

Library celebrates 15 years

By Paul Hang
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On Thursday the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library celebrated its 15th anniversary. The King Library originally opened its doors to the community in its grand opening on Aug. 16, 2003.

The King Library is a collaborative effort between San Jose State University and the city of San Jose. The King Library serves as the main library for SJSU and as the main branch out of the 24 San Jose Public libraries.

The event was broken into several intervals which included a speaking conference, an ‘outreach & cookie’ giveaway, a mini-docent tour and five performances.

The event’s two co-emcees were SJSU Library Dean Tracy Elliott, and San Jose Public Library Director Jill Bourne. SJSU President Mary Papazian and San Jose City Councilman for District 3 Raul Peralez also made guest appearances.

The conference lasted nearly 30 minutes and covered various topics about the library itself such as its programs, partnerships, services and volunteers.

“The city, for its part, is now able to



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San Jose State University Library Dean Tracy Elliott speaks in front of members of the public with San Jose Public Library Director Jill Bourne at the King Library to announce the start of the library’s 15th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday.

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Community outraged over mural removal

Thirty-two-year-old “Mural de la Raza,” which depicted Chicano history, was painted over without notice on Wednesday

By Jackie Contreras
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Sprawled across a wall on Story and King roads were images of Aztec warriors, men in zoot suits, Chicano revolutionaries and leaders of the United Farm Workers movement.

The mural, painted on the side of a Payless ShoeSource store in East San Jose, illustrated indigenous and Mexican-American history.

On Thursday, residents of the community woke to the sight of the mural gone. In its place was a coat of gray paint.

The mural titled “Mural de la Raza,” Spanish for “Mural of the People,” was painted in 1985 by artist Jose Meza Velasquez. Meza Velasquez studied with famous artists like Diego Rivera, according to an article published by the Mercury News in November 1985.

Upon news of the mural’s defacement, Meza Velasquez and his wife Juanita Meza Velasquez said they were saddened and upset with the situation.

“It’s a big loss for everybody that was raised around the area,” Juanita Meza Velasquez said.

Under the California

Preservation Art Act, property owners are required to notify artists before the removal or destruction of artwork.

Juanita Meza Velasquez said the property owners of the building failed to inform her husband of the mural’s removal.

The Payless ShoeSource where the mural was painted filed for bankruptcy in 2017.

According to ABC 7 News, the former property owner signed ownership of the space on Tuesday, the day before the mural was painted.

Meza Velasquez and his wife said they plan to take legal action, and will meet with San Jose city officials on Wednesday to discuss legal matters.

In response to the defacement of the mural, members of the east side community banded together on Sunday to express their anger.

Both Meza and his wife attended the demonstration.

“It almost felt like a wake,” Juanita Meza Velasquez said regarding the demonstration outside the vacant Payless store. “People were coming up and saying, ‘we’re so sorry this happened to you,’ it was like a funeral.”

(TOP) Images of historical figures like Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta and Robert F. Kennedy depicted on “Mural de la Raza” were painted over on Wednesday. Graffiti was sprayed over the wall where the mural was for more than 30 years.

Justice studies lecturer granted award

Stevenson honored for developing program that trains students to provide legal services

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The California State University (CSU) awarded 26 CSU faculty members with a Faculty Innovation and Leadership Award.

Among the recipients is San Jose State University justice studies lecturer Margaret Stevenson.

Stevenson was granted the award for her work in establishing the Record Clearance Project, a unique program for undergraduate students to learn criminal laws and provide legal services to clients from low-income backgrounds.

“It’s liberating for people,” Stevenson said. “We as a society need to have the talent, energy and ideas that let people reach their full potential instead of holding them back for arbitrary reasons, mistakes

they made in the past or just things that happened.”

Stevenson began working on the project in 2005 at Stanford Community Law Center.

After she arrived at SJSU in Fall 2007, she realized “the students here have a lot of energy, compassion and desire to help out. It’s fabulous for the teacher to set up these situations with trainings and necessary supervisions.”

Stevenson then founded SJSU’s Record Clearance Project and trained students who had no law school background.

In 2011, the program was formalized into three classes as



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High-speed rail to connect SJC to LAX

By Hugo Vera
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On Tuesday, San Jose City Council met with a modest public attendance who listened intently on a plan that could forever change travel on the western seaboard.

An advocate for the California High-Speed Rail Project proposed a move that could ease both car and air traffic in the Los Angeles and San Diego metroplex.

