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## SJSU finds Title IX Vice President

By Kaya Henkes-Power  
STAFF WRITER

The San José State Title IX and Gender Equity Office held an open forum with the finalist for the position of Associate Vice President in meeting room 3A at Diaz Compean Student Union on Wednesday morning.

SJSU President Cynthia Teniente-Matson sent a campus-wide email in December informing the community that the university has been searching for an Associate Vice President for the Title IX and Gender Equity Office.

After nearly 5 months the community finally was able to meet the position finalist, Alexis Martinez, according to a job summary from SJSU.

Martinez currently serves as executive director of Equity and Compliance Programs and Interim Title IX Coordinator at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Martinez said she also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami teaching higher education law.

“I have both the doctorate and the JD degree so I feel like all of those experiences have shaped the work I do, the work I continue to do and look forward to doing,” Martinez said.

Interim Title IX and Gender Equity Officer, Peter Lim,

sent a campus-wide email that announced the Title IX and Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation programs office will consolidate into one central office called the Office for Title IX and Equal Opportunity.

Martinez said coming from institutions that had separate roles between offices only caused confusion and frustration among individuals.

“I can also tell you from personal experience that having to tell someone, anyone, a difficult story multiple times,” Martinez said, “It makes you feel unheard (and) it makes you feel like you’re being passed on . . .”

She wants to create spaces where individuals can come and share a difficult experience only once and receive the appropriate resources.

“You said I have a vision where individuals tell their stories once,” Alfredo Coria, Investigator for the Equal Opportunity University Personnel said, “What’s guiding that principle?”

Martinez said it’s both being trauma-informed and able to think about the individual’s experience as well as having to

recount a difficult experience multiple times.

Being trauma-informed is when a provider or wellness staff acknowledges the need to understand an individual’s life experiences to give effective care, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.



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**Alexis Martinez**  
Associate Vice President for the Title IX and Gender Equity Office Position Finalist

She believes in the idea of a “complete hands-off” approach to her position.

“We’re going to walk together to this space and I’m going to have you tell me what I’m allowed to say or what I’m allowed to communicate,” Martinez said

Stacey Elsibai, the manager for the Employee and Labor Relations for the Equal Opportunity University Personnel questioned Martinez about her experience with other protected statuses.

Protected classes include:

ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, religion, sex and veterans, according to the Ohio State University’s Office of Institutional Equity,

Martinez said she hasn’t had the experience of directly overseeing investigations, but because of her teaching, she has some insight.

“I think I’ve been the investigator or co-investigator on matters related to racial discrimination, disability-related discrimination, mostly on the federal side,” she said, “Then sexual misconduct in a variety of ways, whether it was Title IX or non-Title IX.”

Martinez said there are many instances where someone has had a hard time pinpointing the what or the why, which comes with the intersectionality of who a person is.

Intersectionality is the study and concept of overlapping or intersecting identities that relate to the systems of oppression or discrimination, according to Syracuse University Libraries.

Martinez said it’s important to understand and have a space where all of those intersectionalities are taken into

consideration.

In 2022 and 2023, 318 reports were made to the Title IX Office, and 144 of community members either requested or received supportive measures, according to a report dashboard from SJSU’s Title IX Office.

SJSU’s Title IX report dashboard was implemented in 2023 as an interactive dashboard that shows data regarding Title IX reports and training sessions for students and staff.

Associate Director for Student Conduct and Ethical Development, Alec Matthews asked Martinez, “How can you utilize data and analytics in your work to better inform how you present yourself or how you advocate for other officers?”

Martinez spotted a challenge within her institution’s Greek life and identified patterns through the commitment to an overhaul of case management and record keeping. Through those metrics she was able to see patterns and spot what was working.

“I think it’s essential to track those things,” Martinez said. “That’s how you identify patterns but also create these moments of ‘look at what we’ve done and look how far we’ve come.’”

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# AS hosts first meeting of spring

By **Julia Chie**  
PRODUCTION EDITOR

The Associated Students (AS) Academic Affairs Committee and Finance Committee held their first meetings of the spring semester on Wednesday afternoon.

