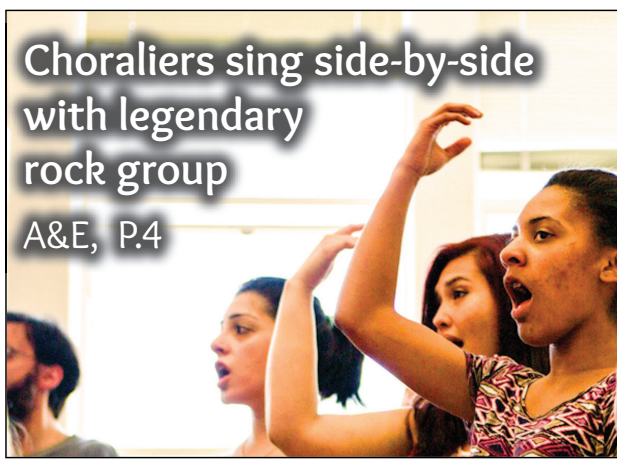


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COMMUNITY

Protesting for workers' rights



Unice Curiel and Jessica Cardoso, junior sociology majors, along with their sociology 164 class and SJSU Student Action for Worker Solidarity group protest against Walmart's unfair treatment of its employees on Story Road in San Jose Tuesday afternoon. **Bryan Delohery / Spartan Daily**

Student action group holds demonstration against Walmart policies

By **Bryan Delohery**
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A group of approximately 20 San Jose State students carrying homemade, brightly colored signs marched back and forth between the traffic lights in front of the Walmart on Story Road yesterday to protest against the company's treatment of its employees.

As part of their social action

class, sociology 164, the students along with their professor, Preston Rudy, handed out fliers for the SJSU Student Action for Worker Solidarity group while encouraging passing supporters to honk their horns.

According to Rudy, there has been a campaign by Walmart workers, called OUR Walmart, since Thanksgiving of last year to improve the quality of employee

treatment.

"The campaign is to demand respect and dignity from management at Walmart," Rudy said. "It's also about making change at Walmart."

Rudy said a lot of people do not know about the poor treatment of Walmart workers so the group hopes to speak out for those who cannot or will not speak out for themselves because of fear.

"When they do speak out against their managers, they are being retaliated against and their jobs are at risk," said Unice Curiel, a junior sociology major. "Their hours get reduced and their benefits get taken away. We are out here trying to get justice for the workers and spread awareness."

Jessica Cardoso, a junior sociol-

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ENVIRONMENT

Sustainability Board works to make campus green

By **Lauren Hailey**
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Most people are unaware that SJSU has adopted tactics that have been in place for years to make this campus more environmentally sustainable.

The Sustainability Board is a committee of the Academic Senate that meets once a month to work on methods to advance sustainability on campus, according to Lynne Trulio, the Environmental Studies Department Chair.

Trulio, who is the co-chair of the Sustainability Board, said the

Sustainability at SJSU website is run by members of the Sustainability Board.

According to information provided by the Environmental Protection Agency, sustainability is defined as "meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

"Sustainability is the ability to improve the quality of life," Joanna Ho, a junior finance major said. "I feel like the majority of students still don't realize how important going green is."

Christopher Brown, vice president of Facilities Development and Operations said SJSU has been working to promote the sustainability of campus resources for more than 10 years.

"People think sustainability is about recycling tin cans and newspapers," he said. "Sure that's a part of it, but there's so much more than that."

According to a report put together by Sustainability at SJSU, the campus meets the standards in the areas of power, water, transportation, waste reduction, recycling and LEED-certified buildings.

According to the U.S. Green Building Council, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) system is a rating that provides third-party verification of green buildings.

To receive a LEED Silver certificate, buildings have to maintain standards in categories such as water efficiency and indoor environmental quality.

According to the report established by Sustainability at SJSU, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library was designed and built to

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CAMPUS

UPD reports hot spots for campus crimes

By **Amanda Hochmuth**
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In addition to keeping records of the number of enrolled students, classes offered and graduation petitions submitted, SJSU keeps detailed statistics on another aspect of college life - crime.

As of May 2, the University Police Department recorded a total of 1,182 crimes reported in the 2012-13 academic year, according to the UPD's Incident Directory Report.

The report also stated that some hot spots for crime include the Martin Luther King Jr. Library and Joe West Hall.

However, the majority of the reported crimes occurred in the neighboring streets surrounding SJSU, rather than directly on campus.

According to Sgt. John Laws of UPD, university police patrol the neighborhoods around campus generally between Highway 280 and St. John Street and between First and 16th Streets.

According to SJSU's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, the most recent data shows that in 2011, 70 arrests were made on campus, most of which were drug abuse violations.

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A.S.

Student votes call for fee increase and possible policy change

By **Sydney Reed**
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In the Fall semester, SJSU students may be presented with a different campus culture if the Associated Students president approves the smoke-free campus initiative and student fee referenda.

During the 2013 A.S. elections, an initiative and referenda were placed on the ballots to give students the opportunity to vote on priorities from A.S.

"The intention of this was to allow for the students themselves to determine what was important to them, whether it was the Eco Pass, more free events or student (organization) funding," Aaron Tsang, A.S. controller stated in an email.

The referenda voted on were approved, according to Tsang.

The referenda included: approval of a \$5 increase to the A.S. student activity fee to support alternative transportation and sustainability,

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NFL

Eagles' drafting of USC's Matt Barkley? Lane Kiffin saw it coming

By Gary Klein
McClatchy Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Matt Barkley gets his first real taste of the NFL when the Philadelphia Eagles' rookie mini-camp opens Friday.

Many fans and NFL draft prognosticators were shocked when new Eagles coach Chip Kelly drafted the former USC quarterback.

But USC coach Lane Kiffin was not.

Kiffin said Monday that Kelly spoke with him about Barkley "early on" in the evaluation process and later sent the Eagles' quarterbacks coach to Southern California to personally work out the Trojans' four-year starter.

This despite Barkley's not appearing, on the surface anyway, to be an ideal fit for the fast-paced spread-option offense that Kelly ran at Oregon.

Kiffin said he thought at first it might be "a smoke-screen," but the Eagles' decision to draft Barkley with the first pick in the fourth round proved that Kelly was "serious all along."

"It's a great organization for Matt," Kiffin said during a teleconference of Pac-12 Conference coaches.

Barkley joins an Eagles team that includes quarterbacks Michael Vick, Nick Foles and Dennis Dixon.

Barkley's lack of mobility was seen as a drawback, but he has said he expects Kelly to install "something of a hybrid system" and was looking forward to competing for the starting job.

Meanwhile, Kiffin reiterated that there was not a specific

timetable to choose Barkley's successor.

Sophomores Max Wittek and Cody Kessler and freshman Max Browne were listed as co-starters on USC's end-of-spring depth chart.

The Trojans are tentatively scheduled to open training camp Aug. 3 in preparation for their Aug. 29 opener at Hawaii.

"Whenever it shows itself, it will show itself," Kiffin said of his impending decision. "Obviously, for us, the earlier the better, but we want to make sure we're making a fair decision."

Kiffin said all players other than receiver George Farmer, who will redshirt after suffering a major knee injury during spring drills, are expected to be ready physically when training camp opens.

PLAYOFF PICTURE

The four-team College Football Playoff is set to debut after the 2014 regular season and several Pac-12 coaches said they favored standardizing schedules so that all conferences play the same number of conference games.

Pac-12 teams play nine conference games. The Southeastern and Atlantic Coast conferences play eight and the Big Ten announced that it would move from eight conference games to nine in 2017.

"In order to feed into one playoff," Stanford coach David Shaw said, "everyone needs to travel a similar road to get there."

Shaw said he would "love to see" the playoff expanded to eight teams at some point.



Quarterback Matt Barkley passes the ball to a teammate in a game against Colorado last season. Wally Skali/Los Angeles Times/MCT

OREGON TRAIL

Oregon coach Mark Helfrich, who succeeded Kelly after serving as the Ducks' offensive coordinator for four seasons, said he was proceeding "business as usual" and would not comment on the school's coming appearance before the NCAA Committee on Infractions.

The NCAA investigated Oregon's alliance with a Texas-based scouting service from 2008 to 2011. According to documents released last month, the school and the NCAA concluded that "major violations" were committed. But they disagree on the severity of the violations.

Despite Kelly's departure, Oregon is regarded as one of the favorites to win the conference title.

