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Two hospitalized after shooting

By Leonard Lai, Jill Abell Staff Writers

wo people were hospitalized after a shooting occurred at 2 a.m. Sunday at the corner of Seventh and San Salvador Streets.

The shooting took place because of an altercation between two groups of people, said Officer Jermaine Thomas of the San Jose Police Department.

"There are currently no leads, but the suspects appear to be a group of five to eight black males," Thomas said. "The two victims suffered nonlethal injuries and are at

local hospitals being treated right now."

Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations of SJSU, said university police officers heard the gunfire, found one male who had been shot and recovered the weapon.

This was the first time the text message alert system the campus uses has been used in an emergency, she said.

The text alert message is a system that allows students who sign up with it to receive text message alerts when campus emergencies happen, Harris said.

"It took a while to send out the

message because officers were doing what they were supposed to be doing," Harris said. "Securing the scene and making sure people were OK come first."

She said the text was slow in being sent out because police determined that no one was in danger, and the text was sent in the middle of the night.

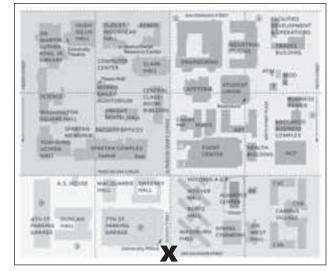
"We will review how the warning texting system worked out when we get together, and determine how to make it better," Harris said.

She said the campus will try to send a message out within the first 30 minutes.

"It sounds like a long time, but it's difficult to form cohesion of a picture of what is happening within 30 minutes," Harris said. "We need to send out a fast message, but not so fast where you will send out the wrong message before you get all the information."

Keenan Fry, a freshman civil engineering major, and Alex Gallegos, a freshman music major, said they were on the 10th floor of Joe West Hall when they heard the gunshots fired.

Fry said he heard four gunshots and turned around to see the last



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Site of shooting at San Salvador Street.

Aide held on suspicion of remote peeping

By Ryan Fernandez Staff Writer

teacher's aide at the Associ-Aated Students Child Care Center was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of recording another person without his or her consent, a university official said.

Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations at SJSU, said Calvin Shiu was taken into custody by University Police Department after another center employee found a recording device in a unisex bathroom used by employees.

"The staff alerted UPD, who conducted an exhaustive search of the facility," she said.

She said there was only one recording device, the one originally discovered by another center employee, and that the search turned

Harris said that, in addition to his arrest and termination of employment, Shiu would also be subject to discipline under the SJSU student conduct code.

According to an article in the San Jose Mercury News, Shiu has been suspended for three days, and the university is attempting to have the suspension extended pending a hearing, which is separate from any criminal proceedings.

Cheryl Vargas, Associated Students executive director, said the incident was considered a personnel matter and not open for public discussion, pending completion of the investigation.

Vargas confirmed that Shiu was no longer employed at the center.

"He no longer works here," she said, referring to the fact that Shiu was terminated from his job Wednesday.

Regular season division champions



up no other devices.

Harris said all employees go through a thorough background check and that Shiu had no previous record of criminal activity.

"Every effort will be taken to ensure something like this will never happen again," she said.

Vargas said a letter was being issued, notifying parents about the incident, and gave assurance that the children at the center were safe.

"No children were involved, only adults," she said.

Police chief candidates speak to community

By Jill Abell Staff Writer

The three contenders for the next SJSU chief of police answered questions from community members Wednesday and Thursday.

The forum was held Wednesday in Washington Square Hall and Thursday in the Pacifica Room in the Student Union.

William Coker became interim chief of police this past summer and will now be replaced by one of the three candidates.

"The new chief will be hired

by Rose Lee, vice president for administration and finance," said Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations at SJSU.

She said Lee oversees the University Police Department and will be guided by the recommendations of a selection committee, including student affairs, athletics, public affairs and human resources representatives.

The name will be announced probably no sooner than mid-December, after background and reference checks, and the new

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[John Sebastian Russo / Contributing Photographer]

Several Spartans celebrate a goal in San Jose's 2-1 win against Fresno State on Friday. The win secured a first place finish in the Western Athletic Conference for the women's soccer team. It is the first time the team has won the WAC.

By Kyle Szymanski Staff Writer

€JSU seniors Emmy Belding **J**and Roxy Kamal knew they were going to be emotional coming into the final home game of their careers Friday.

But it didn't take long for that emotion to turn into happiness.

Kamal scored in the fourth minute, and Belding added a goal in the 64th minute as the Spartans defeated Fresno State

2-1 to win their 14th consecutive game.

The Spartan victory, combined with a New Mexico State loss Friday, gave the SJSU Women's soccer team its first regularseason conference title since joining the Western Athletic Conference in 1996.

