

UPDATE

Campus budget requires outside opinion

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A resolution may be in sight for the San Jose State budget — or at least a chance for students and faculty to get accurate information about the budget situation.

Jonathan Karpf, Ph.D., lecturer representative of the SJSU chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA), said that an outside auditor will be coming to San Jose State to review the budget.

“Given the situation at San Jose State, and given the fact that there is a lot of faculty who are very ea-

ger to find out what is the actual budget situation, the SJSU chapter of CFA is going to hire Howard Bunsis to, in Spring, do an audit of the San Jose State budget,” he said.

Karpf said Bunsis is a professor of accounting at Eastern Michigan State University and the vice president of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

“One of his specialties is doing campus audits,” he said. “He has previously audited six of the CSUs. He did CSU East Bay, Dominguez Hills and is finishing up Maritime academy as we speak.”

Having an outside auditor review the campus budget could have benefits, Karpf said.

“Maybe he’ll find out that everything we’ve been told by administrators is accurate, that there really is a structural deficit. Maybe he’ll find out that there isn’t a deficit,” he said. “Dominguez Hills, they were going to be getting rid of departments several years ago. They brought Howard in to do an audit and discovered that there, in fact, was no deficit and so those departments were saved.”

Lynda Heiden, Ph.D., academic

senate chair and psychology professor, said classes and students are of utmost importance.

“The primary concerns of faculty are the ability to offer the class sections needed for our students to progress at SJSU, and to maintain class size and structures that ensure a quality education,” she said. “These concerns are shared by all on campus.”

Heiden said the recent budget ordeal was resolved largely because of complaints.

“Some class sections cut for the Spring semester were later restored after faculty and others

across campus spoke up,” she said. “Faculty will continue to advocate for the support needed for a quality education, but we are also aware that SJSU’s budget is substantially less than in the past.”

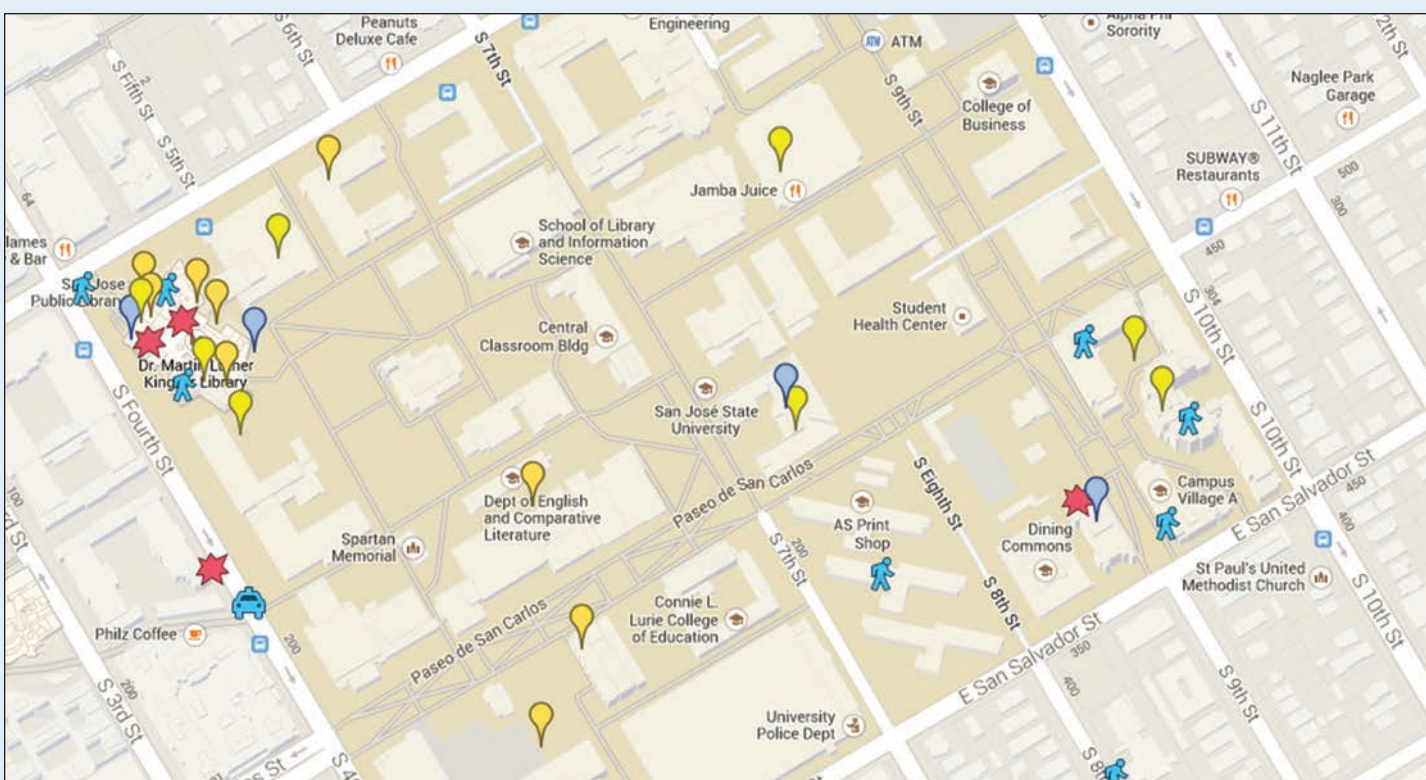
President Mohammad Qayoumi said that the students are the focus of budget improvement efforts.

“A number of courses that were cut (and later restored), immediately students were being impacted negatively,” he said. “What we need to make sure is that students

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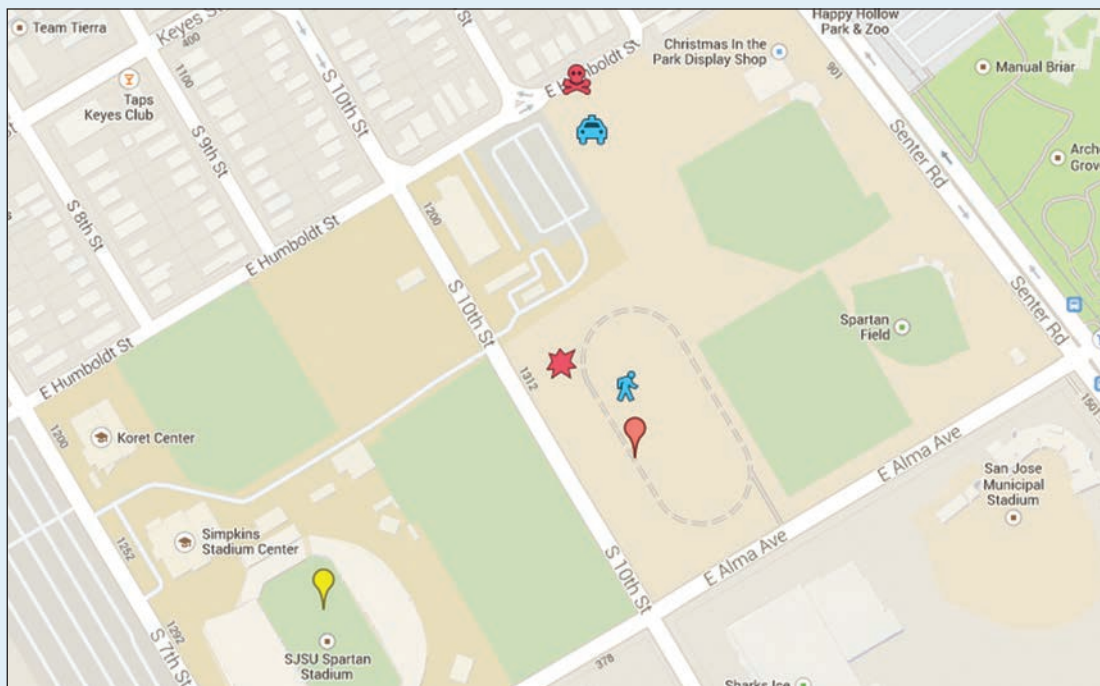
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University crime map



This crime map shows the locations of SJSU campus crimes as reported in the Spartan Daily’s police blotter throughout the Fall 2013 semester.

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INSURANCE

Deadline for health care act draws near

By Laura Nguyen
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The Affordable Care Act will be in full effect on Jan. 1, 2014, but some students still lack concern about their health until it is life threatening.

“The coverage that people will receive through Covered California, our state’s new health insurance marketplace, starts Jan. 1, 2014 if people sign up before Dec. 23,” said Keri Simmons, SJSU CSU co-campus coordinator & certified Covered California educator of SJSU Health Insurance Education Program (HIEP).

She said that the last day to enroll in Covered California is March 31, 2014.

The act requires most Americans to have health insurance or face a financial penalty, Simmons said.

Larry Salazar, a junior biology major, said he is under his mother’s Blue Cross health plan from her job at Comcast, but said it will be terminated in the next few months when she gets laid off.

Salazar has been in remission from Ewing’s sarcoma cancer since 2007, but said he needs to visit a doctor every six months to one year.

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HOUSING

Petition calls for accountability, attracts attention

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A petition started by Ashlei McPherson, a junior political science major, calls for the expulsion of four students suspected of committing a hate crime and to hold the housing administration accountable for the incident.

The online petition on change.org has received attention in the weeks following the news of SJSU students suspected of a hate crime incident that took place in a suite in Campus

Village Building C.

McPherson transferred to SJSU in August and said she has felt uneasy around campus because she is African-American.

She said she knew something had to be done when she heard about the hate crime incident.

She said she knows of other students who have had similar misfortunes, and the solutions made by the residential assistants scarcely made things better for them.

McPherson said she read over the student license agreement

and code of conduct for the residence halls, and found no rule concerning racial discrimination or dealing with harassment.

“How can they enforce anything or diffuse conflict if there’s no actual rule being broken?” McPherson said.

The Student Housing License Agreement states that any activity that creates a threatening or harassing environment for any resident, guest or staff member will be handled judicially and may be grounds for immediate disciplinary action and criminal

prosecution.

