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Voting threat stirs up university

Campus mixed on Orange County scandal

By Phil Bennett

Daily Staff Writer With allegations of voter intimidation coming out of a congressional race in Orange County, some in the San Jose State University community have mixed reactions.

Tan Nguyen, a Republican congressional candidate, is being accused of sending out letters threatening Hispanics with arrest if they turn out to vote, according to an Associated Press article.

Nguyen has denied the allegations, according to the Associated Press article.

"Sometimes candidates who are behind in the polls start lying and cheating in a desperate attempt to deceive the voters," said Chuck Reed, a San Jose mayoral candidate. "Desperate candidates who are facing defeat often say things that are deceptive in hopes of knocking voters away from their opponents."

Nguyen, a Vietnamese immigrant, resisted calls from leaders in his own party to quit the race, according to the Associated Press.

"I don't think Nguyen should step down over what he did," said Evan Alonzo, a business and accounting major. "His letter was misleading in that it implicated that all immigrants could be arrested instead of only illegal immigrants." According to the Associated Press, Nguyen said he had no prior knowledge of the letter that told thousands of Orange County immigrants they could be jailed if they voted.



From left, Sheridan Zalewski, Oscar Anguiano and Neal Terrell fight each other in the virtual world of video games in the Student Union Barrett Ballroom on Saturday. The competition began at noon and ended at 10:30 p.m.

Smashing competition



CFA holds car wash protest

Faculty members claim chancellor's salary hurts CSU

By Mary Beth Hislop

Daily Staff Writer

The bright and shiny red Hummer sport utility vehicle parked in the Ninth Street Plaza last week may not have looked like it needed a car wash, but that didn't prevent several San Jose State University faculty members from encouraging students and others to wash it.

The faux car wash was staged by the California Faculty Association on Tuesday to protest budget cuts. The CFA claims the budget cuts resulted in larger class sizes, decreased class offerings and increased university fees (tuition) and faculty workload, CFA President Liz Cara said.

"We've had it," said Cara, who is also an associate professor of occupational therapy. Dressed as a "fat cat" and smoking a fake cigar in front

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Talk focuses on Mideast

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Alumnus recalls war story

Marine commander served in Afghanistan

By Lalee Sadighi Daily Staff Writer

Gen. Anthony L. Jackson, deputy commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command and a San Jose State University alumnus, shared his perspective on the war in Afghanistan on Friday afternoon in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

Jackson, who obtained both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the history department at SJSU in the '70s, was back on campus to talk about his personal account of the Afghanistan war and the American effort to install a secure, stable and peaceful Islamic Republic in Afghanistan, a country that has been at war since 1979.

Video game players from all over the Bay Area came together on Saturday in the Student Union Barrett Ballroom for a 14-hour competition in hopes of winning a cash prize.

Student Union hosts 129 gamers for second Nor Cal Tournament

By Kris Anderson

Daily Staff Writer As dusk approached on Saturday, the San Jose State University campus around the Student Union was silent as rhythmic bursts of blue light escaped from the Barrett Ballroom.

The video game "Super Smash Brothers 2" flickered on TVs for more than 10 hours, eliciting shrieks of delight and frustration from 129 gamers hailing from across America and the world, who competed in the second annual Nor Cal Tournament, according to Karthik Selvakumar, an organizer for

the event.

Parallel sets of tables situated in the center of the room and across the back wall shrouded tangles of wire and empty Monster Energy drinks while onlookers stood with eyeballs fixed to screens.

Selvakumar said this tournament was the culmination of eight months of planning and spreading the word over the Internet.

Gamers, who select characters from various Nintendo game titles and engage in one-on-one karate-like combat, competed for up to \$2,000 in cash, Sel-

Karthik Selvakumar, an Ohlone College freshman is the man behind this year's video game competition held in the Student Union Barrett Ballroom on Saturday.

majoring in computer science,

The players often referred to each

"Ken is by far and away the best play-

other by their aliases, such as Scamp, S.

er in America," said Scamp, whose real

name is David Cantrell. "It would be a

as his moniker, said he was gearing up

for the Major League Gaming Champi-

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onship in Las Vegas on Nov. 18.

Ken Hong, who uses his first name

According to www.mlgpro.com, Ken

disappointment if anybody else won."

logues Lecture Series in Clark Hall at San Jose State University on Friday with the topic of the struggle between groups in the Middle East between cultures with a common heritage in Abraham.

Keady said Jews, Christians and Arabs have common origins in ancient history.

"This is an area of world concern in the Abrahamic traditions, which means that Jews, Christian and Arabs share the belief that Abraham is the father of their respective theologies," Keady said.

Keady, who moderated the discussion, said the differences between these groups keep them in conflict.

The speaker was Yehezkel Landau, of Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, who had an extensive background in the study of Abrahamic traditions after much research, including living in Israel for more than 30 years.

According to Landau, the differences between

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International House residents run in marathon

By Lindsay Bryant Daily Staff Writer

stood on the stretch between Park Avenue and Almaden Boulevard, anticipating the start gun and the beginning of their marathon, half-marathon or 5,000-meter run.

The ninth annual Metro Silicon Valley Marathon featured eight San Jose State University students and residents of the International House, as they stood on the start line in matching bright orange T-shirts to race into new and unexplored territory.

thon before," said team organizer cheered and rallied for the runners At 7 a.m. Saturday, 3,000 runners Adrian Wiesebron, a software engineering major and student from run together."

> Running the out-and-back course to Los Gatos High School, first-place runner Sean Gross came through the finish in 2:42:40, and first for women was Alexandra Wolfe with a time of 3:07:25. Both runners ran qualifying times for the Boston Marathon.

As the runners crossed the tape into Discovery Meadow Park, fam-

"Only two of us have run a mara- ily, friends and community members coming down the home stretch.

vakumar said.

Royal and Ken.

"Boston Bound" signs waved, a baby France. "We want to just have fun and in a "Go Mommy 26.2" onesie waddled across the grass and spectators dressed in Halloween costumes yelled for the runners, many saying "thank you" or screaming "woo-hoo" as they neared the end.