AS Academic Affairs Committee and Finance Committee both meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month, according to their SJSU webpages.

AS Academic Affairs reviews University Policies related to academic needs, implement academic programming and nurture positive interactions amongst faculty and students, and meet in Meeting Room 5, according to their website.

Director of Academic Affairs Diya Doshi moved straight on to individual reports of Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering, College of Humanities and the Arts, and College of Science.

Their New Business Discussion Items included an Event with the Vice President of Research and Innovation Mohamed Abousalem and a survey for student input.

AS intends to send the student input survey to the dean of each college at SJSU to relay to students next Monday.

The Academic Affairs committee went over coming

up with and formatting questions based on input about what they are or aren't liking about classes, low enrollment, which specific colleges are benign affected, availability per semester of classes, advising and availability of resources.

AS Director of Internal Affairs Katelyn Gambarin was curious to know about class cancellations, as more are cancelled before the start of the semester.

"Oftentimes, a student will have their class canceled so they'll try to enroll in another class, and that class might get canceled," Gambarin said. "Or the university doesn't properly anticipate what students are going to act on."

The committee ended with the announcement that there will be a new Leadership in Government Coordinator that will be taking over Advising of Academic Affairs formally at the next meeting.

The AS Finance Committee reviews requests for over \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$3,000 for student organizations, according to their website.

GIS & Drone Society social chair Henri Brillon and treasurer Xiangyu Ren presented their inquiry for funding for two students leading their respective research projects to travel to a professional conference.

The organization aims

to provide a platform for students to explore and discuss Geographical Information System, drone technology and their applications, and to connect with like-minded individuals, according to their LinkedIn.

"Undergraduate and graduate students get involved in this program, from five different diversified majors and we collaborate with 200 student organizations," Ren said.

Their request of \$1416.58 was approved by the committee 4-0-0.

Ahlul-Bayt Student Association SJSU is the second Muslim club on campus for Shia Muslims.

The Association provides an academic hub for all Muslims, particularly Shia SJSU students to network, learn and contribute towards the efforts of Islamic faith, according to their Instagram.

The president presented that they began in response to Shia violence and discrimination in Spring 2023. "A big reason why we are a separate Muslim org (from the Muslim Student Organization), is we are focusing on the humanitarian aspect of these issues, and just generally issues around the world," the president said.

The club requested funding for food, decor and printing for events and promotional materials.



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**The Associated Students Finance Committee votes to approve a motion from GIS and Drone Society in the Student Union on Wednesday.**

"We are planning to host a 'Sushi' night- a play on words between Sunni and Shia, the two sects that come together. We're trying to host a unity banquet where people feel like there's a safe space to have a dialogue and talk," the president said.

The motion was approved 4-0-0 by the committee.

Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists SHPE & MAES Chapter @ SJSU empowers members to reach their full potential in STEM according to their Instagram.

President Jose Luiz

Sarabia and Treasurer Dillan Hernandez presented their case for funding for travel to the SHPE regional convention this year held from March 7 to 9 in Costa Mesa, California.

They said last year, SOLE attended the national convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, and it was an opportunity to develop leadership skills. They asked for majority funding for 10 airfare tickets and convention tickets.

"The main goal of this conference is to invest and empower the upcoming

board, since the majority of our board members are set to graduate," Hernandez said.

The motion was approved unanimously.

"Since this semester we've actually seen an increase in membership, we want to keep that going for the next academic year," Hernandez said.

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## CAMPUS VOICES

### What would you like to see your tuition money go toward?



**Riya Katyal**  
Justice studies/  
Criminology junior

"More events that are open and accessible and free to everyone and also textbooks and stuff. We have to pay a lot to get textbooks, I would rather have it (tuition money) go to something more academic or to fun events."



**Jesse Flaris**  
Marketing senior

"I kind of want my tuition to go more towards any kind of online resources that you need to pay for (for classes) like McGraw Hill. Right now we're using a simulation thing (software) in my marketing classes that we have to pay for, it's like 60 bucks. I'm already paying to be in the class, why am I paying another 60 on top of it?"