"It was everything and more that we could have asked for to just keep winning," Belding said.

"We don't want it to end." she

added. "We have worked so hard and just want to keep putting wins up on the board."

The Spartans (11-4-3, 5-0-2) wasted little time scoring on the Bulldogs.

In the fourth minute, junior Katie Bonadies placed a through ball at the feet of a sprinting Kamal, who lobbed a shot from about 30 yards out to put the Spartans up 1-0.

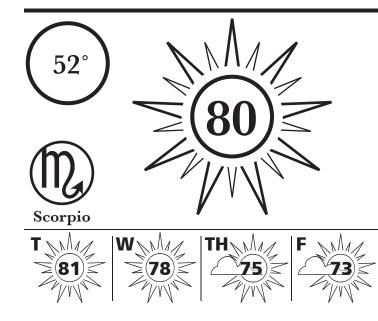
"The minute she turned around, I was like, 'I am just going to shoot it," Kamal said. "She wasn't really looking at me anymore, so I just went for it."

The goal was the first time the Spartans had scored on the Bulldogs since 2005.

The victory gave SJSU a firstround bye in the WAC tournament that begins Thursday.

"I think the bye is huge," SJSU head coach Jeff Leightman said. "Every team is nicked up this

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• SJSU employee makes strides for breast cancer awareness



[Kirsten Aguilar / Spartan Daily]

SJSU staff member Marian Sofish is one of many breast cancer survivors who participated in Saturday's annual Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in downtown San Jose. See an audio slideshow online about Sofish at spartandailyphoto.com.

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chief of police will start in January at the earliest, Harris said.

Nathan Johnson, Eric Sills and Peter Decena were the three contenders for next chief of police.

Leadership, diversity and violence prevention on campus were the three main topics addressed at all three forums.

Some students think the next chief of police should implement changes on campus.

"I think the next chief of police should already have a good idea of the issues at state (SJSU), they should know the environment, and they should have ideas of how to fix those issues," said Jessica Murphey, a junior hospitality management major.

Christopher Salguero, a sophomore graphic design major, said the next chief of police should ban police cruisers from driving through campus during busy hours in the school week.

Nathan Johnson

Nathan Johnson was the first candidate to speak Wednesday, and he described himself as a "jack of all trades."

He said he has experience in public safety at public, private, community and state colleges, along with careers in different fields.

He said he was the chief of police, and senior director of police and parking services at Sonoma State University in 1999.

"Any one of us can probably do the job," Johnson said. "I think the real key is finding who is the best fit for the environment."

He said his personal motto is going beyond what is possible or going beyond expectations.

Leadership

"First and foremost you have to be a good listener," Johnson said. "I think caring about the environment — the culture that may alter the way you approach certain things."

He said he feels a leader needs to have a demeanor that welcomes communication about potential problems.

"The police need to support the mission of the institution, keeping people succeeding in academics," he said.

"He was on the force for 12 years before he became a professor, and I think he has the qualities to be a good chief of police," he said. "Sills has charisma, and he's a real leader."

Leadership

Sills said a leader has to be proactive and build an honest dialogue with subordinates.

"I think a good leader is also a good developer, a good mentor," he said. "Leadership is producing more leaders than followers, and I truly believe that as an instructor."

He said a lot of the students he has taught at SJSU have become leaders and police officers.

"My personal philosophy is that we're a team, the university is a team, and we're just one part of the team," he said.

Diversity

Sills said he would form an advisory committee that represents all groups on campus with students, faculty, administration and staff from diverse backgrounds.

"We could meet quarterly and discuss different issues that might arise," he said.

Sills said he is fluent in Spanish, and one of his first acts as chief of police would be to teach everyone in UPD basic Spanish.

"I'd be very proud to say that this is the first CSU system that has a University Police Department, sworn and not sworn, that has minimal Spanish speaking skills," he said.

He said he plans to implement an open-door policy to make people more comfortable to talk about issues at any time.

"One thing I have noticed is that there really isn't enough interaction between the University Police Department and other departments," he said. "I think over the 12 years I've been here, I've maybe seen one police officer come to the justice studies department."

Sills said he plans on creating opportunities to bring more officers into the classrooms.

He also plans on stressing rules of all departments on campus during freshmen orientation such as student affairs, counseling, athletics and housing.

Violence Prevention

"I've been here this last seissues so that others will share mester, and I've seen the frustrations some students have," he said. Sills said the recent budget cuts have caused frustrations and stress levels to rise for students, faculty and staff campus wide, which can cause potential

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[Michelle Gachet / Spartan Daily]

Peter Decena, candidate for University Police Department chief of police, answers questions and concerns from faculty Thursday.

violence.

"I know who's a potential problem and who's not, and I think there are flags we can look for as instructors," he said. "As staff members, we need to be able to look for behavioral signs."