> Wiesebron, Clement Guyot from France and Omar Cossio Gonzalez from Spain ran down the 100-meter-

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Runners from the San Jose International House sprinted through the start of the Metro Silicon Valley Marathon at seven on Sunday morning. The marathon started in downtown San Jose and stretched a total of 26.2 miles.

Difficult Dialogue examines religious conflict in region

By Adam Browne

Daily Staff Writer Richard Keady opened the third Difficult Dia-



UPINIO MONDAY OCTOBER 30, 2006

LIFE ON STANDBY

The tradition of daylight-saving time is one I can do without

"Spring forward, fall back" was a phrase I remember often hearing from my elementary teachers. I thought they had been so smart to come up with such a "cool" way to remember which way the clocks should turn.

Maybe some of you arrived really early or late to your destinations Sunday because you had forgotten about daylight-saving time.

Or maybe you forgot whether to go an hour forward or back.

Ah yes, daylight-saving time.

Whether it is starting or ending, I shudder every time I hear those three words.

It's not that I forget to turn the clocks an hour forward during the spring when it begins or that the clocks go an hour back when it ends in the fall.

I'm pretty good at remembering that.

It's just that for the next month, I'll suffer major brain farts that will always have me thinking, "The time says 6 p.m., but it really should be 7 p.m." during the fall and, "It should really be 5 p.m., but the clock reads 6 p.m.," during the spring.

Get what I mean? No, maybe not.

Some like the end of daylight-saving time because when that last Sunday in October nears, they know they'll get an extra hour of sleep, while in the fall they

lose that hour. But if we never have to acknowledge it, does it really happen?

I remember when I was younger, my brothers and I were going to rebel against it and not change the clocks in our house.

The problem with that was it worked fine and dandy in our home, but arriving late for school the next day didn't make our JANET MARCELO parents or teachers very happy

with us. Thus, came the end to our one-day rebellion. But why couldn't we be like Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands, which don't observe the event, according to an article on the California Energy Commission Web site by former information officer Bob Aldrich.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Would it be so bad not to continue the tradition?

Aldrich wrote that one of the main reasons why we acknowledge daylight-saving time was to save energy because "energy use and the demand for electricity for lighting our homes is directly connected to when we go to bed and when we get up."

And with the energy crisis that we seem to suffer on a periodic basis, I guess that makes sense.

The Uniform Time Act of 1966 is the American law that made it so we turn our clocks forward in the spring and back in the fall.

According to the Aldrich article "the law does not require that anyone observe Daylight Saving Time; all the law says is that if we are going to observe Daylight Saving Time, it must be done uniformly."

So, that's why my brothers and my rebellion didn't work — we needed the whole school, city and state in on it as well.

Go figure.

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Also, it's not like the rules for daylight-saving time

are carved in stone. Congress recently passed the energy Policy Act of 2005, which will take place in March 2007.

In it, daylight-saving time will start the second Sunday of March instead of the first Sunday of April, and end the first Sunday of November instead of the last Sunday of October.

So, it's not too late to make the rebellion happen. I just need Congress' help to go about passing it. Oh well, maybe next time, after the brain fart surpasses.

And in case you are lost in time and still don't know what hour in the day it is, you can always give "popcorn" a call and have the monotoned recording tell you.

She's pretty good at it: "Good morning (afternoon or evening). At the tone, Pacific Standard Time will be (insert hour), (insert minute) and (insert second)." Beep.

Janet Marcelo is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. "Life on Standby" appears every Monday.

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TODAY

School of Art and Design

Student Galleries Art Exhibitions in Galleries 2, 3, 5, 8, Herbert Sanders and Black Gallery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building and Industrial Studies building. For more information, contact the gallery office at (408) 924-4330.

How Does the Relationship Rate: Healthy vs. Unhealthy?

A discussion on a healthy vs. unhealthy relationship from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center in the Student Union. For more information, e-mail Annalyn Cruz at annalyn.cruz@sjsu.edu.

Counseling Services

Counseling Services will host an international students discussion group from 3 to 4:20 p.m. in the Administration building room 201. For more information, contact Lynda Yoshikawa or Tsuey-Jing Fan at (408) 924-5910.

Counseling Services

Counseling Services will host a mediation and stress reduction group from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Administration building room 201. For more information, contact Mark Forman at (408) 924-5910.

TUESDAY

Concert Series

A part of the listening hour celebration titled "Celebrating Electric Jazz Guitar Music" from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at (408) 924-4649.

Counseling Services

Counseling Services will host a men's process group from 2:30 to 3:50 p.m. in the Administration building room 201. For more information, contact Kell Fujimoto or David Emmert at (408) 924-5910.

HR 101 Effective Business Writing

A training session on the elements of effective business writing including letters, memos, e-mail, job procedures and more from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Clark Hall room 547. For more information, contact Lindsay Hamm at (408) 924-2141 or e-mail lindsay.hamm@sjsu.edu.

Economics Department Provocative Lecture A lecture on "Cancer Risks: Government Myths and Scientific Reality" with lecturer Bruce Ames

from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr. Library room 225. For more information, contact

Jeff Hummel at (408) 924-5418 or e-mail

jhummel@ggu.edu.

Minority leaders deserve a shot at running for the president position

I do not want people to be agreeable, as it saves me the trouble of liking them. – Jane Austen

How does the phrase "madam president" sound? Or how about seeing 43 pictures of white presidents on the wall of classroom and one black one?

Well, if rumors hold true, there is a possibility that either of those two scenarios, perhaps even both, could be reality by 2009.

And it is about time.

Although the 2008 presidential election is still two years away, the speculation about who will throw his or her cap into the race has long since started.

The beauty about the speculation is that it is not the same middle-aged too-old white men that the country has seen since George Washington.

For a while now, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-NY, has been considered to make a presidential run in 2008. And more recently, Sen. Barack Obama, D-III., has been rumored to be putting his name in the mix.

