SJPD raids downtown drug house

By Madison Fagundes

Several heavily armed San Jose Police Department officers and one unit tank surrounded a house on East St. John Street, near North Sixth Street, for a raid around 7 p.m. Wednesday.

SJPD blocked the entire corner of East St. John and North Sixth streets for about two hours.

Officer Donald Seacrest said the police department had a warrant to search for drugs in the house.

“As soon as everybody exits safely, we’ll go in there and serve the house and hopefully find some evidence,” Matchett said.

The officers drew guns at the house and demanded the suspects exit the building.

When no one came out, they banged on the front door with a fingerprint kit and a flashlight to try to get a response.

“Once everybody was out, they were lined up to the street, where they were arrested and detained,” Seacrest said.

The SJPD officers used the safe gate of San Jose resident Dana Granados’ home to gain access to the back of the alleged drug house.

Granados, who has lived in the area for the last eight years, said she didn’t know the raid was happening until she came home from picking up her son from school.

“I was a little scared because I have kids and I didn’t know that all that happened in a neighboring house,” Granados said.

Another resident, who wished to be referred to as Bev for privacy concerns, said she was concerned about her children who attend Horace Mann Elementary School.

The school activated its shelters-on-protocol when the raid was taking place directly in front of the parking lot.

“I feel upset because why couldn’t they have done this raid earlier in the day, knowing that the kids go out of school at 3:55 p.m.?” Bev said.

Donald Seacrest, San Jose Unified School District police officer, was on school property when it entered the school.

Seacrest said officers hopped over the school’s gates with weapons ready before all students were locked inside.

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Top: San Jose Police Department officers detain five individuals Tuesday at 2724 St. John St. during an alleged drug raid. Bottom: SJPD units block off the street while officers survey the surrounding area.

By Madisllone Medina

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“A.S. is in the process of designing solutions. We need to be creative and organize fundraising drives that would allow [A.S.] and other students to support students and affected groups in danger or distress from the Afghanistan crisis,” Kaur said.

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The San Jose State football team is preparing for the 2021 season after running away with the Mountain West Conference championship last fall and a 7-0 conference record.

“We have new players [and] we have new opponents,” said head coach Brent Brennan in a Monday press conference. “This season is much different than a year ago because we got a full schedule of games. So, for us to expect anything just because we played well a year ago would be foolish and we’re not moving in that direction.”

Brennan said the team had a great couple weeks of preparation and is excited to welcome back fans to CEFCU Stadium.

“I’m most confident in our team [because] of our leadership,” he said. “We have returners that have played a ton of football [and] been through all kinds of stuff here who have seen the ups and downs and so you have that leadership that knows what it looks like and knows what it takes to play at a high level.”

The return of in-person attendance at CEFCU Stadium is a major factor in this upcoming season.

“For the team, it’s [going to] be a lot of excitement, we’re happy to see everybody back in the stands, but we’re just [going to] stick to what we know, work together, play together and just try to execute on the field,” said Kyle Hoppe, starting center and graduate student.

Coming into his sixth season with Spartans, Hoppe, along with the other upperclassmen, are looking to use their championship experience from last season and win the Mountain West title again.

Hoppe said he is looking to continue playing the gritty offense that got them the conference title.

“We’re just trying to score, and then some,” Hoppe said. Hoppe and his offensive coordinator told the team that it’s scoring touchdowns and executing plays no matter what it takes.

“We’re just coming out and we’re just gonna execute — we’re gonna do our job,” Hoppe said. “All eleven people on the same page, just come out and execute and get a good foundation for the season going forward.”

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“We understand as a coaching staff Fellowship and a football team that no one cares what you did yesterday and last year was an amazing moment in time, [but] it’s long gone,” Brennan said. Hoppe said the new players are already fitting in on the team and creating a huge impact.

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During the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic last year and again this fall, the Spartans traveled to Humboldt State in Arcata, California to train for the season.

“That was a great thing for us a year ago and it was a great thing for us this year,” Brennan said. “For us to be able to get away and have our team all together, in both circumstances, was really positive.”

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The players said they appreciated the team bonding they had this preseason at Humboldt State.

“I think Humboldt [State] was actually one of the best things that could have happened,” Darden said. “Last year’s (trip to Humboldt) had a lot of benefits. We’re forced to be stuck in a dorm with each other [and we get to] bond with each other [better] and build a connection.”

Sophomore defensive lineman Vilami Fehoko said sticking together and staying focused are primary goals this upcoming season.

“I think a big theme for us right now is just taking it one week at a time, climbing a mountain slowly, just like we did last year,” Fehoko said.

