

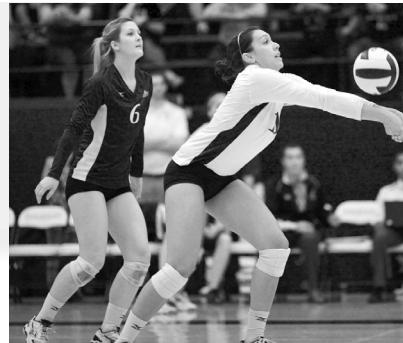
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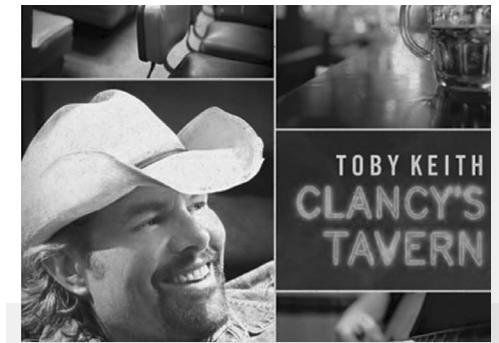
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Old costumes reanimated for kids



Shannon George, a Olinger Neighborhood Association volunteer, dresses up with her dog Bronte as part of CommUniverCity's Safe and Green

Community outreach venture between SJSU and City Hall promotes sustainability, safety

by Anastasia Crosson
Staff Writer

A fifth-annual Safe and Green Halloween event geared toward elementary-aged children of low-income residents nearby SJSU took place Friday at Martin Park in San Jose.

People were to learn how to stay safe and how to live a green, sustainable life without spending much, said CommUniverCity Executive Director Dayana Salazar.

CommUniverCity was established in 2005

through a partnership between the City of San Jose and SJSU to make community improvements that would serve residents within a one-mile radius of SJSU, according to a statement from the nonprofit.

Safe and Green Halloween is one of several initiatives organized by CommUniverCity to serve that purpose.

"It's all about building a sense of community in the neighborhoods we partner with that tend to be low-income and very diverse," Salazar said. "This event has the opportunity to bridge across that diversity."

According to CommUniverCity Project Coordinator Elizabeth Figueroa, the Halloween event aimed to teach children and parents from participating elementary schools

— McKinley Elementary, Olinger Elementary

Halloween event on Friday. The event taught children how to have a sustainable Halloween. Photo by Jasper Rubenstein / Spartan Daily

and Anne Darling Elementary — about environmental and neighborhood safety issues.

Conscious consumption is one of the lessons in sustainability that is taught to young eventgoers through distributing donated costumes for the kids to wear, some of which may have been previously worn, Figueroa said.

"It shows kids and teachers to recycle costumes, and in doing so you're reducing the packaging you consume," she said.

Leading up to the Halloween event, Figueroa organized CommUniverCity's effort to seek costume donations at various collection points throughout San Jose including one in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

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Security gurus plan for university's future

by Chris Marian
Staff Writer

Recent assaults against SJSU students on campus have drawn increased attention to the campus' less safe areas, and emphasized the complexities of having an open campus in an urban setting, said Sgt. Manuel Aguayo of the University Police Department, but security measures can only be taken so far without detracting from the spirit of the school.

A fence around campus would be impractical, Aguayo said, and it would also be inappropriate.

"It would go against the vision of the campus," he said. "We want this campus to be a welcoming place."

"It would look like a prison," said

Fred Sun, a junior electrical engineering major, echoing a sentiment shared by several students.

Providing adequate protection for a school's student body while respecting social norms and privacy laws is a particular challenge for security planners, said Bob Otopalik, an employee of the security firm PlanNet.

Otopalik oversees the SJSU operations of PlanNet, which specializes in security systems and Internet technology.

"I could tell you right now that, like most university campuses these days, physical security is a big issue at San Jose," he said.

PlanNet is working in cooperation with Facilities Development and Operations at SJSU and UPD to overhaul, augment and expand the existing physical security

systems at SJSU.

PlanNet includes several other CSU campuses in its client list, including Chico, Fresno and Los Angeles, among others.

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CORRECTION

In the Oct. 25 edition of the Spartan Daily, a photo caption on the front page misidentified an individual as Stephen Guerguy. The photo was actually of Adam Johnson, another employee at Guerguy's employer, WePay. The Spartan Daily regrets the error.



A 2-week-old girl, Azra, was found alive after the Sunday earthquake in Turkey. Photo by Cem Ozdel / MCT

Death tolls rise in wake of quake

McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

ERCI, Turkey — The death toll in southeastern Turkey rose to 459 on Tuesday, two days after a 7.2-magnitude earthquake devastated the region.

More than 1,300 people were also injured, according to the government's crisis response unit.

In a glimmer of hope, rescue workers found a newborn baby girl among the rubble of a collapsed house in the worst-affected city of Ercis.

"It is healthy and will live," the doctor treating the baby, Sinan Asar, told the German news agency dpa. The infant was able to move its arms and legs, he added.

The baby girl, named Azra, was suffering from hypothermia and dehydration and was placed in an incubator. Shortly after, the girl's mother and

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QUAKE: Baby, family saved after 2 days under rubble

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grandmother were also rescued.

By Tuesday, the government's crisis response centre registered 2,262 collapsed buildings, more than double the 970 buildings counted the previous day.

Rescue workers continued their search for bodies and for survivors.

"It was like the Last Judgment," said 18-year-old Mesut Ozan Yilmaz as he was rescued from the rubble, after spending 32 hours trapped under a collapsed tea house.

Turkey's Red Crescent was due to deliver a further 12,000 tents to the crisis-hit region in Van province, where many had spent the second consecutive night outside after losing their homes in the quake, lighting campfires to keep warm.