**Diya Agrawal**  
Political Science sophomore

"I don't spend a lot of time in certain places, especially for example, the gym. My money is going towards something I can't use. I would like to see it go towards more accessibility on campus and also more accessible events."



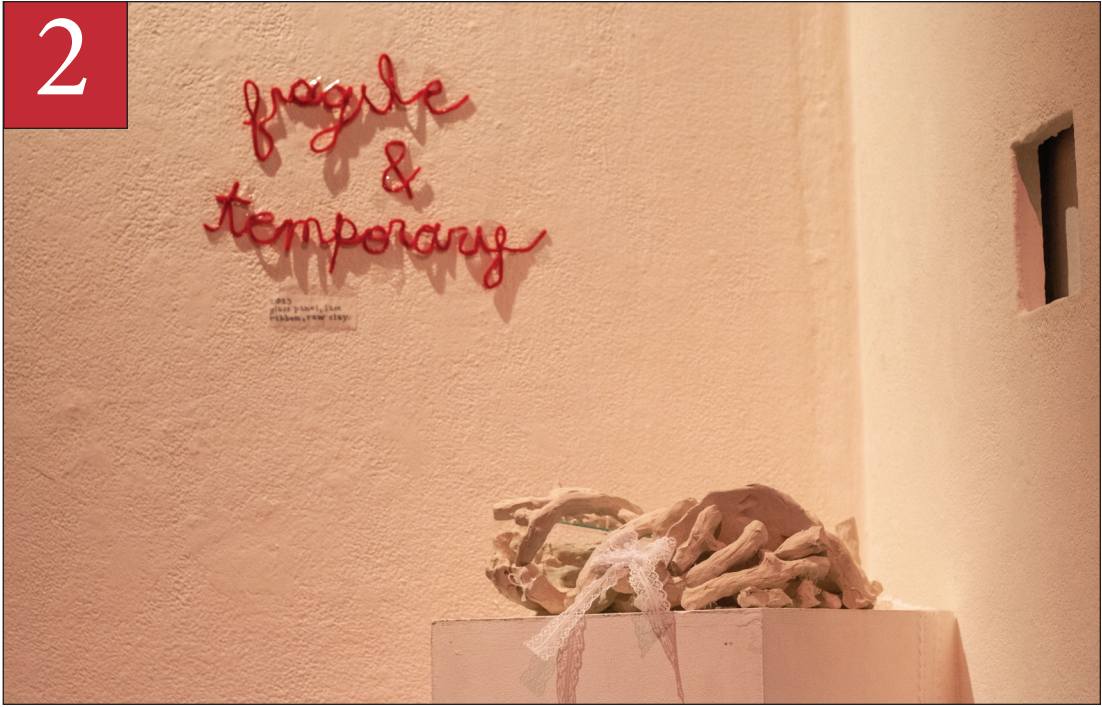
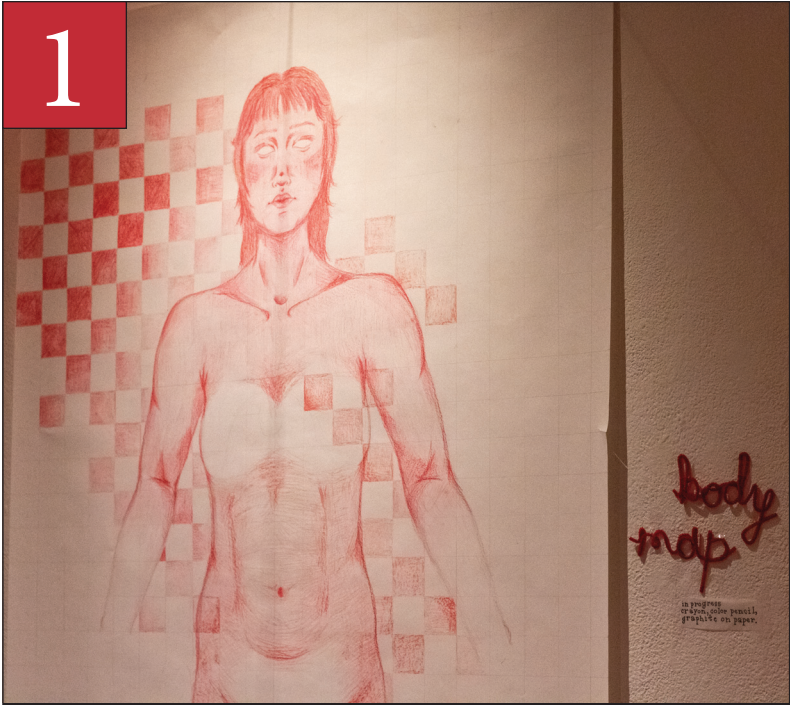
**Shelby Matthews**  
Digital Media Art Freshman