Peter Decena

The last candidate to speak was SJSU alumnus Peter Decena on Thursday.

He said he has worked for the San Jose Police Department for 28 years and spent nine years as a command officer.

Decena said he is currently the police captain of the San Jose Police Department.

Leadership

Leadership is all about deliberate decision making, Decena said. He said he is a believer in

collaboration and teambuilding, and that a strong sense of teamwork goes a long way.

"Debate and discussion are really important for deliberate decision making, making decisions that we are comfortable with carrying through until the end," Decena said.

He said working at a university involves a different approach to situations, and that a leader needs to understand the community to learn how to approach situations that arise.

"We are a part of one team, d we have one mission, and day-to-day interaction. He said campus police needs

to make an effort at more public exposure and outreach. "It is essential to have fair, partial policing and discretion when necessary because, again, working at a university entails a

different mindset," Decena said. Violence Prevention

Decena said he has been involved in active shooting protocol.

"There are accepted standards of how to deal with an active shooter on campus," he said.

He said the MySafeCampus Web site is a tool he would like to implement and advertise because anyone can anonymously report safety hazards such as campus shootings.

The MySafeCampus Web site is an easy method to also report harassment, substance abuse and theft by informing the right people within the appropriate institution so action can be taken, he said.

The forum was sponsored by the Office of the Vice President, administration and finance division.

Associated Students votes to increase Eco Pass fee

By Dominique Dumadaug Staff Writer

The Associated Students board of directors unanimously voted to increase the transportation services fee by \$3 per semester Wednesday.

"If we can get everything approved by the end of the spring semester, it would be by Fall 2010 registration," said Sarah Bronstein, the Associated Student director of community and environmental affairs, about the fee increase.

The increase is a result of the Aug. 6 vote by Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority board of directors to increase its fees by 20 percent that was effective Oct. 1.

"Transit agencies across California have been forced to reduce service and increase fares as consequence of the eliminated state funding for transit, as well as declining sales tax revenue," according to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Web site.

Jackeline Tellez, a senior mechanical engineering major, said she wasn't fazed by the latest fee increase.

"It doesn't bother me, because I don't use it," she said. "It's cool that they even offer it with your SJSU admission."

Christina Vien, a health science major in between her junior and senior year, said she lives in an apartment off campus and takes the bus to SJSU.

Vien said she would not be happy with another fee increase.

"I know for students that don't want to drive and take the bus every day to school, it's going to be hard because of the school fees increase," she said. "Everyone's going broke."

Bronstein said a fee increase wasn't necessary to keep the VTA Eco Pass program.

"This is not a result of our inability to pay for it," she said. "We could pay for it. It is one of our highly prioritized programs, but we don't want it to affect other programs. If we want to maintain all the programs that we have without dipping into them to pay for the Eco Pass, we have to have a fee increase."

The measure had been an ongoing discussion for about a month, Bronstein said.

She said the measure had to first be brought to the finance committee, and then she took it to an A.S. board meeting.

Bronstein said the measure was discussed in two board meetings, once as a discussion item and then as an action item for vote.

"We could have increased the fees by other means," Bronstein said. "We could have done what is called 'alternative consultation,' which is a process of notifying key stakeholders, writing a response to that and submitting that to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

"But we decided that the best way to gauge students' support was by referendum."

Bronstein said there are steps for the measure before it becomes an actual fee increase.

She said the board still has to take the referendum to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee to be approved.

From there, it goes through the chief financial officer review for approval, to the President's Office to be approved and then to the Chancellor's Office for final approval.

Bronstein said the fee increase will be discussed further in other A.S. board meetings, which are open to all SJSU students who may want to attend.



Diversity

Johnson said he plans to create a sense of trust between police officers and the community by having officers walking around campus instead of driving around campus in cruisers.

"As you know, being out there, talking with people really helps," he said.

Johnson said he spent two years in Vietnam, studying the communication between police officers and the community.

He said he believes that during that experience, he learned how to increase trust and open communication, which will help overcome some issues that arise with diversity.

Violence Prevention

Johnson said he plans to institute an active shooting training program at SJSU to prepare for possible future violence.

He said he also plans on having a barbecue each year for SJSU police officers, all faculty and all staff to help build a relationship.

He said if SJSU faculty and staff are comfortable with UPD, they will be more willing to share any red flags of future violence.

Eric Sills

Eric Sills, a justice studies professor at SJSU, was the second candidate to speak Wednesday.

He said he has held various positions with the San Jose Police Department since 1982.

Casey Byler, a sophomore justice studies major, said he had a class with Sills three semesters ago.

that is public safety," he said. Diversity

Decena said he feels that UPD needs to create a bridge to the diverse community through





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gunshot flash fired at 2 a.m. and what sounded like the shooters driving away afterwards.

