

#### **HONORING THE FALLEN**

## Memorial service for slain officer draws thousands



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Thousands mourned slain San Jose police officer Michael Johnson and showed their support to his family during a memorial service on Thursday.

Uniformed officers attended the event at the SAP Center where there were not only officers from the San Jose police force but neighboring departments as far as Santa Cruz and Richmond.

Police motorcycles escorted Johnson's coffin in a procession which began in Los Gatos and arrived at the SAP Center beneath an American flag hoisted by two San Jose Fire Department engines.

A formation of saluting officers met the escort before the memorial ceremony began inside the arena.

Officers carried Johnson's flagdraped coffin with a sole bagpiper leading the way to a small altar adorned with flowers and pictures, flanked by two parked police vehicles.

Assistant Chief of Police Eddie Garcia led the proceedings, which were tearful at some moments, but he and the other speakers managed to continue with few pauses.

Screens outside the stadium displayed the fallen officer's portrait and badge number along with the date of his death.

Johnson was fatally shot by reportedly suicidal 57-year-old Scott Dunham while responding to an

A portrait of slain San Jose police officer Michael Johnson stands at the entrance of the SAP Center, where a memorial was held on Thursday.

### Frats compete for 'Bro of the Year'

By VANESSA GONGORA @\_princessness\_

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Gentlemen of different fraternity houses strutted their stuff down the runway to help support charity at the first annual Bro of the Year Male Pageant held Thursday at the Student Union Theater.

The pageant, presented by Lambda Theta Nu Sorority Inc., consisted of four rounds: introduction, talent, formal wear and Q&A.

There were seven candidates from different fraternities. The Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic



Vanessa Gongora | Spartan Daily Robert Enriquez of Nu Alpha Kappa takes first place at the Bro of the Year Pageant.

Council and United Sorority and Fraternity Council participated in the event.

"We wanted to create Greek unity and also promote our philanthropy and everyone else's," said Crystal Diaz, Lamda Theta Nu alumna sorority

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### Classmate connection site adds tutoring

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Last semester San Jose State was introduced to StudyRoom, along with 99 other university campuses across the United States. Now, StudyRoom is taking its social learning network to the next level by offering one-on-one tutoring to students around the clock.

StudyRoom is a website that gives classmates a platform to connect to help each other with homework or study for a test.

StudyRoom's CEO Emerson Malca created the program in 2012 when he noticed how difficult it was for students to interact with each other, especially in larger classes.

"Students should be able to get help from whoever they want, whenever they want," Malca said.

Malca said other teaching systems like Moodle, a website professors use to accept and assign homework assignments, are more focused toward the needs of teachers instead of the student.

According to Malca, Study-Room's main focus is "students helping other students."

Patrick Loera, a senior English major at SJSU and a tutor for the Educational Opportunity Program, believes StudyRoom is a great idea for students in need of help with courses.

StudyRoom is now used by over 500,000 students in the United

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### **DOWN FOR THE COUNT** WWE NXT invades campus

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Wrestling fanatics joined together at the San Jose State University Event Center on Friday, March 27, to watch the World Wrestling Entertainment NXT event, or WWE NXT.

NXT is a developmental system for the WWE which allows aspiring pro wrestlers to improve on skills and get their name onto the main roster.

WWE Superstars such as Daniel Bryan, Roman Reigns, the Wyatt Family and newly-crowned WWE World Heavyweight champion Seth Rollins all started at NXT.

The audience was engaged with the show throughout the entire night. Fans exchanged high fives, strangers took selfies together and kids were on the edge of their seats waiting to see what was about to happen.

The wrestlers included Finn Balor, Sasha Banks, Adrian Neville, Rhyno and more.

Fans also came up to support NXT Diva and San Jose native Bayley. She partnered with Alexa Bliss in a tag-team match to fight against Becky Lynch and Dana Brooke.

Bayley's positive spirit and vibrant energy inspired many young viewers such as 8-year-old Georgia Dowdy, a fan of Bagley's since she was 5.

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Solomon Crowe fights for leverage and bridges his body during an intense contest with luchador Kalisto during WWE NXT San Jose Live on Friday, March 27.