If this is true, and considering we are about a year away from most official announcements, it will mark one of the first times that a strong minority or woman candidate will be running for commander in chief.

In 1984, Geraldine Ferraro ran for vice president on the Democratic ticket with Walter Mondale, but lost to Ronald Regan.

She was the only woman candidate on a major-party ticket in the United States. There were a

Other countries, including England, India and Panama, have elected women to the top post, but the country with the most diverse population has not.

And both Clinton and Obama can make legitimate runs for the office.

And it's about time.

It is still too early to tell who will make a run for the party's nomination, and there could still be other women and nonwhites who begin that run.

It is refreshing to see that the American society is becoming more tolerant.

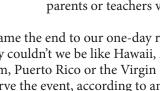
According to U.S. Census estimates from 2004, 80.4 percent of Americans are white, with Hispanics making up the nest highest with 14.1 percent.

However, in some states, the whites are not the majority.

According to the same U.S. Census 2004 estimates, 44.5 percent of Californians are white and not of Hispanic decent.

According to a CBS/New York Times poll released Feb. 5, 55 percent of Americans said the United States is ready for a woman president and 92 percent said they would vote for a woman if she were "qualified."

The poll was conducted from Jan. 20-25 and sampled 1,229 adults and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent. According to www.cbsnews.com, the number of Americans who think the United States is ready for a woman president is up 7 percent from a 1999 poll asking the same question. And the numbers are up 10 percent from a Gallup poll from 1987 for who would vote for a "qualified" woman candidate. Of course, anything can happen between now and 2008, but if the rumors surrounding the candidates hold true, then the election will be a historic occasion.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A.S.'s efforts to register voters lack the momentum from previous years

Dear editor,

I am afraid the news is bittersweet. Associated Students has done amazing things in the past handful of years, and I am still proud to be a part of campus life.

It is great that A.S. is still registering students to vote, and registering approximately 500 students in three weeks is quite a phenomenal thing.

However, what I find disheartening is the loss of momentum A.S. has exhibited.

In the past, A.S. efforts have registered 1,100 students to vote in just one week, held a Rock the Vote concert event for students, held public forums for voter education, held candidate forums, rallied at events on Capitol Hill and mobilized students to the polls in a parade.

I know the A.S. Director of Legislative Affairs Michael Reyes says that the next step is to educate students in regards to the issues and candidates, which is true, but I have yet to hear or see any publicity for any of these events.

When and where are these voter education events, A.S.?

When and where are you going to mobilize students to the polls, A.S.?

When and where are the students going to meet local candidates, A.S.?

The clock is ticking. You have until Nov. 7 to tell us.

Mike Nguyen recreation and leisure studies senior

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number of women who ran on third party tickets, and

a few have run in the Republican and Democratic primaries, but none has made a serious run at the presidential office.

Likewise, a minority candidate has not run on a major ticket, though there have been non-white candidates in the primaries, including Rev. Al Sharpton in the 2004 Democratic primary.

But for more than 200 years, presidents have all shared the same gender and skin color.

Granted for the better part of a century, only land owning, white men could vote, the trend has been disturbing.

Just because a candidate bucks the status quo, however, doesn't mean that we should vote for him or her. Rather, voters should vote for the candidate who best matches their views.

It just seems disturbing that the candidate who has matched those views has been a white man for 43 presidents.

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CFA-Group claims unfair negotiations

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of the parked Hummer, Cara said California State University administrators approved an executive compensation increase of 19.4 percent in 2005, but only 3.5 percent for faculty that same year.

"The Hummer shows the greed," Cara said.

The car wash represents the second job students and faculty will need to make ends meet, according to an ad promoting the event.

Cara also wore a sandwich board that listed CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed's compensation package: a \$350,000 annual salary, a \$1,000 monthly car allowance and free housing.

Reed actually makes \$362,500 each year, said Paul Browning, media relations specialist for the Office of the Chancellor. He said the house Reed lives in, expensefree, is in Long Beach.

Cara said the association is also frustrated by current contract negotiations.

The CSU faculty contract expired in July 2005, and January 2007 will mark two years of deliberations, Cara said, adding that the chancellor's negotiators have walked away from the bargaining table twice.

"So, we're mad," Cara said. "We don't feel the chancellor bargains in good faith."

"They're in impasse right now," Browning said of the negotiations, meaning that negotiations will be mediated by an impartial party. He said the process months.

Assistant professor of history Pat Don said contract negotiations between the chancellor and faculty were just as difficult five years ago when the two parties were deliberating the now-expired agreement.

"It's like he's dealing with Saudi sheiks instead of professors from a university," Don said. But Don is more concerned with the adverse effects the increases have on students. Tuition fees have doubled, students have to work and have to borrow money at a time when student loans are more restrictive, Don said.

"In 1980, 60 percent of the school's money went into the classroom; today it's 40," Don said. "The only explanation for that is the layers of bureaucracy."

Don said that there is too much growth in the CSU administrative system. Both Don and Cara likened this growth to the corporatization of schooling.

In recent months, CSU administrators have been criticized for excessive expenditures.

A July 17 article in the San Francisco Chronicle stated that the university system's 29 highest-paid officials had benefited from additional perks, amounting to millions of dollars, but the Chronicle could find "no public record of board discussion, review or approval in those cases."

The Chronicle also reported that several members of the CSU Board of Trustees did not recall

may probably take another six authorizing many of the packages.

> The article stated, "these opportunities - not available to rank-and-file employees — have been handed out as students have seen their university fees increase by 76 percent over the past three years."

> Nick Johnson, 18, a mechanical engineering major, said he expects to be at SJSU for five years, as long as he qualifies for Pell Grants.

"I didn't make it into a math class," Johnson said. "I had to pick from what was left."

Johnson said it bothered him that the chancellor makes so much money.

"Who works hard enough to make \$300,000?" Johnson said. "You sign a couple papers a day, make some decisions ... and he probably has people to help him."