"Getting a text message doesn't do anything when the guy right now is walking around with a gun," he said. "Not evervone will have their phone on their bodies. The school needs a better way to handle these types of situations."

Gallegos said he heard the four gun shots, as well as a car alarm and screams.

He said his initial reaction was that someone had just been shot.

"I felt really helpless," Gallegos said. "I feel that I couldn't really do anything, being so far away and being 10 floors up."

He said his neighbor called University Police Department, but they already knew about it.

"The text message system needs to be more efficient," Gallegos said. "Getting the message two hours after just isn't working."

Two police cruisers with their sirens on were driving west on

San Salvador five minutes after the car carrying the shooters had driven off.

By then the shooters would have gotten away, he said.

Sean O'Byrne, a junior chemistry major who lives at the International House on 11th Street, said he was coming back from Santa Barbara around 5 a.m. and saw police everywhere on Seventh Street.

"I got the text about the shooting at 4:10 a.m." O'Byrne said. "I also checked my e-mail this morning and got a message about that."

He said even though the shooting took place close by, he isn't concerned and will continue with his life as normal.

"I'm sure the police are on it," O'Byrne said.

Anthony Delaurenti, a freshman business finance major, said he always sees police cars on campus, so he didn't assume there was a shooting.

"I'm not a part of the text message alert system, but I might check it out now," Delaurenti said. "I'm also going to watch my surroundings late at night."

He said he hopes more officers will be on duty at night now.

Late engineering dean called 'visionary' by Mineta

By Husain Sumra Staff Writer

"The house that Jay built" was the site of both a reception and memorial for one of the most influential deans of the College of Engineering.

About 130 people attended the memorial of Jay Pinson, a former dean of the College of Engineering, in the Engineering building Friday.

Pinson, dean of the College of Engineering from 1978 to 1996, died on Sept. 20, 2008 at the age of 79 after a battle with cancer.

"My father raised the funds and built (the Engineering) building when he was dean," said Debbie Pinson, Pinson's daughter.

Michael Parrish, dean of the College of Science, announced the proclamation of the Jay Pinson Program for Science Technology Engineering and Math Education at the memorial.

Parrish said one of the goals of the program was to get students interested in engineering ence.

According to the proclamation, a Science Technology Engineering and Math Education center will be made at SJSU.

"What we hope to do is fill in half of the breezeway under Duncan Hall," Parrish said.

He said the funds for building the center haven't been gathered yet.

"We're raising money for it," he said.

John Crump, the interim director of the Tech Academy and master of ceremonies for the memorial, said his academy and the program are similar.

"We're both working in the same big pool," he said.

The Tech Academy is a summer school program founded by Pinson that focuses on teaching K-12 students engineering through the hands-on learning of science and math, Crump said.

He said that Pinson believed engineering needed extra preparation.

"Jay really believed there

by teaching them math and sci- needed to be more to prepare students for engineering," he said.

> Belle Wei, dean of the College of Engineering, said the Science Technology Engineering and Math Program is a way to honor Pinson's legacy and that a plaque will be placed prominently in the lobby of the Engineering building to "celebrate his accomplishments and honor his legacy."

> Wei said Pinson communicated with companies in Silicon Valley and formed strong connections with them.

SJSU alumna Nancy Thomas said Pinson persuaded companies such as Hewlett-Packard to donate money toward Project 88, the project that funded and built the Engineering building.

Wei said Pinson had proposed Project 88 because of the lack of space for engineering students in the old building.

Crump said Pinson told him when he first met him that the department needed new faculty, equipment and curriculum to match what Silicon Valley com-

panies were doing.

"His legacy is guiding us into the future," Wei said.

Norman Mineta, a former mayor of San Jose, said Pinson recognized the significance of companies in Silicon Valley and the importance of establishing relationships with them.

"He was a visionary," he said. Debbie Pinson said her father was always looking for new ways to advance things.

"He was always looking for that bigger and better idea of how to help society," she said.

Debbie Pinson said she had been working on the memorial for the past 10 months but that the research involved was the most difficult part.

She said she researched all the individuals her father had had relationships with to invite them to the memorial.

She said she thought it was important for the university to recognize her father's accomplishments.

"He felt that people who achieved anything should be honored," she said.

Rail upgrades delay traffic on weekends



[John Sebastian Russo / Contributing Photographer]

Jody Laffins heats an old section of light rail track prior to pounding it out to ensure a smooth transition to the new section of rail Sunday. Employees of Stacy and Witbeck, Inc./Con-Quest Contractors, Inc. worked throughout the weekend, with oversight from Valley Transportation Authority employees, to replace a damaged section of the light rail tracks on San Carlos Street between Market Street and Almaden Boulevard. More repairs are scheduled, beginning Friday through Sunday, at the intersection of San Carlos Street and Almaden Boulevard.