## Healthvana aims to make STD testing an easier topic

#### BY RAVEN SWAYNE @itsRaven Dawn

Safe sex is a hot topic for most college campuses and a study done by the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada found that about 50 percent of college students do not use condoms during sexual intercourse.

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Students who aren't using protection have the possibility of catching sexually transmitted diseases. Some students don't know where or if they need to get tested.

Healthvana is a new app helping those who know little to nothing about STDs and where to get tested.

CEO Ramin Bastani founded the company in 2011 after having a bad encounter with a woman when he asked her if she had been tested. He wanted there to be an easier way to talk about STDs.

"It can be a scary process ... we make the testing experience totally different," Bastani said.

Healthvana created an app version two years ago. The app is a convenient way to help people find testing centers nearby. It can also tell users which testing centers are free and which ones charge and how much.

If a customer goes to a clinic that uses their health insurance, they can get results right away if their healthcare provider has an agreement with Healthvana.

The app brings together healthcare and the foundation of Yelp. Each testing location has reviews from past patients who let others know how the process went for them and whether or whether not they recommend going to that location.

Christopher Lee, a junior nutrition major, thinks the app will be very helpful for students.

"When you go on a website it just shows you what exactly they offer but the fact that this has reviews, it's way easier. And the fact that it's an app, that's nice," Lee said.

Lee thinks many students have a stigma against STD testing but the convenience of the app might make it easier for students to participate in it.

Healthvana is the first app to deliver HIV test results electronically, according to venturebeat.com.

The program has received high remarks from President Barack Obama. In response to a question from Bastani, Obama said "This is an area where there's going to be a revolution. It's coming. Sounds like (Bastani is) at the forefront of it."

After making an account with Healthvana, members can go to a testing center they choose, then after the results will be sent to them through the app. There is even a new feature when a zipper appears over the test results which allows a couple or group of friends to read the important news together.

To make customers feel comfortable, the app also shows patients the next step to deal with an STD if they test positive.

Adriana Fregoso, a junior nutritional science major at SJSU, is a fan of Healthvana, especially for college students.



Healthvana's new app helps users find STD testing centers nearby and delivers HIV test results electronically.

"I would definitely recommend this app ... there won't be an excuse for me not to be informed about my health conditions," Fregoso said.

Bastani thinks even though students have the option to get tested at their school health center some may not want to out of embarrassment so this app allows them options.

"Getting tested is never a fun thing but it is definitely important," Bastani said.

Bastani said he wants people to feel safe and comfortable with dealing and talking about STDs.

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emergency call.

"As a police chief, you never want to get 'that call.' On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, I got that call," said San Jose Chief of Police Larry Esquivel, describing the moment he was notified of Johnson's death.

The event focused on the man Johnson was in his life, and not solely his death.

His sister Jamie Radack described him as a man who approached everything in life with a "go big, or go home" attitude.

Not only was Johnson a police officer, he was a black belt in judo, gun collector, medal-winning marksman, hiker who walked the Inca Trail in Peru, captain of his high school chess team and baker.

According to Esquivel, cheesecakes were a specialty of Johnson's. Radack said he kept the recipe locked in his gun safe.

California Attorney General Kamala Harris spoke and said Johnson was a "beloved husband, son and friend" and a "dedicated public servant" like his father Daniel before him.

David Solis of the Menlo Park Police Department began his eulogy with a reading from Matthew 3:9 which read: "Blessed are

the peacemakers, for they shall be the sons of God."

tended the police academy together and became friends during their training.

er, we lived together, we partied together when we probably should have been studying together," Solis said.

Solis and Johnson were part of the same academy class as Officer Jeff Fontana, who was shot in 2001 and was the last San Jose police officer killed in the line of duty.

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"Our families, our friends, tell them you love them, because you never know when they're going to be taken away," Solis said.

Solis asked for the audience to give Johnson a standing ovation. Previously, the entire proceeding had been silent, until Solis counted to three and everyone stood and applauded the fallen officer for more than a minute.

After a photo tribute featuring the song "Never Let Go" by Bryan Adams, Radack spoke on behalf of the family.

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She said she always knew her brother would be an officer when he grew up because when they played "cops and robbers" as children "he always insisted on being the cop."

Radack became a lawyer. "My brother Mike genuinely cared about truth, justice and helping people with the same passion he applied to every aspect of his life," Radack said.

Johnson was buried at a private ceremony after the memorial service.

