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Department officers are

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through the Title IX office.

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and December last year
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Daily Crime/Fire Log, but
Belcastro said he could not
a specific date because
UPD received multiple
reports.

“We do know the name
of the suspect and an
investigation is ongoing,”
Belcastro said.

Because of the sensitive
nature of the incident, the
names of both the victim
and the suspect have not
been released at this time.

Other details pertaining
to the case are also being
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Nurses slam CDC rules
Medical staff say they need more protection from virus
By Mauricio La Plante
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The three nursing organizations said
the CDC should require negative pressure
isolation rooms for patients potentially
infected with new coronavirus because
the rooms decrease transmission risk.

“These negative pressure rooms are
where all of the patients should be. These
rooms such the air out of the room
and up into the atmosphere. Regular rooms
don’t do that,” Fried said. “So basically,
the virus can stay in the room and that’s
what can infect people.”

Fried said Kaiser Permanente has
fewer than 20 negative pressure rooms,
which she believes is insufficient.

“We concerning we don’t have enough
rooms to put patients who might be
positive with the coronavirus,” Fried said.

Karl Sonkin, media relations
representative for Kaiser Permanente
Santa Clara, confirmed that Santa Clara
has negative pressure rooms available,
but could not disclose the number.

Kaiser Permanente Northern
California released a statement
announcing that they engage weekly
to air grievances from staff members
and will do its diligence to keep employees
safe.

Ann Williamson, regional chief
nurse executive for Kaiser Permanente
Northern California, said they would
follow advice from the state and the CDC
meeting forward.

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The San Jose State
Associated Students Board of
Directors discussed conference
travel bans for clubs and canceling
teacher evaluations this semester during
Wednesday’s meeting.

Conference travel bans
A.S. Vice President Zayyar Birrer went over
SJSU’s recent domestic and
international travel bans and how recognized
student organizations that were approved for
conferences cannot go anymore because of the
new coronavirus.

“The school has specifically put a ban
on that travel because they don’t
want students to get infected or have
any extra exposure to the coronavirus,” Birrer said.

He said A.S. does not know how the previously
approved funding for those conference trips will be
moved because it was not clear if there were
specific purposes.

“A lot of what is happening right now is in
the air just because we don’t have a full
understanding of the situation,” Birrer said.

“We’re trying to adapt to this time.”

Professor evaluations
A.S. President Brandy Pena said in
light of classes moving to demand more protections
from the new coronavirus,

“We have had a number of patients
come in who they didn’t think had the
virus, and all of a sudden they did
the virus after they were tested,” said
Sarah Fried, chief nurse representative for the
Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center.

“Many of our nurses weren’t wearing any protective gear
when they took care of these patients.”

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and Prevention for rolling back personal
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for N95 respirators.

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The CDC recommended that health
care facilities ration N95 respirators
by not wearing the masks past their designated
shelf life and reusing masks.

“I think that’s outrageous,” said
Sarah Fried, chief nurse representative for the
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SCIENCE & TECH EDITOR

A group of U.S. Senators are spreading something resonate around Capitol Hill and it’s not COVID-19.

"According to presidential legislation, the EARN IT Act would effectively allow for every user-generated content site to exist, from discussion forums to messaging apps. It allowed the internet to transition from a place where everyone just published their own content to one where there is an emphasis on participation. In a future world under the EARN IT Act, websites would need to “earn” legal protection by complying with yet-to-be-determined guidelines issued by a commission reducing child exploitation. Yes, these Senators wanted to use a “think of the children” argument to squander how the entire internet works. After Edward Snowden’s 2013 revelations of global surveillance programs, activists ramped up promotion of a stronger form of security: end-to-end encryption. Taking a step back, most online security these days is what is referred to as transport encryption. If I direct message a friend on Instagram, the message can’t be read by whoever runs my Wi-Fi (the transport), but Instagram servers and my friend can read it. Whereas in an end-to-end encrypted service like WhatsApp or Signal, my message would be unreadable by everyone except its intended recipient. None of my Wi-Fi operators, neither WhatsApp nor Signal servers would be able to read the messages. It’s been tested in court too—when Signal was subpoenaed in 2016, it responded that it had no message data or contact lists. From a surveillance perspective, end-to-end encryption means that the government has no way of reading our messages unless they gain access to one of the devices. Alternatively, the government could pass legislation to make end-to-end encryption illegal, aka the EARN IT Act. Legislation need to take that into consideration, or we will be unable to read our users’ messages. "My advice to you is to get on with it, because the time has passed that we haven’t found a way that you can live with, we will impose our will on you,” Judiciary Committee chairman Graham said in the hearing, according to Politico.

Pushing this anti-encryption stance under the guise of protecting children simply won’t work. End-to-end encrypted messaging apps already exist and can be found in some form or another regardless of what legislation the U.S. implements. People intent on breaking the law will have no problem using illegal end-to-end encrypted applications, but it’s the rest of us that will have an issue. Most of us already don’t trust those in power in any case. The government doesn’t want them reading our private messages and I’m sure you don’t either either.

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In end-to-end encrypted systems, only the message sender and recipient are able to read the message. Servers in the middle would be unable to read the message, which is a significant difference from transport encryption.