Asked if he would be more or less conservative than Kelly in certain situations, Helfrich said, "I have no idea. We'll find out."

QUICK HITS

UCLA coach Jim Mora said that two offensive line positions are open, that a group of running backs could hopefully replace the production of former star Johnathan Franklin and that the Bruins need players in the secondary to step up during fall camp.

USC is coming off a 7-6 season, but Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said, "From a talent standpoint, 'SC is still the benchmark. I don't think there's any question they've had the most talent in the league for many years.'" ... Former USC quarterback Jesse Scroggins recovered from foot surgery in time to participate in the final week of spring practice at Arizona. Scroggins, who played last season at El Camino (Calif.) College, completed six of 17 passes for 44 yards and two touchdowns in Arizona's spring game, with an interception. "Jesse's come in with a really good attitude,"

Wildcats coach Rich Rodriguez said. "I think he knew that it was kind of his last chance. He had bounced around a little bit. I think he's matured and understands that this is an opportunity for him to prove himself all over again."

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SOFTBALL

SJSU Softball team heading to WAC Tournament in Louisiana

By Sydney Reed
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The SJSU softball team became Western Athletic Conference regular season champions, giving it the top seed for the 2013 WAC Softball Tournament.

The championship is the first since joining the conference in 1996 and the softball team is the winningest team in school history since 1989 and 2005 with a record of 39-15 and 17-4 in WAC, according to SJSU Athletics.

The softball team has achieved many records and believes it will continue to collect wins with the upcoming WAC Tournament and into the new season, according to Jennifer Heisel, athletics media relations graduate assistant.

Senior pitcher Amanda Pridmore said she knew the team was capable of breaking the school's softball record for most wins.

"To actually do it is kind of cool because we'll always be that team everyone is looking up to," she said.

The Spartans won 2-1 in eight innings and 5-2 over New Mexico State on Saturday, making them the regular season champions.

Winning Saturday's game was a surreal moment said senior outfielder Markesha Collins.

"(The win is) still barely setting in," she said. "Afterward we were like 'We can't believe we just did that,' especially sweeping the number one team."

Collins said New Mexico State is a team that can be losing the entire game, then come

back and take the game in the last inning.

"They're a team that never gives up," she said. "We knew we had to get literally every single out and we didn't celebrate until that last out."

Pridmore led the team to victory pitching every inning of all three games against New Mexico State.

... We knew it would come down to this last weekend, so we made sure to take it one game at a time ...

Markesha Collins

Senior outfielder

"A couple of the moms recorded the last out of the game and I literally have watched it every ten seconds since then and it still gives me the chills," she said. "Its so hard to believe that we actually just did that."

According to SJSU Athletics, Pridmore was named the Western Athletic Conference Softball Pitcher of the Week for the fifth time this season.

During the series she also became SJSU's career wins leader (70), single-season wins leader with a record of 26-9 and single-season strikeout leader with 238.

As a team Collins said the goals they wanted to achieve throughout the season were set and winning each series

was one of those goals, as well as getting a ring.

"We knew it would come down to this last weekend so we made sure to take it one game at a time because New Mexico is a really good team," she said.

Pridmore said going into the Western Athletic Conference they focused on New Mexico State's strengths as a team — bunting and the big hitters.

Collins said after getting their first win against New Mexico State on Friday and the first win Saturday, the team knew they could go all the way by feeding off each other's energy.

"That's how it's been all season," said Pridmore. "When someone would (play poorly), no one stayed down and everyone was there for each other, pushing each other."

According to Pridmore, she and Collins won't be rocking the Spartan uniform at SJSU Field next year because it's their last season, but she knows the team will keep up the good work.

Pridmore said the success the team achieved this season will lead them to be more driven next year, and repeat what was done this year.

"They are more than capable of doing it," Pridmore said. "They'll be fine as long as they play together like they have been these last few weeks."

The SJSU softball team will begin playing in the tournament on Thursday against Texas State or University of Texas at San Antonio, according to Heisel and it will be shown on WAC.TV.

"All we have to do is win three straight games and we go to regionals," said Collins.

Sydney Reed is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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RADIO

Alumnus wins Lucky Break 2

By Christian Carrasco
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They say luck is all about timing and being at the right place at the right time. If that statement is true, much is explained about the recent success of the new weekend host at 95.7 The Game.

After competing in the sports talk radio station's Lucky Break 2, an open casting contest searching for the newest on-air talent through a four week elimination process with more than 175 people auditioning for the gig, Bessette was crowned the champ.

"I definitely feel this is something I was born to do and I love talking about it (sports)" Bessette said about his new job.

In spite of getting rejected at his first audition in Walnut Creek, Bessette tried out the following week in Livermore and advanced to the live on-air weekly competition at Pedro's Cantina in San Francisco.

"I knew I could do it," Bessette said. "It hit my stride when it got down to the final four and I had my best two weeks when it counted the most."

A kinesiology major during his time on campus from 2006-08 and efficient in math, Bessette enjoys incorporating numbers and data along with his keen sense of humor.

"I look at the sports a little more in depth, a different angle," Bessette said.

Bessette had the benefit of hosting his own podcast the

couple of years before his big chance in attempt to break into the radio business.

Hosting the podcast helped him tremendously as he was practicing his future craft in hope of landing his dream job, according to Bessette.

Although always optimistic and prepared for his chance even before the Lucky Break competition, Bessette had to put his dreams temporarily on hold.

The birth of his daughter Brooklyn and marriage to his wife Amanda last November put his domestic life first and pushed radio to the side.

Unfortunately for him, things took a turn for the worse.

Bessette's father Mark, who had been homeless the past nine years, became extremely ill.

Bessette found out his dad was diagnosed with cancer during his last days in the hospital and on the eve of the competition tryouts, his father died.

The man who taught Bes-

sette everything he knew about sports and statistics was not there to see his son reaching for his dreams.

Using adversity to his advantage, Bessette found strength and guidance from his father in the form of his state ID.

"I used to carry my ID with me in my pocket when I was trying out, so when my nerves would get me, that would calm me down," Bessette said. "I

definitely feel like he was a big inspiration on my life and a big reason why I won."

Knowing his father would be proud of his son's accomplishment, Bessette said he is set on making everyone in his family proud, as well as those at 95.7 who choose him as the Lucky Break 2 winner.

Bessette knows it takes years to get into something this big, working in a top five market and getting a foot in the door,

but is hopeful doubters of it will listen with open ears.

"I have to work hard at it and make people realize that I'm worth it," Bessette said. "Even though I didn't work hard (years) to get there, that's not a reflection of what I can actually do."

And now, after surviving all the rounds of elimination and having interviews with All-Star David Lee from the Warriors and Hall of Fame defensive back Rod Woodson under his belt, Bessette said he is at ease and optimistic about hosting his show.

Also joining Bessette as he hosts his Sunday night show is Lucky Break 2 runner-up and Bessette's co-host Nick Ghiorso from Walnut Creek.

"We're two guys that are funny and love to talk about sports, so I hope the fans enjoy the show with the entertainment and knowledge we both bring," Bessette said.

Christian Carrasco is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Matthew Bessette interviews Golden State Warriors forward David Lee. Photo by Dave Muñoz.

NCAA

New testimony backs up claims of Miami athletes' yacht parties

By Michael Casagrande
McClatchy Tribune

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — New testimony related to Nevin Shapiro's on-going bankruptcy backs up at least some of the former University of Miami booster's claims of NCAA rule violations.

Roberto Torres, the former chief financial officer for Shapiro's Capitol Investments, was deposed last month in a civil case related to the wide-ranging bankruptcy proceedings. During the deposition, Torres said he witnessed Shapiro throwing lavish parties in the mid-2000s on his yacht involving

then-current and perspective Hurricane athletes.

The depositions taken April 11-12 in a New Jersey prison could benefit the NCAA's case against Miami. The NCAA previously threw out significant evidence because it was gathered improperly by investigators. Torres, who's serving a four-year prison sentence for his involvement in Shapiro's \$930 million Ponzi scheme, didn't mention specific athletes in his deposition.

But Torres said he "saw them on the boat" when he was asked how he knew the 69-foot yacht was used by Miami recruits and athletes.

His sworn testimony is

part of a civil case brought by Shapiro's bankruptcy trustee against the law firm of Shook, Hardy and Bacon as well as one of its lawyers. The suit, filed Dec. 17, 2012, claims attorney Marc Levinson not only knew Shapiro was defrauding investors while violating state law and NCAA rules, but he assisted in the enterprise.