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## **David Perez**

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David Perez is the Poet Laureate of Santa Clara County. The author of Love in a Time of Robot Apocalypse, and a repeat guest on the NPR series Snap Judgment, in 2012 Perez was voted Best Author in the Bay by the SF Bay Guardian.

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States is the largest social learning network in the world, according to StudyRoom data.

"From a tutor's standpoint, I think it's a great opportunity for students not only to network but to share information, but it does miss that personal touch," Loera said.

Loera thinks it is a positive way for students to help each other, but he worries the lack of personal interaction could lead to misunderstandings.

When students sign up for the program, they can message with classmates or with students who have taken the course before. They can choose to keep in contact online or to meet. It is up to students if they want more personal contact.

The main feature StudyRoom, released this Spring semester, is one that allows students to ask specific questions to other students who classify as tutors. Easier questions are free but difficult question cost more. Prices can range from \$1.99-\$9.99.

Student tutors are chosen based on "reputation points," which means each time a student answers a question correctly and has had good interactions with past students, they'll receive a point. The more points they have in a specific subject means they may be chosen to tutor other students in that subject.

Michael Bries, a sophomore social science major, thinks the concept of StudyRoom is great but he has one main concern.

"The idea sounds great," Bries said. "When you look at an internet program like that it's more of a transition. It would take time for students to adapt to it because it every student is more used to having an instructor, having a one-onone hands on experience, but the idea is flawless."

Malca believes "every student in the country has something to teach," and he wanted to create this program so it would be easier.

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member and graduate of San Jose State.

Proceeds from the event were split with 80 percent going to the Latina Youth Leadership Conference and 20 percent to the winner's philanthropy of choice.

The panel of judges from student involvement was composed of United Sorority and Fraternity Council advisor Tayler Marshall, the Interfraternity Council advisor Benjamin Perez and National Pan-Hellenic Council Advisor Emerald Green.

The talent portion showcased the students' variety of skills that surprised the audience.

Some of the talents consisted of Derek Wong from Sigma Chi who reenacted the Napoleon Dynamite dance, Garrett Rich from Pi Kappa Phi who performed standup comedy and Carlos Cortez from Sigma Delta Alpha who played the guitar.

"It takes a lot of guts. There was a lot of people here and to stand up there and do all the cool things like rave and stand-up comedy, I think that was awesome," Diaz said.

Emcees of the night were Diaz and Rigo Flores, 2014's homecoming king and queen.

"It's nice to see all the councils come together and represent each of their houses in such a unique way," Flores said.

Flores' favorite part of the show was watching the guys on the catwalk.

"That was really funny and they were creative," Flores said. "It takes courage to do that."

For third place in the competition there was a tie between Cortez from Sigma Delta Alpha and Frankie Garcia from Gamma Zeta Alpha. In second place was Wong from Sigma Chi and in first place was Robert Enriquez from Nu Alpha Kappa.

Enriquez, a senior forensic science major, participated in the pageant because he thought it would be a great way to represent his fraternity.

"I felt I was the best candidate from my fraternity brothers to do it," Enriquez said. "It's very rewarding. I'm excited and happy to be Bro of the Year."

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## FAT TUESDAY Kenzo delivers unlimited sushi without flavor

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The thought of all-youcan-eat sushi makes me bounce off the walls with excitement while simultaneously freezing me with apprehension.

The price is the only thing that keeps me from eating it on a nightly basis.

I have a heavy appetite and sushi is light, so I have to eat a minimum of three rolls for my hunger cravings to disperse. Afterward my stomach feels fantastic, but my wallet is famished.

When I heard of Kenzo Japanese Restaurant on 5465 Snell Ave., I was surprised that they offered all you can eat sushi. For just \$24.95 per person, a customer can order any roll or nigiri (sliced raw fish) they want in whatever quantity they desire.

As an avid sushi lover, I had to try this seemingly justly-priced meal for myself; keyword, seemingly.

I even skipped lunch in order to maximize the amount of seafood I could consume. Naturally I didn't want to pig out alone, so I enlisted a friend of mine who also has a hankering for Japanese cuisine.

We ordered six rolls to start off and I anticipated more would be ordered afterward.