The agreement cites the University Police Department’s Safety 101 Handbook, stating that physical harassment/assault is “any act of physical intimidation or physical harassment, physical force or physical violence, or the threat of physical force or physical violence, that is directed against any person or group of persons.”

McPherson said that her inquiry fell on deaf ears when trying to reach Victor Culatta, director of the housing staff, and

prompted her to start the online petition.

McPherson said that at first the petition didn’t garner much attention, but that quickly changed when she brought it to the attention of In Solidarity, an on-campus social justice group.

The petition collected 2,378 signatures within a week, McPherson said.

McPherson said she and another transfer student, Ophelia Gardner, a junior art major, shared a suite together at the start of the Fall semester.

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FOOTBALL

Bowl game still up in the air following a .500 season

By Christian Carrasco
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The SJSU 2013 football season is all but a wrap, or so it seems.

The team patiently waits this week to see if it's allowed to play one more game this year.

The Spartans shocked the nation during the Thanksgiving break, upsetting No. 16 Fresno State and becoming bowl eligible with the win.

Now they're on the outside looking in as their season lies in the hands of the bowl committee.

The season began with a shutout win over Sacramento State in the season opener at Spartan Stadium, but the celebration was quickly extinguished the following week in a loss against No. 5 Stanford in Palo Alto, which was likely the last game of the Bill Walsh Legacy Series.

The following week, fans across the country got a chance to catch their first glimpse of new Head Coach Ron Caragher when the Spartans stepped into Big Ten territory to face Minnesota on ESPN.

The final score wasn't quite the result the Spartans were looking for. The Golden Gophers came away with a 43-24 win.

Things only got worse the next week when they were annihilated by Utah State at home.

With a record of 1-3, the team had already surpassed the number of losses from the previous season, which ended at 11-2 under Coach Mike MacIntyre.

The season turned around for the Spartans after a 37-27 win on the road against Hawaii and was followed by three more wins resulting in a four-game win streak, which was the longest of the year for SJSU.

The Spartans were clicking in all aspects of the game, going undefeated in October with wins over Colorado State, Wyoming and University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

As they entered the final part of the season, the team needed just one more victory to become bowl eligible, which seemed like a rather easy task with four remaining games. Except it wasn't.

SJSU lost a game on Nov. 9 against San Diego State at home in a game the team should have won. The Spartans led the Aztecs by 12 points in the fourth quarter with 10 minutes left to play, but they allowed two late touchdowns to lose 34-30. After the tough loss, the team was cast in a shadow of doubt as they approached the end of the season.

The Spartans let a golden opportunity slip through their fingers again after they blew another lead on the road against Nevada, where the defense was dominated by an aggressive rushing attack. The Spartans were unable to shine on national television. They lost every game that was televised on ESPN.

In their match against Navy, the Spartans battled in a triple overtime thriller and managed to play well, but were once again not able to stop the triple option run

their opponents were infamous for.

With a chance to finish out near the top of the Mountain West Conference in its inaugural season, SJSU sat with a 5-6 record and was faced with the challenge of having to defeat nationally ranked Fresno State to clinch bowl eligibility.

With their backs against the wall, the Spartans beat the Bulldogs in a 62-52 shootout where quarterback David Fales threw for six touchdowns and 547 yards. The uncertainty of playing in a bowl game and the finger pointing in the media all took a backseat after the victory against Fresno State.

Fales tied his career best again by throwing for 33 touchdowns, and cornerback Bene Benwikere tied the SJSU all time interceptions lead. Middle linebacker Keith Smith leads the nation in tackles, and All-American kicker Austin Lopez received national accolades weekly.

Basking in the recent success of their victory over the Bulldogs, Coach Caragher is optimistic that the bowl selection committee will chose SJSU's potent offense and numerous potential NFL players, despite being 6-6 and having the fifth best record in the Mountain West.

Good things come to those who wait. Let's hope that statement proves true come Sunday, as the Spartans season will be on the line.

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San Jose State Coach Ron Caragher runs out onto the field before the start of their game against the University of Wyoming on Oct. 26, 2013.

Jason Reed | Contributing Photographer

NATIONAL

Florida State rises to the top

By Chris Dufresne
McClatchy Tribune

This is the week we say "whew" for the day in August that Rankman looked at his preseason top 25 and noticed only one FSU was penciled on his working list.

It was Fresno State at No. 23. The countdown in the paper was already down to No. 15 when the obvious omission was caught and the decision was made to replace the original No. 14 with Florida State.

The name of the school that was going to be 14 and got knocked completely out of the top 25 will not be revealed out of respect for the citizens of Fort Worth. But it all worked out in the end, right? Welcome to No. 1, Florida State, and check out the team at No. 23. That's right, it's the other FSU.

Rank/School (W-L)/Comment/(last week's ranking)

1. Florida State 12-0; Fasten your seat belts. News outlets reporting state attorney will rule Thursday on Jameis Winston case. (2)
2. Ohio State 12-0; Urban Meyer says one-loss SEC champ can't be denied BCS shot. Wait, that was 2006. (3)
3. Auburn 11-1; AD tells secretary that running out of office coffee creamer is "a disservice to our nation." (7)
4. Alabama 11-1; Auburn fan sends Saban book proposal, "109 ways to improve your 57-yard missed field-goal coverage." (1)
5. Missouri 11-1; Atlanta had every conceivable SEC banner ready except "City Welcomes Auburn vs. Missouri." (4)
6. South Carolina 10-2; Five straight wins over Clemson earn Spurrier bragging

rights on rubber-Gamecock banquet circuit. (5)

7. Oklahoma State 10-1; Outside-shot Cowboys could lose title spot to 'Bama team that didn't win its division. Again. (6)

8. Michigan State 11-1; Fired-up players storm into practice knowing they are going to the Rose Bowl. Win or lose? (8)

9. Stanford 10-2; Almost blew big lead over Arizona State in first game when coach Shaw-shanked the game management. (9)

10. Arizona State 10-2; Last time Tempe hosted a big title game Miami thought it beat Ohio State in overtime. (14)

11. Oregon 10-2; Stanford thinks it's great that quarterback Marcus Mariota is coming back for another season. (12)

12. Baylor 10-1; Texas greeted on I-35 near Waco with exit sign: "Fuel, Lodging, Bevo Burgers." (11)

13. Louisiana State 9-3; Les Miles not interested in Michigan job unless it happens to open up before Cotton Bowl. (16)

14. UCLA 9-3; Mora's extension includes provision requiring daily morning eight-clap wake-up calls from AD. (17)

15. Northern Illinois 12-0; Lynch reading that great Agatha Christie novel "And Then There Were Two (Heisman Candidates)." (18)

16. Central Florida 10-1; Still ranked behind Louisville in Harris Poll, USA Today and list of 100 best landlocked cities. (19)

17. Clemson 10-2; Frankly, Missouri was not the team named Tigers we expected to still be in BCS title chase. (10)

18. Oklahoma 9-2; Soon-

ers remind people their all-time spoiler-role record against Oklahoma State is 82-17-7. (21)

19. Louisville 10-1; Losing Keg of Nails game vs. Cincinnati might open up a whole new Can of Worms. (23)

20. Duke 10-2; First time program has won 10 games — unless you add a bunch of other seasons together. (24)

21. Wisconsin 9-3; Rose Queen ends hunger strike after hearing Badgers won't be making fourth straight Pasadena trip. (13)

22. Texas 8-3; Sixteen-year interim coach Mack Brown looks to earn long-term job with win over Baylor. (NR)

23. Fresno State 10-1; Lost Fiesta bid but still could end up in another desert bowl: Las Vegas. (15)

24. Texas A&M 8-4; Sumlin failed Haden's "Diner" test when he couldn't name USC starting quarterback in 1974. (22)

25. USC 9-4; Sark a home-run hire even though he couldn't hit a curveball when he played baseball at USC. (20)

Moved out: Notre Dame (25).

Moved in: Texas.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Blume earns MWC honors

Staff Report

San José State outside hitter Hanah Blume was named to the 2013 Mountain West All-Conference Team as selected by the league's 11 head coaches on Tuesday, according to the SJSU Athletic department.

With SJSU being a new addition to the MWC, Blume is the first Spartan volleyball player to receive this honor and ends her career with 1,064 kills and 1,069 digs.

During the 2013 season, Blume reached 1,000 career kills and 1,000 career digs becoming the fourth player in school history to accomplish this feat.

She averaged 3.59 kills per set and finished as the team's top hitter with 413 kills placing sixth in the MWC. On defensive she was 14th in the conference with 362 digs and an average of 3.15 digs per set.

Blume is one of four players in school history to re-



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Spartans senior Hanah Blume has been named to Mountain West All-Conference Team, a first for SJSU.

cord 35 digs in a match when the Spartans played against Campbell on Aug. 31.

Her biggest performance of the season came when she racked up 21 kills and 20

digs against Winthrop on Sept. 13 and joined an elite group of players by becoming the 21st player in school history to record a 20/20 double-double.

NATIONAL

MLS targets 24-team league by 2020



Photo Courtesy of MLS

Two new Major League Soccer expansion teams will come into play for the 2015 in New York City and Orlando.

By Sam McDowell
McClatchy Tribune

When New York City and Orlando add Major League Soccer franchises in 2015, the league will have more than doubled in size since the 2004 season.

More expansion is on the way. This time, it's headed south.

As part of his annual state-of-the-league address Tuesday, commissioner Don Garber laid out plans to expand the MLS to 24 teams by 2020. The additions of New York City FC and Orlando City SC, scheduled for 2015, will bring the league to 21 teams.

Miami and Atlanta appear to be on the commissioner's wish list for the next wave of expansion, with each bringing potential big-name owners into Major League Soccer.

Garber said he has been in talks with David Beckham to take the lead on a Miami ownership group that includes "American Idol" creator Simon Fuller, and with Falcons owner Arthur Blank

about a potential team in Atlanta.

"We hope to have 24 teams by the end of the decade. In order to do that, we need to expand strategically," Garber said. "We've got a big chunk of the county where we're not covered. That's the Southeast. We hope to be able to achieve that with Atlanta, with Orlando and Miami. But we have a lot of work to do in Atlanta and Miami."

