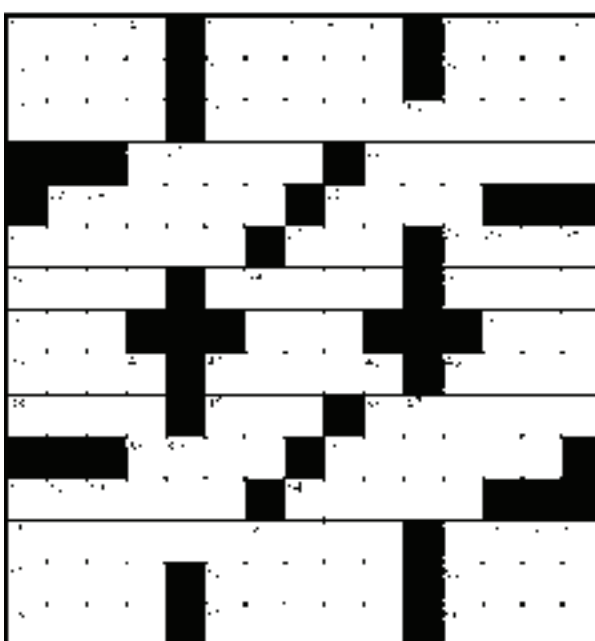
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3. Bureaucracy  
10. Why Boston?  
14. No names  
15. Disapproval  
16. Modest  
17. Pizzeria must  
18. All-Ohio telephone  
20. Musician's name  
21. Wall, 3 words  
23. Home's walls  
25. No opposite  
26. Covers with thorns  
27. Line  
28. Enhanced  
32. Unintended  
33. Legends  
35. Counter  
36. No milk  
37. No milk  
38. He's behind  
39. Water in hole  
41. Out  
43. Just a bit  
44. Time, in Munich  
45. No wiggle  
46. Friends  
48. Green Mountains  
50. Now Atlanta  
51. Game hunter's tool  
54. Traffic rule  
55. Last name (7 letters)  
57. Ice world  
58. Crushed down  
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63. Town east of Wuhan  
64. It  
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66. Adult

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

DOWN  
1. Earth in comets  
2. Dune buggy  
3. Start March  
4. In front of  
5. Feet, plural  
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# The 'asynchronous graduation blues' have taken a hold of me

The semester's end is always a bittersweet occasion.

After the long lead-in that I like to call "January, February, March and April," the term culminates in a frenzy of essay-writing and project-researching, seemingly brought on by a near-masochistic urge to procrastinate.

But after the passage of that tempest of exams, presentations and all-nighters fueled by a curious and not-quite-proportional mix of junk food, desperation, fear and caffeine — I find myself at a loss as to what to do next.

Sure, there are the obligatory post-final exam pub crawls and bar hops, followed up with a drunken visit to a karaoke bar, and then a late night/early morning trawl for something greasy and carbohydrate-heavy just to give yourself something to vomit out later.

But what about after the "oh-God-what-did-I-do-and-can-we-do-it-again" party phase is over?

The end of the semester doesn't just herald the winding down of months of work and the coming of a long and well-deserved break — graduation season means that people move on, even move away entirely, and there is every chance you won't see them again.

Well, OK, maybe not with Facebook, Twitter, emails and texting around, but it's still wrenching to watch your friends cross the stage for their diploma-substitutes and know you won't see them every day any more.

People leave in waves, I realize that now — and for whatever reason, the ones I shared the first day of classes with are not likely to be the ones



Ryan Fernandez  
Rated R

**"People leave in waves, I realize that now — and for whatever reason, the ones I shared the first day of classes with are not likely to be the ones standing with me when I graduate."**

are left behind salute you.  
*This is the final appearance of "Rated R." Ryan Fernandez is the Spartan Daily Managing Editor.*

standing with me when I graduate — they drop out, transfer, change majors, fail a class or push themselves hard enough that they actually graduate in a reasonable amount of time.