The first four rolls came on one platter and included two of my favorites, the "caterpillar" and "Spiderman," along with the "animal style" roll and the "spicy mamacitta."

Our reaction was a mixed bag, which was an unfortunate surprise. The "mamacitta" and "caterpillar" for the most part held up strong although the "mamacitta" was not nearly as fiery as I had hoped.

The "animal style" roll was bland. The only appetizing ingredient was the seaweed adorned on top of the roll. The fish in the roll had less flavor than the rice

surrounding it, making the roll difficult to consume. Rice does not make a good dominate flavor.

The "Spiderman" was lacking much of the trademark capelin fish roe (eggs) that's a key ingredient in the roll's recipe, and the crab tempura was crunchy too the point that it was tough to chew.

Two rolls we ordered came were from the special menu, consisting of lobster and scallops, our hopes were high for amazing tastes.

Alas, these rolls were the most disappointing and it's hard to ruin baby island and bacon lobster rolls.

I think I have figured out why Kenzo feels comfortable offering all-you-caneat sushi. It is because its sushi is so throughly lacking flavor, they can only sell it in bulk.

Both rolls were crammed with cream cheese which overpowered the flavor of the rolls.



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The animal style, mamacitta, Spiderman, and caterpillar rolls are just four of over three dozen sushi rolls made at Kenzo Japanese Restaurant on 5465 Snell Ave.

The cream cheese combined with unusually thick layers of rice made a roll designed to fill you up rather than satisfy your taste buds, ruining the meal.

And the nigiri they offer should be avoided, when it's not sour it's devoid of the fresh salty flavor sushi lovers expect from this dish.

This restaurant is perfect for a group who wants to fill themselves up on a smorgasbord of seafood, but for the accomplished diner who is accustomed to fresh authentic sushi they will want to go to another establishment.

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Photo by Brandon Chew | Spartan Daily Crowd favorite Enzo Amore makes the hot tag to his partner Big Cass just before Murphy can stop him during WWE NXT on Friday, March 27.





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"The War Machine" Rhyno tries to escape a pinning move by the massive Baron Corbin during WWE NXT at the Event Center on March 27.



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Big Cass dishes out a series of nasty elbow jabs to Blake during WWE NXT on March 27.

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"I like Bayley because she's so happy and I've been following her since she was Davina Rose," Dowdy said.

WWE superstar and COO Triple H made a surprise appearance and was welcomed with a wild reaction by the entire audience that chanted, "N-X-T."

Triple H thanked the crowd for their support which made the event a huge success. According to allwrestling.com, the event made NXT WWE history for being the first sold-out event that seated about 5,000 fans.

"There is amazing energy," said self-described superfan Rick Archberger. "You can feel the blood crowd reaction. This is the future of WWE."

Achberger attends 40-50 WWE shows a year, and always sits in the front row at WWE events wearing a red hat and a blue work• There is amazing energy ... You can feel the blood crowd reaction. This is the future of WWE.

> **Rick Archberger** WWE self-described superfan

man shirt holding up funny signs aimed toward the wrestlers. Archberger is also known as "the WWE sign guy."

Witnessing the thrilling wrestlers fight their hearts out, caused fans to reminisce on their childhood wrestling experiences. Many of the attendees have been WWE fans for over 20 years, and grew up with the sport.

Jennifer Lewis has been a WWE supporter since the Ultimate Warrior era. She traveled from New York to attend the wrestling event.

"This is my first time at

NXT and it's pretty exciting. I love it," Lewis said. "I've been a wrestling fan since I was 4 years old and I'm 36 now."

WWE is significant to 29-year-old Cristal Hipolito. Before her father passed away in last December, they bonded through wrestling.

Many celebrities were in attendance including hip-hop artist Wale, WWE owner Vince McMahon and former WWE commentator Jim Ross.

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## The Obama-Cruz birther situation is a lesson on political hypocrisy

#### **Raphael Stroud**



Rafael "Ted" Cruz is the first Republican to announce he's running for president.

Donald Trump brought up a very interesting point, mentioning in an interview how Cruz was born in Canada.

Despite this Cruz has gone on to become the youngest, longest running and first Latino solicitor general of Texas.

But it wasn't how Trump mentioned his Canadian birth, it was the way he described it as "a hurdle" he would have to overcome compared to other competitors, and not a bid-ending ineligibility.