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Late goal sinks Spartans

Loss drops men's soccer to second place in conference

By Joey Akeley Sports Editor

During overtime, New Mexico goalkeeper Justin Holmes sprawled to the ground, kicking aside a close-range shot from Spartan midfielder Justin Castro.

It was the last of seven saves for the keeper, because minutes later, the Lobos would break the scoreless tie.

Midfielder Stephen Brown's goal in overtime gave the Lobos a 1-0 victory over the Spartan men's soccer team Sunday at Spartan Stadium on Senior Day.

"We must have had 10 players who could have finished this game at any point," SJSU head coach Gary St. Clair said. "I'm really disappointed about the lack of quality finishing."

Early in the second half, Spartans senior midfielder Nick Cukar had a pointblank opportunity to score.

Forward Colby Moore's throw-in was headed to the front of the net by Dan Addiego to Cukar, whose header was snatched out of the air by Holmes.

Cukar said Holmes stole the game from the Spartans.

"The keeper made a great save on Justin's shot with his foot — didn't think he was going to save that one," Cukar said. "I had a header, and I didn't think he was going to save that one too, but he came up big for them."

With less than four minutes to go in the first overtime period, Lobos defender Simon Ejdemyr's free kick sailed to forward Justin Davis about 30 yards from the goal.

Davis flicked the ball with his head on the line of a sprinting Brown down the left side. Brown took a touch and beat

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time of year, so not having to

play that extra game and go

back-to-back and play Thurs-

Fresno State outshot SJSU

day, Friday, Sunday is huge."

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Spartans goalkeeper Jonathan Lester far side to end the game.

"These kind of games are battles," senior defender Oscar Monjaras said. "They come down to the slimmest margins. They were fortunate to get one in overtime, and we weren't."

The Spartans outshot the Lobos 20-8, including an 8-0 advantage in the first half.

Midway through the first half, defender Addiego played the ball off his chest and after one bounce, he put a shot heading toward the top right of the goal. Holmes punched the ball over his own net for a save.

In the second half, defender Nick Carrara passed to midfielder Josh Boemecke, who was open in the box, but his shot was grabbed by Holmes.

Cukar said the Spartans had several quality chances.

"We were moving the ball around, we were able to possess and got our shots off," Cukar said. "It was just unfortunate not to find the back of the net."

The loss puts the Spartans (9-8-1, 4-2) in a tie for second with New Mexico (10-6, 4-2) in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation with one game left to play. To earn a first-round bye in the MPSF conference tournament, the Spartans would need to have a better result in their game against Sacramento State than the Lobos do against University of Nevada Las Vegas.

"We have our heads up," Monjaras said. "We are going into Sac, and we are getting a result. That's our number one priority. We want to get that bye, so we play on Friday instead of Thursday."

6-4 in the first half, but Sparpreserve the 1-0 Spartan lead at tans goalkeeper Nina Butera was halftime.

After scoring in the first half, Kamal came up with an in the game in the 16th minute accurate assist to Belding, who took the ball on the right side of the field and found the near-side net to give the Sparthat was swiped by Butera to tans a 2-0 lead in the 63rd

minute. Fresno State cut the lead in half two minutes later when Katie Lee found Callie Hancock, who took the ball down the left side of the field and rifled one past Butera for the Bulldogs' only score of the game.

The Bulldogs finished with

Draviana Dra-la

13 shots in the game.

Fresno State threatened in the waning moments of the game in SJSU's penalty area, but were unable to get off any shots.

Despite giving up some scoring chances in the end, Leightman said he was impressed by

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the way his team played.

"We got some things accomplished," Leightman said. "Obviously winning for the seniors is a big thing. There are a lot of things that have not been done for a long time. We are about creating new history in this program."

3, in the Spartans 1-0 overtime loss Sunday afternoon.

Spartan striker Colby Moore, No. 7, jostles for ball possession with Lobo	[Adam Murphy / Spartan Daily] s defender Simon Eidemyr, No.

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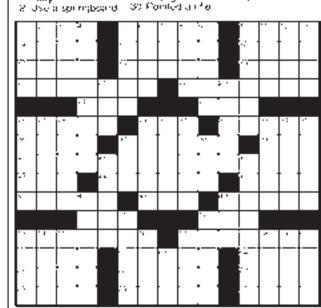
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Opposing Views: Should San Jose taxpayers pay for a pornography lawsuit?

Pro: Women should not have to deal with sexual harassment at work



Jennifer Hadley Staff Writer

Society continues to see women as objects, and we will pay for it until the trend changes.