It's a bitter pill to swallow, even with a spoonful of sugar.

I've dubbed this feeling the "asynchronous graduation blues" — it's fear and hope, jealousy and love, happiness and sorrow, all in one inconvenient package just waiting to be doused in hard liquor and lit afire.

Still, there is no stigma in being left behind, save for a slightly damaged credit score because you had to fork over a few thousand dollars (or tens of thousands of dollars) more to cover another semester of classes.

Frustrating as it is to spend more for an education that seems to be valued less and less, I don't mind the prospect of staying in school for a just a little longer.

It's not as terrifying as having to face the uncertainties of the outside world when I'm not entirely sure I'm ready.

I suppose it's true that no one can ever be totally prepared for every eventuality, but if I have to jump into the ocean of life, I'd rather have a life vest on.

After I've given out my hugs and handshakes, all I can do is hope to learn from the others' examples.

Hail, new graduates, we who are left behind salute you.

## Letters to the editor

To the Editor,

In every case, the general public needs to feel safety. When safety is not immediately achievable, the illusion of safety is something that needs to be communicated to the general public.

The test alerts that I get from the UPD alert system make feel safe. By periodically getting test messages I feel a sense of confidence that a system like the Alert-SJSU system will be properly utilized when necessary and I, as a student, will be informed.

Unfortunately, that system has made me lose any shroud of safety or confidence I had.

In light of the recent shooting, I am very disappointed in the effectiveness of the Alert-SJSU system. I was notified about the shooting by the system via e-mail around 11 p.m. I was notified a second time, at about midnight, only to be informed that the garage where the shooting took place was then open. I understand some students received an automated call around 10 p.m.

I am writing this letter as an expression of my distaste for the transparency of UPD. I have lost any sense of safety I might have once had.

I urge UPD to take a stronger effort in communicating to the students of SJSU, for our safety, or at the very least an illusion of safety.

Michael Perna

To the Editor,

This letter is in response to the article written by Jaimie Collins titled "Standing by as technology quickly takes over our lives."

It is an interesting choice to view the rise of technology as the demise of reading and education. Although society is changing, the demand for people with proper knowledge and the ability to apply that knowledge will grow.

If anything, it seems to me that with the growing popularity of using technology only for entertainment, individuals such as the author of the article will have a great advantage over those who do less reading and more web surfing.

This is because individuals who spend their free time reading and learning will surpass those who seek mindless entertainment online, in both the business world and in life itself.

Being a person who enjoys reading in my spare time, I welcome the fact that I am quickly becoming part of a minority of individuals who place a higher value on reading and personal growth, rather than seeking the cheap entertainment that is most common to the Internet.

It seems correct to view the rise of technology as having a positive impact on those who would rather read a book than surf the web, as it is these individuals who will come to be looked upon as the most knowledgeable and valuable in society.

Don't get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with wanting to be entertained and the Internet offers a convenient way to achieve this.

However, when excessive pursuit of "time-wasting entertainment" occurs, it further supports a life of indolence, which benefits neither the individual nor society.

Ryan Genzoli

To the Editor,

I completely agree with what you are saying. The tracking devices are a surprising and confusing part of the ever-so-popular iPhone.

There has to be some other way to provide the same array of services to iPhone users without this device installed in it — it seems impossible that in this technologically advanced country there is no other solution.

And if this really is their ONLY way, then Apple should at least openly inform their users of the device.

It really would be a factor for me personally, when deciding to purchase my next phone, and whether my next one will be an iPhone.