The Spartans will be playing home against Southern Utah Saturday night at 7 p.m.
**Tacos El Güero serves authenticity**

By Estevan Lopez

If you're searching for tacos in the heart of downtown San Jose, look no further than Tacos El Güero. Its authentic Mexican tacos are served in a quaint and charming environment, making it a popular spot among locals and tourists alike.

**Taco Experience**

When you step into Tacos El Güero, you are immediately greeted with the warm hospitality of the staff. The atmosphere is lively and vibrant, with Mexican music playing and creating a festive ambiance.

Upon arrival, I had a chance to look through the menu and choose to order tacos al pastor, a popular option known for its flavorful combination of meat and tortillas. Each taco is well worth it, as it perfectly complements the citrus flavors from the limes and cilantro.

The moment I took the first bite into my taco, I immediately knew two tacos weren't going to be enough. Although my stomach was full, I had to run to the owners and order more of their delicious, well-proportioned tacos. Each taco had the perfect amount of meat and was cooked to succulent perfection.

If you enjoy spicy food, their red salsa is the way to go on your choice of tacos, as it perfectly complements the citrus flavors from the limes and cilantro.

The restaurant's atmosphere is super friendly and welcoming. As you walk in, you're instantly hit with the scent of meat and tortillas, while upbeat Spanish music plays and creates a jubilant atmosphere.

While it does get busy throughout the evenings and weekends, the wait for the tacos is well worth it.

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Who is LeVar Burton? 

The only possible Jeopardy! game show host candidate

Evan Reinhardt

For years, “Jeopardy!” has been the ultimate foundation for a daunting game among know-it-alls who want to learn fun facts along the way to getting wasted.

With 41 Emmy Awards and a Peabody Award, it is the most award-winning game show in the U.S. after its 57 years on air, according to the “Jeopardy!” web page. Naturally, finding a host to replace the legendary Alex Trebek, who died last November, isn’t an easy decision.

Fans like myself know one thing sure: Mike Richards, the show’s executive producer, wasn’t the right replacement.

The show has cycled through many celebrities and public figures since Trebek’s death to test who could take the place as the show’s hostman.

While many great hosts got support from fans, such as Aaron Rodgers and Anderson Cooper, none received as much love from fans as LeVar Burton. Sony Pictures Television, the show’s producer, eventually decided to choose Richards as its new host.

Richards announced Friday he would be stepping down from the position after insensitive remarks he made during his 2013 podcast.

“The Price is Right” after she got pregnant.

Clearly, these are not remarks that should be expected from the new host of “Jeopardy!” Richards has dropped out, who can fill Trebek’s giant shoes? The apparent choice in American actor, director and children’s television host, LeVar Burton. Burton is known for his lives of slaves and won nine Primetime Emmy Awards for his work, according to the IMDb “Roots” webpage.

His role as Geordi La Forge on “Star Trek: The Next Generation” may also pull in the countless number of “Trekkies” and turn them into devoted “Burtonies.”

These roles reflect Burton’s respect for inspiring learning in others. Characteristic like this, along with his friendly presenting style, are what would make him a perfect “Jeopardy!” host.

Burton has even expressed interest in hosting the show since 2013 when he tweeted, “My dream job... The new Host of Jeopardy!” His creation of the petition the next day nominating himself to be the host, which gathered 3,713 signatures.

Although Burton famously misled the game show’s name, he’s clearly passionate for the role.

“I’ve been preparing for this my whole life,” Burton said in a 2013 Sirius Optimist interview. “Headquarted in Dallas, Texas, Serial Optimist is a magazine that predominantly interviews actors, artists, comedians, musicians, photographers and other “interesting people,” according to its website.

After Richards’ departure, Burton’s name began to trend on Twitter as viewers and lifelong fans championed for him to get the host role.

Fans voted for Burton to host the show more than any other guest host. He received 3%, according to Morning Consult.

The Morning Consult is a North American marketing company, according to its website. But it’s not just fans who want Burton. Well-known Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds chimed in to voice his support for Burton as well. “Pretty consistently from 2013 to 2015, Deadpool would explore on Twitter with fans wanting me to play him. It was awkward because I agreed with them, but the studio didn’t see it. Ultimately the fans won and the rest is glorious history. I’m forever grateful to him (gladiator).” Reynolds said in an Aug. 20 tweet.

Reynolds accurately describes how, with persistence, dedicated fans will often get their way. Hopefully, in this case, he’s right.

While Sony Pictures Television hasn’t named the show’s next host, the obvious choice is Burton.

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