However, criticism rose over rescue services and a perceived lack of aid, targeted in part at the Justice and Devel-



Workers continue to search in collapsed buildings after a heavy earthquake in Ercis, Turkey, on Tuesday. A total of 970 buildings collapsed as a result of the earthquake. Photo by Cem Ozdel / MCT

opment Party of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

A long queue of people formed outside the mayor's office in Ercis to join waiting lists for tents, while others hoped for soup kitchen handouts. Authorities warned people not to enter damaged buildings.

The emergency services deployed 200 ambulances and five first aid planes, as well as helicopters and military units

helping the rescue effort. Turkey so far has declined foreign assistance, saying the country has sufficient resources.

Meanwhile, prison inmates in the city of Van revolted on Tuesday, protesting being detained in their cells despite a 5.4-magnitude aftershock, reported Turkish media.

The inmates started a fire and attacked guards with knives and scissors. Several guards were wounded and ex-

tra security was called to the prison.

About 200 prisoners escaped the facility Sunday after the region was rocked by a 7.2-magnitude earthquake.

The impoverished Van region, bordering Iran, is populated mainly by Turkey's Kurdish minority. It is the site of frequent clashes between the banned Kurdistan Workers' Party and the Turkish army.

Scientists recommend HPV vaccine for males

McClatchy Tribune

Wire Service

LOS ANGELES – A vaccine that protects against the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus should be routinely given to boys ages 11 and 12 to prevent anal cancer, a government advisory committee has decided.

Though many parents may not wish to contemplate the future sex lives of their pre-adolescent children, vaccinating them young is the best way to avoid the risk of the cancer-causing virus, experts said Tuesday.

The recommendation is sure to ignite further debate among the Republican presidential candidates who have focused intently on whether the controversial vaccine, called Gardasil, is appropriate for girls — who receive it for prevention of cervical cancer — let alone for boys.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry was criticized by his fellow Republican presidential candidates for ordering mandatory HPV vaccination in girls in his state in 2007. The mandate was overturned by the state Legislature and Perry eventually withdrew his support for the idea.

Another presidential hopeful, Minnesota Rep. Michelle Bachmann, has placed Gardasil in the spotlight by suggesting that the vaccine can cause "mental retardation."

Public health groups quickly criticized Bachmann for these remarks and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, prior to its Tuesday vote, took time to state for the record that the vaccine does not cause mental retardation.

The vote of 13-0 (with one abstention) in favor of routine HPV vaccination of boys

supercedes a 2009 vote by the panel recommending Gardasil be available to males ages 9 to 26 to prevent genital warts but not recommending routine vaccinations.

Since then, several studies have shown that the human papillomavirus is responsible for many cases of anal cancer in addition to cervical cancer and genital warts, and that the vaccine can curb this risk, warranting a shift to stronger recommendations, the panel members said. The vaccination of boys also will help protect unvaccinated females, the panel added.

Gardasil, administered as a three-shot regimen, has been advised since 2006 for girls ages 11 to 12 as well as for older unvaccinated females to prevent cervical cancer.

In addition to routinely administering Gardasil to boys age 11 to 12, the panel, which advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, also advised vaccination for boys as young as age 9 and for males ages 13 to 21 who have missed the ideal vaccination age window of 11 to 12.

Although CDC officials do not have to follow the committee's guidance, they often do — and a CDC vaccination recommendation is significant because health insurers typically shape their coverage to be in line with such recommendations.

"I think this a major step forward in prevention of HPV-related cancers," said Dr. Joel Palefsky, a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, and director of the UCSF Anal Neoplasia Clinic. Palefsky's lab reported last year that Gardasil curbs the development of precancerous anal lesions that can evolve into cancers; he has received grants from Merck, the maker of Gardasil, and has served as an adviser to the company.

"It also serves to equalize the burden of vaccination to not just one gender — and recognizes the responsibility of both males and females," Palefsky said.

Anal precancers are difficult to treat and there is no routine screening test for the early diagnosis of the disease as there is for cervical cancer. The four strains of HPV that Gardasil protects against account for about 90 percent of all cases of anal cancers, he added.

More than 5,000 cases of anal cancer are reported per year and about 700 people die from it annually, according to the American Cancer Society. Rates have doubled in the United States since 1980 and are increasing about 2 percent per year.

Men who have sex with men are at highest risk for anal cancer. For that reason, some health experts proposed recommending HPV vaccination only to gay or bisexual men.

But, as with girls, the vaccine would be most effective if delivered before initiation of sexual activity — and trying to target the vaccine based on sexual orientation for school-aged males would be a practical and ethical morass, health experts have noted.

"A routine vaccination recommendation de-stigmatizes the vaccine and makes it likely that those people who would benefit the most will also get the vaccine," Palefsky said.

Heterosexual men will also benefit from vaccination, in any case, by a reduction in the risk of genital warts, anal cancer and, possibly, some oral cancers, he added.

In reaching their conclusions, the committee debated whether routine vaccination of boys was necessary if girls were already vaccinated.

SECURITY: Safety on campus remains concern for administration

FROM PAGE 1

UPD officials said certain areas around campus, particularly around the Engineering and Administration buildings, require some improvements in their physical security — namely better lighting.

"There is a big plan," Aguayo said, referring to the Campus Security Master Plan developed by the Campus Safety Advisory Committee.

Aguayo did caution that the plan at this point amounts to a wish list.

"Everything is 'budget permitting,'" he said.

Among the more pressing items on that wish list, Aguayo said, is an effort to integrate the campus' existing electronic security systems into a more coherently networked whole.

At the moment, he said the various camera systems around campus are indepen-

dent of one another, with footage that had to be reviewed independently, and are not set up to be efficiently monitored in real time from a central location — ideally, UPD's main office.

Aguayo said having a more responsive camera system would be a great benefit not only in catching petty crooks, but also in monitoring and making quick situation assessments in the event of a disaster or other campus emergency, as well as potentially aiding in the active pursuit of suspects.

Also on the table is a completely new campus public announcement system. According to Aguayo, the current system consists of other communication systems such as the campus Blue Light phones, which have been co-opted to serve the same function.