Business management major Carolyn Trinh, 18, agreed.

"We don't even know what he (Reed) does at all," Trinh said, "but it's the exploitation of those below and around him."

Trinh said that one of her political science classes has about 100 students.

"There is no student-teacher interaction," Trinh said. "I'm worried about the learning experience."

Cara said 42 percent of SJSU faculty members belong to the association, with about 750 current members.

"More are joining every day because of the contract situation," Cara said.

MARINE-Urges enlistment

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"Afghanistan hasn't experienced peace in a few generations," Jackson said. "First there was the Soviet Union's invasion in 1979, then a civil war that led to the installment of the Taliban regime and then the American intervention in 2001."

The American intervention in Afghanistan in 2001 is known as Operation Enduring Freedom. The military objective of this operation, as articulated by President George W. Bush in his Oct. 7, 2001, address was to destroy al-Qaida terrorist training camps, together with the military installations of the Taliban regime and to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a terrorist base of operations.

"Operation Enduring Freedom allowed the U.S military to do what it does best: provide security as the international cops of the highest order," Jackson said, "and it allowed Afghanistan to have its first democratically elected leader, Hamid Karzai, in 2004, which is the start of something wonderful."

Jackson talked extensively about the importance of spreading democracy in the parts of the world that are the most volatile and that present the greatest danger to world peace.

"It is the philosophy of the U.S.," Jackson said, "to believe that democratic nations don't fight each other and that by spreading democracy, we spread peace."

When a member of the audience asked about the timeline of America's presence in the Middle East, Jackson said, "Democracy is a long journey. It requires sacrifices, but we are a resilient nation, and as long as somebody is willing to create a World Trade Center disaster, we'll need strong men and women to back down the wolf at the door." Jackson's presence at SJSU was not only motivated by his desire to share



PEARLY CHAN/ DAILY STAFF

Gen. Anthony L. Jackson, deputy commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command, shares with students the history of Afghanistan in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Friday.

his experience of the Afghan war, but he admitted also being on campus to help recruit for the Marine Corps.

"The bad guys know that our government has a tough time convincing people that what we are doing is right," Jackson said.

Ferdinand Luis, a freshman majoring in criminology and a Marine reservist, said he was very inspired by Jackson's speech.

"Listening to Gen. Jackson was very inspirational," Luis said. "It made me feel proud to be one of those Americans that are not afraid to stare at the wolf."

When asked what his message to the students at SJSU was, Jackson said, "My word of wisdom for them is to study hard, to take care of their minds and bodies and to take some unselfish time out of their lives for the good of their country and nation."

Jonathan Roth, chair of the history department who organized the event, found Jackson's speech to be excellent.

"It provided some great background to the war and why we are

there," Roth said, "and the recruiting undertone was appropriate and necessary. The war needs to draw on the American people."

Roth was not bothered by the presence of on-campus recruiting officers in the room.

"Recruiting our students is good for the U.S., it is good for the armed forces and it is good for San Jose State University," Roth said.

George Vasquez, interim associate dean of the College of Social Sciences, thought Jackson did a good job making a very complicated situation look less so, but he was a bit more skeptical about the presence of the U.S. in Afghanistan today and even more in Iraq, "a nation that had nothing to do with 9/11."

Jackson refused to answer any questions about Iraq, but he said, "When people challenge our presence in the Middle East, remind them of our long march for independence. Our war of independence lasted eight years, and sometimes, making peace requires the loss of time and blood."

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YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ALREADY ATTEND SJSU TO ENROLL.



RUN-Some complete first marathon



A mascot and supporters stand by the finish line cheering on runners finishing the home stretch of the Metro Silicon Valley Marathon on Sunday.



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long stretch, their hands joined and raised to the sky as the orange trio finished all 26.2 miles in 4:18:29.

As they embraced and their friends from the I-House took their photograph, they smiled, and Guyot and Gonzalez leaned on the barricade, exhausted from completing their very first marathon.

"The beginning you are happy, and then after the half-marathon, that is when there is pain," Guyot said.

Moving his hand up and down, Guyot explained the valleys and peaks of the marathon.

"You are fine, and then it is work, fine and then pain."

Wiesebron, an experienced marathon runner, said he got the I-House students together to run to have fun and finish something together.

The first finisher for the I-House am, Remi Astier, said Weisebron initiated the idea.

\$300 and their orange T-shirts, and rock-climbing facility Touchstone Climbing added \$150, which covered more than half of the \$85 marathon registration fee per participant.

After Astier was asked by another I-House student who came to the race to support his friends, "How was it?" Astier replied laughing, "I'll never do it again."

"Around two-thirds of the way, you start to feel so much pain," Astier said. "But you must still go on."

Astier clocked in at exactly four hours for his first marathon and had only trained for about three weeks.

"It is hard to have serious training when you are drinking beer and partying," Astier said.

But he did say that Elke Harms, an international student from South Africa and former SJSU tennis player, helped coach the runners and lend advice. Harms also ran in the marathon as part of the I-House team.

LANDAU-Urges meal as precursor to talks of political nature

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the faiths and their political views are intertwined, and that leads to conflict.

"What is going on in the Middle East is a life and death situation," Landau said.

Sue Maltiel, the executive director of Hillel of Silicon Valley, chapter of a worldwide Jewish student organization, said she thought Landau did well laying out the patterns of Abrahamic traditions.

"I liked the way he laid out the patterns of the Abrahamic traditions and the cultural misunderstandings that have happened, along with the emotions the struggle brings up," Maltiel said.

Landau said the conflict is painful between Israel and Palestine.

"Both sides of the conflict believe they are right and the other is wrong, and that polarizes them and angers them," Landau said.

Landau went on to explain that cultural values have contributed to the conflict.

"Honor has value in Palestinian culture. For instance, they think the humiliation they suffer at the hands of Israeli border guards is too much to bear, so they do drastic things, such as killing others," Landau said.

Landau said Jews in Israel are more concerned with guilt and innocence and do not see the Palestinian point of view.