Imagine a mother cleaning her 9-year-old son's room. She finds a magazine under his pillow. The magazine is not Playboy — it is hard-core pornography.

This scenario happened to Julie LaBlanc in 2008.

LaBlanc's son said he found the magazine at his mother's work — a San Jose fire station.

When she went into work the next day, LaBlanc said she found many more hard-core magazines in the fire house.

After LaBlanc filed suit in the Santa Clara County Superior Court, she said other firefighters at the station shunned and taunted her.

LaBlanc also said one firefighter would purposely keep important work information from her since she filed her complaint, and then someone left a men's magazine in a common area for her to find.

On Oct. 20, the San Jose City

Council approved a \$200,000

settlement for LaBlanc. It is disappointing that such a large amount of taxpayer money will go to this woman, but I believe it is necessary for men to realize that women should be treated with respect in the workplace.

As a taxpayer, I'm willing to pay for this cause.

One might argue that since firefighters are living in these fire stations 24/7, he or she might need to take care of business every once a while, and traditionally not that many women work in the fire houses anyway.

The problem is more women are working in traditionally male-dominated areas, and men are going to have to learn to be more respectful.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 59.5 percent of the labor force was female in 2008.

With women working more than ever, both sexes need to respect each other.

Looking at porn in a place of work is unprofessional anyway,

and not to mention problematic when a 9-year-old boy finds it the men's room.

The city also has a policy against sexually explicit material in the workplace, which will hopefully be taken more seriously after we've had to pay for this expensive settlement.

According to the Women's National Law Center, about half of employed women experience some sort of harassment in the workplace.

Once LaBlanc made it clear that she was uncomfortable with sexually explicit magazines in the firehouse, the men could have changed their behavior.

Instead, LaBlanc said they harassed her, making the situation worse, and this proves that the men who harassed her do not have much respect for women.

In addition to the settlement, the men who were harassing LaBlanc should be fired for not following city policy.

Some of us either allow or contribute to women not being treated equally, whether we are putting up with harassment at work and not speaking up, or doing the harassment ourselves.

Until we all do our part to treat women equally and with respect in the workplace, we will pay, and we should pay.

Con: The punishment should be given to those who were in the wrong, not the public



Husain Sumra Staff Writer

I don't want to pay taxes for porn.

That's what happened, though, as Julie LeBlanc was awarded \$200,000 after she found a hardcore porn magazine under her 9-year-old son's pillow. He said he found it at the San Jose firehouse where she worked.

I understand that after she complained about the pornographic material, she said she was taunted by her male co-workers, which led to the awarded \$200,000 for sexual harassment.

If I were to complain about pornographic material and then get taunted because of it, would I get money for harassment? I'd hope so.

LeBlanc said that she was shunned and that other firefighters kept important information from her because of her complaining of the pornographic material.

I say that we have a giant example of miscommunication.

I'm sure any male who ratted out stashes of porn would get

chastised as well. This is a women who happened to find the porn and complain about it, which results in taunting by males, which would probably be the same taunting done to a male if they had found the porn.

Fortunately or unfortunately, male firefighters are just like any other breed of man and need to take care of business.

If I'm not mistaken, people in the military have adult magazines shipped to them as well.

You can't expect firefighters to do away with things like pornography while living in a firehouse.

Are they on the job?

Yes, they are.

Is it realistic to expect them to adhere to things like that?

No, it isn't.

Women are entering maledominated workplaces more and more, and trouble is brewing.

The problem is that what used to be considered "male camaraderie" and the "man code" have less of a role in the workplace.

If that's punishable because a women is on the job, then that's fine. Fine the firefighters responsible for the crime.

to someone because of porn. The male firefighters who harassed her for finding the porn

are very immature and should be punished, but I'm not sure if it's disrespect for women that fuels their fire.

Don't take \$200,000 that

could be used for other things in

a still-tough economy and give it

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It could be disrespect for someone complaining about porn.

There are certain guys who can get obsessed over porn like ants on sugar, and it doesn't make it any more right, but there are reasons that things happen.

The relations of genders in the workplace are something that doesn't get talked about often, but it's important to understand the other gender in your workplace and understand what you can do and what you can't do.

If the porn wasn't all over the place and she had just found it under her son's pillow, then she might have ignored it as an isolated incident of someone leaving the magazine in the wrong place.

If the men were more mature, they would have not taunted her and tried to clean up their act and apologize, be more discrete about their habits or leave it alone.

If the world were a better place, we wouldn't spend \$200,000 on a rogue pornographic magazine.

Did you know ...

... approximately 15,000 sexual harassment cases are brought to the Equal Employment **Opportunity Commission each year?**

The number of sexual harassment complaints filed by men has more than tripled in recent years. Currently, approximately 11 percent of claims involve men filing against female supervisors.