The problem, according to

Aguayo, is that the hardware in these systems are not optimized for the PA role, and that dedicated speaker units placed in optimal locations would be far more effective in terms of both volume and coverage.

Further down the road, Aguayo anticipates the school incorporating social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter into its campus alert system.

UPD already issues campus alerts via email and text message to those who have signed up for the service, but Aguayo said the social media avenues would provide a much-needed supplement, particularly in an age where he sees young people checking their social pages as often as their email and phone messages.

"I think Facebook would be better," said Shea Hadah Rami, a junior bioengineering major.

Rami said the social networking solution supplement would in some respect be superior to the existing email and phone system — provided students weren't in class.

Dewy Huang, a credential grad student, also thought the social networking supplement would be effective, citing recent local events.

"I didn't even know about that earthquake until somebody posted it," he said.

Aguayo said implementation of the social networking upgrade was some ways away, however, partly because the prototype of the service had not been thoroughly tested.

Neither he nor Otoupalik thought any of these upgrades would appear in the immediate future.

"We're still early in the development of the project," Otoupalik said.

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Iranian Studies @ SJSU and Student Association of Middle Eastern Studies
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4 p.m.
The Stage — 490 S. First St., San Jose

Israeli Defense Force Panel: The Varied Work of Homeland and Ethics

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Volleyball squad swept by Hawaii

by Matt Young
Staff Writer

The SJSU women's volleyball team was swept Tuesday night in three sets by a dominant Rainbow Wahine team, which continued its undefeated streak in Western Athletic Conference games.

"There's always that feeling that we could have done better — that we could have improved," said junior right side player Krista Miller. "We fought hard against a really good team."

SJSU head coach Oscar Crespo commented on the challenge Hawaii brought.

"It's a nationally ranked team over on the other side," he said. "We made them earn what they needed to do to beat us and we did a nice job with our kids posting some really nice numbers."

Throughout all three sets, the teams went back-and-forth, with Hawaii never grasping a runaway lead.

Out of the gate, Hawaii (22-1, 10-0 WAC) demonstrated both a tight offense and defense, keeping SJSU (9-14, 4-6 WAC) several points down, despite some spirited plays.

Miller made a successful block early in the first set, bringing SJSU within a point of the Rainbow Wahine.

"That block at the beginning was kind of a momentum changer," Miller said. "I was proud of that."

The Rainbow Wahine widened the lead after the first timeout in the opening set, finishing the set with the night's biggest gap at 25-17.

This rally was fueled by several big plays by Hawaii's freshman outside hitter Jane Croson, who scored both with swift kills and deft serves.

Even so, the Spartans kept the score within reach.

"We really wanted to keep them from gaining a huge momentum changer of running streaks," Miller said.

Savannah Leaf, a freshman left sider for the Spartans, factored heavily into the second set, helping SJSU take the lead at one point at 18-17.

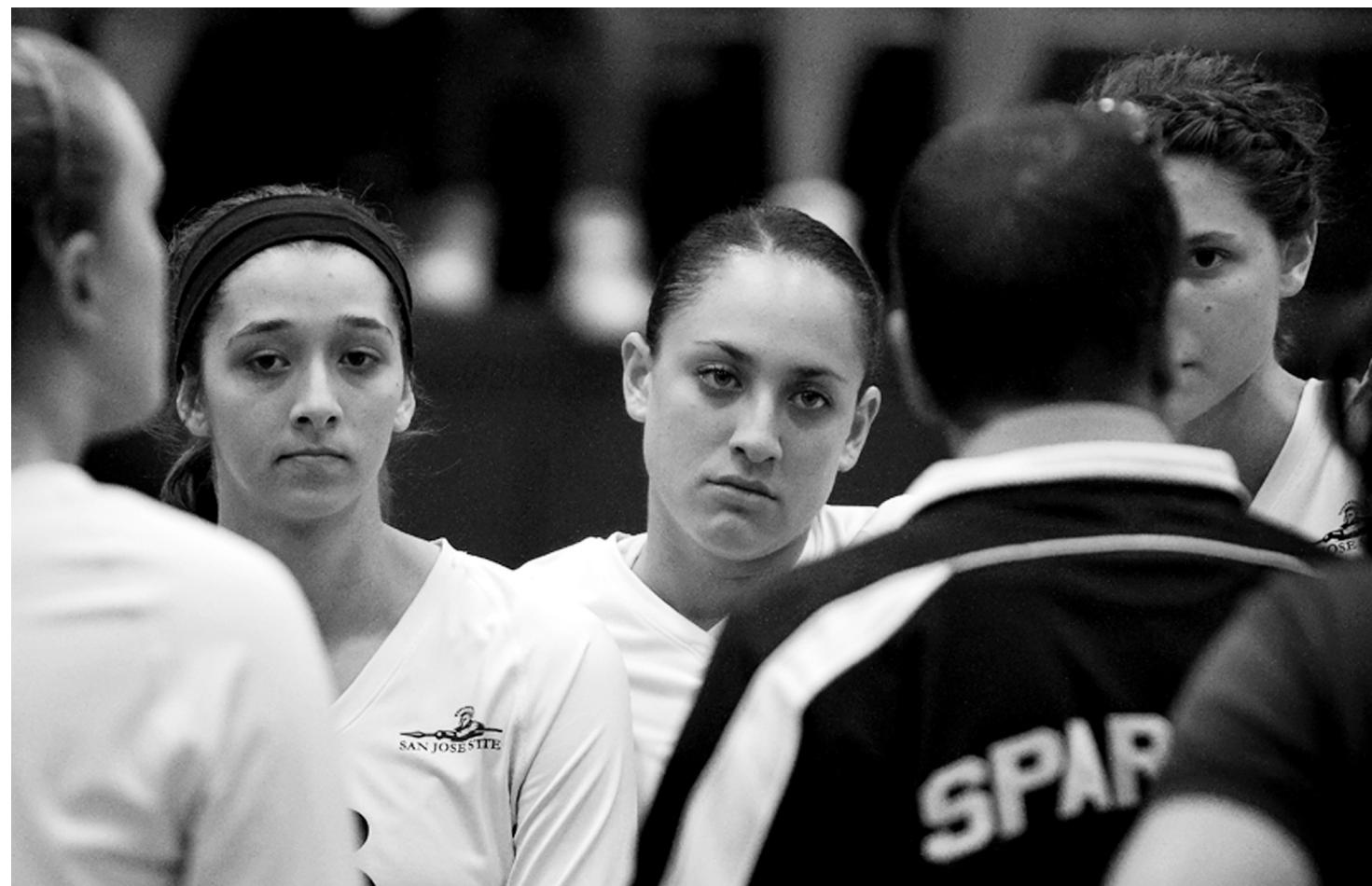
"In the second game I had a lot more kills, and I think that was a big changer," Leaf said. "You try to keep the ball in play, but I was trying to get some kills."