Other Republicans don't share Trump's sentiments, believing it won't seclude him from the presidency.

Mass media is even debunking the idea that you have to be born in the U.S. to be president, and Fox News gave Cruz the chance to clear the air over the "non-issue." Now turn the calendar back

seven years and think of a certain smear campaign against a Democratic nominee.

President Barack Obama was hounded about possibly being born Kenyan because his father was African, even though his mother was American.

Not to shame Cruz on his ethnicity or first name choice, but he doesn't need to be born in Texas to fit the right's ideal of being as American as apple pie

How low did the right go? Low enough to manipulate an interview with his grandmother to falsely claim he was born in Kenya.

Obama's twice-released birth certificate was even accused of being forged.

This was a movement supported by Trump, Sarah Palin, Mike Huckabee and Newt Gingrich—also known as people allowed to make decisions that affect the country. And what party is complete without healthy (and one-sided) coverage by the "fair and balanced" Fox News to give the "birthers" an air of validity?

Former presidential nominee John McCain didn't outright use the conspiracy against Obama, probably because he had his own nearly nonexistent issue to deal with: being born in the Canal Zone in Panama.

So far there has only been mild questioning of Cruz's eligibility, but it's still very early in the presidential race.

While I wouldn't put it past Republican nominees to use Cruz's birth as a campaign tactic—after all, Hillary Clinton did it to Obama when they competed—they would be shooting themselves in the foot if they didn't.

Ignoring that it's easier to bring right-wingers against a hypothetically African-Muslim candidate than a passesfor-white Hispanic Canadian, the Republican Party will have to acknowledge this discrepancy down the line or Democrats will have plenty of ammunition to call them out as hypocrites or even racists.

Republicans, notably Tea Partiers, spent the better part of Obama's campaign broadcasting its suspicions of his eligibility. If they downplay the issue with Cruz, they risk extreme followers catching on to inconsistency.

The excuse with Cruz is

that he was born to American citizens, but so was Obama and that didn't stop anyone from treating him like an illegal immigrant.

When Obama's nationality was questioned, it was covered like an actual issue, feeding the conspiracies as though anything could really come out of it.

But with Cruz so far, the media is going out of its way to clear any doubts, like it was supposed to back then.

There's a really simple way to understand this.

Remember at the Oscars when the winning Mexican director received a green card joke and none of his European counterparts did?

I don't want to say "racism," but again, it's easier casting doubt with a hypothetically African-Muslim than a Canadian-born Christian Hispanic who goes by Ted instead of Rafael—a man with no accent and fairer skin than most Latinos.

Not to shame Cruz on his ethnicity or first name choice, but he doesn't need to be born in Texas to fit the right's ideal of being as American as apple pie.

Barack Hussein Obama, on the other hand, is the socialist-communist-Muslim-Arab-Kenyan bogeyman Republicans use to scare "less tolerant" Americans into voting for them during elections.

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## We shouldn't be taking showers everyday

#### **Rain Stites**



drought in the first ever statewide enforced water reduction, according to California's official website.

This wasn't going to stop me from taking my showers though. How much water could I really be using?

I looked into it.

tics in terms of this "average" 8-minute shower.

At an average flow rate of 2.1 gallons of water per minute, the average American requires about 17.2 gallons of water to get clean, according to Home Water Works.

To better understand this

For each day that I stood in the shower, more than 3,000 children died of diarrhoeal diseases mostly because of unsafe water.

I understand that cutting down showers won't give these people access to water any more than they already have. However, as California's drought continues, the thought hits home. For Californians, it is more important than ever before that we think about water reduction. Yes, although it has rained a few times in the past few months, California is still in a severe drought. Last year was the driest year on record in California's history. Especially with the current drought, it is important that we think about these things. It is important that we think outside the context of our own lives. Shower reduction is only a step. The Home Water Works organization found that showers are the third largest sources of water use in the average American home after toilet use and laundry. While I was traveling in New Zealand, I stayed at a place where water conservation was of the utmost importance. So much so that rainwater was collected in old soda bottles and heated by the sun to use for daily "showers." This, I thought, was completely insane. We might not have to get this extreme just yet. But it is important to think about. Be conservative with the resources we have been lucky enough to access. They may not be always be as accessible as we thought.