Letter to the **Editor**

This letter is in response to "Student flourishes despite disability" that was published Tuesday.

When I picked up the Spartan Daily last Tuesday, I did my usual apathetic scan of the headlines and caught my eye on the words Asperger's syndrome on the front page. I had to stop in surprise and digest this for a minute before I could read the article.

For me, Asperger's syndrome hits close to home as my brother was diagnosed with it some years back. It is really disheartening to see that hidden disabilities such as Asperger's are creating conflicts with faculty on campus, but I am thrilled to see there is attention being brought to the issue.

In particular, my brother has a hard time focusing on things that he doesn't see as relevant, which for him, includes math. But math does not inhibit his creative edge, which goes above and beyond my imagination entirely. If there hadn't been a certain understanding from his teachers,

it would have put a setback in achieving his creative potential.

I encourage professors at SISU to explore the topic of Asperger's syndrome before they complain about making accommodations for students with the disability. Many people, including myself, have invested a lot of effort to support my brother, and I can't imagine where he would be without it ... certainly not at a prestigious art school in San Francisco. I currently support a Disability Resource Center student on campus by being a notetaker, because I understand the increased difficulty for them.

Please, I entreat you, as educators of higher learning, to be underanding of your students, no matter what their backgrounds may be.

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Christina Patron, SJSU Junior, Nutritional Science major

Attention, attention; decency has left the building



Elizabeth Kang

Copy Editor

I'm turning into a hermit. I dread leaving the house. It's not a budding case of agoraphobia that has me hunkering down, though.

It's humanity.

Inevitably, almost every time I leave the house — to buy paper towels at Target, ride the Valley Transportation Authority to school, get a bite to eat, or take my dog on a walk - some illmannered person does something completely thoughtless and turns

this once sweet-natured girl into a burgeoning curmudgeon.

I know, I know. I shouldn't let other people's actions bother me, right? After all, they're not personal.

But they do bother me.

It's no revelation that manners, customer service and a general mutual respect are going downhill.

But this descent has been going on for years, so why am I just starting to notice it now?

Is it because I've moved to a more populated city?

Or is it because with age comes wisdom, and I'm now better able to recognize the rudeness?

Maybe for both these reasons, I am getting more and more disgusted with the behavior of my fellow man.

I've kept a mental log of this week's crimes, and some of them, no doubt, may be all too familiar.

A man casually tossed a plastic bottle onto the sidewalk as I walked passed. Another man stole my parking spot right out from under me.

A woman, who had the last open seat next to her at the dog

park, had a very loud, very personal phone conversation about her medical problems, lasting 40

minutes. A very angry, thuggish-looking man called me an "ugly-ass, f*cking 'bleep'" for no apparent reason.

Jeez, good thing I'm not sensitive.

The sales girls at a Macy's counter pretended not to notice me as they finished their conversation about how terrible "Maria" is.

And my very favorite atrocity this week — someone took a bite from my chicken finger before it left the kitchen, and the bitten part was then hastily buried under some fries in an attempt to

make it look whole.

OK, in that situation I was entirely to blame. I mean, that's what I get for going to Applebee's.

Hey, maybe that's the solution — to set the bar low.

Although I didn't quite expect a half-eaten chicken finger in my basket, I did expect the slow service, lukewarm food and a sticky bench.

So by the time I received my entree, I was laughing at the bite mark.

Should I try to lighten up in other instances, as well?

Although I try to be civil, in certain situations I've also been rude.

I've talked on my phone

while paying for my groceries as the poor checkout girl was trying to do her job.

I've cut people off in my car. I've even littered ... gulp ... once upon a time.

Seeing other people do it, however, makes me realize how rude and thoughtless these acts are.

So in some way, I'm glad I've been witness to this week's crimes.

I urge and I plead with everyone to take note of the badmannered behaviors you witness while going about your everyday routine.

Try not to dwell on them, though. Instead, make a silent vow to not repeat them.

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Review: Star Trek the Exhibition

Exhibition beams into Tech Museum and hearts of Star Trek fans

By Hank Drew Executive Editor

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"Space ... the final frontier. These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before."

If that phrase sends shivers up your spine, grab your "Spock Ears" and beam down to The Tech Museum of Innovation for an exhibit that will delight despite a few reservations.

Star Trek the Exhibition began a limited engagement at The Tech on Oct. 23 and runs through January.

The curators of the exhibit envisioned long lines to this traveling show, so pictures of different, real, celestial bodies dotted the waiting line.

Luckily, I attended the show early Thursday afternoon to a mostly empty house.

As I walked into the first section, I was greeted with a blast of dark purple colors and whirls and blips that comprise the sound effects of a "Star Trek" episode.

Tall glass tubes, containing costumes from the original Trek, surrounded the outer portion of

the first room — Uhura, Scotty and Bones were all represented in this area.