The suit, filed in Miami-Dade Circuit Court, claims Levinson and the firm knowingly entered into a business relationship with Shapiro that violated Florida state laws. Shapiro retained Shook, Hardy and Bacon to help purchase a part of Access Sports and Entertainment agency with

the hope of capitalizing on his relationships with University of Miami athletes, the suit claims.

Levinson's negligence and failure to provide sound legal advice also led to further damage for Shapiro's investors, the suit claims. Torres' testimony also places Levinson, a childhood friend of Shapiro's, on the yacht at the time of the parties involving UM athletes and recruits.

"There were lots of photos that were taken on the yacht," said Torres, who is currently serving his prison sentence in Fort Dix Federal Correctional Institution. "So I would see that"

The boat was originally purchased as a money-making venture. But Torres could only remember it being chartered once for \$3,600 a day. Mostly, it was a party boat with friends — including Miami athletes — using it without making payments, Torres said in the deposition.

Torres also overheard conversations between Shapiro and Levinson in 2004 and 2005 indicating knowledge they were violating NCAA rules.

"They spoke in front of me about there was — there were liabilities if the athletes received benefits from Mr. Shapiro because Mr. Shapiro was a booster there because he had the other

relationship with the university, with contributions he was making to the university," Torres said in the deposition.

Exactly what this means in the two-year NCAA saga remains to be seen.

Stuart Brown, an Indianapolis attorney specializing in NCAA compliance matters, said new evidence is commonly brought to Committee on Infractions hearings. Miami received its official Notice of Allegations in February and is reportedly scheduled to have its infractions hearing in mid-June.

But, without names of specific athletes or recruits, could this new testimony make difference?

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MUSIC

SJSU Choraliers share stage with The Rolling Stones

By Vince Ei
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Jeffrey Benson, director of the Choraliers, answered his phone on Friday, April 19 and was unexpectedly offered an opportunity of a lifetime.

Benson said colleagues from Los Angeles put in a good word for the Choraliers, "a 32-member choir of the top auditioned singers on campus," to a Rolling Stones agent.

"The Stones add another level of energy and enthusiasm to our plate now," Benson said. "It's truly an incredible opportunity."

He made the announcement to the choir in rehearsal the following Tuesday.

Pamela Ketcham was absolutely confounded by the news because Benson had told her the previous day that he needed her help with something he would announce on Tuesday.

Ketcham said she contemplated what her task and the announcement could be all night long.

She was late to rehearsal and missed the announcement after hurrying in from work, but somebody filled her in.

"Suddenly, I was sitting there in a state of disbelief, even more so because I thought 'help out' meant to work at a registration table or stuff envelopes," Ketcham said. "For a few days when I woke up I asked myself if I had dreamt the Rolling Stones gig or if it was really happening."

The Rolling Stones seem to be searching for help from

local campuses for their 50 and Counting tour, which celebrates the band's 50th anniversary.

A review by the Los Angeles Times said the UCLA marching band opened up the first show of the 2013 leg of the tour at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, and the Choraliers of SJSU will handle two shows in the Bay Area.

The first was last Sunday at Oracle Arena in Oakland, and the next is in San Jose at HP Pavilion.

"I am treating this like most of our other performances," Benson said. "The Choraliers perform at a high level of musicianship all of the time, so this is no different from a musical standpoint."

Jaco Wong, a member of the Choraliers, said Sunday's performance was a success, but looks to improve on Wednesday.

"We will be much more comfortable and less nervous because we have already done it once," Wong said. "To be in front of such a loud crowd and particularly singing in new acoustics are both difficult things, but with experience on Sunday, I think Wednesday's performance will be even better."

In these two performances, Benson estimates the Choraliers will be singing in front of 30,000 people, which is a lot more than their usual gigs, but the group has been in this position before.

The Choraliers sang in HP Pavilion with Italian classical music superstar Andrea Bocelli last November in front

of a similar sized crowd, according to Benson.

Wong said he faced some minor stage fright at the Bocelli show.

"My brain totally went blank for the first 10 minutes in front of the huge audience in HP Pavilion, but I know the performance will go well and we all will have a lot of fun," Wong said.

Julie Smith, who will be shadow-conducting the performance, said a large crowd is not so much an obstacle.

"I think it's easier to do a show this big because you can't see individual people's faces," Smith said. "Intimate settings are harder because it's more personal."

The Choraliers perform about 20 concerts throughout the school year according to Benson, and he said he hopes the singers will take all they have learned in prior performances to impress the Rolling Stones with a level of professionalism that lives up to their reputation.

"They will pull from their past experiences as professional-level performers and be ready to conquer this gig with similar energy, enthusiasm and professionalism," Benson said.

At the 1991 International Musical Eisteddfod, a prestigious, annual music competition held in North Wales, the Choraliers won the title 'choir of the world,' and has since upheld its credibility with victories in other competitions both in Europe and the United States, according to Benson, who took over as director in 2011.



Members of the Choraliers practice in the Music Building on Thursday, May 2, 2013 before their performances at two Rolling Stones concerts. Codi Mills / Spartan Daily

Wong said he expects the fans at the Rolling Stones concert to provide a different environment from some of their other shows.

"Just because of the genre of rock, I can imagine the audience will just go crazy," Wong said. "The audience in the Bocelli concert was probably quieter because of the type of music."

Smith said she hopes the Choraliers feed off of the liveliness of the crowd and a spirited performance from The Rolling Stones, which Mick Jagger is sure to deliver.

"The audience will be loud and the music will be louder," Smith said. "Hopefully the energy from the audience will transfer to us on stage."

One thing Benson doesn't have to worry about so much is members of the Choraliers

not being able to focus because of their rabid fandom of The Rolling Stones.

"To be honest I wasn't really a fan probably because I'm just too young," Wong said. "But my mom and aunt definitely know them well and are very excited for me."

Upon hearing the news of performing with the Rolling Stones, Smith had other things on her mind.

"I thought that it sounded like a fun opportunity, but I was also a little concerned because it falls at the end of the semester when I'm super busy," Smith said.

Despite their age and the surmounting pressure of schoolwork, Wong and Smith do realize the performance is a grand opportunity and they are not oblivious to the prominence of the band.

Benson is a fan of The Rolling Stones and said one reason why this is exciting, besides being a great experience for the Choraliers, is because this will be the first time he will see the band live.

Ketcham is also a fan and recalled highlights from Sunday such as Jagger thanking the Choraliers during soundcheck and Keith Richards winking at them in acknowledgment.

"It was what I would expect and completely surreal all at the same time," Ketcham said. "The Stones still have that sound that I can't get enough of, and I can't wait to go back on stage on Wednesday."

Sometimes, you can always get what you want.

Vince Ei is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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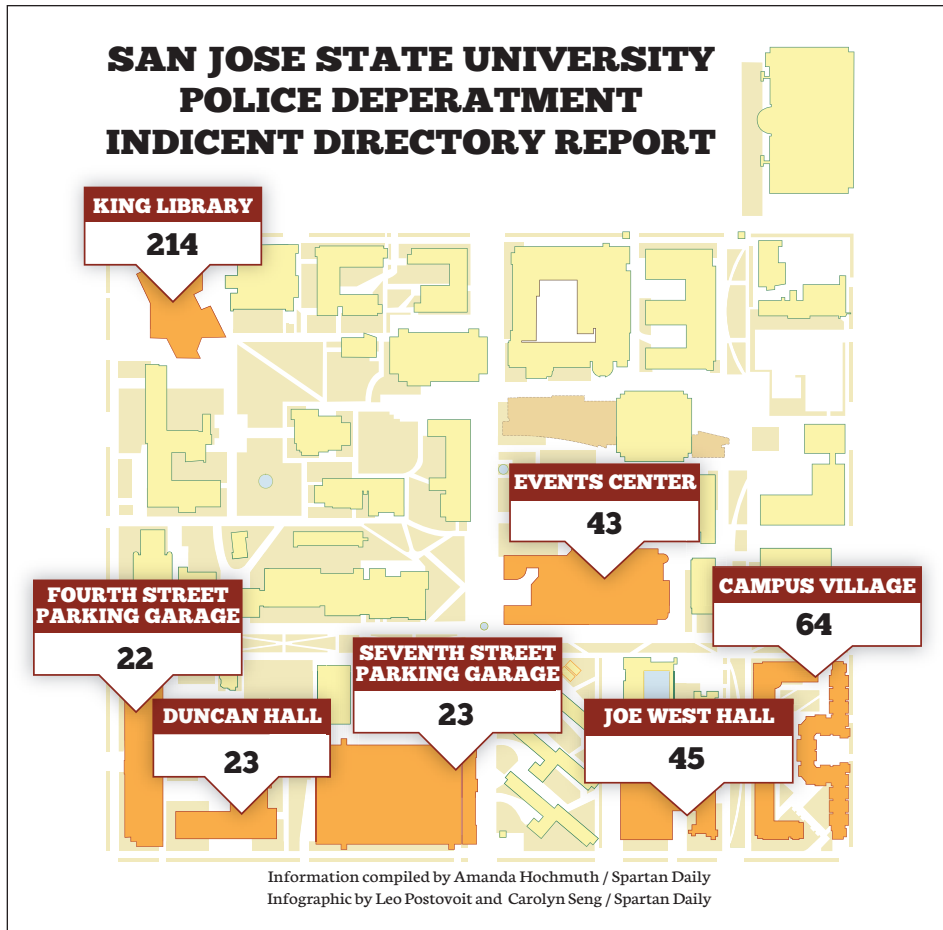
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This graph shows the number of reported incidences of crime in specific areas of campus.