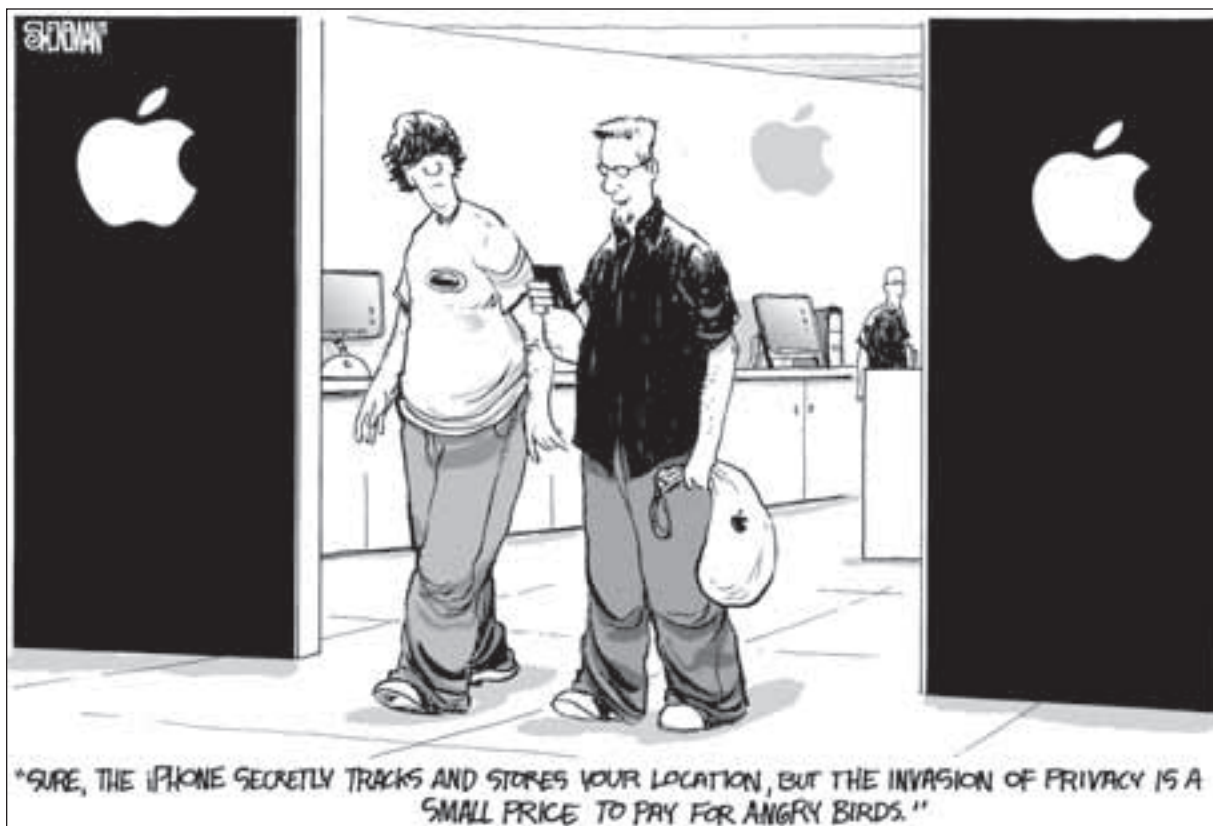
I am also glad you decided to talk about this topic because Apple users should be informed. If the company is going to track people's locations, which are private information, people should know.

Maybe users are so in awe of everything else iPhones have to offer that Apple's creators just don't think it is necessary to tell people of this seemingly unimportant aspect of the phone.

The fact that this tracking device has no apparent purpose also makes me very confused as to why Apple hasn't informed its users of the purpose of this device. It seems like a no brainer to me.

Thank you for spreading the word.

Jessica McNeil, speech pathology major



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## COMMENTARY

# Game 7: Sharks and Red Wings back to the Tank

## Sharks Armageddon, one last shot at beating Detroit

Joey Akeley  
Copy Editor

Dear Sharks fans,  
The world will not come to an end tonight. There will not be a nuclear war, a zombie apocalypse or a 30.0 earthquake that wipes out Earth.

But in the context of sports, tonight is D-Day for San Jose's professional hockey team.