I found it interesting how cheap the costumes looked upon close inspection. Insignia frayed. Cloth threadbare. Time has not been kind.

I also enjoyed the cases containing different artifacts from the original shows.

I've always found the original to be superior —cue Comic Book Guy's voice from "The Simpsons" — and I owned discshooting replicas when I was a child.

Shockingly, the props looked like cheap, plastic replicas.

As I rounded the corner, I found my true object of desire, a true-to-scale replica of the original bridge. Score.

Here's where it started to go south, though.

No cameras. Think about that for a minute.

The Tech charges \$25 for this exhibit, and I can't take a picture of myself in Kirk's chair? Worst move ever.

Well, never fear intrepid Trekkie — Star Trek the Exhibition has you covered. Photographers were on hand to snap pictures for a fee. These guys were stra-

tegically placed throughout the exhibit. Honestly, I would not have

paid for the pictures. I would have sucked it up and moved on to the next prop, muttering expletives under my breath.

Luckily for me, one of our staff photographers was able to snap a couple of shots.

After leaving the bridge, tubes containing Capt. Kirk and Mr. Spock's costumes softened my transition into the "Star Trek: The Next Generation" section.

Jean-Luc Picard's personal quarters contained his duty uniform and his dress uniform. The guy was tiny.

The second best moment appeared just around the corner the transporter room.

The organizers created a replica of The Next Generation's transporter room, which they happily let you mount.

Once on the transporter, a kind soul flipped a switch, and I saw my body fade away and reappear on a small flat-screen TV. Again, snap-happy guides

will charge for a picture of you on the transporter.

On the way out of the exhibit, I was tempted with a virtual reality ride — like the ones seen



[Photos by Chad Ziemendorf / Spartan Daily]

Top: Fantasy writer Cameron Esslemont takes a seat in Capt. Kirk's chair and has his picture taken by staff during The Tech Museum of Innovation's Star Trek the Exhibition in downtown San Jose on Thursday. Bottom: A display from Star Trek the Exhibition.

in malls around the country again for a fee. No thanks.

I can see two types of audiences for this show.

Trekkies will love every minute of this exhibition. If you kill at Trek Trivia, experience it now.

Twenty-Five bucks for this exhibit seems a bit high. But, die-hard fans will probably not quibble with the price.

Another potential audience would be anyone who studies costume or set design. Seeing these iconic costumes and props in person was a revelation.



Refreshing, full-bodied pilsner beer awakens taste buds



Staff Writer

I am not a beer enthusiast. I do not know what a "lager" is. I do not know how it differs from regular beer nor do I care.

I do not sample, sip or sniff beer.

I slam beer into my system, letting the fermented hops and barley destroy my inhibitions.

However, at Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant, the atmosphere suggested I change my ways, at least for one night.

An iron archway frames the different world that is Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant.

place at the Great American Beer Festival in 2007, our server explained.

The Gordon Biersch Czech Lager is

Pilsner beer was created in the 1840s in Plzen in the Czech Republic, which was once a part of the Bohemian king-



dom where beer lovers and brewers combined their malt, hop and barley passions, according to the Beer Advocate Web site.

Pilsner malt is low in protein and is dried for shorter periods of time at lower temperatures than darker malts, creating a beer that has a golden color, according to the All About Beer Web site.

Brewers use larger yeast to create pilsner, but the real trademark of any

classic pilsner is the strong hop bitterness and floral, spicy hints of hops, according to the All About Beer Web site.

"Pilsen" eventually formed into "pilsner" or "bo-

It had a cheerful, pure golden hue with bouncing bubbles that kissed the frothy surface.

My beer was served in a sturdy, glass mug, which was definitely a change from aluminum cans.

I thought all lagers were dark and heavy, but this was smooth, light and crisp with a hint of citrus or a tangy flavor that awakened my taste buds.

I also ordered garlic fries. The salt,

- days!

garlic and starch plus the lager combination was divine. Seriously, last-meal-on-Earth good.

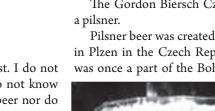
The Czech Lager ended up costing around nine dollars, which is a little pricey for my tastes.

It opened my eyes to other beer possibilities. I could sip beer and revel in complex, subtle flavors versus shot-gunning a can of Bud Light.

Stay classy Gordon Biersch.



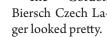
By Jill Abell



As we were seated, we walked down a cobblestone path to the outdoor patio, where live music filled the October sky.

Our server explained the Gordon Biersch beer selection as if she was talking about Olympians.

I went with the gold-medalist Gordon Biersch Czech Lager that took first hemian pilsner," and somehow it has made its way through history and into my gut. The Gordon Biersch Czech La-



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