The second set ended up with a score of 25-20 in favor of Hawaii, SJSU's smallest margin of defeat in the match.

By the end of the third set, despite several rallies by the Spartans, Hawaii established a clear lead and ended up winning 25-19.

Crespo said he was proud of the Spartan team.

"They played tough," he said. "They played hard. They definitely understood what we needed to do on our side of the net and I'm really proud of them for executing that way."



Long-faced Spartans, sophomore Sarah Gries and senior Brianna Amian, listen to their coach, Oscar Crespo, after losing to Hawaii on Tuesday night at the Spartan Gym. The Spartans were swept in three sets in the best-of-five match. Photo by Kevin Johnson / Contributing Photographer

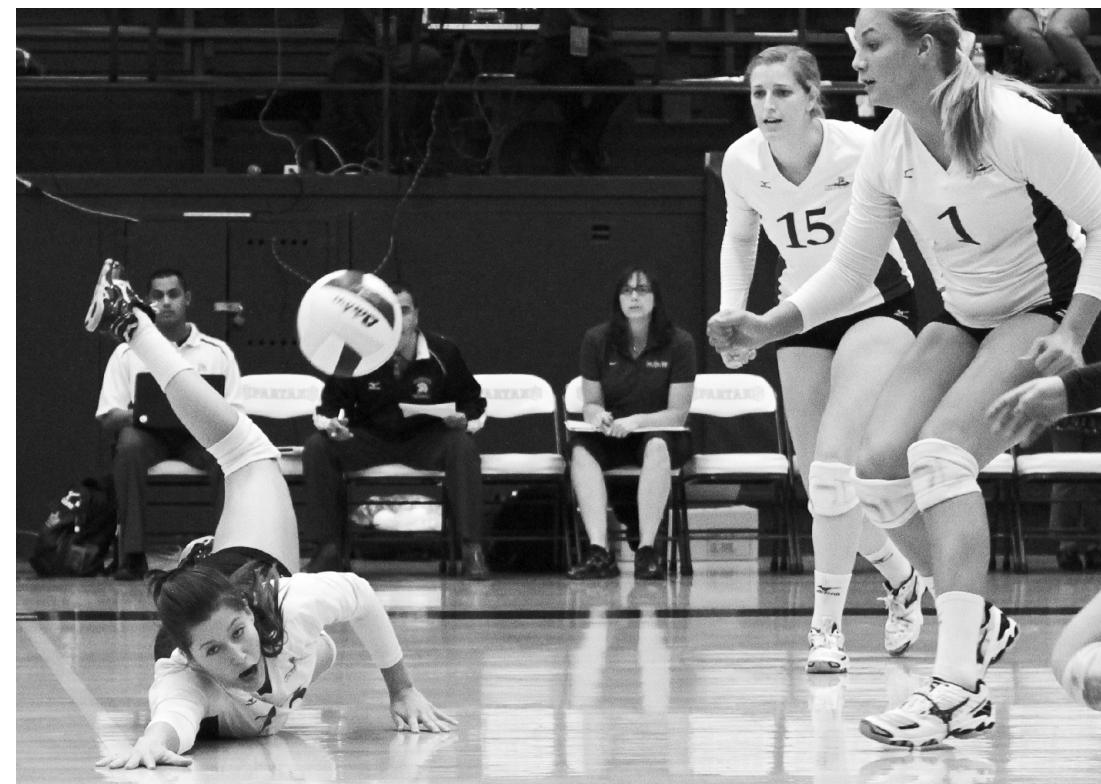
Chanteal Satele, a senior outside hitter for Hawaii, recorded a game high 15 kills.

"I think we did good," she said of Hawaii's performance. "We pulled it out. It was a rough travel for us, so I think we did well."

She said SJSU also played well.

"They're a much different team than the first time we played them," Satele said of the Spartans. "I thought they played really well."

The Spartans will next face off against Nevada in Reno on Thursday, followed by another away game at Fresno State on Saturday.



Junior right side player Krista Miller (#1) and sophomore left side player Hanah Blume (#15) can do nothing but watch as senior middle blocker Kylie Miraldi dives to the floor in an attempt to keep the ball alive during Hawaii's sweep of SJSU on Tuesday night. Photo by Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily

Carson Palmer to the Raiders: From the eyes of a Bengals fan

by Wesley Dugle
A&E Editor

As a long-suffering Cincinnati Bengals fan, this NFL season has been a bit of a pleasant surprise to me.

The outstanding play of the Bengals' first two picks of the 2011 NFL draft in Andy Dalton and AJ Green have played far beyond even my most modest projections.

On top of that, Cincinnati currently has the No. 2-ranked defense in the league.

Things only got better for me though when Bengals owner and general manager Mike Brown finally made a smart decision in his career and let go of our once-franchise quarterback — Carson Palmer.

But even I couldn't have guessed that Christmas would come so early for my team in the form of a first-round pick and a possible second first-rounder for a guy who wasn't going to play another snap for us.