Tonight's game marks the fourth and final chance the Sharks will have to advance to the Western Conference Finals and eliminate the Detroit Red Wings.

Tonight could also place the Sharks in the choking Hall of Fame — only three times in the NHL's 94-year history has a team blown a 3-0 series lead.

A loss simply can't happen.

After Devin Setoguchi won Game 3 with an overtime goal, the Sharks had more momentum, swagger and we-own-the-Wings attitude than I had ever seen.

Admit it. You were thinking the same thing I was — this is the year.

We began dreaming that the Sharks would hoist the Stanley Cup as we all roam the Alameda in euphoria.

We didn't waver after a 4-3 loss in Game 4. We knew the Sharks were returning to the raucous HP Pavilion crowd to win Game 5 just as they did a year ago.

With a 3-1 lead in the third period, we were already thinking about how to stop the Sedin twins in the next round.

But the Wings scored not once, not twice, but thrice times in the period, and suddenly the same evil thoughts that have haunted us in past postseasons began to creep in.

Still, Game 6 had to be ours. Antti Niemi

was playing the role of Superman — that is miraculously saving everything in his way. And even though the Sharks were playing awful, and I mean awful, Logan Couture's goal in the third period gave the Sharks a 1-0 lead, and all they needed was Superman to defend the fort for 16 minutes more.

Kryptonite came in the form of Wings forward Valtteri Flippula, who assisted on the game-tying goal and scored the Wings go-ahead goal. An empty-net goal by Darren Helm in the closing minutes was the knock-out punch, and suddenly Armageddon, formerly known as Game 7, is set for tonight at 6 p.m.

So now I ask the question that has the 10th largest city in the U.S. on pins and needles: What if the Sharks lose?

The immediate reaction of the city would be unfathomable. Could there be riots downtown? I hope not, but nothing is out of the question.

The demand for an overhaul of the entire team would be more intense than ever.

No one would receive more flack than Patrick Marleau, who has not recorded a single point in this series.

Although he still has three more years left on his contract, general manager Doug Wilson would have to seriously consider trading him.

This is not to blame all of these losses on Marleau — he's just the worst of the bad.

It's as simple as this — if the Sharks lose tonight, multiple players on this team can and will be traded.

But the Sharks can win this game. They have outshot the Wings 125-81 in three games at the Tank. They have defeated the Wings five of the last six times they've played them at home in the playoffs. They're younger, bigger, faster and more talented.

With a win tonight, they can vanquish their demons and avoid a historic meltdown.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS RESULTS

## GAME 1

The Sharks nabbed Game 1 from the Red Wings with an overtime goal from center Benn Ferriero.

Ferriero played only once during the regular season after Feb. 5, however he showed he belonged in the NHL with a slap-shot 7:03 into the first overtime period to claim the first game of the series for the Sharks.

Red Wings defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom put Detroit ahead in the first period and Sharks' center Joe Pavelski tied the game with a power-play goal in the third.



## GAME 2

Sharks' defenseman Ian White and Niclas Wallin scored their first goals of the postseason, which proved to be enough to take the victory 2-1.

Goaltender Antti Niemi's stellar performance included 33 saves as he allowed the Red Wings to score on only one of six power plays.

White scored the game's first goal in the first period and Wallin extended the Sharks' lead in the third period after Red Wings center Henrik Zetterberg vaulted Detroit to within a goal almost 14 minutes into the third period.



## GAME 3

Devin Setoguchi scored his final of three goals in overtime, earning his first career playoff hat trick and giving the Sharks a commanding 3-0 series lead with a 4-3 victory in Detroit in front of thousands of Red Wings faithful.

Setoguchi's goal came 9:21 into overtime, immediately silencing those Red Wings fans in attendance.

Sharks defenseman Dan Boyle sent the game into overtime with a goal past Red Wings goaltender Jimmy Howard just four minutes before the end of regulation.