"Sometimes the Jews want to blame others for their problems," Landau said.

Kristeen Pemberton, a lecturer of elementary education at SJSU, wants to promote difficult discussions, like the one Landau presented, to her graduate students.

"Instead of using language to badger people, we should use it to communicate with others who do not share our beliefs and who we don't generally associate with."

Michael Fallon is the community partnerships and program coordinator at the Center for Service-Learning at SJSU.

"The difficult dialogues in religious conflicts come from historical differences, but we all need to realize a deeper inner truth," Fallon said.

Landau said that if you want to achieve a dialogue between Arabs and Jews or other groups in conflict, do not start with religion or politics, but start with food.

"Don't talk about politics on an empty stomach," Landau said.

Landau suggested giving the two factions both a place to eat food and to learn about each other through fellowship in order to learn their respective religious books.

"We have different historical scripts in inter-religious conversation wherein we will clash inevitably, unless we agree to disagree civilly, not belligerently," Landau said.

Fallon said he was moved on a personal and spiritual level by the discussion.

"I am hopeful that the essence of religion will someday be our common spirituality," Fallon said.

Landau suggested that there should be a transcendental or spiritual oneness as well.

"It is important to bring others' religions into the mix, especially when it comes to politics when those countries have no separation of church and state," Landau said.

If you keep religion out of discussions, extremists from the margins of society will come in, Landau said.

Landau said that Middle Eastern religions have something in common, which is a common belief in God.

"The three groups have in common a creator, a people heading toward enlightenment and a messianic age or return to God," Landau said

Dino Kouyialis, a San Jose State University junior majoring in animation, grimaces as he makes his way through the last stretch of the Metro Silicon Valley Marathon on Sunday.

"Most people in the I-House are active, and running is a sport we can all do, that we all share," said Francenative Astier, who is double-majoring in software engineering and business.

Wiesebron said Jamba Juice through the Spartan Shops donated

"If we did not run as a team, it would be much harder," Guyot said. "People were yelling, 'go orange team' the entire way. It was nice."

Also representing the I-House Jamaba Juice/Touchstone team and finishing the marathon were Sara Hussein, Dino Kouiyalis and Rosemary Workman.

Pemberton said.

Landau went on to say that it is arrogant to presume that a group can claim to know another better than they know themselves.

"In a discussion, there should not be any one person speaking on behalf of a whole group," Landau said.

Landau said that change can only occur once people learn to agree to debate without adding prejudices and emotional attitude into the discussion.

"We have to appeal to our emotional attachment and change anger to acceptance and grief to compassion," Landau said.

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is ranked first in both the singles and doubles for Super Smash Brothers.

"Ken is the world's best," said David Cao, whose moniker is Caotic.

Caotic, from Melbourne, Australia, attends the University of California, San Diego through an student exchange program, and he said Hong has been somewhat off his game as of late, but would still be surprised if he lost.

Ken said he trains about two hours a day, but Cao thought that was a small amount.

"Some people train up to 10 hours a day," he said.

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Earlier in the day, Hong, along

with his teammate with the alias Isai, won the doubles matches and had to wait hours before his singles tournament pool began.

"These tournaments tire you out," Hong said. "Sometimes they tire you out too much to play."

He said he had a natural talent for the game since the first installment came out for the Nintendo 64 console.

"I used to train more," Hong said. "I focus on my reaction time and my combos."

Combinations, according to Cao, are the most effective ways to vanquish opponents.

He said each character begins with four lives, or stock, and a reading of zero percent damage.

As the characters fight, their damage percentages increase. A higher percentage, Cao said, means the characters fly farther when struck.

Players lose stock when they are knocked far off the platform, he said.

Combinations allow players to rapidly increase the opponent's percentages, effectively "killing" them, Cao said.

"There are three types of basic moves," he said. "Offensive, defensive and recovery."

Cao also said characters have their own individual sets of moves and attributes, changing the dynamic of the in-game situations.

"It becomes a mind game," he said. "Players can read your moves and find ways to intercept you to keep you off the stage."

Cao and S. Royal, from Osaka, Japan, battled in their pool for the top two seeds, but most watching the match considered Royal to be one of the top players in the tournament.

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Royal spent \$600 to travel to San Jose for the Nor Cal Tournament.

Originally, the tournament was set up to allow the top four players from each bracket to advance, but due to time constraints, only the top two moved on.

Scamp sat in third place, behind Cao and S. Royal, entering a match that would ultimately decide his fate.

His match against Cao started out even, with Scamp dealing the first blow and taking one of Cao's lives.

But Caotic rebounded and battled back to take the first game, and ultimately the match.

Unfortunately, the then meaningless battle for seeding carried significance as Selvakumar announced moments later that only the top two would advance, and Scamp's loss put him in third.

Hong ultimately went on to take the singles title, in addition to his previous doubles victory.

Selvakumar, a freshman at Ohlone College, said Hong and Isai are usually the best.

"They are pretty much No. 1," he said.

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SJSU defense holds Louisiana Tech to 10 in victory

Bv Grea Lvdon

Daily Senior Staff Writer With his dreadlocks flapping in the afternoon breeze, San Jose State University running back Yonus Davis danced around Louisiana Tech University defenders as he helped lead SJSU to a 44-10 victory in Spartan Stadium.

Davis rushed for a career-high 199 yards on 13 carries during the Spartans' win.

"This was a great win," said SISU quarterback Adam Tafralis. "We did exactly what we said we had to do, and that was to run the ball. The guys ran hard."

The ground attack didn't end with Davis, several other Spartan tailbacks contributed on the day. leading to a staggering 476 yards of rushing, the third-highest rushing total in school history.

"The offensive line, the whole offense, had a chip on its shoulder after last week," said SJSU center Justin Paysinger. "We had to re-establish the run today, we pride ourselves on it."

Running backs Patrick Perry and Cameron Island both scored rushing touchdowns on the day as the Spartans won their seventh straight game at home dating back to last season.