It wouldn't be the first time the MLS tried to establish a fan base in the Southeast. The Tampa Bay Mutiny was one of the league's charter franchises, and Miami Fusion F.C. was added in 1998.

In an effort to cut losses, however, the league contracted both teams in 2011.

If the league elects to add Atlanta and Miami the next few years, a spot would remain open for a 24th team.

Garber says the league probably would look in the Midwest to fill that vacancy. St. Louis, Minneapolis and San Antonio and Austin, Texas, remain possibilities.

Garber said locations that

can offer soccer-specific stadiums downtown are likely to receive preference, though he mentioned Sporting Park as an example that stadiums located outside city centers can still work.

The lack of a facility is the final obstacle in talks with Miami, Garber said, which shouldn't come as a surprise. The state recently rejected a request from the NFL's Miami Dolphins to publicly fund renovations of Sun Life Stadium.

In 2012, baseball's Miami Marlins opened a publicly funded stadium that cost more than \$600 million. The Marlins finished worst in the National League in attendance in 2013.

"You think you're at the end of the finish line, and then the finish line moves," Garber said. "Generally that's facility-related. In Miami, we can't do anything until we finalize a stadium plan."

Other news from Garber's state-of-the-league address:

— Although the league continues to grow, Garber said: "Major League Soccer still loses money as an enterprise. We've got to find a way that we can get closer to a break-even enterprise."

— A record 90 athletes who participated in MLS player-development academies played in the league this season. Garber said the leaguewide commitment to such academies totaled more than \$20 million in 2013.

— While the league would like to move to a winter schedule, Garber said, "We don't think we're ready for that yet."

— A total of 112 MLS games sold out this season, which ties the record set in 2012.

MEN'S SOCCER

SJSU coach retires after 24 seasons

Staff Report

The San Jose State men's soccer team is on the hunt for a new head coach this offseason.

Gary St. Clair announced his retirement on Tuesday after serving 24 seasons as the team's coach, according to SJSU Athletics director Gene Bleymaier.

"We want to thank Gary for his many contributions to San Jose State University and to our soccer program through the years. He was an outstanding Spartan as a student-athlete and as our head coach. We wish Gary and his wife, Bev, all the best in their future endeavors," Bleymaier said.

He finished his Spartans coaching career with a 217-211-41 record and is one of only two men's soccer head coaches to record 200 or more victories, trailing the late Julius Mendez's mark of 295 wins.

"I've coached with great coaches and had great players," St. Clair said. "I've always believed it's never one man that makes a program. I'm very grateful to the players and coaches who are the San Jose State men's soccer program."

St. Clair was a four-time Coach of the Year honoree, two-time Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Coach of the Year and a two-time National Soccer Coaches Association of America Far West Coach of the Year.

The Spartans were able to reach the NCAA Tournament in 1998, 2000 and 2003 under St. Clair.

The '98 team made SJSU's first appearance in the national post-season play in 22



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Gary St. Clair retires after coaching the Spartans men's soccer team for 24 years and ends with a 217-211-41 record.

years.

The 2000 team set a school record with 20 wins in a season, and at one point it was ranked No. 1 in the NSCAA poll for four weeks.

The Spartans completed the regular season as the only undefeated and untied NCAA Division I team.

Entering the 2013 season, St. Clair ranked 41st for wins among NCAA Division I head coaches and had 12 winning seasons including winning 10 or more matches in a season eight times.

St. Clair began his career at SJSU as a member of the

men's soccer team and played as a goalkeeper from 1970 to 1974 under Mendez.

The 1976 San Jose State graduate was the primary goalkeeper for the 1976 U.S. national team that competed for a berth in the Montreal Olympics.

He played professionally for the San Jose Earthquakes and the San Diego Jaws of the North American Soccer League.

"I hope the next head coach can enjoy success right away and appreciate the program's success as much as I have," St. Clair said.

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HOBBIES

Shred 'snow' in San Jose

By Andrew Forgy
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Almost five years have gone by as Bay Area snowboarders and skiers have patiently waited for the opportunity to shred year round in San Jose.

With community support, this group's innovative vision can become a reality.

"We are building a school where people can ski and snowboard outside all year," Martin Benik said, the executive director of Snow School.

Yes, you read that right. Ski and snowboard outside all year long in San Jose.

"It's a revolutionary surface that acts, looks and feels like real

snow," Benik said. "But it's eco-friendly because it is made out of recycled plastic."

Benik's goal is to build a mountain with a slope the size of about two football fields ranging from 150 feet wide at the top to 280 feet wide toward the bottom of the run. The slope is planned to be about 880 feet in length and 140 feet tall.

The surface is a turf-like material draped over a two-inch shock-absorbing layer constructed over a massive mountain of dirt.

Sprinklers spray a light mist over the surface to give it slick, snow-like speed.

The facility stays eco-friendly with the water collecting at the bottom, going through a filtering process, and then going through the sprinkler system again.

The park will have three different runs catering to the needs of the community and people from around the world: a beginner's section where people can learn the basic skills of skiing

and snowboarding; an intermediate run where the majority of people will ride; and an expert section filled with jumps and other obstacles that will be designed and voted on by the public online when the opening date comes closer.

So where will Benik build this mountain in the middle of San Jose?

According to Benik, Snow School will be at the Singleton landfill near Capitol Expressway, an area that has been abandoned since 1964 - only a few miles from SJSU.

The landfill will be covered with a mass amount of recycled dirt to build the mountain.

"We're solving two problems for the city of San Jose and Santa Clara County," Benik said. "We're building a hill that is made of the dirt that is currently being stockpiled from the BART expansion (from the Fremont to San Jose line). They have created 500,000 cubic yards of dirt, and the three most expensive things to dump

in a landfill are dirt, concrete and tires."

Snow School is not just a possible eco-friendly answer for the excessive amount of dirt from the BART expansion or a solution to the unused former dump, but something the community and people abroad can really connect with, according to city councilman Ash Kalra.

"It will bring people from the entire Bay Area and beyond to come here and enjoy. That's a huge boon to the city of San Jose," City Councilman Ash Kalra said, who gave his strong vocal support of the project in a recent video published by Snow School.

Local snowboarders are also excited by the reality of a snow park in San Jose.

"I think not only will a snow park inspire kids to pick up snowboarding, it will also give kids the chance to try it, who may not be able to afford to go all the way to Tahoe," Nic Perales, a native to San Jose and devoted snowboarder, said.

According to Benik, Snow School cannot survive without the full support from the community.

People who support the project can donate money to help fund Snow School in exchange for heavily discounted season passes and other gifts from Snow School through a Kickstarter campaign, which has a campaign goal of \$1 million.

Though the \$1 million goal for Snow School's Kickstarter campaign is high, Benick says that it will cost around \$18 million to build the entire park.

Benik said that the \$1 million would be a massive jump start to the project, but if the campaign does not hit the goal in the next 29 days, it is not the end all for Snow School.

He primarily wants to show the San Jose City Council that the community is fully behind this project and it is something that San Jose needs.

Andrew Forgy is a Spartan Daily staff writer

LIBRARY

Childhood game inspires library security officer

By Nirmal Patel
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Students entering the library often pass by the ever watchful eyes of library security officers.

Liane Chan, a senior kinesiology major, said that she thinks the library security officers are there because they have to be, but they do a great job because she has never had any issues or problems when in the library.

Chan said she feels that

library security officers get criticized for sitting at their station for long periods of time.

"The officers could walk around more often and make their presents felt," she said.

Yanny Zhang, a sophomore political science major, said that security in the library is something great to have.

"I've never seen any problems arise within the library," Zhang said. "So the rules must be enforced to a

certain extent."

Zhang said that she does suggest the security officers patrol the floors more often.

Zhang said she understands what library security officers go through on a daily basis.

"I feel like library security officers have a lot of pressure to make sure the students are safe," Zhang said. "I think the library security officers are really chill."

Ian Concepcion, a library security officer, said that law enforcement was

always a childhood dream for him.

Concepcion said that his favorite game as a child was "cops and robbers," and that the objective of the game is for the cop to catch all the bad guys until there are no more.

"Being involved in law enforcement was something I've always wanted to do as a child," Concepcion said. "Playing cops and robbers as a kid got me to where I am now."

Concepcion said it has been about a year and a half since he began working as a library security officer and he has appreciated every second of it.

For Concepcion, becoming a library security officer was something he decided to do because of his friends.

"I have always had the support of my friends and family to pursue something I really loved to do," he said.

Concepcion hopes to get all the required experience to move to a higher position in law enforcement and become a police officer for the City of San Jose.

"I will be working hard to get to where I want to be in my life," Concepcion said.

Concepcion said he works around students every day and that he enjoys it to the fullest.

"One of my favorite things to do on duty is just to greet students and say hi to them," he said. "I know how frustrated students can get during midterms and finals, sometimes it just takes a 'hello' for students to relieve some stress."

He said being a library security officer also causes a lot of stress.

Concepcion said that because the library is filled with students and the public, he and his colleagues usually have issues from the city and university.

"We often get disturbance from outsiders and we try our best to pertain situations we face in the library," Concepcion said. "Sometimes SJPD does need to get involved if it's something



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Ian Concepcion, a library security officer, has been working at the MLK library for a year and a half. Concepcion dreamed of working in law enforcement since he was a young child.

serious."

Concepcion said that there are a lot of problems with homeless people who come into the library.

"Homeless people make mistakes, they are human and they eventually will learn from their mistake," Concepcion said. "Most homeless people are really friendly."

Concepcion said his primary concern is keeping peace in the library and keeping the students safe.

According to Concepcion, the library has a limited number of security officers.

"It gets really challenging, because we have a short staff," he said.

Concepcion said he goes through a lot to protect the students of SJSU.

He said a part of his duties are to prevent crimes and theft from happening and to observe and assist anyone in need of attention.

"I have always tried to inform students on events that take place in the library," Concepcion said.

He said he tells students to watch out after their per-

sonal belongings.

He said there has been times when students have gone to use the restroom and their laptop is missing when they return.

To relieve some stress, Concepcion said on his days off from work, he enjoys hanging out with friends and family, reading and watching movies such as Beverley Hill's Cop, Lord of the Rings and Star Wars.