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With the twist of a knob, beads of clear water cascade to the bottom of the white tiles. As the warm droplets and steam begin to fill the bathroom walls, clean water runs down the drain of the bathtub. Nearly a minute has passed

and the water has barely reached an ideal temperature.

Finally, I step into the pouring water and begin to let it wash away the troubles of my day.

Prior to a few weeks ago, I considered this to be a daily routine: my shower.

Each night when I got home, I jumped in the shower for the equivalent of a few songs on my Pandora playlist.

It's something I looked forward to, something I thought I deserved. I was not alone.

According to a Euromonitor poll, the majority of average Americans consider this to be a part of their daily routine as nearly every American showers every day.

I love taking showers. It is important, however, that I limit my daily showers. We all need to.

Last week, Gov. Jerry Brown implemented a mandatory 25 percent cutback on water use due to California's Water scarcity has never been a thought to me. Maybe because my name is Rain, I always thought I could do a little dance and the weather would be in my control. (I'm only kidding)

A mere five-minute shower, Marcelo Gleiser wrote in an article for NPR, uses more water than the average person living in the slums of a developing country would for an entire day.

After learning this, taking a shower every day no longer made me feel clean. It felt dirty.

The average American, according to the Home Water Works organization, showers for about 8.2 minutes. I'd be willing to bet, however, this number represents a short shower for most people. But let's look at the statisamount, the bigger, square milk jugs at the grocery store hold one gallon of milk. The average American shower, using 17.2 gallons of water, would fill a little more than 17 of these containers.

This number is outrageous. Unless you've placed a bucket atop the drain and plan to water the plants afterward, the shower process tends to be a bit wasteful.

If we cut our showers to even every other day, think about how much water can be saved.

Water scarcity has never been a thought to me. Maybe because my name is Rain, I always thought I could do a little dance and the weather would be in my control. (I'm only kidding).

Water is a part of a constant cycle. I mean, it literally falls from the sky, so it couldn't be wasted, I thought. I was wrong.

While the same water has been a part of this cycle for billions of years, less than 1 percent of Earth's water is fresh water that can actually be used by humans.

Most people in developed countries, such as the United States, have access to clean water. Our next drink of water is not a common concern.

This is not true for everyone. One in nine people worldwide lack access to clean and safe drinking water, according to The Water Project.

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## /-- FINGER TO THE PULSE / Newer technology is not always better

### Jeremy Cummings



Technological process has always been a part of humanity's interests. Advances are made charging headlong into the walls of scientific uncertainty and amazing breakthroughs in all types of technology have been made throughout history.

People don't always look before they leap though, and many of the biggest technological breakthroughs are made without making sure we are ready for the consequences that accompany them. New inventions in all fields of technology, from weapons to communications, are created without enough thought into how they could impact future generations.

The atomic bomb and the smartphone are two perfect, albeit drastically different, examples of this problem.

In the 1960s and 70s the U.S. funneled countless millions into its fledgling nuclear program to build devices that could more effectively destroy other humans.

Throughout the development of the atomic bomb, there were many accidents. Some were due to the volatile nature of radioactive material, and some were due to simple mechanical failures or human error.

Many engineers working on the development of the bomb were exposed to lethal doses of radiation, and on multiple occasions bombs were accidentally detonated or dropped.

In 1958, a flight crew carrying a nuclear payload nearly destroyed Mars Bluff, an unincorporated community in South Carolina, when a navigator accidentally pulled the emergency release switch.

Thankfully the fission core was stored separately from the bomb, because had the bomb been fully constructed it would likely have killed thousands.

Now due to advances in nuclear technology we have enough weapons to destroy the world many times over. Many of the worst disasters in the world have also

been nuclear related, such as Chernobyl or the more recent Fukushima meltdown.

Humanity is not mentally mature enough to handle that sort of power, and we are slowly learning to deal with the implications.

Even with less destructive technology, humanity tends to get ahead of itself.

Since smartphones became more common, newer versions of the technology are constantly hitting the market and the phones are becoming staples in some peoples' lives and crutches in others.

Up until about six months ago though, I had an old school brick phone. Whenever I was with my friends I would notice that anytime there was the slightest lull in conversation, they all instinctively pulled out their phones and faded away into this other realm in the palm of their hands.