The Spartans are now 5-2 on the season, 2-1 in Western Athletic Conference play and one win away from becoming bowl eligible.

"Obviously, the win feels really good," said SJSU coach Dick Tomey. "We had no turnovers, and we of the ball."

The Spartan defense was energized from the beginning of the contest and smothered the Tech offense throughout the afternoon. Tech racked up 344 yards rushing last week against Utah State University but was held to 41 yards rushing on the day against the Spartans.

"I'm really proud of the way we stopped the run today," said SJSU defensive end Jarron Gilbert, who recorded his first sack of the season in the third quarter. "This is a big change around here. We don't want to be losers anymore."

Sophomore kicker Jared Strubeck got the Spartans on the board first, during the second Spartan drive of the game, when his 38-yard field goal gave the Spartans a 3-0 lead at the 7:29 mark of the first quarter.

Davis started to get into a groove in the second quarter when his 46yard run placed the SJSU offense deep into Tech territory.

Two plays later, with 14:30 left in second quarter, Davis slashed into the end zone untouched off the option pitch from Tafralis giving the Spartans a 10-0 lead.

"Yonus got us started today with big runs early in the game that energized us," Tomey said.

Tech responded with its best drive of the day, driving deep into SJSU territory but only coming away with a 36-yard field goal, cutting the SJSU lead to 10-3.

more points of offense," Tech ju-

played with passion on both sides nior quarterback Zac Champion said. "We had plenty of chances, and their defense made some tremendous plays."

> After a holding penalty backed SJSU to its own 10-yard line, Davis took the hand-off and hit the hole, jetting through the Tech defense for a career-high 90-yard touchdown run, the third-longest run in school history.

> "We didn't play like we can last week," Davis said. "We got our groove back this week."

> The same play was called in last week's game against The University of Nevada, Reno, and Davis busted out for a long run but was caught from behind before taking it all the way.

> "It was on my mind during the run," Davis said. "I wasn't going to get caught this week."

> The only thing that slowed Davis down on the day was his pregame meal of French toast, pasta and steak that wasn't sitting well in his stomach during the first half.

> "After the long run, I basically had to let it all go on the sidelines," Davis said. "I went into the locker room at the half and got some fluids in me, and I was fine the rest of the game."

A huge aid to the Spartan offensive effort was the return of starting offensive lineman center Paysinger and guard Marcel Burrough who returned to action after battling injury problems the past couple of weeks.

"It was amazing having Justin "We have to find ways to score back, and Marcel brings a different attitude that is such a positive,"



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San Jose State University senior safety Christopher Vedder and junior linebacker Matt Catelo bring down freshman tight end Dennis Morris late in the Spartans' 44-10 win over Louisiana Tech University on Saturday at Spartan Stadium.

Tafralis said.

Tafralis bounced back from a tough road game last week going 10 of 15 for 162 yards passing and one touchdown on the day.

"Adam did a nice job managing the game for us today," Tomey said. "Anytime you don't turn it over, you have a tremendous chance to win." Tafralis' 49-yard touchdown

pass to wide receiver John Broussard in the fourth quarter was his 10th touchdown pass of the season. He threw 11 touchdown passes last season.

Spartans lose both weekend games, finish season 4th in WAC

By Kris Anderson

Daily Staff Writer Heading into the Western Athletic Conference tournament, the San Jose State University women's soccer team is currently seeded fourth, according the WAC Web site, after dropping both of this weekend's contests.

A back-and-forth first half against Fresno State University resulted in no goals from either side, but the Bulldogs pounced on two

down the Spartans 2-0 on senior day Friday at Spartan Field.

"It was a slow game," said senior co-captain Cristin Murphy. "It was lethargic, low energy." Head coach Dave Siracusa said

the Bulldog defense had a tendency

to lull the Spartans to sleep. "We knew they had a strong back line," Siracusa said of Fresno's defense.

quick strikes in the second half to in proximity of the penalty box, or net, but senior Bulldog goalkeeper forced shots to the wide sides of the field allowing only one Spartan corner kick.

One of the better Spartan opportunities came from the right side of the field, as Murphy penetrated deep in the Bulldog zone and spotted junior midfielder Nicole Irwin cutting to the net.

Angie Larsen dove to her right to make the save.

Minutes later Fresno scored its first goal after a free kick floated just past the near post where Bulldog forward Alison Sill headed the ball into the net.

Following the score, both teams cation," she said. ontinued the seesaw battle where the ball bounced around the midfield line, and neither squad could mount an attack.

"We struggled a little bit on offense," Murphy said. "We didn't play the ball well to feet."

The lack of ground passing hurt the Spartans, but fellow senior cocaptain Cynthia Pinkney said the team made a couple mistakes.

"There was a lack of communi-Siracusa said the game came down

nior co-captain said she didn't want to lose her last home game as a Spartan, but knew her team had already clinched a spot in the WAC tournament this week in Reno.

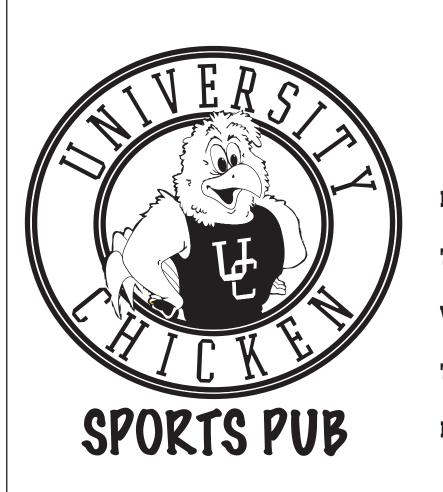
"This (loss) makes the tournament even bigger," Martinez said. "We have got to suck it up."

The Spartans traveled to the University of Nevada, Reno on

Fresno cleared most balls with-

Irwin received Murphy's pass from about 10 yards out and fired a bullet to the lower left corner of the

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to not making plays and Fresno capitalizing on the Spartan miscues.