"I believe that the facilities are nice, nothing's falling apart, the campus is well-kept, the police seem to be doing their job so I don't see where else the money would need to go."

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# Le explores the fragile beauty of existing



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- #1: A self-portrait of Catherine Thy Le, a digital media art senior, drawn on paper and with a red-colored pencil for an art piece titled 'body map' is displayed.
- #2: 'fragile and temporary,' an art piece sculpted by Le, is made from unfired pure clay, lace ribbon and glass. Each material represents a sense of fragility and uncertainty in life.
- #3: Le poses for camera in an outfit matching the color palatte of her art exhibit. Le's art exhibit focuses on the bittersweet beauty and pain of human fragility in different areas of life.
- #4: Four out of the five ceramic housing shelves in Le's art piece, Cobblestone Court, is displayed. Each ceramic house represents a different member of her family.
- #5: The comment section where visitors can share their thoughts, feelings and praises for the art exhibit is displayed.
- #6: A message is written on an index card, that says, 'Incredibly proud of your show. I feel so lucky having been here to see you create these pieces and have your show blossom. Congrats! Love, Cristy M.'



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SPORTS OPINION

Former Niner needs to be in Hall of Fame

By Mat Bejarano  
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

The second most important NFL event this week will take place tonight at the NFL Honors when the league awards its MVP, Head Coach of the Year and announces its 2024 Pro Football Hall of Fame class. One name that is long past due and needs to be called will be Patrick Willis.

His fate ultimately lies in the 50 Pro Football Hall of Fame Selection Committee where Willis has to get the “yes” from 80% of the voters.

Willis, now in his fifth year of eligibility and his third-consecutive year as a finalist for the hall of fame, was the San Francisco 49ers’ first-round pick in the 2007 NFL Draft and had an immediate impact on an organization that had definitely seen brighter days.

At the time of his draft, 49ers fans were getting over the retirement of then defensive tackle, and former SJSU defensive line coach, Bryant Young. Young had spent his entire 14-year career with the organization, even helping them win Super Bowl XXIX in his rookie season.

But being a 49ers fan at the time, there was almost no hope I had watching this team as a kid. The 49ers were bad, from the ugly metallic gold pants that they wore, to their stadium that was beginning to rot away – it just wasn’t a good time.

But Willis provided some faith to the 49ers’ “Faithful” earning All-Pro honors, a Pro

Bowl selection, leading the league in tackles and winning NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in his first season.

Willis would continue his success in his career by making the Pro Bowl seven times and receiving five All-Pro honors in his career.

He was also a major staple in the 49ers 2011-2013 playoff run that included a Super Bowl appearance against the Baltimore Ravens in 2013.