David Swagel, a representative of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was one of three speakers at the council meeting.

“I made a 140-mile journey today to encourage decision making on SJC from the context of a complete transportation system that is going to be made possible once High-Speed Rail comes to town,” Swagel said.

Swagel was referring to his agency’s plan to get the city to back plans to begin construction of the California High-Speed Rail north toward San Jose and then back down to Southern California.

“That will mean is that Seattle is actually going to jump to No. 1 ahead of Los Angeles and San Diego, to be the most popular destination out of SJC.”

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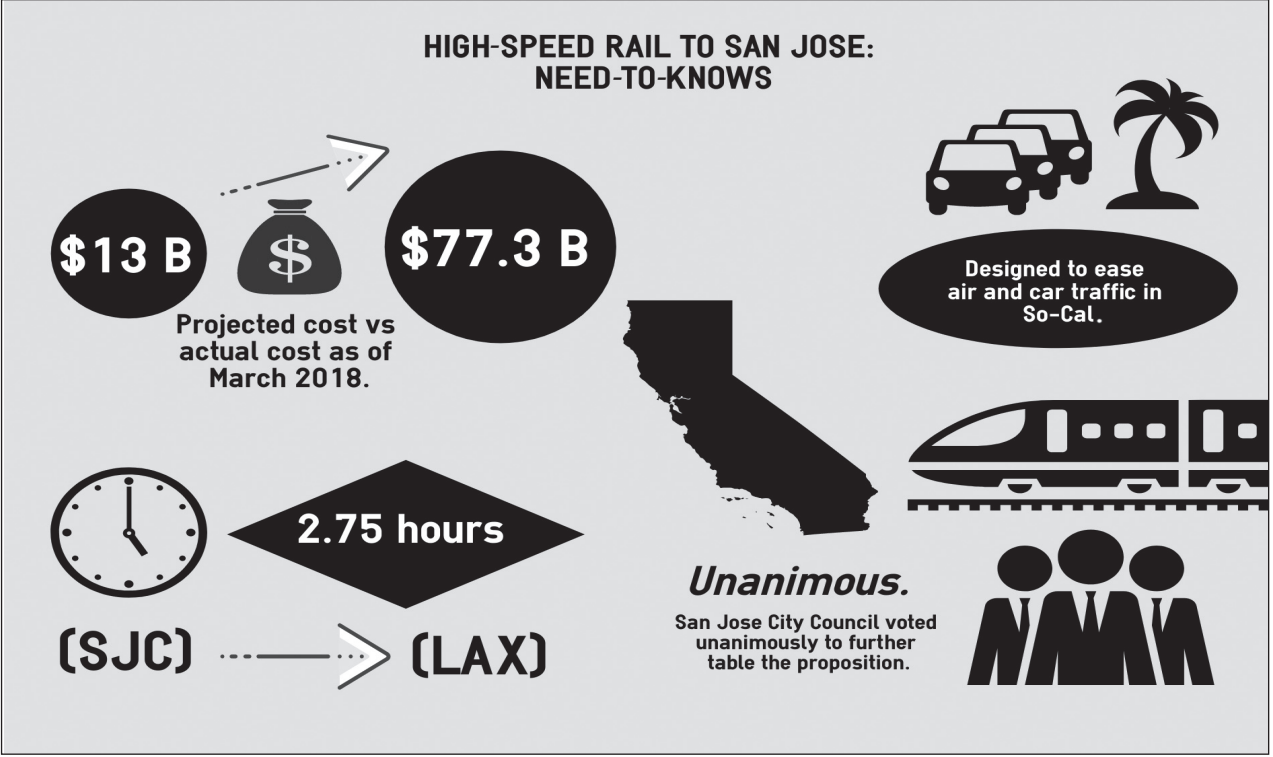
David Swagel
California high-speed rail authority representative

Swagel’s plan hinges on the prospect that if any enough Californians use the High-Speed Rail to travel to destinations, such as Los Angeles and San Diego, that the cities’ respective airports will be substantially less congested.

The High-Speed Rail to connect the SJC proposal would also lead to a rise of client and increased utilization of northern California’s lesser used airports.

These include Sacramento International Airport, Monterey Regional Airport and Sonoma County Airport.

After hearing Swagel’s pitch, the council voted unanimously to pass the



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The California High-Speed Rail Authority has proposed to the city of San Jose to have the high-speed rail start northward toward the Bay Area.

proposition along for further review, pending approval.