Fresno hit the Spartans again off of a mistake when sophomore Bulldog forward Nicole Gutierrez sprang free on the left side and chipped the ball over the outstretched arms of freshman Spartan goalie Marissa Dayton.

"They capitalized on our mistakes," senior co-captain Murphy said.

Nicole Martinez, the third se-

Sunday to take on the Wolf pack in their final regular season game, but suffered a 3-1 loss.

Sophomore forward Liz Behlen scored the only Spartan goal of the contest, according to the SJSU athletics Web site, as the Spartans had two shots on goal.

The WAC tournament begins Thursday and runs through Sunday.

According to the WAC Web site, the top-four teams are separated by only three points.



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SJSU Ice Hockey Club sweeps two SoCal rivals



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San Jose State University forward Mickey Rhodes and UCLA forward Jake Gunn battle for the puck during Sunday afternoon's game at Logitech Ice at San Jose.

Spartans remain unbeaten at Logitech Ice at San Jose rink; team faces Brigham Young University in next two games

By Julia Cooper

Daily Staff Writer The San Jose State University Ice Hockey Club remains undefeated on its home rink this season after beating Cal State Long Beach 3-2 17 assists this season.

minutes later, senior forward Adam Smith-Toomey scored off a pass from senior center Mason lowing more goals with 56 Spar-Nave, who leads the Spartans with tan shots-on-goal.

in the first period. Less than three said the club played well against UCLA, but also complimented the Bruins' goaltender for not al-

"Their goalie was outstanding,"

Spartans lose to New Mexico 3-1

Regular season ends on Friday for SJSU men's soccer team

By Heather Driscoll

Daily Staff Writer The San Jose State University men's soccer team was defeated 3-1 by the University of New Mexico on Sunday afternoon in Spartan Stadium, giving the Spartans a record of 7-9-1.

"We were really disappointed," said defender Eric Cross. "It wasn't an easy team. They had good defenders, and we had to step up, but we just couldn't finish."

The Spartans got off to a good start when forward Colby Moore scored his fourth goal of the season in the third minute of the match.

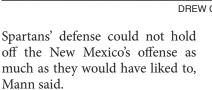
Moore, who received a threw ball from midfielder Diego Soto, shot the ball past Lobo goalkeeper Mike Graczyk, taking a 1-0 lead.

Nearly 12 seconds later, the Lobos received an own goal after Spartan defender Sam Shore headed the ball into the Spartan net.

"We were able to get the momentum right away," Spartan goalie Richard Mann said. "They got the soft own goal right after our goal and that killed our confidence." The Lobos then took the lead as

midfielder Joey Vitagliano received a cross pass from defender Mike Porter and fired the ball at the far post to earn a goal in the 24th minute.

Without the services of SJSU starting defender Ed Brand, the



"Ed is a big part of our team," Mann said. "It helps when he's back there, but we did what we could. We weren't affected too badly, but towards the end of the game it became more of a mental thing."

Brand was not in action for Sunday's game due to an undisclosed team deal.

Coach Gary St. Clair was unavailable to comment on the situation after the game.

The Lobos sealed the victory as forward Jack Smithson scored the game-winner off of a penalty kick in the 55th minute of the match.

Spartan back-up goalkeeper Rodrigo Baptista made his season debut, replacing Mann in the last

Diego Soto, left, middle forward for the San Jose State University soccer team, nearly collides with his teammate, Jacob Morrison, on the ground, during a game against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas at Spartan Field on Thursday.

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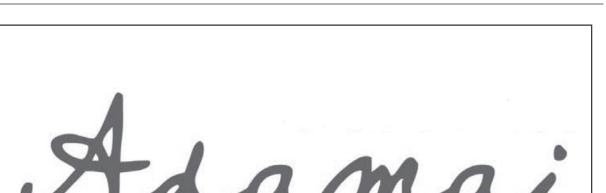
30 minutes of the match, making a total of four saves.

"It was great to get my first action in this stadium," Baptista said. "(New Mexico) is a good team and got some aggressive goals early on. I was just trying to keep us in the match to have an attempt to come back."

The Spartans' final match of the season is on Friday against Sacramento State University in Spartan Stadium. It will mark the last chance for senior players to pull out a final victory.

A pregame ceremony will be held for SJSU seniors Patrick Scheufler, Chad Gleave, Daniel Perez and Baptista.

"We're just going to get ready and do our best," Cross said. "It's the seniors' last game, so we got to go out there and win it for them."



on Friday and UCLA 6-2 on Sunday at Logitech Ice at San Jose.

Spartan senior goaltender Ryan Lowe said the UCLA Bruins, who the club has not played in more than three years, put forth a good effort on Sunday.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to go undefeated on our home ice and (this was) just another game," Lowe said. "UCLA has a really good program. We didn't really know what to expect when they came up here."

The Spartans kicked off their dominating performance against UCLA on Sunday when junior left wing Sean Scarbrough skated across the Bruins' goaltender for a quick goal in the first minute of the game.

"It was a nice little boost to give your team the lead right away," Scarbrough said.

The club continued its aggressive play with a turnover that junior left wing Skyler Yu capitalized on for the second goal at 4:49

Nave also took advantage of a five-on-three power play at 6:50

in the second period, putting one past the Bruins to give the Spartans a 5-1 lead.

Iunior forward Kelly Spain capped off the second period when he scored on a rebound off of Yu's shot with 21 seconds left to put the Spartans up 6-2, a lead the club held through the third period for the final score.

The Bruins failed to muster much offense throughout the game, scoring a goal each in the first and second periods, but Spartan goaltender Lowe still managed to demonstrate his defensive prowess with a pair of glove saves in the third period to keep the Spartans ahead.

"I could see both those (shotson-goal), so I just got my glove on them," Lowe said. "The guys in front of me played well today, it was just a good team effort all around."

Spartan coach Ron Glasow at San Jose.