Police escort: Students stay safe at night with shuttle rides on campus

FROM PAGE 1

Muhamed Causevic, a senior graphic design major said he doesn't feel the threat of crime on campus.

"I feel pretty safe," said Causevic.

He said he feels there is less crime on university campuses.

"It feels much safer than the community college I went to," he said.

According to the most recent available data from the CSU's Annual Report of Crime Statistics, SJSU ranked second highest in number of crimes reported among 23 CSU campuses from 2008-2010.

San Diego State ranked highest for crimes reported in all three years, while Cal Maritime Academy, Cal State Stanislaus and Cal State Channel Islands ranked among the lowest.

The CSU's data categorizes crimes into Part I and Part II offenses.

Part I offenses include more violent and property-related crimes, such as homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, arson and motor vehicle thefts, according to the CSU's Report.

Part II offenses, according to the Report, include lesser offenses, such as vandalism, drug abuse violations, drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

SJSU ranked second highest in 2010 for both Part I and Part II offenses with 460 and 1,051 respectively.

"I definitely wouldn't sign up for night classes," Nicole Ingersoll, a sophomore business student, said.

According to Ingersoll, the university's downtown location as well as public access is reason for concern.

It feels much safer than the community college I went to.

*Muhamed Causevic
Senior graphic design major*

"Because we're right downtown, it poses a threat," she said. "It's not necessarily the students I'm worried about ... with the public library, anyone can come on campus."

Ingersoll said she has never been on campus at night and would utilize the police escort service if she were in the future.

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escort service for students, staff and faculty via police service assistants either on foot or in carts.

The Evening Shuttle Program also escorts students via minivans Monday through Friday, between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m.

"The University Police Department uses about \$14,623.47 per year on these programs," Laws stated in an email.

According to Laws, about 2,325 people have used the Evening Guide Program and about 2,234 have used the Evening Shuttle Program so far this school year.

The UPD advises students to use the escort programs if walking alone at night.

To request an escort service, students can use a Blue-light or elevator telephone on campus, dial 4-2000 from a campus phone, or call 408-924-2222.

They will then be connected to a UPD dispatcher who will arrange an escort, according to information from the UPD.

Other tips to stay safe on campus include: always be aware of your surroundings, walk in well-lit, populated areas, and carry some type of noise-making device that can attract attention if necessary.

Amanda Hochmuth is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

LEED: King Library and newly constructed buildings qualify for silver standards in energy efficiency

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meet LEED certified Silver standards and all newly constructed buildings on campus will be designed to meet these standards.

"We write our own generation plan, and we have (only) recycled water," Brown said.

SJSU is one of two campuses in the CSU system with a large co-generation facility that produces six megawatts of electricity, steam, and chilled water, according to the report. The other campus is San Francisco State University.

The campus uses recycled water for many purposes, such as toilets and irrigation, according to the report.

The report also stated that the installation of artificial turf at Spartan Stadium has saved the campus over one million gallons of water a year.

The cafe in the Student Union has begun recycling 100 percent of their cooking oil, according to the report.

According to a Transportation Solutions report, 60 percent of students and faculty commute to SJSU via alternative transporta-

tion such as bikes, light rail, walking or carpooling.

"There are distinct places (on campus) where plastic bottles, cans, and paper are supposed to be thrown away," Ho said.

I feel like the majority of students still don't realize how important going green is.

*Joanna Ho
Junior finance major*

Brown also said that in addition to recycling cans and paper, the campus recycles furniture, computers and electronics, batteries, lightbulbs, and green waste.

"Those are sustainability measures that add up to a lot," Brown said.

The group has future plans to improve campus sustainability, including renovations for improving energy for buildings around campus and installation of solar panels on five potential buildings.

"Next Fall, the Sustainability Board is planning to host an SJSU Sustainability Summit to highlight the many classes, activities and research that focus on sustainability at SJSU," Trulio said.

Trulio also said that the Sustainability Board will have a campus-wide workshop focused on integrating sustainability into curriculum.

"(It's) to help faculty use sustainability as a high-impact teaching tool," she said.

Brown said there were a lot of ways students can reduce their carbon footprint and help improve sustainability, including managing E-waste, using public transit, using reusable water bottles and avoiding paper waste.

"We do it because it's the right thing to do," he said.

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NUTRITION

Research group seeks answers about student eating habits

By Anthony Nguyen
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SJSU students will conduct an informal research project to find out if students are eating less to save money.

This research focuses on the area of food insecurity that affects children, the elderly, the homeless and single-parent families.

Thira Burns, a senior nutritional science major, stated in an email that the focus group series began as a part of her graduate research project.

"I have been interested in food insecurity having been a volunteer at the local food bank," she stated. "Looking at this topic on the SJSU campus came from working with an adviser on the project."

Burns also said student groups and the student health center have conducted informal research showing that there is, indeed, food insecurity on our campus.

"While much research has been done on the effects of food insecurity in children, the elderly, as well as other segments of the population, little has been conducted in the college student population," she stated. "More light is being shed on this topic among this student population as food banks are popping up on campuses and seeing popularity."

Hector Diaz, a senior nu-

tritional food science major stated in an email that he has been part of SJSU's Nutrition Education Action Team for three years.

"NEAT is the nutrition specialty of the Peer Health Education group from the Wellness and Health Promotion Office in the student health center," he stated. "After this semester it will only be known as PHE for consistency and it will be a health science class for anyone interested in joining (3 units)."

If I didn't have a meal plan, I'd probably eat less to save money.

Gregory Bissel
Sophomore mechanical engineering major

He also said the club provides workshops, tabling events and presentations to any campus group, class or organization.

"Our goal is to improve students' health via optimal nutrition education," Diaz stated.

This focus group will be open to the students who want to know more about food insecurity and food banks.

Kristi Loo, a junior animation/illustration major said if she skips meals it is to get her work done.

"I have a meal plan at the Dining (Commons)," she said. "My eating schedule depends on my class, if my schedule spaced out better, I'd be able to get food."

Tracy Nguyen, a senior behavioral science major said that she eats meals three times a day but knows people trying to save money.

"Lots of students don't work," she said. "They want to save up money to pay for bills."

Hui Ly, a junior economics major said he eats four meals a day and doesn't eat on campus often.

"I would like to save money on other things just to eat more," he said.

Gregory Bissel, a sophomore mechanical engineering major said he eats meals four times a day in the Dining Commons.

"If I didn't have a meal plan, I'd probably eat less to save money," Bissel said.

He said having a meal plan is not common with his friends, but it's probably common for anyone living on campus.

Anthony Nguyen is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

SAWS: Students in sociology course walk for respect and fair treatment

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ogy major, said she learned about Walmart's business practices in her class.

"Not only do they disrespect their workers and cut their hours but there were fires in their Bangladesh factory," Cardoso said. "This is an opportunity to show the Bay Area what our Walmart does."

Cardoso said the reason for protesting at that particular Walmart was because there was a recent accident when a car crashed into the store, injuring three customers and an employee.

"We wanted to focus on this one so we could show how they would treat their workers," Cardoso said. "Be-

cause of the accident, they (the workers) would have to work more but they would still reduce their hours to repair the damage and for the health insurance as well."