I would have been happy enough with a third-rounder for him because, honestly, I and most Bengals fans thought that was all he was worth.

I hate to rub it in Raiders fans, but you guys got robbed.

Don't get me wrong, I think Palmer can still be an adequate quarterback in this league and help the Raiders get back to the playoffs but the price Oakland paid for him far outweighs his talent level.

As a Bengals fan I can tell you right now Palmer hasn't played a truly great season since 2006 where he passed for 4,035 yards and 28 touchdowns.

Since then, Palmer has been adequate at best.

Sure, the following season Palmer bested his yardage from '06 with 4,135 yards but also tossed a career-worst 20 interceptions in a year where the Bengals played a weaker schedule than the season before.

Things only got worse for Palmer the following that season when he sustained an elbow injury that would have him miss 12 games in '08.

The injury limited his accuracy and arm strength from that season on and even though he helped guide the Bengals to a second AFC North championship in 2009, during which he passed for a paltry 3,094 yards and just above 60 percent completion percentage against a relatively weak schedule.

So you see, while some of you Raiders fans might think Palmer is the next coming of Rich Gannon, I can tell you right now that I have followed the Bengals enough to know how good Palmer is — and he's been over the hill for a while now.

Now, I can hear some of you guys saying I'm just bitter or a "dumb Bengals fan" but in all honesty, while I think Carson will probably play better than

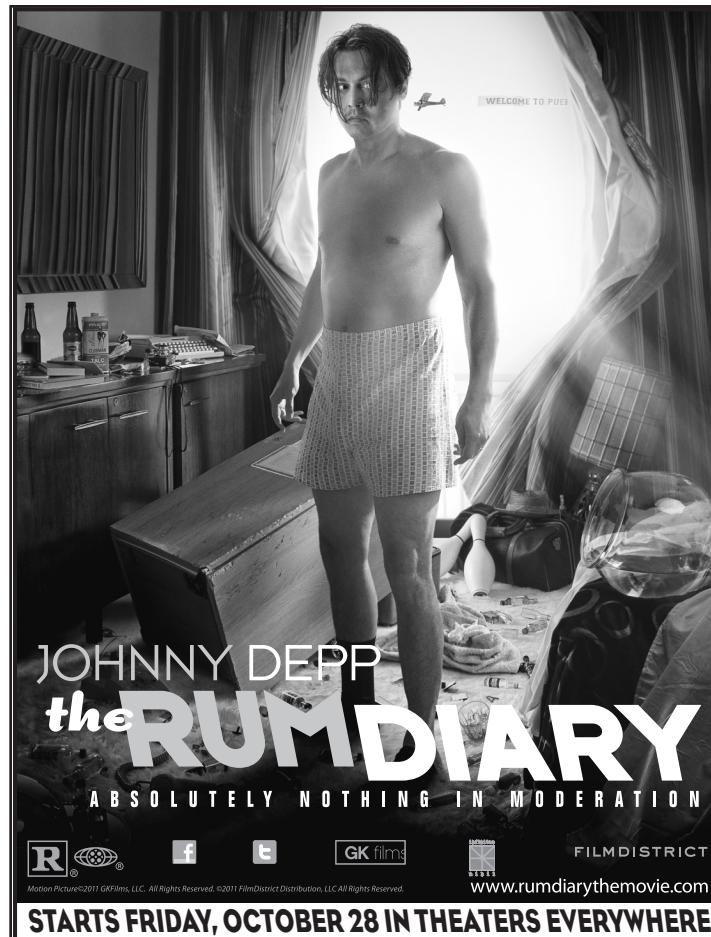
last Sunday's game, giving up possibly two first-round picks for a guy who has only two winning seasons, two pro-bowl appearances and no playoff wins in his career might have been more risk than reward in the end.

In my view, unless Carson suddenly reverts back to 2005 and 2006 form and takes the Raiders to the Super Bowl within the next two or three seasons then the kings' ransom paid for him will probably have not been worth it.

Meanwhile as a Bengals fan, if Cincinnati makes good use of these picks and Andy Dalton and AJ Green continue to develop into the stars I think they can be the Bengals might actually turn into contenders thanks to the Raiders.

Don't get me wrong though, unlike half the fans in Cincinnati, I still like Carson and I wish him all the luck in the world with Oakland.

Just not too much luck — if you know what I mean.



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Toby Keith gets fans drinks in new country album 'Clancy's Tavern'

★★★★★

by Peter Fournier
Staff Writer

Toby Keith does yet another good job of making country fans cheer and crack beers to his music.

Keith's newest album, "Clancy's Tavern," does a good job of mixing songs that are easy-going yet edgy enough to make listeners think while tapping their feet to the rhythm.

The two-time Academy of Country Music Entertainer of the Year, known for patriotic hits like "American Soldier," "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue" and "American Ride," starts off his latest album with "Made in America." The song hit the top of the country Billboard charts on Oct. 15, but Keith first released the song as a single in June.

Keith sings about a man he calls "his old man," though it is unclear if he is speaking about his father. The song speaks about the man watching foreign products invade America. The man raises a family, deems every day Independence Day and pays a few more dollars for products made in the U.S.A.

The song hits home in the United States, where foreign-made products often grace the shelves of stores at a cheaper price than American-made goods.

The album title song, "Clancy's Tavern," talks about the

life of a neighborhood bar from open to close where locals of all sorts gather to socialize with each other, including with the bar owner, Clancy.

Keith sings about how the locals purchasing drinks help her pay the bills, how the band plays in the evening with the jukebox playing after them to closing time and how she closes the bar and goes home.

"Clancy's Tavern" reminds me of a few bars I go to in my hometown of Fairfield that are locally owned and operated. One of the bars, named Thompson's Corner, first opened in 1902 and remains in its original building.

Locals can be seen daily enjoying their favorite beverage after work and playing tunes in the jukebox. It sounds a lot like what Clancy's would be like if it existed.