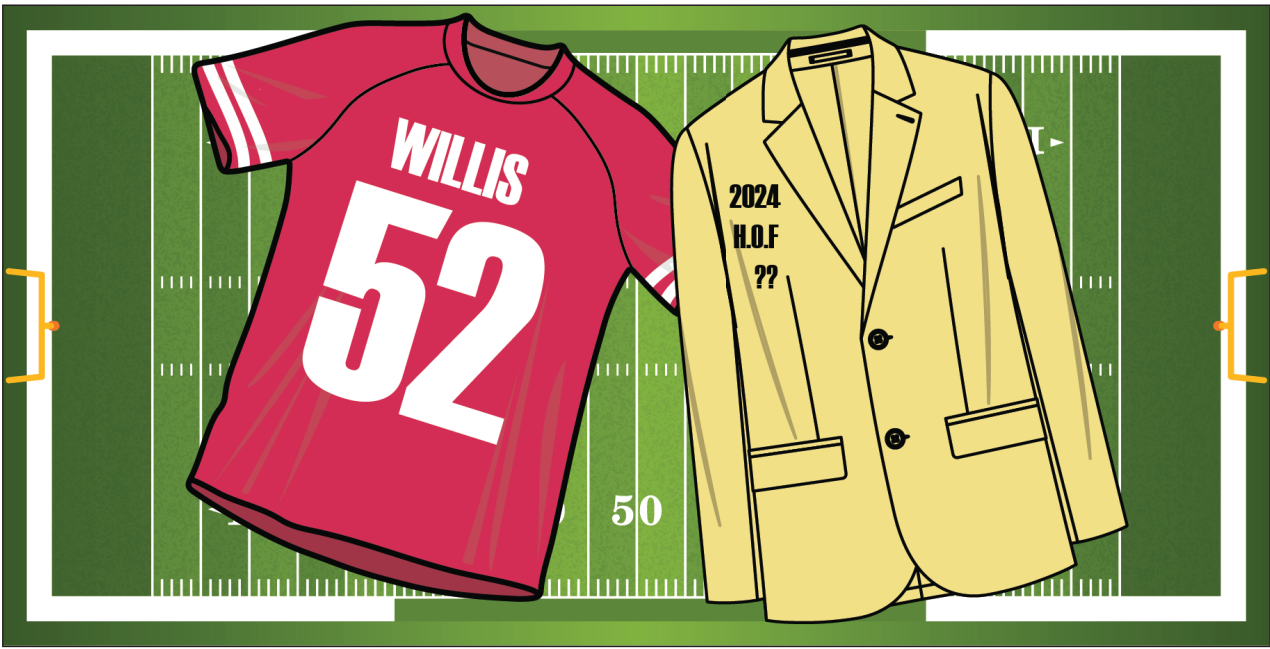
“I think just like Willie Mays – to me, five facets of baseball, Willie Mays is the greatest of all-time.” Then 49ers head coach Jim Harbaugh said according to a Oct. 12, 2011 Mercury News blog. “And Patrick Willis has a chance to be one of the all-time great linebackers, if he’s able to play at this elite level in all five facets over a long period of time”

Just after two seasons removed from that Super Bowl loss, Willis, now 30 years old, would find himself hanging up his cleats because of a lingering toe injury.

“I know I no longer have it in these feet to go out there and give you guys that kind of ‘Wow,’” Willis said in his retirement press conference.

A day that I’ll never forget as I was in eighth-grade band practice when I heard the news. I had essentially grown up watching Willis play since I was in kindergarten and to me he wasn’t just “the 49ers starting linebacker,” to me he was a superhero.

Many of his critics will attribute his current status of not being inducted because



GRAPHIC BY MAT BEJARANO

of his short NFL career, but I feel what he accomplished in those eight seasons outweighs his longevity.

But when we compare Willis’ accomplishments to Thomas then it’s clear that they belong side by side in

Bowl nominations, sacks and just one All-Pro nod less than Thomas.

What you do on the field in your time as a player definitely outweighs your longevity on the field, especially in a sport that is as brutal as football where the average linebacker only plays 2.97 years in the NFL according to a 2023 Statista study.

It was completely unfair of the Pro Football Hall of Fame committee to leave Thomas waiting for ten years and I hope it’s something that is not repeated again for current players.

I think a lot about former Oakland Raiders players/coaches such as Ken Stabler, Ray Guy, Cliff Branch and Tom Flores who had to wait until after their deaths or into old age to receive the honor of officially being named one of the NFL greats.

NFL players who gave it their all shouldn’t have to grow old or die in order to get the recognition that they deserve.

So when the time comes tonight to see a new hall of fame class being announced, I hope to see players such as Devin Hester, Julius Peppers and Reggie Wayne rightfully take their place in Canton, Ohio. But please make sure the Willis is saved a spot next to them.