She said the group is not trying to stop people from shopping at Walmart, but they do want people to know what is going on.

Caroline Johnson, a junior behavioral science major said the group really wants to support the workers and she hopes to make people aware of the shady business practices Walmart conducts.

"Walmart says one thing and does another," Johnson said. "They are coming into small rural areas and chang-

ing them. They are taking the mom and pop stores while mistreating their employees."

Daniel Mosqueda, a junior sociology major, said because he works for UPS, which is part of a union, he feels fortunate to have his job and sympathizes with the Walmart workers.

"As part of a union we have rights, we have representation and management can't mistreat us," Mosqueda said. "Walmart is exploiting their employees at every level whether it's overseas or over here; they're trying to save a nickel and spend a dime."

Bryan Delohery is Spartan Daily staff writer.



Referenda: Smoke-free campus initiative passed but not final

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approval of a \$4 increase to support campus community development and approval of a \$2 increase to support student organization funding.

"On top of that, there was an initiative on the ballot where students were to vote on a smoke-free campus," he stated.

Mykel Jeffrey, A.S. director of student rights and responsibilities stated in an email that the smoke-free initiative is a non-binding initiative, meaning that the administration doesn't have to enforce it.

"The Chancellor has created a task force that is looking into the implementation of a smoke-free CSU system and we wanted to make sure that we as Associated Students represent the students in what they want," he stated.

According to A.S., any SJSU student had the opportunity to submit a statement disagreeing with the initiative and referenda by March 8 and only one was submitted by a student named Gavin Yee.

In the statement disagreeing with the smoke-free initiative, Yee recalled speaking to a young woman who expressed her fears of having to go off campus to smoke late at night.

He stated that if smoking was banned across campus, students may attempt to smoke indoors where they cannot be seen.

According to Jeffrey, the initiative passed with a 79 percent, meaning a majority of students would like a smoke-free campus.

Jaffar Hatami, a senior industrial design major, said he

is on the fence about the initiative.

"It depends on how restricted they define a non-smoking campus," he said. "If it's as soon as you cross the side of San Fernando, for example, I think I'd be against that."

Hatami, who stopped smoking six months ago, said he would be fine with students having a designated smoking section, but if the campus was completely smoke-free he would have a problem with it.

"I know what it's like to want a cigarette and not want to have to go a mile just to smoke," he said.

Kevin Sosa, a freshman electrical engineering major said he doesn't think administration will go through with the initiative.

"Everywhere I go I see people smoking and even if it is enacted I don't know if it will really be enforced," he said.

In Jeffrey's statement agreeing with the initiative, he stated that according to the Centers for Disease Control, tobacco use is responsible for 443,000 deaths per year in the U.S. and there are an estimated 49,000 deaths annually due to second-hand smoke.

For the student fee referenda, Tsang said it would have a positive impact on the student body by stating that students will have more available services and benefit from their investment in A.S.

According to Tsang, for the \$5 Alternative Transportation and Sustainability referendum, it will remove the \$40 co-pay for 6,000 users, the Commute Coordinator will be reinstated full time,

funding for improved bicycle safety security and bike repair stations will be provided and funding for pre-determined sustainability projects will be provided.

The cost of the Eco Pass is also expected to increase by 15 percent, according to the referendum.

"I hardly ever use (Eco Pass)," said Hatami. "If you could opt out of it, it would still be useful for those who need it."

Sosa said increasing the fees only hurts students.

"Tuition is already really expensive and increasing the fees already puts a burden on us," he said.

Tsang stated that some of the benefits for the \$4 Spartan Community fund are "restoring) expanded funding for the LGBT Resource Center, Women's Resource Center and Environmental Resource Center, increase funding for the Affordable Textbook Program and reinstate the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center (coordinators)."

A.S. president Calvin Worsnup, stated he was in favor of the \$2 increase for the Student Organization fund that benefits include self-development and personal growth, development of leadership skills and values and opportunities for career enhancement.

"Student organizations are the essential co-curricular experience to apply your knowledge learned in the classroom, develop you as a leader and connect you to your community," he stated.

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REVIEW

'Iron Man 3' delivers action but lacks execution

★★★★☆

By Wesley Dugle
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Summer movie season did not start off with a bang this past weekend, but it wasn't a whimper either.

"Iron Man 3," Marvel's latest comic book movie and "threequel," may not be the best follow-up to last summer's blockbuster hit "The Avengers," but it still delivers a decent dose of action movie goodness that will satisfy most movie goers.

"Iron Man 3" continues the story of billionaire, playboy and philanthropist Tony Stark, aka Iron Man, after the events of last summer's "The Avengers."

In this new film, Stark must fight a new menace known as The Mandarin, a Middle Eastern terrorist bent on destroying the U.S. and is determined to bring him to justice, but he may be playing into the scheme of a yet greater threat.

"Iron Man 3" has a lot of good stuff in it, despite its flaws.

It takes more risks than the previous films in terms of putting characters in unfamiliar situations and trusting that the audience will care enough about them to not mind sitting through a lot of odd scenes before they ultimately pay off.

After the last film, the franchise needed a dose of new, and director Shane Black has some success with implementing the "Extre-



"Iron Man 3," starring Robert Downey Jr., opened in theaters May 3, 2013. Photo courtesy of marvel.com

mis" story arc from the comic books.

It takes more risks than the previous films in terms of putting characters in unfamiliar situations ...

Guy Pearce plays the best villain of the three films thus far, but it wasn't difficult considering the other two (Jeff Bridges' Iron Monger from the first film and

Mickey Rourke's Whiplash from the second) weren't on the screen for more than five minutes.

Pearce has real screen presence in the film and it was enjoyable to watch him be the bad guy.

Robert Downey Jr., of course, continues to play Tony Stark well and the film is best when he is on screen.

Unfortunately, the two biggest problems with this film can be spelled out into two four-letter words: "pace" and "tone."

For the first two-thirds of this film, the pace is all over the place.

There's action to break up moments of exposition and some nice fight scenes that keep the movie rolling along, but the editing is done so poorly at times that the film experiences lots of short highs followed by long

lows that will make viewers lose focus and bored out of their minds.

It doesn't help that Downey Jr. spends most of his time outside the Iron Man suit, but the suit itself in the film is rather underwhelming (you'll have to watch to find out.)

It ends up being a Tony Stark overload and not enough Iron Man at times, which were problems I had with the other two films, but more so in this one.

The tone is also very frustrating and confusing throughout the story.

This can be once again attributed to the poor editing as the film seems to have a hard time making up its mind on whether it wants to be a dark film for the adults or a family friendly comedy for the kids.

It reminded me of the "Star Wars" prequels when Qui-Gon Jinn's death scene was followed immediately by bizarre "comedic" scenes with Jar Jar Binks.

... the two biggest problems with this film can be spelled out into two four-letter words: "pace" and "tone."

Scenes like these are frequent throughout "Iron Man 3" and can be very confusing.

You have funny scenes involving the cast of characters, followed by scenes of suicide bombings and terrorism, then back to the comedy sequences.

The film suffers from trying to please too many people at once when it should have focused on one or the other.

The story's plot is muddled a lot by these two things and it's confusing to say the least.

As good as Pearce was, his villain's motivations were never quite clear other than a vague attempt at world domination and vengeance.

And for all of Downey Jr.'s charm, his jokes seem old after three films plus "The Avengers."

His character doesn't seem to grow much in this film, even when dealing with anxiety issues.

With all this said, however, there is still a lot to enjoy about Iron Man's latest film.

The last third of the film makes up for the drudge of the first two and the finale pays off pretty well for the viewers who managed to stay awake through early parts of the movie.

This film could have been much greater with some better writing and editing but it's still worth a watch if you are a fan of super hero films.