The point is that Keith's saloon song reminds me of home and of individuals who work hard for their money.

It makes people second-guess not leaving an appropriate tip for the bartender or waitress who served them their drinks. It's a thoughtful and reminiscent song that really makes listeners stop and think.

Keith also plays to beer drinkers and partygoers with "Red Solo Cup," a ballad dedicated to the famous plastic containers often filled with alcoholic beverages at parties.

In the song, he sings the praises of red plastic cups while



Toby Keith is a two-time Country Music Entertainer of Year winner who has been making music since 1993. Photo courtesy of tobykeith.com

at a party in an apparently inebriated state, and that other brightly colored cups don't match the presence of the red cup.

Toward the end, he and his friends say in a drunken reminiscence that the red cup isn't just a cup, but that it's a friend.

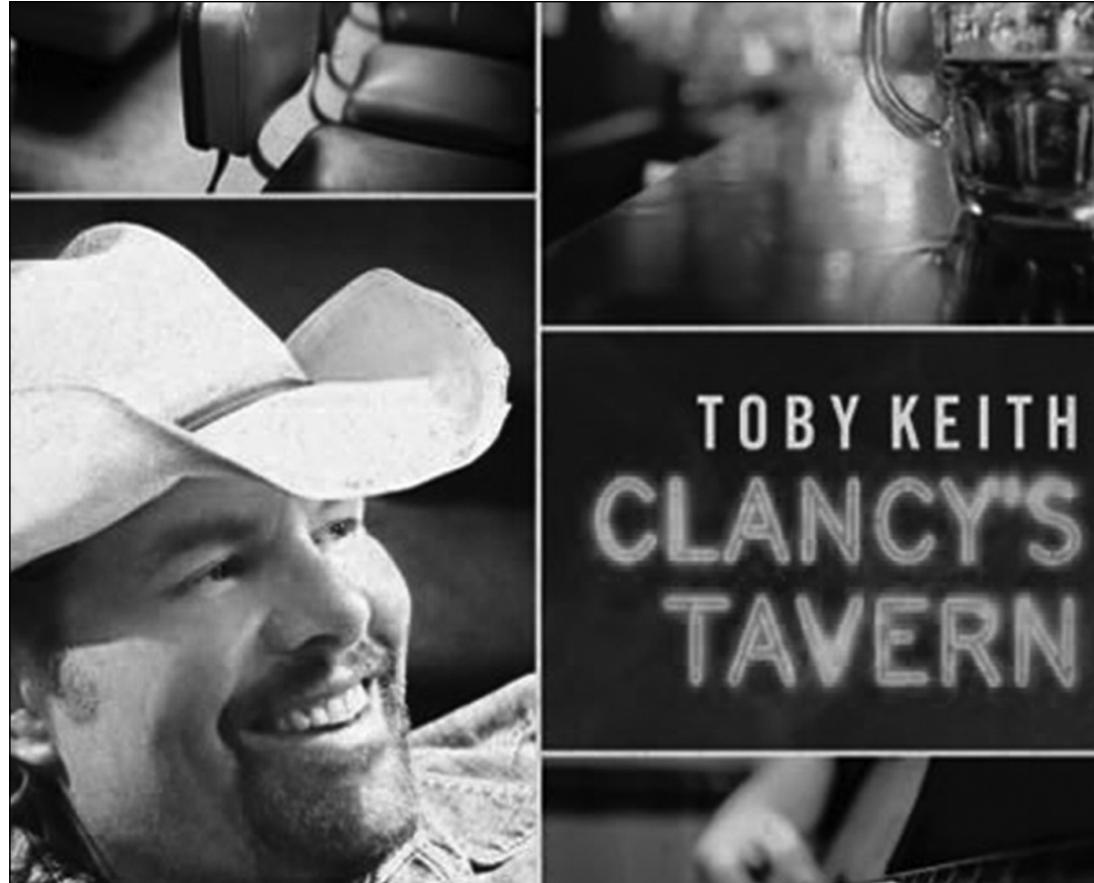
Having played beer pong with green cups, I can agree with Keith that other colored cups don't fit in at parties.

In terms of the rest of the album, the songs get to the point.

Keith does a good job of mixing the tracks to have his listeners wanting to converse with one track, ponder for another and feel mixed emotions in between.

Keith doesn't leave his listeners begging for an ending to his songs, but rather eager to listen to the next track, wherever they are.

If it was up to Keith, he'd have those fans enjoying his music — and a cold beer — at a locally-owned watering hole.



"Clancy's Tavern" was released on Tuesday and contains 11 tracks, including top country Billboard song "Made in America." Photo courtesy of tobykeith.com

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5. Blacksmith's tool

9. ___ for All Seasons

13. "... unto us ___ is given"

(Isaiah 9:6)

14. "I cannot tell ___!" (apocryphal Washington quote)

15. Greek salad morsel

16. Aston Martin-driving agent

18. Black tea variety

19. Didn't go fast?

20. Mistreat

21. The way the wind blows

22. Cheddar description

23. Common surname

25. Sweet-talk

28. Suffix with "narc"

30. Bonfire remnant

32. Build up, as a fortune

33. Dumfries girl

34. Mrs., in Montreal

35. Large quantity

36. They can be paid online

38. Girlfriend in Paris

39. "... ___ he drove out of sight..."