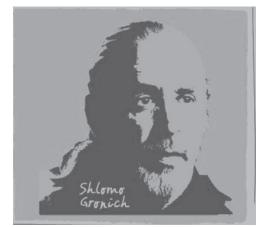
Glasow said.

Friday's game against Long Beach was a chance for the Spartans to answer the 49ers' Oct. 8 5-2 win with a 3-2 Spartan victory on their home rink.

The Spartans scored their three goals in the first two periods of Friday's game, with goaltender Lowe holding the 49ers scoreless in the first period. Long Beach made things close with a goal each in the second and third periods, but the Spartans were able to hold on for the 3-2 win.

Scarbrough, who leads the Spartans with 13 goals this season, scored two goals in both Friday's and Sunday's games, with Nave also notching three assists in each game.

The Spartans will take a 6-3-1 record into their next two games against Brigham Young University at home at 7:45 p.m. on Friday and 7 p.m. on Saturday at Logitech Ice



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Jewish-Arab Music Ensemble From Israel



Israeli-Arab concert comes to SJSU

By Michael Geslani Daily Staff Writer

Adamai, an Israeli-Arab ensemble, will be performing at 6:30 p.m. today in the Student Union Barrett Ballroom.

Hillel of Silicon Valley and San Jose State University's Mosaic Cross Cultural Center are hosting a 90-minute concert together and have set the ticket price of \$5 for students with their ID in the area and \$25 for visitors.

Mosaic director Hyon Chu Yi said this concert is benefiting students and thinks it's a timely program that relates to what is going on in the larger world.

Vanina Sandel, programming director of Hillel of Silicon Valley, wrote in an e-mail that Adamai's mission is to try to achieve a better understanding between two cultures.

"Having Adamai as San Jose State University means a lot to our campus community," Sandel wrote. "Upcoming the differences and focusing on the positive sides."

Yi said there has been tension among Jewish and Muslim students around campus, and it's a great idea to show a band that

is compromised of both different cultures.

"People from different kinds of cultures especially between two communities that are experience hardship and a lot of tension to show how these people can come together and make beautiful music," Yi said.

Adamai is the outcome of a five-year process that was created by Shlomo Gronich and Lubna Salame, according to the www.israelcentersf.org.

They first met while recording "We Brought Peace Upon Us," an anthem of Peace Child Israel, according to the Web site.

Gronich has released 16 LP recordings as a soloist and has numerous presentations in which he was featured as a composer, singer, pianist and musical arranger.

Gronich, who has a special musical relationship with children and youth, led him to compose the song he created with Salame. That song was a movement of Jewish and Arab youth devoted to peaceful co-existence.

Just returning from a series of concerts in France, Gronich, along with band members, is now touring around the Bay Area.

Salame has been singing since she was a child and has been featured in many albums, including one saluting Lebanese music. She has collaborated with bands such as Radiohead.

Along with the other members of the band, Adamai plays more than just Israeli-Arab music. The group also covers artists such as Eric Clapton and Billy Holiday, said undeclared sophomore Michelle Salinkski.

Salinski, who is one of the student organizers, said the band shares the same views as Mosaic and thought that it was a good idea to bring it to SJSU.

She said Adamai has performed annually at other schools in the Bay Area but never at SJSU.

Sandel said all students are welcome.

"Students should expect a fun show, different types of music, and most important of all, they will be able to be there to see how people that come from a complete different background and belong to different cultures can not only work together but also enjoy what they do and really believe in making a difference," Sandel said. "Students will witness a celebration peace at SJSU."

LETTER- Candidate to stay in race

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"I did not do this — I did not approve of any letter," Nguyen told the Associated Press.

Nguyen acknowledged his campaign sent the letter threatening Hispanic immigrant voters, according to the Associated Press.

"I agree with his core message that illegal immigrants shouldn't be voting," Alonzo said. "I don't see the issue as a big deal, and I don't think it should affect the election."

Not all students feel the same way.

"I have heard a little bit about the issue — it does not surprise me," said Joy Ngema, a liberal studies major. "It reminds me of the 2000 election, where they were discouraging African-Americans from voting in Florida."

Nguyen said he will stay in the political race despite mounting pressure for him to step aside, according to the Associated Press.

"In a criminal case, the Constitution says people are innocent until proven guilty, so we have to wait and see what the facts are," Reed said.

Nguyen said he has since fired his campaign's office manager, who he said helped produce the mailer,

according to the Associated Press. "Orange County is a magnet

for immigrants," said James Brent, chair of the political science department.

The two candidates in this race are a Vietnamese man and a Latina woman, Brent said.

"It seems natural that if you opponent, you would try to intimidate them with fears about their immigration status," Brent said.

According to Brent, even though this occurred in Orange County, it could happen in San Jose.

"Discrimination and intimidation can happen anywhere in America," Brent said.

Hyon Chu Yi is the director of the SJSU Mosaic Cross Cultural Center and the president of the Californian council of cultural centers in higher education.

"In reference to the letter, it is absolutely both morally wrong and unethical," Yi said, adding that San Jose is like any community and is not immune from such activities.

Some people consider legality, instead of only morality, when labeling an action as wrong.

"It was wrong, even if it was not against the law," Reed said.

Some student disagree with

Reed, feeling as if legality and morality are mutually exclusive.

"(The government) has gone to a whole new level where they are discriminating out in the open it amazes me that the United States has gone so low," said Delia Nagera, a social work major.

According to CNN.com, imwant to suppress the vote of your migrants - particularly Hispanics were targeted by these letters.

"I think that immigrants are seen as an easy and vulnerable target because they are usually poor, uneducated and have limited English," Yi said. "As a result, they are often viewed as having little or no power."

Yi said he does not understand why certain people have such a disregard for immigrants.

"I like to think at least the Bay Area is open-minded, but then again, we have a little bit of everything," Nagera said.

Yi also acknowledges that people never seem to hear about why Mexicans come to the United States.

"I doubt that many Americans understand the level of poverty and corrupt nature of their government, hence the reason why they come here to work and make a better life for themself and their family," Yi said.

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