Concepcion said one of his greatest inspirations in life is having faith.

He said his parents have always supported him and are his biggest role models.

Concepcion said as intimidating as he may seem, deep down he's a friendly people's person who is doing his job.

"I don't want students to be afraid of me or think I am a mean person," he said. "The time I am at the library I am working as a security officer and I have to do my job by keeping peace and make sure students are safe."

Nirmal Patel is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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don't get hurt and that they have adequate classes. We will look at each semester individually to make sure that all courses and areas are covered."

Heiden said Proposition 30, Temporary Taxes to Fund Education, passed in November of 2012, is having an effect on SJSU now, but it may not be enough.

"State funding for the California State University system, including SJSU, has been reduced drastically over the past decade," she said. "Support for Proposition 30 helped us in a number of ways, but did not allow us to catch up completely after the substantial cuts of the last seven to eight years. We continue to have to do more with less."

Qayoumi said the budget hasn't deviated from the original plan.

"There were no immediate cuts this year. I think that is part of the misunderstanding," he said. "The budget that we set forth in 2012-13, this was before we knew about Prop 30, that has been the budget we set forth. There has not been any cut past what was discussed."

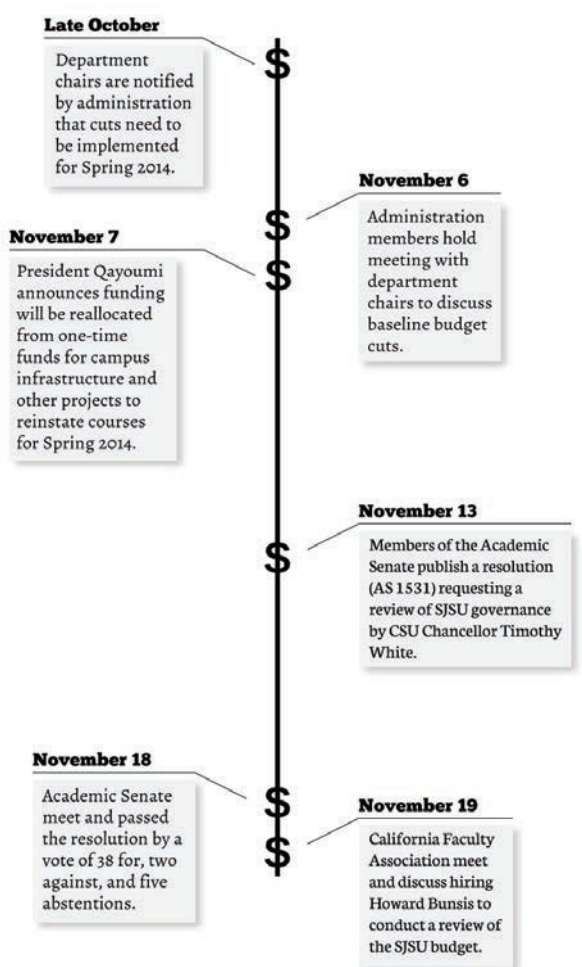
Karpf said Proposition 30 has helped the budget situation.

"Because of passing Prop 30, which San Jose State worked very hard to pass, we got 5 percent more above our base budget this academic year and the next academic year, then a 4 percent boost to our base budget the following two years," he said. "That was one of the reasons why, for example, when President Qayoumi was talking about the structural deficit and doing a last minute mid-year cut, a number of us felt that wasn't warranted because we have more money now than we had the previous year."

Karpf said the new Chancellor could help things too. "We have a new chancellor, so we're very optimistic," he said. "He's already asked the legislature for more money than we were currently being given. We're going to try to get as much money as possible into the CSU budget for the next academic year."

It looks like things may be looking up, Karpf said. "At the very least, we're going to have more than we've had the last several years," he said. "So that's all good news as far as numbers of classes and times of graduation and things that students are understandably concerned about."

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INVESTIGATION

Mexican drug lord accused in 1985 DEA murder says US targets his family

By Tim Johnson
McClatchy Tribune

MEXICO CITY — Rafael Caro Quintero, a fugitive drug lord whom U.S. authorities hold responsible for the 1985 kidnapping and murder of DEA agent Enrique Camarena, has appealed in a personal letter to Mexico's president for help getting U.S. drug agents off his back because they are causing an "infernal nightmare" for his loved ones.

Caro Quintero said U.S. authorities even revoked a visa given to his granddaughter to undergo cancer treatment at a U.S. hospital.

A founder of the Guadalajara Cartel, Caro Quintero was sentenced to 40 years in prison for orchestrating the kidnapping, torture and murder of Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent. But a regional court in Jalisco state overturned the sentence on procedural grounds Aug. 8, allowing Caro Quintero to walk out of prison before dawn a day later. He had served 28 years.

Mexico's Supreme Court voted 4-1 on Nov. 6 to reinstate the conviction and an arrest warrant was issued, but Caro Quintero remains a fugitive.

Last month, the U.S. State Department offered a \$5 million bounty for the re-arrest and conviction of Caro Quintero, who is now 60. The Obama administration also has formally asked Mexico for his extradition to stand trial on a pending indictment in California.

Caro Quintero argued in a letter that was sent to President Enrique Pena Nieto and several other officials that he's been punished enough. Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam confirmed Tuesday that he and the president had received the letter.

Murillo Karam said, however, that Caro Quintero should take the matter up with Mexico's courts, not the executive branch.

In the four-page letter, which was first partially published Sunday in the newsweekly Proceso, Caro Quintero sounded alternately aggrieved and angry that the U.S. government is pressuring Mexico to recapture him and extradite him to stand trial in the United States.

"If I still had any debt to the state and to society, I have already paid it," Caro Quintero said in the letter, which was dated Nov. 11.

In his letter, Caro Quintero alleged that U.S. agents are carrying out "an absurd persecution" of him and his extended family, and that Mexicans should stand up for him on patriotic grounds against a nation that "always feels superior."

"By any means possible, the United States is trying to carry out an extradi-

tion that is all about vengeance," Caro Quintero wrote, according to the Proceso extract.

Efforts by the U.S. government to pressure him include measures targeting his mother, his wife, his offspring and even against "one of my granddaughters who had a visa" to travel to the United States for cancer treatment, only to see it revoked, he wrote. The allegation could not be immediately confirmed.

"This infernal nightmare against my loved ones and against me does not arise from legal verdicts or from matters of law but rather ... from resentment and a desire for vengeance of those who from outside our borders insist on accusing me of crimes I did not commit," Caro Quintero wrote.

In the belief that Caro Quintero and his clan remain involved in drug trafficking, the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control has piled new sanctions on individuals linked to him.

In June, before he went free, the office went after six of his family members — his wife, four children and a daughter-in-law — and also his longtime personal secretary, banning financial transactions with them and a series of businesses in Guadalajara, including gas stations, a shoe company and a resort spa.

In new action Oct. 31, the office named 20 new enterprises and a Guadalajara businessman, Juan Carlos Soto Ruiz, who it said managed many businesses on Caro Quintero's behalf.

In announcing the latest sanctions, the Treasury Department said Caro Quintero stayed active in crime even behind bars.

"While in prison, Caro Quintero continued his alliance with Mexican drug trafficking organizations and used a network of family members and front persons to invest his illicit fortune into ostensibly legitimate companies and real estate projects in the Mexican city of Guadalajara," the statement said.

The kidnapping and murder of an American drug enforcement agent in Mexico was unprecedented in 1985 and enraged U.S. law enforcement officials and the Reagan White House.

Assailants kidnapped Camarena outside the DEA office in Guadalajara, later gagging and torturing him under the supervision of a physician. When Mexican authorities did little to solve the murder, the Reagan administration practically shut the border with Mexico, paralyzing the Mexican economy.

Caro Quintero was arrested soon afterward.

In honor of Camarena, the U.S. government dedicated the multiagency El Paso Intelligence Center in the slain agent's memory in 1989.



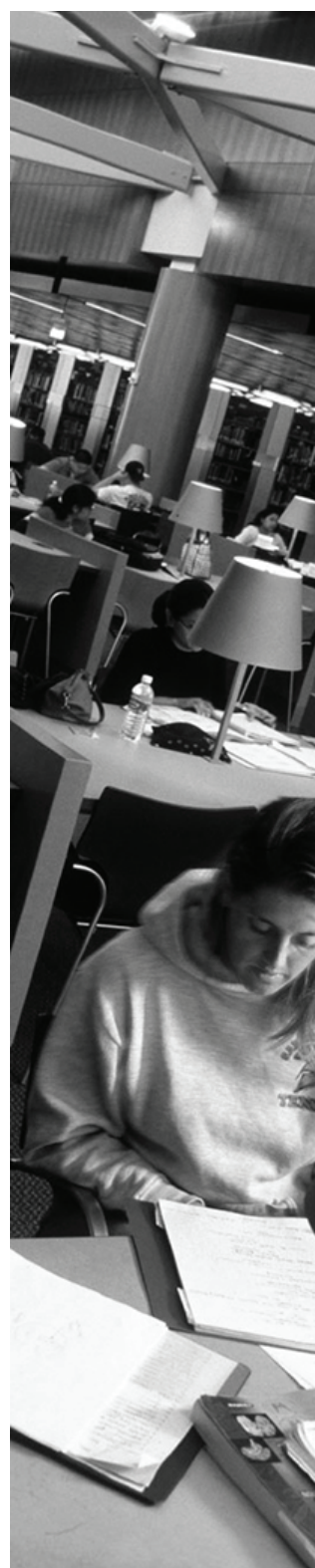
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Health: College students make up largest group of uninsured

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"They're only willing to pay a portion of my family's medical expenses," Salazar said about his mother's medical coverage.

Salazar said that it's common for students such as him to forget about the importance of health coverage until something life threatening happens.

Glen Ilagan, a sophomore political science major, said he feels now is a good time for him to experiment and go skydiving or bungee jumping, because when he's older he'd like to settle down with a job.

"I care about it only to the point when I really need it, like if I break my leg," Salazar said. "And when I'm not sick, it doesn't have an effect on me because I'm fine."

This is a common mentality that some young adults have, but it's not the majority, Sim-

mons said.