## GAME 4

After falling behind 3-0, the Sharks tied the game with Dany Heatley's third period goal.

But Darren Helm scored with 1:27 to go to give the Red Wings the lead, and they held on to win 4-3.

Nicklas Lidstrom second goal of the first period looked to be a knock-out blow, but Logan Couture scored 15 seconds later to give the Sharks momentum that they carried to tie the game.

Antti Niemi made 36 saves for the Sharks. Jimmy Howard made 25 stops for the Red Wings.



## GAME 5

Facing elimination, the Red Wings rallied to score three third-period goals, with Tomas Holmstrom netting the winner to give Detroit a 4-3 win.

Logan Couture's goal 54 seconds into the third period gave the Sharks a 3-1 lead.

The Red Wings only managed six shots in the third period, but Antti Niemi was only able to stop three.

Jonathan Ericsson and Danny Cleary scored two minutes apart to tie the game, setting up Holmstrom's game winner.



## GAME 6

Logan Couture's fifth goal of the playoffs ended a scoreless tie early in the third period.

But the Red Wings stormed back again to score three goals in the third period, with Valtteri Flippula netting the go-ahead goal to propel Detroit to a 3-1 win.

The Red Wings outshot the Sharks 44-25.

For the first time in this playoff series, the game was not decided by one goal, although the Red Wings last goal was an empty-net goal by Darren Helm, his third of the playoffs.



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## Red Wings return to San Jose to hunt Sharks

Marlon Maloney  
Copy Editor

There's blood in the water, but it's not the San Jose Sharks that are doing the hunting.

The Detroit Red Wings came sailing into San Jose after sweeping their series against the Phoenix Coyotes, but the Sharks had other plans.

After the Red Wings started their second-round series with three straight losses to the Sharks for the second consecutive year, Mike Babcock and his team watched "Jaws," went on down to their local boatyard and got themselves a bigger boat.

Back-to-back third period collapses in Games 5 and 6 have Sharks fans questioning the heart and grit of the

beloved team once again.

With Game 7 on the horizon, San Jose's latest follies may have fans wondering if maybe these guys just don't have "it."

Game 7 will be played in front of 17,500 (give or take a few) rowdy and angst-filled Sharks fans, screaming at the top of their lungs, hoping that Jumbo Joe and the boys can finally eke out that fourth W.

No pressure ...

Those pesky Red Wings — with the four Stanley Cup victories since 1997, the 21 straight seasons of making the playoffs, the Hall of Famers of today — have no pressure at all.

They're on the road, they've spent their hard-earned cash at the boatyard and are arriving at the "Shark Tank" with their minds set on shooting some fish in a barrel.

One more loss for the Sharks and they join the ranks of only three other teams in the history of the NHL.

The Sharks would officially be labeled the Chicago Cubs of hockey, and the storied franchise that is the Red Wings could check one more thing off their collective to-do list.

That list has to be getting short, there's not much else the Wings haven't done in this league.

But of course, this game will not be as easy as shooting fish in a barrel for the Wings. Game 6 was the first

game of this wildly entertaining series to be decided by more than one goal.

The play between these two Stanley Cup favorites has been so closely contested in each game, no one can really be sure what to expect in Game 7.

Each team has won three games in a row in this series, but none of that matters now. Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom said it best after Detroit's Game Six win, "We're one win away from moving on, but we're also one loss away from not playing anymore in the playoffs."

That's right folks, if the Sharks win all will be forgiven and the Wings' amazing series comeback will be forgotten — I've already said what happens if it goes the other way around.

What the Wings have going for them now is experience. I know both of these teams have played their fair share of playoff games over the last few years, but I'm talking about Game 7 experience.

The Wings' players have a combined total of 77 Game 7s played among them compared to only 11 for the Sharks' players.

Experience, momentum and the outside pressure of being labeled "chokers" all seem to slant the table in favor of the Wings, but either way this series will go into the annals as one of the best series' of all-time.