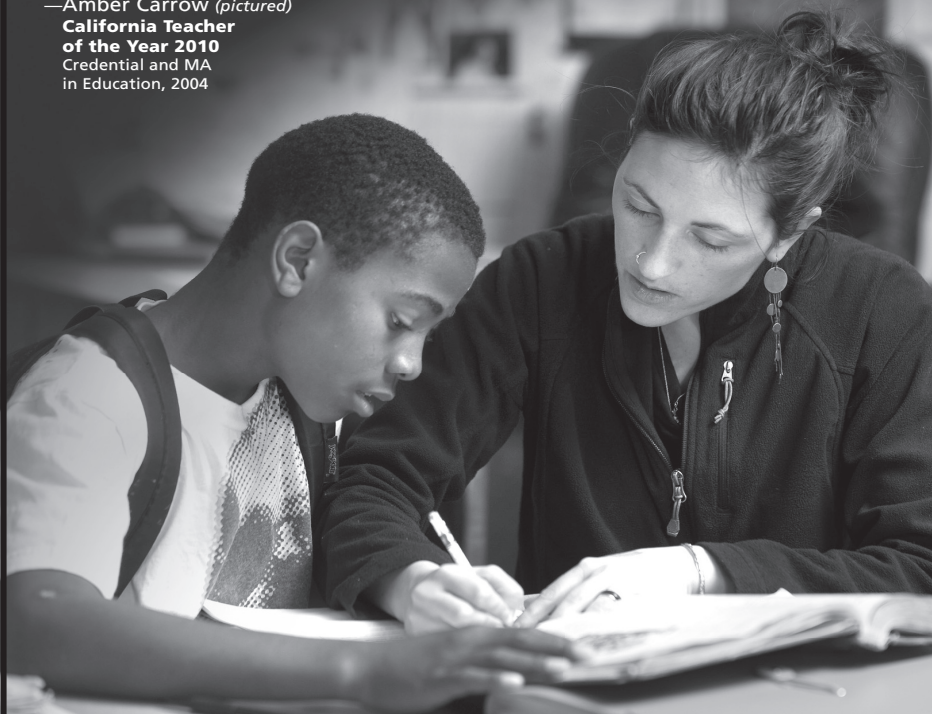
It's not worth more than a matinee viewing, but nonetheless, "Iron Man 3" is a decent start to the summer movie season.

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TECHNOLOGY

Silicon Valley uses growing clout to kill a digital privacy bill

By Jessica Guynn and Marc Lifsher
McClatchy Tribune

Silicon Valley has wielded its growing political clout at the state Capitol to kill a digital privacy bill that would have given consumers access to information about them being collected online.

Had the Right to Know Act become law, California would have been the first state to take direct aim at an online industry that stockpiles and trades in a wide range of personal data about nearly every adult in the United States.

In a major defeat for consumer groups and privacy watchdogs, AB 1291 will instead become a two-year bill, effectively putting it into a deep freeze until next year.

California Assemblywoman Bonnie Lowenthal said she preferred to wait rather than "water down" the substance of her bill.

"Californians don't need to be

persuaded that they should be able to ask a business what it knows about them and who it's sharing that information with. But in the Legislature, it has become clear that we still have our work cut out for us," she said.

The bill faced vehement opposition from a powerful coalition of technology companies and business lobbies that included Facebook Inc., Google Inc., the California Chamber of Commerce, insurers, bankers and cable television companies as well as direct marketers and data brokers. Their members collectively give millions of dollars to lawmakers and politicians.

Looking to sway public policy, the technology industry has significantly ramped up its presence and spending in Sacramento as it has in Washington. Silicon Valley companies now employ a phalanx of lobbyists in the state Capitol and, in the last six years, have more than doubled spending on lobbying to

about \$18 million in the 2011-12 legislative session from \$8 million in 2005-06.

It's part of a new wave of political action as Silicon Valley leaders -- such as Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg, who is personally lobbying for comprehensive immigration reform in Washington -- become more engaged in the issues that directly affect their businesses. Silicon Valley has become a regular stopover for President Obama, whose visits highlight the tech industry's increased political activism. They also afford the president and the Democratic Party the chance to raise money from the affluent region and cash in on its cool factor.

With Silicon Valley's political influence on the rise in the state and national capitals, political observers said AB 1291 had little chance of survival, just like a dozen other bills dealing with Internet privacy that have been defeated in the California

Legislature or vetoed by a governor over the last 14 years.

The industry gets a sympathetic hearing from both business-friendly Republican legislators and more liberal Democratic colleagues, especially those representing the San Francisco Bay Area and the Silicon Beach section of Santa Monica and West Los Angeles that reap the benefits of mining personal data, said Dan Schnur, a former political consultant and director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics at the University of Southern California.

"It's not just that Silicon Valley has a lot of money and a lot of lobbyists, but they wear a halo too," Schnur said. "Most voters tend to think of technology companies in an entirely different context than most other businesses.

"It's not that difficult to pass a bill to make life hard on oil companies, but when you take on Apple or Google, you're running a bigger risk. Not only do voters enjoy their

products but they have an intuitive sense that Silicon Valley is a critical component of the state's economy."

Yet many consumers say they are in favor of shining a bright light on the shadowy way their personal information is gathered and shared on the Internet. Some 82 percent of California voters say they are concerned about how their information is being collected by companies, according to a USC Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll taken last year.

The current fight over personal information on the Internet comes as consumer groups and privacy advocates say they are increasingly alarmed by the number of companies that glean detailed information about people's buying habits, financial activities, health concerns and even sexual preferences from their online activities. These companies deploy sophisticated tracking techniques that yield sometimes very sensitive data, yet consumers have little control over what becomes of it.

MEMORIAL

In Boston, people flock to a new, and tragic, landmark

By Lesley Clark
McClatchy Tribune

BOSTON -- A new memorial began to emerge Wednesday in a city already steeped in history-- a tribute to the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings.

Dozens of technicians in white coveralls continued to comb the streets for clues, runners, but Bostonians and tourists alike sought a catharsis, finding themselves drawn to the crime scene: the streets near the finish line still blocked by metal police gates.

On the barricades, they hung T-shirts, rosary beads, letters and signs of support.

Monique Leonard of nearby Walpole, Mass., was one of the first, delivering a bouquet of flowers, along with an open letter to the perpetrators, noting that many of the runners had trained "their whole lives" for the prestigious race and that most of them "are a lot faster than you."

"No one knocks us off course," a defiant Leonard said, pushing her 18-month-old son in a runner's stroller. Ethan has participated in 5Ks and 10Ks with his mom, and Leonard pre-

dicted, "He'll be back here, running."

By early afternoon, the area by the gates was a too-familiar sight of American tragedy, as dozens left bouquets, teddy bears, racing medals, heart-shaped signs crafted by children and, this being Boston, a plethora of Red Sox baseball caps.

Anne Marder, 56, a Sacramento nurse who ran her fifth Boston Marathon on Monday, was about to catch a flight Wednesday but had one more task to complete. Unzipping her luggage, she removed a red Fleet Feet Sacramento racing team T-shirt and taped it to the barrier.

"It's a show of support for the running community here from the other side of the country," said Marder, who crossed the finish line just five minutes before the explosions. "We're all in this together."

All day, the crowd grew. Some stood silently, tears welling in their eyes as they gazed beyond the tributes to a phalanx of workers inspecting every inch of the street. A Tibetan monk offered a prayer.

Nearby, the union of New York-New Jersey's Port Authority-- which lost 37 officers in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks-- offered workers coffee and sandwiches.

Matt Sanders, 30, a Boston College law student, rode the marathon course Sunday with nearly 1,500 other bicyclists, he said, thrilled to navigate the same 26.2 miles the runners would face the next day.

He crossed the finish line about 1 a.m. Monday. On Wednesday, he returned to reflect.

"I felt violated," he said of the attacks. "This is the happiest day of the

year in Boston, everyone's out to have a good time, and that was taken away."

Sanders, whose wife is a theology student, said he's struggled with a way to handle the grief.

"We can't be vengeful, but to return love for evil," he said. "People say Boston's tough, we'll overcome it. We will, but we're not going to set it aside for a while."

Nathalie Rincon, 25, who works just blocks from the bomb site, and co-worker Mary Light stood on a corner near the vigil offering their own brand of relief. Their sign read, "Free Hugs."

Rincon said she was moved to do something when she arrived at work Wednesday to sadness.

"There was no city noise, no bustle," she said. "Hugs give a lot of energy and comfort."