40. Bollywood costume

41. It may be picked up in a trash heap

42. Sleep study measurement

43. Healing cream additive

44. Mall tenants

45. "As You Like It" forest

47. Alternatives to Levi's

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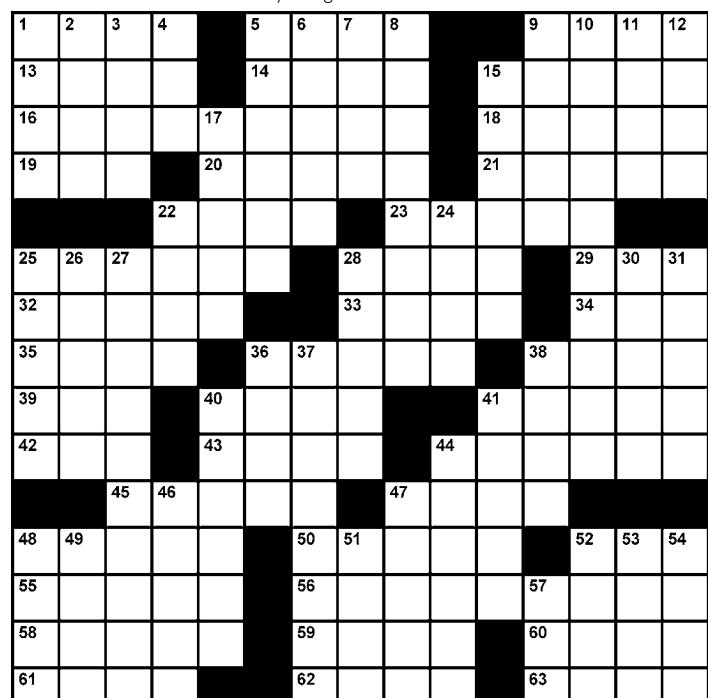
58. "Home Improvement" star Tim

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Separation of church and state

The wise Thomas Jefferson is often attributed with writing the historical phrase "separation of church and state." To this day, that ideal is still considered to hold importance in the election of our country's leaders.

Unfortunately, United States voters and presidential candidates may not feel the same way.

During a convention on Oct. 7 in Washington, D.C. Pastor Robert Jeffress, the Southern Baptist Convention leader from Texas, introduced Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry, and altogether stole the show.

Once he took the stage, Jeffress spouted off several lines stating that he believed Perry would make a better president on the basis of his Christian belief system.

"Do we want a candidate who is a good, moral per-



By
Jaimie
Collins

If a candidate has a solid plan to fix the problems we are facing, they are by far the better candidate. If their religious views match the voters, that is simply an extra perk.

Their belief system has no effect whatsoever on their ability to be progressive and make decisions that will fix many crucial situations.

It seems that candidates using their religion as a main factor in their campaign is a cop out to rally additional voters. Additionally, this so-called technique makes me wonder if the candidates are attempting to cover up or fill the holes in their political plan by flashing God in the voters' faces.

The presidential election is of the utmost importance, seeing as it chooses the person who is to run and control our country for the next four years.

"Religion has absolutely nothing to do with politics and should not be a determining factor when deciding which candidate to vote for."

son," Jeffress asked during his speech. "Or do we want a candidate who is a born-again follower of the Lord Jesus Christ?"

With the presidential primaries swiftly approaching, every moment of a candidate's campaign matters in convincing the public he or she is the best person for the job.

The First Amendment explicitly states that any person has the right to practice what-

candidate to vote for.

Even if a political candidate practices a certain religion, that doesn't ensure that they are the most qualified to run a country and basing a vote on that is just plain naive.

Instead, voters should be choosing a candidate based on their stances on current issues of importance, focusing on their ideals in terms of the country's political reformation.

That is a huge decision that needs an extended amount of deliberation and not just a sudden decision based on labels.

It can be argued that a candidate with certain religious views also holds similar beliefs in terms of hot-button issues.

While this may be true, voters should take the initiative and elect their leaders with discretion and careful selection to make an informed and unbiased decision.

Letters to the editors

Lack of funding is the problem, not the CSU

"they decided to increase the starting salary of San Diego State's president to \$400,000."

I am not arguing that this statement is not shocking but I am arguing that the blame should not be pointed at the CSU system but at the source. I believe that students are not seeing the bigger picture as the media clouds students into thinking that the CSU is making irrational decisions.

The bigger picture is that the state government and the federal government are cutting funding toward education. The CSU is an institution that is getting deprived of funding, so of course they have to make ends by raising tuition.

The media, including the Spartan Daily, should make

an effort to raise awareness of the real issue — legislation that prevents schools from getting adequate funding — instead of attacking an institution that has little control over how much funding they get.

Kenneth Trinh,
Business management

Crime is not on the rise, just the coverage

In response to the recent crimes on and in the vicinity of campus I must agree with Wednesday's editorial's premise about caring better, and more, for each other. That's just common sense, but I have to disagree with both the article and some of the responses in the "Campus Voices" section of the same issue.

Just because more crimes

are being reported, and reported on, doesn't mean there's been an increase in crime — just an increase in knowing about it.

We've been reassured by campus police and President Mo that campus crime is actually not on the rise. Feeling unsafe is just that: a feeling — not a fact.

As we become more aware of crime we become more cautious — which is good — but I feel that the idea of a "campus crime wave" is a bit inflated.

I don't believe the off-campus behavior of SJSU students is reflective of the SJSU community. These recent homicides just happen to involve SJSU students.

Does this lessen the pain, confusion or concern of the community members affected? No. But it also doesn't mean we're an unsafe community.

Crimes happen all the time, everywhere — they're going to happen here (or near here), too. We need to be aware and prepared, but not fearful.

That being said, maybe SJSU campus police can offer mini-protection seminars and/or pamphlets — heck, set out a table a couple of afternoons/evenings — to give tips and suggestions for keeping oneself as safe as possible.

At night, I walk a couple of blocks home from the bus stop, and you can be sure my keys are securely protruding through my right fist and my steel water bottle is at the ready in my left.

Don't wait till you're a victim to learn not to become one.

Gina Elizabeth LoVecchio,
Teaching English as a second language



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With a little help from my friends

2011 is coming to an end and it is my personal custom to reflect on my life around this time of the year.

Sometimes this is a good thing for me — it allows me to look back at all the things that I have done, all the things that I have accomplished and see what things really matter to me in life.