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“Creatives convene at Local Color show”

By Shruthi Lakshmanan

STAFF WRITER

As a bubble of art in a city booming with technology, Local Color showcased Bay Area artists’ works to the San Jose community on Sunday. Local Color, a San Jose-based nonprofit organization, was established to build economic opportunities for creatives at the intersection of art and community development, according to their official website. The organization held a second installment of its Daytime Market, where artists set up stations for art fanatics to browse and buy their work, on Friday. The first Daytime Market was hosted in December 2019. “We just wanted to give a reason for people to come out and have an opportunity for artists to come and sell their items,” said Carmen Gaine, Local Color’s facilities and fiscal sponsorship manager. “If you have things to sell and you feel confident in setting up a table, you’re more than welcome to visit here.” Gaine worked with a committee of five to organize the event and the market in December 2019 as well. The exhibition consisted of 22 artists hailed from different cities, because artists did not need to live in San Jose to present their art. Visitors indulged in different art forms like live painting, portraiture, print prints, graphic design, clothing, jewelry making and more. Each artist seemed to embody their work, as opposed to the regular suit and tie that are seen in and around glass buildings. Jim Fonseca, a Local Color artist and freelancer, has been graphic designing for the apparel industry for 12 years and screen-printing for the last four years. At the market, he sold an amalgamation of his two professions: his original designs screen-printed onto T-shirts. “It’s good to just be able to interact with the public,” Fonseca said about the Daytime Market. “We get our stuff out there and sell things, hopefully network and now just build the community, bring it together.” Through these events, Local Color hopes to provide a workspace for artists and help them make a profit, eventually making enough financial strides to find a permanent home. Their previous location on First Street closed down because it did not comply with zoning laws. Now, Local Color rents two places and produces artwork at each location.

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Creatives convene at Local Color show
By Austin Turner

Sophomore guard Seneca Knight led the Spartans in scoring, averaging 17 points this season. Knight was named third-team all-Mountain West in a vote of the league’s coaches.

**Correction**

On Wednesday, March 11, the Spartan Daily published a story titled, “Black voters’ support of Biden is irrational” in which Mississippi and Delaware were misspelled. The Spartan Daily regrets this error.

**Clarification**

On Wednesday, March 11, the Spartan Daily published a story titled, “Coronavirus raises concerns in dorms” in which Dr. Barbara Fu should have additionally been identified as the Student Health Center interim clinical supervisor.
Although pandemics are unpredictable, San Jose State’s administration could and should have provided clear instructions earlier for students and faculty members in the event of a closed campus or suspended classes in response to the spread of new coronavirus.

By not communicating clearly with the campus community, SJSU left professors and students the impossible and unfair task of preparing to operate fully online in less than a week.

The San Jose State administration took drastic action to combat the spread of COVID-19 after the first death was reported in Santa Clara County, Monday.

But action should have happened far before a death in the county occurred.

SJSU President Mary Papazian announced to suspend classes and move them online in the following weeks left instructors and students with unanswered questions.

The first case of COVID-19 was reported on Dec. 31, 2019 by Chinese health authorities when unusually high cases of pneumonia were confirmed as examples of the respiratory illness, according to the World Health Organization.

The university sent out an initial email on Jan. 28, but didn’t send any other communication about what to now referred to by WHO as a pandemic until almost a month later.

The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department then announced the first COVID-19 case in the county on Jan. 31.

“To understand the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 has created anxiety, concern and, in many cases, fear,” Papazian stated in an email on Feb. 24. “The health and well-being of the SJSU campus community is our top priority. If you are feeling ill, please take care of yourself. Together, we will navigate through this time of uncertainty.”

To say pandemics are unpredictable is an understatement, but in “this time of uncertainty,” university leaders should have sent out clear instructions for students and faculty members long before classes were suspended or campus was shut down, not after the fact.

Instead of sending out emails to students in the dorms about reserving their spot for next year, many students want answers about how to stay safe in the dorms now.

Dr. Barbara Fu, SJSU’s interim clinical supervisor, told the Spartan Daily on Monday that students in the dorms should try to move their beds to be 3-6 feet apart, but no more communication has been sent to those students in the dorms.

On Wednesday, resident advisors want around knocking on dorm doors to see who had remained on campus.

Those who didn’t answer were sent an email from Residential Life Coordinators asking dorm residents had departed campus.

The university brought this upon themselves by making an abrupt announcement to suspend classes despite the lack of in-depth planning, prompting an exodus from many campus residents.

Nancy Messonnier, director for the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, said on Feb. 28 that the spread of the virus in the U.S. is “not so much a question of if, but when,” according to PBS.

With top health experts warning of an inevitable outbreak in the country, SJSU, which aims to be an educational leader in the U.S., should be more transparent with its action plan for the rest of the semester.

Ideally, SJSU would have begun preparing for a possible cancellation of in-person classes when Santa Clara County had its first COVID-19 case.

It will be difficult to have all relevant faculty members trained by SJSU Academic Affairs to adapt their curriculums for online instruction within the span of four days.

That’s not nearly enough time, but we have to accommodate those rapid changes. However, the university would make it easier on students and faculty members by being more transparent about exactly how classes will transition online.

If students don’t have reliable internet access at home, what are their options? What if students don’t even have computers at home?

Georgia Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library is certainly an option, but that would defeat the purpose of social distancing.

While the average age of an undergraduate SJSU student is 22 and the average for graduate students is 29, according to SJSU Institutional Research, a student infection could be fatal to a family member who has a weakened or compromised immune system.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “Older people and people of all ages with severe underlying health conditions—like heart disease, lung disease and diabetes, for example—seem to be at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness.”

The university administration cannot go back in time to undo their initial response, but for the sake of transparency to those who sacrificed so much to attend SJSU, unanswerable questions should receive more detailed information about the school’s plans going forward.