"We're called 'young invincibles,'" Simmons said. "The term refers to a common notion held by the public that young adults think they're healthy enough to go without health insurance (and) that it's not important. But studies have recently shown that that's not the case."

She said that young adults between the ages of 19 and 29 are the largest population without health insurance in the U.S.

Ilagan said that many workers have to work at well-known places or be full-time workers in order to receive health benefits.

"I worked at Zumiez (and) I didn't get covered. I worked for Great America (and) I didn't get covered," Ilagan said.

Ilagan said he works full time for Levi's, which is how he gets insurance coverage, but at anytime he could be terminated and without insurance.

"I have no idea what I'd do without health insurance," Ilagan said. "For the longest time, I was under my parents' insurance."

Simmons said she thinks that young adults understand the importance of health insurance and are not ignorant or naive.

"We are often just starting out and can't afford the price of private insurance when it's not offered through our employers," Simmons said. "It's not really about this idea of being young and invincible. The biggest barrier is cost."

Simmons and Van Nguyen are graduate students in the master's of public health program who are providing outreach and education to the SJSU community alongside the Northern California CSU HIEP faculty supervisor, Anji Buckner, to spread awareness about

health coverage plans through Covered California.

"I learned about the Affordable Care Act in my political science class but I forgot most of it," Ilagan said. "It just went over my head because it doesn't directly affect me."

To help ensure that students get the information, Simmons said SJSU HIEP has held open forums, in-class presentations and works closely with the health center in providing information outreach and education.

Simmons said SJSU HIEP is planning to reach out to classes during the winter as well.

She said research shows that one in every four college students in California is without coverage.

Simmons said about 25 percent of the students who see the HIEP presentation request more information on Covered Cali-

fornia.

SJSU HIEP classroom presentations are about opportunities for affordable health coverage through Covered California and are available by request.

"2.6 million Californians will be eligible to obtain financial assistance to help pay for health insurance through Covered California, and one of the largest eligible groups is college students," Simmons said.

Simmons said that cost is a primary reason students don't get health insurance, not because they think they're invincible.

"As more young adults throughout the state sign up for the affordable coverage offered through Covered California, we will shift the public notion of us from 'young invincible' to 'young and covered,'" she said.

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Dorms: SJSU student takes charge with online petition, others follow

FROM PAGE 1

A roommate of theirs had been more than disagreeable, and it got to the point of avoidance, she said.

According to Gardner, getting intentionally locked out of the apartment was just one of the things she had to put up with.

After the first time, students must pay a fee to have their door unlocked by the R.A.s, and over time it got costly, Gardner said.

"I was joining a bunch of clubs, (and)

trying to avoid my apartment all the time," Gardner said.

In addition, she went to the library a lot, but generally could not concentrate and ultimately fell behind in school, she said.

When they brought the matter to the residence assistants, McPherson and Gardner were simply re-assigned to new rooms.

"All they did was move me to another room, and it was a bigger room," Gardner said.

While McPherson lucked out and was

able to get a room identical to the first, Gardner said that in addition to nothing being done about the student who had terrorized them, it was not disclosed until after she had moved into her new room that she would have to pay more.

As a result of rising tuition costs and the extra expenses she had to make after the move, Gardner said she is essentially stuck at SJSU, at least until her lease ends at the end of the Spring semester.

"I believe housing systematically ignores harassment, and they don't want to deal with it at all," she said.

Melvina Bryant, a senior health science major, said she saw the petition on Facebook and immediately signed it.

"It's something I want to see done as well," Bryant said.

Bryant, who has been a resident of the CVB building for the past five years as a student, said that this is the first time she has heard of a hate crime taking place.

"Why would you let students that committed a hate crime...come back and get their education after they basically ruined this young man's education? This is his freshman year, and this is what he gets to remember it by," Bryant said.

Chris Shyvers is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

EDUCATION

Research finds limitations of MOOCs

By Susan Snyder
McClatchy Tribune

PHILADELPHIA—The University of Pennsylvania is at the forefront of a movement to experiment with free open online courses, but the undertaking, as its own researchers are

finding out, has yielded mixed results.

While Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) have attracted millions of viewers and been heralded as a potential way to address skyrocketing tuition, very few of their viewers — 4 percent on average — actually com-

plete the courses, according to the latest study by researchers in Penn's Graduate School of Education.

Many who register drop off after the first week or two, the researchers found in a study they will present Thursday at a MOOC

conference at the University of Texas, Arlington. About half who registered viewed at least one lecture.

The results come on the heels of another Penn study, released last month, that showed a vast majority of students enrolled in MOOCs already hold college degrees and are taking the courses primarily to advance in their jobs, which called into question the notion that the courses were providing greater access to the world's underprivileged.

"The technology offers some promise of a new approach to addressing both" costs and access, said Laura Perna, a lead researcher on the new study. "We just don't know to what extent this is going to be more than a promise."

The researchers looked at 1 million users who registered for the 16 free courses offered from June 2012 to June 2013, among

them "Calculus: Single Variable," "Greek and Roman Mythology," and "Fundamentals of Pharmacology." The classes were taught by Penn professors and offered in partnership with Coursera, a California-based online education company and a pioneer in MOOCs.

The study, conducted by the newly created Alliance for Higher Education and Democracy at Penn, delved into when users enter and leave courses and when and how they participate. The courses varied in use of quizzes and homework and instruction time. Completion rates were slightly higher in courses with smaller workloads.

Most courses focused on personal enrichment or occupational skills, such as "Cardiac Arrest, Resuscitation Science, and Hypothermia."

Perna said she was a bit surprised by the results.

"Four percent is low. I didn't expect it to be quite this low," she said.

But Ed Rock, who heads Penn's MOOC initiative, called the findings "entirely unsurprising and not at all troubling. Four or five percent of 1.6 million (current users) is still 80,000 people, and 80,000 people is a huge number to educate."

Rock, senior adviser to the president and provost and director of open course initiatives, also said those who do not complete have gotten something from the experience.

The majority of MOOC users are doing it for leisure learning or job

development, so it's not surprising that few finish, said Cathy Sandeen, vice president for education attainment and innovation at the American Council on Education.

"There is a place for MOOCs in terms of degree attainment, but it's probably a smaller component overall than we might have originally thought," she said.

Rock acknowledged that educators have a way to go in learning how best to fit MOOCs into the educational mission. Penn has partnered with 10 high schools locally and nationally whose teachers are using Penn's calculus course to supplement classroom learning.

"Our hope is our material will be of value. We won't know that unless (high school teachers) try it out and tell us," he said. "We believe these materials have the potential to revolutionize education, but they're only going to work in a partnership."

Perna, whose team includes researchers Alan Ruby, Robert Boruch, Nicole Wang, Janie Scull, Chad Evans and Seher Ahmad, agreed that MOOCs could benefit society. She cited the case of a neighbor who is taking a management MOOC with co-workers, who meet each week to discuss what they've learned.

"I think there is something there," she said, "but we need to understand better what that contribution is. Penn is clearly committed to exploring these issues."

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TECHNOLOGY

NASA's E.T. smartphone satellite has phoned home

By Geoffrey Mohan
McClatchy Tribune

NASA's extraterrestrial smartphone has phoned home.

The 4-inch-square satellite, PhoneSat 2.4, which uses an off-the-shelf Samsung Nexus S phone running Google's Android operating system, transmitted data back to its Santa Clara University ground station, the space agency announced Wednesday.

As the number implies, this is not the first smartphone NASA has hurled into orbit. The first, in April, proved the concept of using commercially available electronics for satellites in low-Earth orbit. The satellite has long since burned up on re-entry to Earth's atmosphere, ending the planned one-week

mission.

The new-generation smartphone satellite isn't strictly off-the-shelf — it got some serious mods at NASA's Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, Calif., including solar batteries. This one also uses a two-way, S-band radio that lets engineers guide its orientation.

"NASA is committed to opening up the high frontier to a new generation of explorers who can take advantage of these sorts of small satellites to do science and technology development at a fraction of the cost of larger, more complex spacecraft," said Michael Gazarik, NASA's associate administrator for space technology in Washington.

PhoneSat 2.4 is expected to last about a year and give NASA a more complete picture of how robust commercially de-

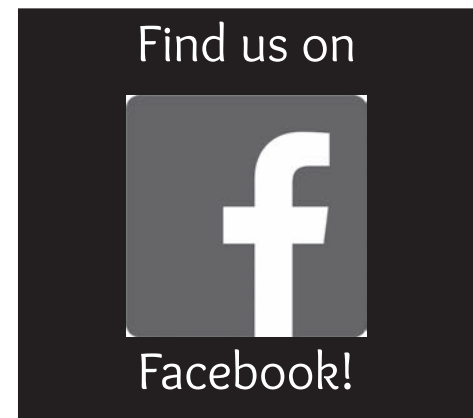
veloped phones are in space. The agency deployed 11 of the devices from the payload of a Minotaur 1 rocket launched Nov. 19 from NASA's Wallops Island Flight Facility in Virginia.

Modern hand-held cellphones easily surpass the power of the computer that guided the Apollo 11 mission that put the first men on the moon. So, at least on paper, they ought to have enough memory and computation capacity to operate a satellite that's smaller than a soccer ball.

The next PhoneSat, version 2.5, is scheduled to launch in February on a commercial SpaceX rocket. NASA hopes lessons learned from these missions will help its Edison Demonstration of Smallsat Networks, eight identical cubesats with scientific instrument

payloads to be launched from Hawaii next year. The agency hopes to be able to use them in a linked cluster, sharing data and transmitting the information back to Earth.

No word yet on when NASA's smartphones will take their first selfie, though.



BUDGET

House and Senate negotiators inch toward deal on federal budget

By William Douglas
and David Lightman
McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — Congressional budget negotiators are zeroing in on a modest deal to keep the federal government operating while easing the grip of the mandatory automatic spending cuts known as sequestration.

With the clock ticking toward a Dec. 13 deadline to report to Congress, the bipartisan conference committee led by Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is weighing a plan that would set spending levels for fiscal 2014 and 2015.