Nothing would make me happier as a long time 49ers fan than to have two things to hopefully celebrate come Sunday night.

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I completely understand that the Pro Football Hall of Fame process can be challenging and timely as it took former Miami Dolphins linebacker Zach Thomas 10 years of eligibility to dawn the gold jacket.

the hall. Thomas, who played 13 seasons in the NFL, played 72 more games than Willis and has 784 more total tackles. However, despite playing 5 seasons less, Willis is tied for the same number of Pro

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# SJSU takes ruff loss against Bulldogs

By Aaliyah Roman  
A&E EDITOR

The San José State men’s basketball team suffered its sixth consecutive loss against Fresno State 69-57 after the Bulldogs closed the night with an 11-0 run to end the game on Tuesday night at home.

Despite the loss, SJSU senior forward Tibet Gorener broke San José State men’s basketball’s record in 3-pointers and made the 162nd shot of his career. Gorener tied with the previous record holder, Ryan Welage, in Friday’s game against Nevada.

Head coach Tim Miles said Gorener wasn’t worried about breaking the tie going into Tuesday’s game.

“He’s like ‘No Coach, it’ll just happen,’ ” Miles said. “ ‘Let’s not even worry about it’ and that tells you a lot about who he is.”

Gorener said although it was nice for him to set a record in history, he couldn’t enjoy it because of the game’s outcome.

“It’s nice to have, but I wish it came with a win too,” Gorener said.

SJSU’s loss Tuesday against Fresno was the Spartans eighth loss in their last ten games against the Bulldogs.

After playing head-to-head with the Spartans in the first half,



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SJSU sophomore Adrame Diongue (4) dunks over Fresno State senior Isaiah Pope (21) during Tuesday night's game against the Bulldogs.

the Bulldogs came out and played better defensively in the second.

Fresno State capitalized on SJSU’s possession struggles scoring 9 points off the Spartans 8 turnovers in the second half.

Miles said the Bulldogs’ aggressive defense kept the Spartans on their heels.

“Some of their (FSU) actions made it hard for us to get around and we didn’t get as many good looks at (the) second half as we did earlier . . . ” Miles said.

Junior guard Alvaro Cardenas led Tuesday’s game with a total of 12 points.

Cardenas said the team’s initial game plan was to play hard defense and keep in mind who the shooters and drivers are on their team, however he said they weren’t able to stick to that plan.

“We just haven’t been able to get off the Schneid, the losing



We just haven’t been able to get off the Schneid, the losing streak and I’d hoped that we played better defense.

Tim Miles  
head coach

streak and I’d hoped that we played better defense,” Miles said. “I thought we did for a while (in the game) and I thought it kind of let us down later in the game.”

Coach Miles said the Spartans committed many defensive errors towards the end of the first half and the team repeated mistakes over and over.

“You’re not in a one-on-one game,” Miles said. “You’re in a foreigner level class out there

against those guys and so some of that’s frustrating.”

Miles said being consistent and “sticking to it” is really important to keep in mind for his players as they go into their future games.

Freshman guard Christian Wise was able to score a record-high of eight rebounds to assist the team.

“You look at Christian Wise and you look at his hard work and dedication,” Miles said. “That’s

allowing him to get in college basketball games, played major college basketball and started to flourish. He didn’t get in the game forever.”

Miles said Wise was able to get an increase in minutes the past few games.

“He’s putting in a lot of time and his energy level is great,” Miles said. “He can go out and get a rebound and that’s where we’re really struggling.”

SJSU looks to get its first win in over three weeks when the Spartans are scheduled to play against Colorado State University at 6:30 p.m. on Friday at Moby Arena in Fort Collins, Colo.

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- Country music's Mel
- Kind of heel
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- Brindled beast
- Extinct avian
- Buzz
- Like some expectations
- They're made for walking
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- Calm by deception
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- Tuscany river
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- I might stand for it
- Baseball's "Little Giant"
- Easy mark

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5	4	6	1	3	9	2	8	7

### JOKIN' AROUND

What is black and white and black and white and black and white and white?

A penguin,  
rolling down,  
a hill.

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