Other times this tradition just gives me the chance to wallow in my own depression as my brain tries to tell me that a lot of things that I did won't ever have a real impact on my future life.

After days of quiet contemplation I have come to the conclusion that this has been a long and drawn out year. But it was good year.

I like to judge my life not on the amount of money I earned or on the amount of praise and awards that have been given to me, but by how I have affected the lives of those around me and how my friends and family have affected my life, for better or for worse.

During my hours of self evaluation, one thing kept finding its way into my mind, and that is the number of new friends I was able to make this year.

As a person I have always been very attached to my friends and it hits me very hard whenever I have to accept that sometimes friendships fall apart, and that those people will no longer be active members of my life.

Friends are more than just people you spend time with.

They are people that you have a connection with, that understand when you are going through a hard time and offer support and they are

people that recognize when you are making mistake and are not afraid to call you out on your shortcomings.

So when a friend is no longer a part of my life it is like I am letting go of a part of myself, forgetting a piece of my own personal history. It hurts.

But it also teaches me a

lesson about how to interact with the people around me. It lets me know that, no matter how hard I try, I cannot be friends with everyone.

It also paves the way for new friendships, new interactions and new adventures.

This year I have made

some of the best friends of

my life and have experienced

more adventures than I have

in years.

One of my favorite new

traditions is to gather every

Sunday at a friend's house

to watch the newest episode of whatever HBO series

happens to air at the time.

It may not seem like such a big deal, but to me it is a

time of social catharsis. The

time at the end of the week where we all can finally put

aside our trials and tribula-

tions and just be happy to be

with each other and have a

good time while consuming

copious amounts of alcohol

and making fun of the new-

est episode of "True Blood."

It is a time to really ap-

preciate the fact that even

though people come and go

from our lives we will al-

ways be able to look back

and remember that, through

a series of seemingly un-

related social interactions,

we were able to meet and

find a connection with each

other.

Others may have their

own traditions, their own

memories and their own ad-

Saving Green For Halloween

FROM PAGE 1

According to fliers distributed on the SJSU campus, other costume collection points were located at Olinger Center, McKinley Elementary, City Hall and Roosevelt Community Center.

Figueroa said last year's costume collection effort totaled about 500 donations, and this year CommUniverCity set a goal of 1,000.

"We've had more resources this year than in the past, so it's going to be a good event," she said.

A few of those resources, according to Figueroa, included a donation of 50 costumes from San Jose-based Cisco Systems and gift card donations from Target, Walgreens and Mi Pueblo supermarket were used as door prizes at the event.

Figueroa said some participating residents even contributed homemade piñatas, and Spartan Athletics donated tickets to SJSU football and soccer games.

Another resource came from SJSU — volunteers. In an interview prior to the event, Matt Krupp, a lecturer of urban and regional planning, said about 16 students of 20 enrolled in his Introduction to Environmental Planning course were to volunteer at Safe and Green Halloween.

"A huge part of environmental planning education is to be able to work with the community," he said.

According to Krupp, SJSU students facilitated group activities the day of the event to teach lessons in three facets of sustainability: composting, water quality and recycling.

Students also coordinated a scavenger hunt game in which children searched for items to serve as talking points for a number of environmental issues.

"I'd like the students to be able to communicate complex environmental issues in a simple way that could be understood by kids and even non-native (English) speakers," he said.

According to Executive Director Dayana Salazar, the service learning component of CommUniverCity which allows SJSU students a hands-on education outside of the classroom is essential to the nonprofit's mission.

"Students learn about the content of the class by providing a service to the community," she said. "It's called service learning because you learn while you serve."

In addition to enrolling in courses within the Urban and Regional Planning Department, such as the course taught by Krupp, Salazar hopes students will also get involved through the Center for Community Learning and Leadership and the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center.

Both on-campus centers facilitate service learning projects throughout the school year, and according to a mission statement, the latter "connects SJSU students with community service opportunities that deepen the educational experience."

According to a press release from CommUniverCity, to date more than 7,754 students and 1,295 corporate individuals have volunteered more than 105,543 hours of community service to the non-profit's programs, including Safe and Green Halloween.

Other CommUniverCity programs, according to the press release, include an Intimate Violence Program facilitated by SJSU psychology students, Youth Voices for Community Action which involve SJSU student-led computer and media training for gang-impacted teens, and Annual Neighborhood Perception Surveys collected in part by SJSU political science students.

Salazar said the establishment of CommUniverCity was a long time coming, and it took the effort of both SJSU representatives and the City of San Jose to bring the organization to where it is today.

The catalyst toward cooperation, she said, came in 2003 when the city and SJSU worked together to open the on-campus Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library which now serves both the university and the general public.

"A number of factors converged and the City of San Jose and SJSU learned to work together towards a common goal," Salazar said. "We were looking around at what's next and CommUniverCity was a natural solution to that question."



Children pick out donated costumes and masks in the costume tent in Martin Park. Volunteers help each family pick costumes during a five minute window. This was one of the attractions during the Safe and Green Halloween event organized by the nonprofit group CommUniverCity as part of an effort to teach children how to celebrate Halloween in an environmentally friendly manner.

(Right) Sam Liccardo, a San Jose city councilman and SJSU political science lecturer, interacts with parents and children at the Safe and Green Halloween event on Friday at San Jose's Martin Park.



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Jasper Rubenstein
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(Right) Children pick out a variety of costumes and masks for Halloween. Items were donated by volunteers and philanthropic families, and were collected at various sites, including the King Library and Olinger Elementary School.

(Below) A girl tries her hand at some Halloween-themed arts and crafts in one of the booths at the event.



(Left) SJSU animation/illustration senior Kevan Hom shows his ninja moves while volunteering for greenninja.org, an environmental awareness website directed at children. Greenninja.org contains a series of webisodes created by SJSU students with the aid of faculty from various departments to promote education about climate change and awareness.

(Below) A young boy tries to keep the peace between the pirates, villains and superheroes at Martin Park on Friday.