The goal is to avoid a train wreck like the one that caused the 16-day partial government shutdown in October. The shutdown ended when lawmakers agreed to a stopgap measure to fund the government for three months. That funding measure expires Jan. 15, the same day that \$109.3 billion in sequestration cuts are due to kick in.

Those close to the talks caution that nothing is final yet — and everything could blow apart at any moment.

But so far, there's cautious optimism. Negotiators are considering a 2014 budget for discretionary items — those under Congress' control — that would spend at an annual rate of about \$1 trillion, more than the \$967 billion that conservative Republicans want but less than the \$1.058 trillion Senate Democrats endorsed.

The budget leaders are crafting a plan to soften the blow of sequestration's across-the-board spending cuts by finding savings in other areas of the budget and by generating revenue through increasing some user fees. The federal government attaches these small fees on things that range from airline tickets to national parks usage.

That would allow the two parties to claim that their sacred cows were untouched: Democrats who balk at cuts to entitlement programs such as Social Security and Republicans who won't accept tax increases.

They do generally agree that they want

to spend more than the sequester would allow. Many in Congress maintain that the cuts are harming military preparedness and social programs.

"Chairman Ryan and I continue to talk, and I am hopeful that we can keep making progress and reach a bipartisan agreement," Murray said Wednesday. "I know that families in Washington state and across the country are looking to us to get something done to address the cuts from sequestration that are impacting the workers and communities around our military base, as well as critical investments in education, jobs, economic growth and medical research."

Rep. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, a conferee who's also the ranking Democrat on the House Budget Committee, placed the odds of reaching a deal at 50-50.

"It's a jump ball," Van Hollen said Tuesday. "It could go either way."

"Everything is very fluid right now," agreed Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., the chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch.

One roadblock: Congressional conservatives and their allies may balk

at raising user fees, calling it a tax increase in disguise. "It's pretty close to a gimmick as opposed to real revenue enhancers," said Steve Ellis, the vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense. "They're just looking around for an easy way out that doesn't exist. If Friday the 13th comes and goes, it won't surprise me."

Veteran budget expert Steve Bell, a former chief of staff for the Senate Budget Committee, expects the bicameral talks to fail.

"Anything can happen," said Bell, a senior director at the Bipartisan Policy Center, a research organization.

A key question, he said, is whether incumbents in the House of Representatives think it's better politically if they reach a deal or continue to clash over spending.

Cole, who's an adviser to House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, countered that if the principal negotiators agree on a plan, so will most lawmakers.

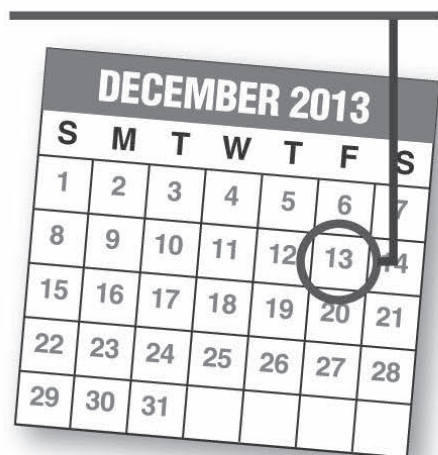
"My assumption is if a Republican House and Democratic Senate can come to a deal, there will be enough votes in the House and Senate to get us there," he said.

Limited time for a deal

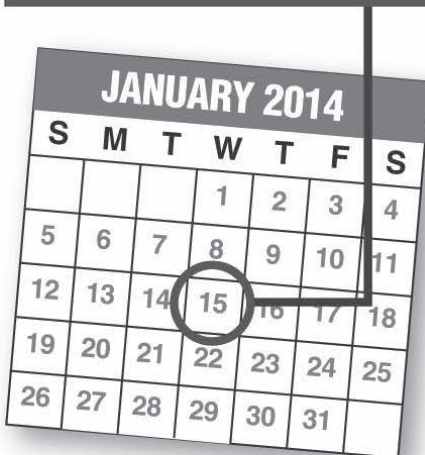
The upcoming holiday recess and workdays where Congress members meet with constituents in their home states leave little time to approve a budget before three looming deadlines.

Upcoming deadlines

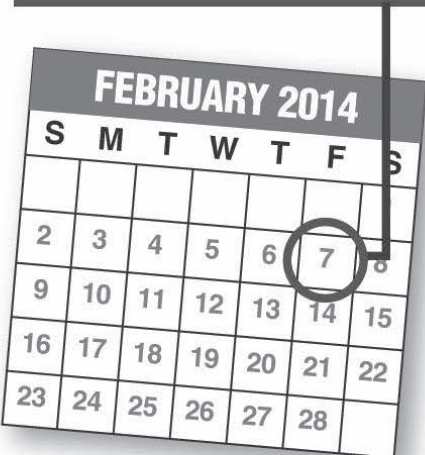
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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Three trilogies to read after 'The Hunger Games' series

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Divergent

by Veronica Roth

In a future Chicago, Beatrice Prior's society is split into five factions, each representing a different virtue – Abnegation (selflessness), Amity (peace), Candor (honesty), Dauntless (bravery) and Erudite (intelligence).

When she turns 16, she and all the other 16-year-olds must take an aptitude test to determine which faction best suits them.

After her aptitude test shows she is "Divergent," a result punishable by death, Beatrice must decide whether or not to stay in her original faction, Abnegation, and honor her family, or leave and become someone else.

But it's not that simple – Beatrice must pass initiation to officially be accepted in her chosen faction.

In a place where everyone is pitted against one another to receive a spot, her physical abilities and friendships are tested while she discovers what being Divergent means.

"Divergent" will have you up until 3 a.m., delirious, but desperately wanting to continue turning the pages until you've reached the end.

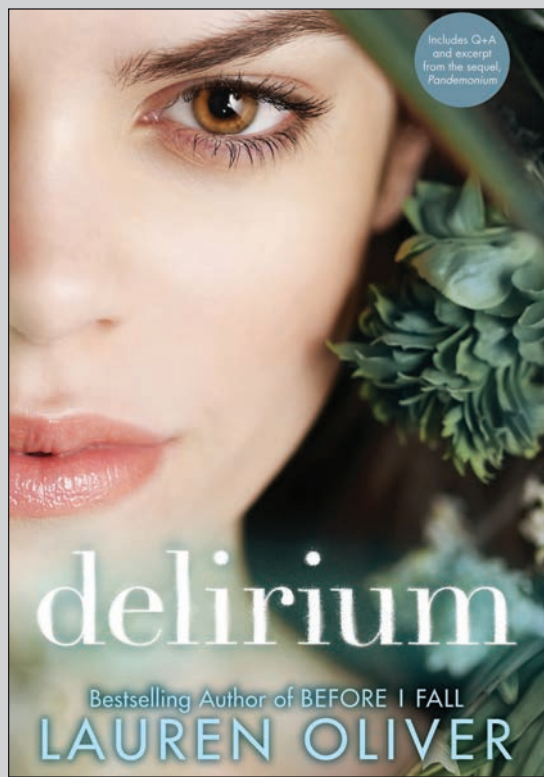


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Delirium

by Lauren Oliver

In a place where love is a disease, Lena Haloway is eager to receive a mandatory cure to remove the part of her brain responsible for love when she turns 18.

She is convinced that love is harmful, especially because it killed her mother.

During her pre-cure examination, she sees (and later meets) a boy from "the Wilds" named Alex.

As you may have guessed, she ends up falling in love with him.

Along the way, she encounters many conflicts that cause her to accept and embrace the emotions and feelings she has suppressed all her life.

While Lena's morals are challenged, she must choose between living the life the government has created for her, or creating her own future.

"Delirium" is the perfect book for those who enjoy surprises, a good love story without being too cheesy and cliffhangers that will make you want to run to your nearest bookstore for the sequel.

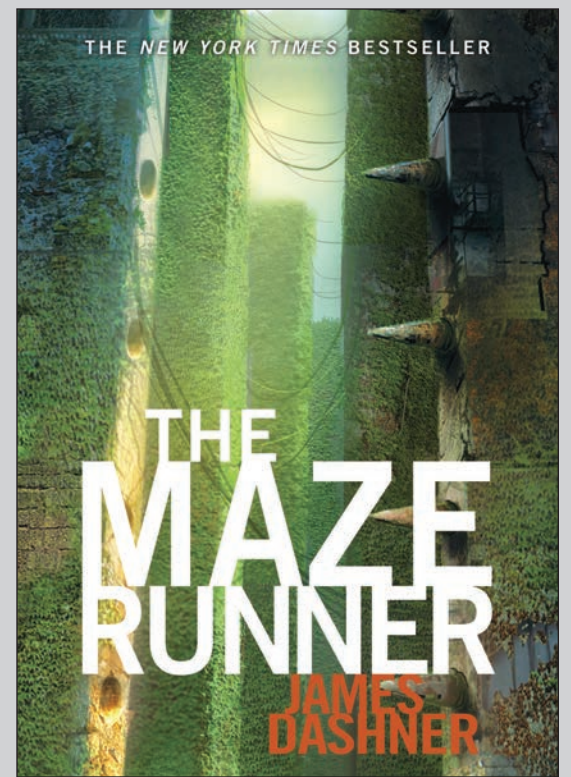


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The Maze Runner

by James Dashner

When Thomas is sent to the Glade, a foreign and enclosed place where no one escapes, he has no recollection of his past life, his family or even his last name.

After being acknowledged by a group of teenage boys who tell him nothing of his location, he later discovers that those living in the Glade are attempting to find an exit to the maze surrounding them.

The only problem is that the maze changes pathways every night while its stone doors seal shut and creatures with spikes and deadly poison roam around until the morning.

When the first girl to ever show up in the Glade arrives a few days after Thomas, the message she brings along surprises everyone and causes Thomas and the rest of the group to find a way out of the Glade.

Similar to The Hunger Games, "The Maze Runner" involves isolated characters that encounter power struggles and creatures with goals to kill anything in their way.