Smart phones allow people to escape any small amount of discomfort in their lives. Awkward silences, family dinners and boring classes are all made easier with the escape of the smartphone.

Discomfort is an important part of being human, though, and smart phones take that away.

A USA Today article published in 2011 said that even four years ago people who habitually used their phones to escape situations become overly dependent on them and cannot fully function if they are separated from their devices.

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This issue may only get worse in the future as children are exposed to tablets and other technology at earlier ages and learn to interact only through the digital medium for their entire lives.

The constant connection technology provides also enables an ever-present sphere of surveillance. This includes vast institutional surveillance such as the NSA programs leaked by Edward Snowden and published by journalist Glenn Greenwald and the everyday surveillance of social media.

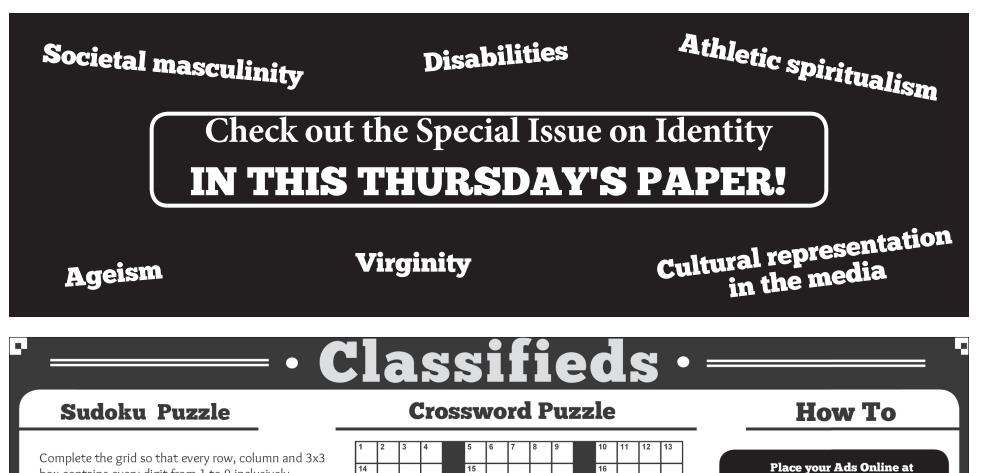
Through Facebook stalking and constant Twitter updates, people can monitor each other's lives almost in real time. The iPhone can almost be seen as a pocket surveillance hub if you look at it the right way.

Police are even using social media more and more to find or pursue leads and make arrests.

Technological advancements are neither inherently good nor bad.

All that matters is whether or not humanity can be mature enough to put all of its toys to proper use.

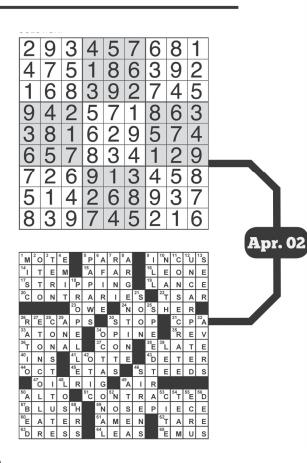
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## 6 SPORTS Quakes topped by Salt Lake

#### RSL 1, Quakes 0

**By Abraham Rodriguez** @*Abe\_rodriguezzz* 

An unusually cold day at the new Avaya Stadium had sports heavyweights Andrew Luck and U.S. Men's National Team Head Coach Jurgen Klinsmann in attendance. Neither of the two could have helped the Quakes maintain dominance on the pitch as the home team suffered its first home loss against Real Salt Lake.

The game's lone goal came from Salt Lake's Javier Morales at the 44th minute of the first half. The shot came after a free kick following a foul on Salt Lake by Quake's Innocent Emeghara.

The yellow card was enough to spur Salt Lake into a kick that bounced off the defenders, rebounding back to Morales who returned it with a volley into the Quake's box.

Dominic Kinnear, head coach of the Earthquakes, praised the team's defense but wants to see more quality from the team.

"In the end when you walk off the field losing 1–0, it's not a thrilling day," Kinnear said.



Randy Vazquez | Spartan Daily Midfielder Sanna Nyassi, left, wrestles through contact from Real Salt Lake's Abdoulie Mansally, right, during the Earthquakes' loss on Sunday.