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 - 17 Very pluckable
 - 18 Basic unit for the elements
 - 19 Cellist's purchase
 - 20 What an anxious person has?
 - 23 Faith of some Founding Fathers
 - 24 "My lips ___ sealed"
 - 25 Suffix with "rich" or "poor"
 - 27 Writer's list lopper
 - 28 Andy Capp's haunt
 - 31 Naive, unworldly girl
 - 34 Many Maine trees
 - 36 Foreign
 - 37 What a beachgoer has?
 - 40 Incorrect
 - 42 Song accompanied by an alpenhorn, perhaps
 - 43 Royal reflexive pronoun
 - 46 Baby's word
 - 47 Babysitter's nightmare
 - 50 Ambulance letters
 - 51 ___ Claire, Wis.
 - 53 Complete and total
 - 55 How a wealthy person under an elm has it?
 - 60 ___ break for it (run)
 - 61 Neither winning nor losing
 - 62 Styptic pencil stuff
 - 63 Entertainer's advocate
 - 64 Etching stuff
 - 65 "Healthy, wealthy" follower
 - 66 What scouts pitch
 - 67 Hardly any
 - 68 Big bunch
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Thanksgiv-ing Day event
 - 2 Small piano
 - 3 Rural
 - 4 Bit of salon waste
 - 5 2000 presidential candidate
 - 6 Pup with no papers
 - 7 Word on Hawaii's license plates
 - 8 Shoulder-to-elbow bones
 - 9 "___ Smile" (Hall & Oates hit)
 - 10 Unknown author (abbr.)
 - 11 Eavesdrop on
 - 12 Being contentiously discussed
 - 13 George the 41st's veep
 - 21 Encroach
 - 22 Reliever's spot, for short
 - 26 Number that rhymes with 22-
 - 29 "Cycle" or "lateral" prefix
 - 30 Vereen of "Roots"
 - 32 Neither solid nor liquid
 - 33 A month in Tel Aviv
 - 34 Full-groan
 - 35 Where slop is served
 - 37 Abandoned
 - 38 To what slop is served
 - 39 Tokyo, before it was Tokyo
 - 40 Sob story subject
 - 41 Search through sale items
 - 44 ___ Day (May 1 in Hawaii)
 - 45 Game also called "sevens"
 - 47 Slanted type
 - 48 Her hair is a fright
 - 49 Aspir-ing doc's course
 - 52 Ancient city NW of Carthage
 - 54 Melting periods
 - 56 Auto-body repair task
 - 57 Puts away the dishes?
 - 58 ___ to the throne
 - 59 Oceanic whirlpool
 - 60 Slip pre-venter

President should not rush into hasty promises

It's a dangerous thing to do on the world stage to make promises you don't want to keep, and that's exactly what I see the Obama administration having done in terms of our involvement in the Syrian civil war.

The president and his staff have been making it clear for a while now that the use of chemical weapons in this conflict, presumably by Syrian government forces, would be crossing a "red line," as he put it, and could change the nature of our involvement there.

We are, of course, already indirectly involved. We've been providing humanitarian and logistical aid to the rebels for some time now.

With mounting accounts of the use of chemical weapons in Syria by government forces and perhaps even the rebels themselves, there is now great discussion of escalating our role, likely in the form of providing more direct military support for the rebels.

The White House has insisted that so far, the Syrian government alone could have used these weapons.

Obama has taken no action beyond words, and if the president seems reticent in this situation, I think that it is entirely appropriate.

Reticence is called here.

Although the president has insisted that he would indeed act if it came to it, he also said he is disinclined to act on what he calls "perceptions" rather than indisputable evidence — citing the white elephant in the room: the Iraq War.

The parallels are obvious here and so is the toxic legacy of George W. Bush when it comes to American interventionism.

The president is right to be cautious, even overly so, in this situation. The myriad risk



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factors involved in any of the proposed forms of military intervention demand it.

With a suspicious and war-weary nation recovering from two long and bitter wars, the idea of putting American "boots on the ground" in Syria is a political impossibility.

The most likely military aid would be supplying the rebels with weapons.

Sounds innocuous enough, but consider the type of weapons we would be supplying.

What the rebels really need are more sophisticated weapons to address the deficiencies on their existing arsenal.

One candidate weapon I've heard mentioned is the Stinger missile.

The FIM-92 Stinger is a shoulder-launched, infrared-guided, surface-to-air missile that would be tremendously useful to the rebels in defending themselves from Assad's air force.

The stinger became famous in the 80s when, in a similar situation, large numbers of the missiles were supplied to the Afghan Mujahideen to fight off Soviet aircraft.

Of course then came the Taliban, and there was great concern, especially once the "War on Terror" began, that they had inherited the advanced missiles.

Handing out advanced weapons to people you don't know well, can't control and don't entirely trust has some obvious potential complications.

In the case of Syria, you have to remember that the "rebels" are not a homogeneous or monolithic group.

There are some rebel groups who want a democratic and secular Syria, and there are some groups who are the same kind of violent al-Qaida-associated Islamist militants we would normally be fighting.



I've heard the suggestion that we would be handing the missiles out selectively, but that sounds dicey to me.

What happens when one day a loaded airliner is shot down with an American-supplied missile?

So what about air strikes and no-fly zones?

In-and-out strikes like the one the Israelis just conducted are a good possibility, but still come with risks.

What happens when that weapon stockpile you want to hit gets put next to a hospital, or in a mosque? People have done things like that before.

Civilians will be killed. Civilians will always be killed.

No matter how well you plan. No matter how hard you try. No matter the care you take, there will always be collateral damage in an air campaign, and you have to be willing to accept the political consequences of that.

Let's not forget, also, that Syria is not Afghanistan. This is not friendly airspace.

Syria has an air force and an air defense system that would have to be contended with, which would mean even more bombing.

This is especially a problem in the case of a more persistent campaign, like no-fly zones or providing close air support for the rebels.

Then there is Israel, which, as usual, is a huge political complication for the U.S. in the Middle East.

If the U.S. intervenes in Syria, will we be seen as supporting the rebels? Or will we be seen as supporting Israel, which has a vested interest in the downfall of the Syrian government, prime patron of Hezbollah?

The Israeli government has already become involved in Syria, just recently launching an airstrike against what is claimed to have been weapons bound for Hezbollah.

If we take a direct role in the Syrian civil war, we will be taking on some responsibility for its outcome.

Will we try to steer the war toward a Syria of our own choosing and not the rebel's?

When does aid become interference? What will our relationship be with the rebels we don't like?

There are a staggering number of further problems, risks and questions when it comes to involving ourselves in the war. These are just a few.

Whether or not we do become drawn into the conflict, addressing the issues should not be rushed, or the consequences could be dire.

So take your time Mr. President. Think it over. Chris Marian is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor. Follow him on Twitter @ChrisMarian1.



LGBT binational couples face double injustice



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Approximately 32,000 couples are caught in the crosshairs between immigration and LGBT — two already highly politicized matters in our society today.

When we think of one topic, we don't initially associate it with the other, but for those 32,000 couples, both areas make it additionally challenging and stressful to achieve equality and maintaining the family unit.

LGBT binational couples — couples with one citizen partner and one non-citizen partner — have nudged their way into the spotlight

yet again with the immigration reform being reviewed by the judiciary committee this week.

Eight senators, otherwise known as the "Gang of Eight," spearheaded the latest immigration bill and lawmakers and LGBT activists are demanding an amendment to the reformed bill to include LGBT recognition.

Currently, the federal Defense of Marriage Act only recognizes heterosexual marriages and upholds the benefits afforded to them. Even if a state, such as New York, Washington and newcomer Rhode Island, permits same-sex marriages, the federal act overrides state law.

The Defense of Marriage Act, the limited purview of love and equality penned into legislation, doesn't recognize or respect the sanctity of same-sex relationships and thus won't allow a citizen to petition their same-sex partner based on marriage.

But the problem for many binational couples is much more complicated than allowing same-sex marriages. The problem pours into immigration policy, which makes both a path to citizenship and keeping a family together harder.

The effects of separating binational couples go beyond just deporting one partner. Failing to implement this amendment into the bill would tear apart children from their families and couples from their respective relatives.

While many would not be in favor of separating children from a parent, this is a grim reality for many binational couples.

The alternative, of course, is for the citizen to uproot from his or her home to live in a separate country where the laws surrounding immigration and LGBT equality are more progressive. Although this wouldn't be much of a solution either since the couple would essentially be left with no other choice then to abandon their established life in the U.S. and recreate a new one in a different country.

They wouldn't be technically exiled, but their union and family wouldn't be recognized as one worth protecting by the federal government.

Of course, the foreign partner can work around the system by applying for a visa based on employment or refugee asylum, but that would only demonstrate an obvious loophole, not a solution.

And then there's the children to think about — the potential innocent casualties to a discriminatory system. If a partner is deported, not only is the parental relationship (since they're not entitled to a marriage) strained because of the separation, but the children can potentially face only seeing their parent on

occasion or being uprooted from their home country to a different one.