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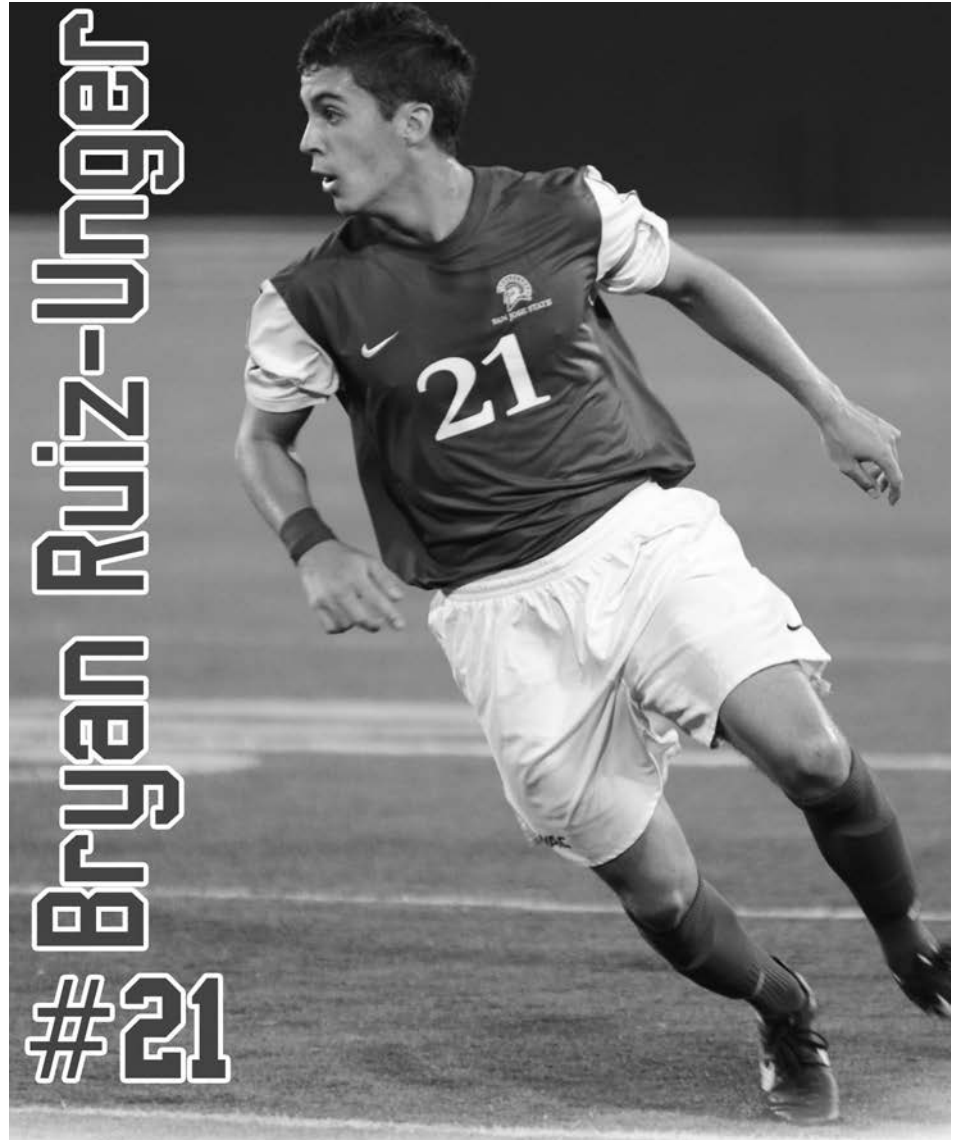
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Kids with the pumped up kicks better run

People die every year from hunger, disease and buying sneakers.

With Black Friday now an afterthought, it's time to focus on Black Saturday.

The difference between these two events is that Black Friday only happens once a year.

At least once a month, usually on a Saturday, Nike's Jordan brand releases a new shoe that consumers are literally dying to get their hands on.

Sneaker enthusiasts, or "sneakerheads," have been robbed and sometimes killed because thieves wanted their shoes.

There have been numerous reports of Craigslist sneaker deals resulting in robbery, but consumers who simply leave the store with a new pair of sneakers are also at risk.

Joshua Wood, a sneaker enthusiast from Houston, was shot and killed last year by three gunmen who wanted the brand new Air Jordan XI's he had purchased that morning, according to Houston police.

You know something is wrong in the world



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when people are dying over a pair of shoes.

The reason people are killing each other over these shoes is that they have such a high resale value.

Nike shoes can be used to make money similar to how stocks are sold, except you are almost guaranteed a decent return on your investment.

Someone can buy a pair of \$185 Air Jordan XI and make hundreds of dollars in profit by selling to people who were not able to get a pair at a retail store.

These people are hated in the sneakerhead community and are known as "resellers".

Resellers have created a livelihood out of selling Air Jordans and other limited edition shoes.

Brands, such as Nike, are generating a high aftermarket value for their shoes and creating resellers because they are not making enough pairs to go around.

This method of hyping up their shoes by

tagging them as "limited" is causing the violence and black market effect that becomes part of the sneaker world.

Being in to sneakers has become a full-time job.

When a sneakerhead realizes that a shoe is limited, they do everything in their power to get a pair, even if it means shady meet-ups with a reseller that shouldn't be trusted.

To get a limited sneaker, or even just one that is popular, you have to constantly call shoe stores, stake out online websites and sign up for raffles in order to have a chance to get your hands on them.

This is exactly why people are dying over a pair of sneakers.

When it takes so much effort to buy something people know will be worth a lot, opportunists will start to show up and commit crimes to make money.

Nike has tried to lessen the crime that follows their sneaker releases by shutting down midnight releases and encouraging stores to hold raffles for their shoes.

Unfortunately, people are still being attacked on account of the limited pairs of shoes.

Many sneakerheads have suggested that Nike perform some kind of pre-order system where people can put in an order for their pair before they are even made.

This way, everyone who wants a pair of a particular sneaker will be accommodated.

This would be the easiest way to stop resellers and prevent more sneaker related deaths.

Nike has refused to listen to such suggestions and continues to produce whatever number they deem necessary for the sale and profits of their shoes.

No one knows how they come up with the numbers they use to put certain shoes into production, but they seem to know what they are doing because their shoes continue to sell out.

The sneaker business is alive and well for brands like Nike and I don't predict it peaking any time soon.

As long as they keep making limited edition shoes, sneakerheads and resellers will continue to go after them, by any means possible.

But after all, what's a few deaths when millions of dollars can be made?

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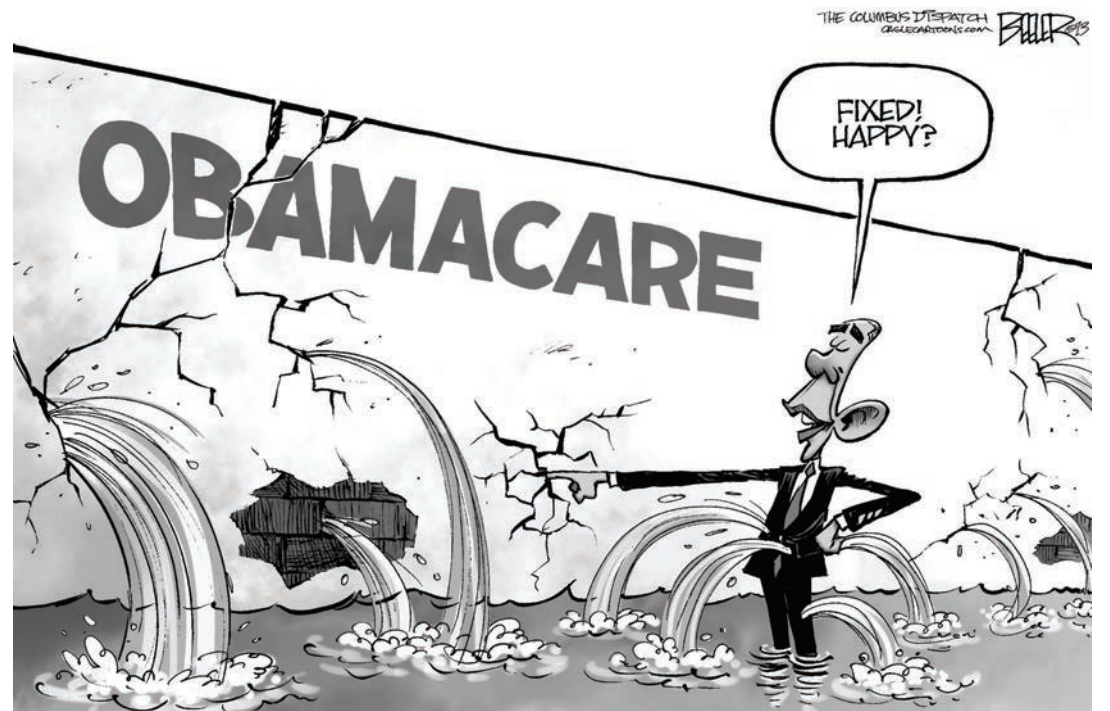
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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Horse-drawn conveyance
 - 5 They might be renewed or exchanged
 - 9 Ulan ____, Mongolia
 - 14 Olin of "Chocolat"
 - 15 Huge production
 - 16 Muscat citizen
 - 17 "Island in the Sun" author
 - 18 Waugh
 - 20 Mona who just hangs around
 - 19 Banned from polite conversation
 - 20 What uninteresting words sound like
 - 23 Make sense of
 - 24 "Open mouth, ___ foot"
 - 28 Hotel spa, e.g.
 - 31 Spoil
 - 32 Pig's nose
 - 36 Free throw score
 - 37 Eat by candlelight
 - 38 Doesn't shut up
 - 42 Bug and then some
 - 43 Ore-__ (Tater Tots brand)
 - 44 Unfathomable chasm
 - 45 Reproductive cells
 - 46 Popular Pontiac of the past
 - 49 Crushing tool
 - 51 Small waves
 - 56 "You know the rest"
 - 59 Room at sea
 - 62 Balcony box
 - 63 Schleps
 - 64 Unbroken horse, for short
 - 65 Frankenstein flunky
 - 66 Lode finds
 - 67 Actors' platform
 - 68 Earth tones
 - 69 ___ a one (none)
 - 12 The avant-garde's
 - 13 South American cruise stop
 - 21 Gravy containers
 - 22 Bar orders for the calorie-conscious
 - 25 Poet Dickinson
 - 26 Major and captain, e.g.
 - 27 Lock of hair
 - 29 Hurler Ryan
 - 30 Publicity
 - 32 Barber's band
 - 33 Hardly ready for the world
 - 34 Earthenware cooking pots
 - 35 Luau singer's accompaniment
 - 37 Apply with light strokes
 - 39 Ran out of steam
 - 40 Abbr. on a toothpaste box
 - 41 Buccaneer's port
 - 46 Take a gander
 - 47 Mythical fire source
 - 48 They help
 - 50 Failing to win or lose
 - 52 Pilot's guidepost
 - 53 Hillary preceded her
 - 54 Trimming
 - 55 Pert
 - 57 Made it to the ground
 - 58 Body-bending exercise
 - 59 Big rig fixtures, for short
 - 60 Picasso piece
 - 61 Python's cousin



Dude, where's my job?