Sunday's match between the San Jose Earthquakes and Real Salt Lake could have been a toss-up between the two teams.

Salt Lake has no losses so far this season in three games and the Quakes had been trailing with a record of 2–2, putting them near the top of the Western arm of the league.

Changes to the starting lineup had team captain and local legend Chris Wondolowski playing deeper than his usual striker position as midfielder.

Weaknesses became apparent through the first half as the Quakes failed to keep possession in the midfield, giving Salt Lake's Kyle Beckerman free range.

"I definitely don't think that was our best 90 yet but we still gave Salt Lake a bit of a test," Wondolowski said.

The Quakes held a sufficient amount of possession time during the match but could not match their shots to any points against Salt Lake.

With 12 attempted goals during the match each shot by the Quakes was deflected. A total of six yellow cards were given out, split evenly between the two teams.

Quakes defender Shaun Francis suffered the worst injury of the game after being hit in the head in the first half. Francis was substituted by midfielder J.J. Koval.

Despite the loss, midfielder Fatai Alashe was happy to be back on U.S. soil after a trip overseas with the national team's under-23 team in an exhibition.

"Playing with the national team is different than playing here, but the actual play on the field is similar," Alashe said. "It's a good transition, keeps you playing at a high pace."

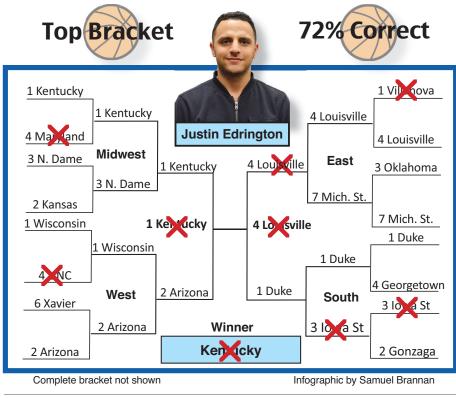
Sunday's loss to Salt Lake puts the Quakes in sixth place in the Western Conference. Real Salt Lake proceeds to third place below FC Dallas at No. 2 and the Vancouver Whitecaps FC at No. 1.

The Quakes will host the Vancouver Whitecaps FC for the first meeting between the two teams at Avaya Stadium on Saturday.

Abraham Rodriguez is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



### March Madness Staff Winner





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Colorado State's Haley David drops a bunt during an 8-0 loss to San Jose State at the SJSU Softball Field on Saturday, April 4.

## Spartans avoid sweep

Game 3: Spartans 8, Rams 0

**By Adrian Monroy** @iammanr0y

The San Jose State softball team took the last game of the series against the visiting Colorado State University Rams and avoided a series sweep on Saturday.

In their first two losses, the Spartans didn't score, but scored eight runs in the last game. Senior pitcher Madison Fish got the loss and dropped her season record to 12–4. Fish said close games, such as the ones

against the Rams pumps her up more. "I trust in my team much more and

I never lose that focus, but especially in tight situations like that, I have no room for mistakes," Fish said.

On Saturday, the Spartan offense woke up as they beat the Rams 8–0.

Only five innings were played due to the NCAA run-rule, which says that a game ends when a team is winning by eight or more runs after five innings.

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITY Friday's game was neck-and-neck as

the Spartans lost 1–0 and were shutout for the second game in a row.

The game was scoreless through the first four innings.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the Rams had runners on first and second. Haley David singled and the runner from second was nearly thrown out by the Spartans' senior rightfielder Michelle Cox.

Before the seventh inning, the Spartans had a huddle and Head Coach Peter Turner had a talk with the players.

"You never know when it's going to be your inning. It could be the first, third or last," Turner said. "We've seen the pitcher enough and I thought we should have done a better job of squaring her off. We were a hit away and we didn't tie anything together today. In the third inning, junior infielder Jessie Hufstetler hit a two run home run to make it 3–0. This was her 10th home run of the season.

The Spartans added two more runs in the fourth inning.

Junior infielder Taylor Purdy had three RBIs, while junior infielder Alyssa Martinez and Hufstetler each had two RBIs.

"We came out ready to play today. Swinging at the first available pitch that we felt was a strike and got good results," Purdy said.

Lang shutout pitched the whole game and shutout the Rams. She improved her season record to 9–7.

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