Marco Rubio, a Republican senator from Florida and member of the Gang of Eight said the bill would most likely not pass and the coalition that built it together would fall apart if the reformed bill recognized same-sex marriages.

On one hand, going back to the drawing board would severely affect the nearly 11 million undocumented immigrants currently living in the U.S., given how divided Congress can be developing a new immigration bill.

However, if we're looking for this bill to last, then it should truly be a comprehensive immigration reform bill that recognizes same-sex marriages.

As Congress works out the details of the proposed immigration bill, it's important to keep in mind that real families are affected by excluding LGBT rights.

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Some gorillas living the high life in Georgia facility

By **Bo Emerson**
McClatchy Tribune

ATLANTA — In the green woods of the North Georgia mountains, behind a computer-controlled electrified fence, an idiosyncratic millionaire keeps a menagerie of huge, powerful creatures.

It's not exactly Jurassic Park. But it's close.

Certainly the giants here are awe-inspiring. They include Kidogo, who, on a recent Tuesday, is reclining in the sunshine, chewing on a stick, his powerfully muscled 386-pound frame looking like the Incredible Hulk in a black fur coat.

It's the Gorilla Hilton up there.

Charles Horton
Gorilla keeper

Squatting next to Kidogo is Jasiri, who tickles his friend, then borrows the stick, which they share for a moment, both chewing quietly.

Though we know that these Western lowland gorillas could snap us in half like a twig, they appear, in this scene, as harmless and playful as puppies.

They are at ease, suggests their keeper Charles Horton, because they are living the life of Riley.

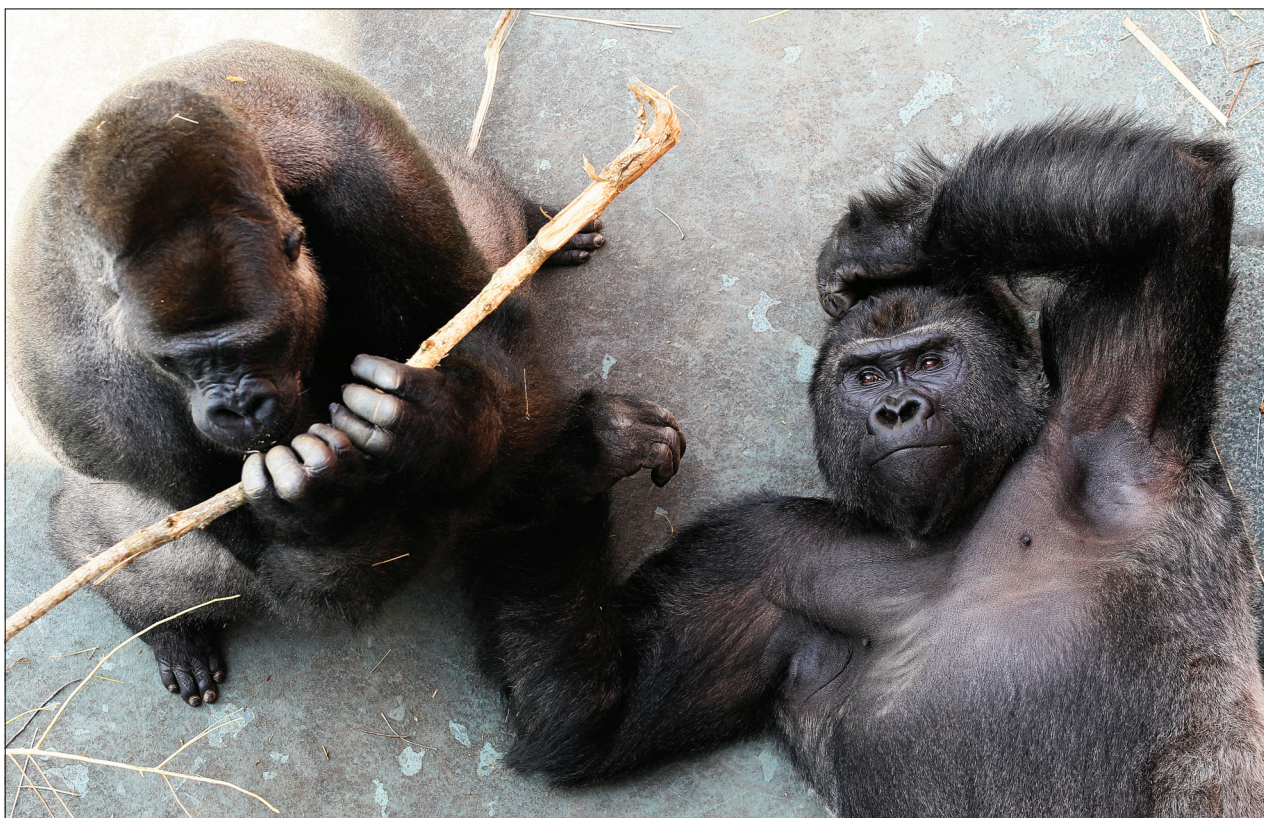
"It's the Gorilla Hilton up here," Horton says.

That is exactly as it was planned. Ten years ago, software entrepreneur and British expatriate Stuart Dewar and his then-wife Jane Dewar opened Gorilla Haven as a retirement village for male gorillas on 300-plus acres of Fannin County forest, near Morganton, Ga., which is about two hours north of Atlanta. They built a 14-foot concrete wall that enclosed 8 acres of green space, and high-tech "dorms" to house the gorillas at night.

With state-of-the-art veterinary facilities and trained professionals overseeing the animals, the refuge earned approval from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The cost: about \$6 million. Stuart Dewar, an old-school polymath who had made his fortune in newspaper publishing software, helped cover the cost of construction with the proceeds of a calendar application he tinkered together for Palm and Handspring devices.

Then the economy tanked, which hurt potential support from zoos, as well as Dewar's revenues. One of their gorillas, Oliver, was transferred to the Columbus, Ohio, zoo in 2009, leaving them with a single resident, the aging and ailing Joe. And the Dewars went through a contentious divorce.

Hopes for the refuge dimmed. Steel panels for a planned expansion remained stacked in an unfinished group facility. Then Zoo Atlanta began to take



Jasiri, left, chews on wood as Kidogo relaxes at The Dewar Wildlife Refuge in Morganton, Georgia, April 16, 2013. **Phil Skinner / MCT**

an interest in the refuge as a possible solution for the ongoing challenge of the male gorilla.

Western lowland gorillas live in social units comprised of one adult male (a silverback), several females and their offspring. When young males grow up they are forced out of their clan by the dominant male, with the hope that they will start their own social units. But since captive breeding programs have produced as many males as females (or even, during recent years, slightly more males than females, for no apparent reason), that means many males will not get lucky.

Zoos have tried to create bachelor groups so that adult

males aren't forced to live in solitary confinement. But for a facility such as Zoo Atlanta with a collection of 21 gorillas, assembling compatible groups in the smallish 3 acres available is as tricky as planning an anarchists convention.

When the teenaged Jasiri and Kidogo started beating up on the younger Mbeli in one of Zoo Atlanta's bachelor groups, the newly renamed Dewar Wildlife Trust offered a safety valve. The two older apes were moved to the trust from Atlanta in January of 2012. "It was great having this opportunity," Horton says.

Zoo Atlanta pays for two full-time curators, Horton and Bobby Fellows, to care

for the 14-year-old gorillas, both of which remain property of the zoo. The zoo also supplies other in-kind support, including gorilla chow.

Now the Dewar Wildlife Trust is opening the facility for tours, creating some revenue to offset operation expenses. (They play on the Jurassic look of the place by calling the enterprise "Dewarassic Tours.") A youth group recently enjoyed an overnight at the facility, hanging their hammocks in one of the unused gorilla dormitories.

The gorillas enjoy the tours, said Dewar, as he and his wife, JoBeth Dewar, watch Fellows work on training with Kidogo (also called

Willie B. Jr.). "They like being interactive."

Zoo Atlanta Deputy Director Dwight Lawson said if his zoo acquired the refuge it could create a satellite facility that would appeal to a different geographical area, and could also provide elbow room allowing breeding programs for other animals, such as the Sumatran tigers. He points out that Atlanta's zoo, at 36 acres, is smaller than most in a city of Atlanta's size. (Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, S.C., and the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro, N.C., both exceed 100 acres.) "It could be developed to appeal to an entirely different audience," he said. The only challenge: cash.

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