Technology has changed not only the way people live their lives, but also the way people do their jobs.

Jobs and services that used to take hours, days or even months to complete, can now be done with the click of a mouse.

Some customers are now using mobile banking instead of going to bank tellers and accountants. Those who once helped people file taxes are now outdated by online services like TurboTax.

While advancements in technology are creating new jobs, they are also eliminating traditional jobs that people have done for ages to make a living.

Telephone Operators

Last month I called my local CVS Pharmacy to find out if they had any flu vaccinations available.

My call was answered by an automated telephone operator reciting a menu of options with corresponding numbers to dial.

I've called the pharmacy so many times that I've memorized which numbers to dial to get connected to a "pharmacy staff member."

For people who don't have the options memorized like I do, they have to listen to an automated voice slowly recite several options before callers can figure out which number to press to have their call correctly directed.

Also, if you cut it off too early or say a phrase the automated system doesn't understand, it confuses it and you have to start all over.

It's gruesome because there's no longer an employee whose job is to answer the phone, adding that personal touch to your experience.

Farming

The food industry is the largest industry in the U.S., according to Investopedia.

To increase productivity and efficiency, farms have been replacing their workers with robots.

Earthbound is one of the largest organic farms in the U.S. and uses robotic arms to package lettuce.

These robotic arms sort, fill containers, package and send lettuce down conveyor belts, replacing up to five workers in the process.

Cashiers

At many gas stations and grocery stores, customers are able to check themselves out.



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Cashiers become obsolete because they're replaced by self-checkout systems where customers act as their own cashier as they interact with a convenient computer system.

We've all seen these self-checkout lines before. Customers scan and bag their items and then pay for their purchases on their own.

Grocery stores replace multiple checkout lines with automated cashiers that eliminate the jobs of human cashiers.

Movie Rentals

Ever since on-demand Internet streaming media companies like Netflix and automated video dispensaries such as Redbox became popular, video rental stores have become a dying cause.

Employees that once helped customers find movies for sleepovers, date nights and family fun nights now have to seek other employment opportunities, because the services they provided are being taken over by machines.

Blockbuster was once the go-to spot for movie rentals. A Blockbuster membership would get customers discounts on movies and reliable service.

Thanks to Netflix and Redbox, most, if not all, Blockbuster locations have closed.

Travel Agents

When people want to travel these days, it's very rare that they visit a travel agency to plan their trip.

Many travelers use free services such as Kayak and Expedia to plan their transportation, book their hotels and create their itinerary.

I can't remember the last time I Google searched "travel agents" to plan a trip.

When my boyfriend and I took a 40-day cross-country road trip last summer, we didn't even think to visit a travel agency.

Professional travel agents who used to help people plan their traveling adventures are being replaced by free online services.

What's next?

In order for people to save their jobs and not be replaced by technology, they need to offer and emphasize the importance of what technology cannot provide: human interaction.

In a world where technology is eliminating more and more jobs every day, social interaction and human connections are the only things that can or will save our jobs.

Samantha Mendoza is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

SJSU becoming 'high' school

Well, that was a sight (smell?) I didn't quite expect on the way to class last week. Or in the parking lot behind Clark hall a few weeks before that.

Cigarette smokers are a common sight on campus, but it wasn't until this semester that I saw students smoking joints on campus.

I tend to dismiss them as cigarettes at first, but the second opinion offered by my nose suggests otherwise.

I recall a few times I might have smelled pot around downtown San Jose, but never on campus. It was always while waiting for the next train at the light rail station, or while passing by random people.

Considering the substantial efforts behind the decriminalization of pot and the resulting medical marijuana dispensaries that have sprouted almost everywhere, it is no surprise that the stigma surrounding marijuana is largely gone.

What is surprising though, is how bare-faced some students on campus are about it.

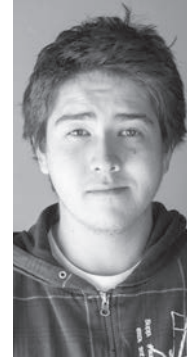
In movies, characters might sneak off behind the school gym or hang out in a car in the parking lot and smoke.

Sure, getting high has been associated with a lot of Hollywood comedies, but I cannot think of one where characters smoke a joint while strolling through campus.

Maybe that's too unbelievable of a scene to put in a movie, but I've seen it a few times in real life.

It's even harder to tell the difference between different kinds of smoke now with the invention of e-cigarettes.

Their popularity as an alternative to regular tobacco cigarettes has shot through the



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roof, and that same technology is utilized by users of marijuana.

Sometimes I think I smell marijuana when I pass by people who have e-cigarettes.

Before I transferred to San Jose State, I attended West Valley Community College in Saratoga.

Two semesters before I left, the campus enforced a smoking ban that led to people being fined for smoking cigarettes on campus.

I see cigarette dispensers strewn about campus, so there is obviously no smoking ban at SJSU, and honestly I don't see how one could be enforced on a campus as big as SJSU.

People who don't smoke generally don't like to inhale or smell tobacco smoke when they walk on campus.

I do see some people politely sequester themselves away to a parking lot or at a table far away from the walking paths when they light up a cigarette.

On the other hand, some students smoke while they walk on busy pathways, and I'm sure most people are just used to it by now.

But now I'm starting to see pot smokers among the pedestrians on campus.

Damn the debates on whether second-hand pot smoke gets people high.

The fact the issue even has to be raised is sad in itself.

Use common sense and don't do drugs (on campus at least).

If anything, the people smoking pot as nonchalantly as I've seen are simply perpetuating the negative "stoner" stereotypes that the medical marijuana industry has worked so hard to erase.

Chris Shyvers is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Letters to the Editor

I used to be proud to be a Spartan, but now I wish I was something else. I feel like the school is a disgrace, especially with the discrimination crisis going on.

However, I also feel like the school has allowed more discrimination on campus, not only to ethnic minorities but to the disabled.

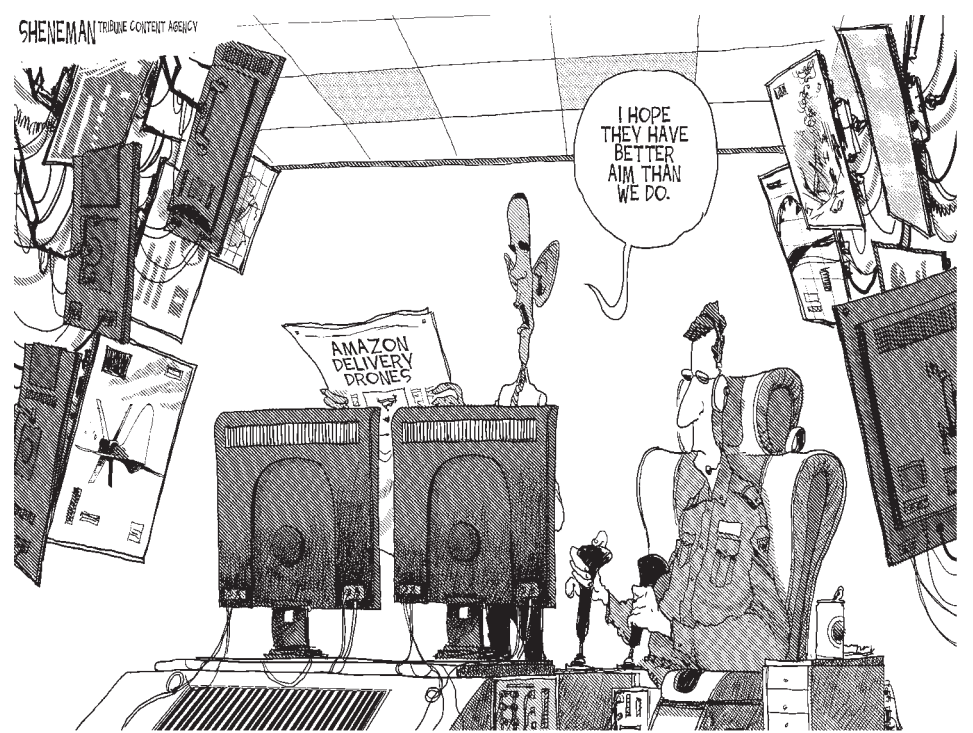
A friend of mine who has a disability has applied for a few jobs at Spartan Shops, only interviewed once, and did not get hired for a position because he asked for a reasonable accommodation that would have helped him do the job.

That is downright illegal as the American Disabilities Act of 1991 mandates that a reasonable accommodation be offered for the position he applied for.

I also want to point out that some of my friends and I have noticed that there is not enough diversity of disabled students working for Spartan Shops.

I ask all of you to please consider this next time you go to any of the Spartan Shops.

Patience Dowell,
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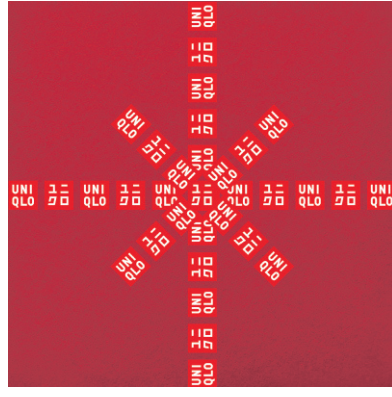
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