While city council representatives appeared to favor the plan, other Northern Californians are hesitant to connect a high-speed rail system to an already densely populated south bay metroplex.

The Los Angeles Times reported that the High-Speed Rail project was projected to cost taxpayers \$13 billion.

In March 2018, the

California state rail authority announced that the project would cost \$77.3 billion.

“Initially a rathole, now a sinkhole, soon it will be an abyss in which more and more tax dollars are forever lost,” former state senator Andy Vidak said. “I speak of the never-ending scam called High-Speed Rail.”

Despite the opposition, support for the rail project remains favored in the South Bay Metroplex.

In May 2018, the California High-Speed

Rail Authority met in San Jose and adopted their comprehensive 2018 business plan.

The business plan outlines that the project will continue as planned to begin the placement of rail in the central valley and then gravitate northward toward San Jose before clearing land for rails in Southern California.

The city’s paramount role to the project was evidenced by both by the venue of the meeting as well as Swagel’s

closing remarks.

“I was one of the many that told the High-Speed Rail Authority to please build north to San Jose....it was crucial to have the conference in San Jose and [for the authority] to see the explosion of new technologies.”

The California high-speed rail is scheduled for completion in 2029 and will have 29 stations across the state.

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an entire course sequence under the justice studies department.

Students learn a range of legal skills through the courses, including legal analysis and reading a rap sheet, as well as representing clients in court to get their records cleared.

SJSU is the only institution that provides this opportunity for undergraduate students.

Justice studies senior Jai Mica Vaca said, “Not every law school has this particular program. We are very fortunate to have it.”

Stevenson said the students in this program were able to give people a new opportunity in life.

For seven years, hundreds of students have been involved in this program and have helped people clear their criminal records and change their lives.

Justice studies senior, Jesse Mejia, said he had

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Jesse Mejia
Justice studies senior

family members who went to jail. “I have seen first hand people who lost hope. They might think that once they are out from jail they will only roll back to get into jail.”

By taking these courses, Mejia has obtained skills that have allowed him to bring support to many people who have lost hope.

“Because of their conviction history, they are not going to find job opportunities. . . But being able to help really shows them that there is always hope in moving forward,” Mejia said.

When he took the first class in the series, he was not able to work with cli-

ents one-on-one. He said, “Even if we just give them advice that we are not able to help them at that moment, they still leave us a smile on their faces.”

Now that Mejia has worked with clients and has been able to represent them in court, he said, “It’s just a great thing to see. After all this time, they are able to move on and have that shadow dismissed.”

Stevenson is proud of her students. “People come to have conversations because students have a gift that they skilled through their education . . . Students come to understand what another person’s life has been like and they have

the power to get better.”

Stevenson said there was a man in the jail who said the community education presentation changed his life.

The man told Stevenson the most precious moment in his life was being there and listening to the information students were providing.

“It just blew me away,” Stevenson said. “Looking at the group of these men and these lives, in this place . . . what a waste of potential, what a waste of energy, I just think that ‘you don’t have to be here!’ But people think that once they are in the system, there is no way of getting out,” Stevenson added.

In addition to honoring faculty members with the award, the CSU will also grant \$5,000 to the awardees.

Their academic department will receive \$10,000 to support the ongoing innovation and leadership program.

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Juanita Meza Velasquez said culturally significant murals are important to communities because they help teach young people of historical leaders.

The mural, which spanned 86 feet across a parking lot, depicted iconic Latino figures such as Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta, Emiliano Zapata and San Jose State University alumnus and playwright Luis Valdez. Valdez is known for writing the play “Zoot Suit” and directing the movie “La Bamba.”

Jose Valle, a community organizer for Silicon Valley’s De-Bug, said that painting over the mural contributed to gentrification and erased Latino and San Jose history.

“It doesn’t say ‘mural of the property owners’ it says mural de la raza,” Valle said. “Mural of the people.”

Valle said that while he didn’t own the art or the property, he owns the memories he has of the mural and the significance the mural has had in his life.

He added that many of the people who live in the east side grew up with the mural.

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Behavioral science junior

Michel said. “Our culture cannot just be painted over.”

Michel was raised in east San Jose and said the mural was a message that empowered the Latino community.

While the Meza Velasquez are saddened and upset with the loss of the 32-year-old mural, they said they are determined to find a way to help other artists protect their work.

The couple released a statement on Friday that read, “The insensitive disrespect and loss of this art piece is against the law and a detriment to artists, the world of art and the community who proudly embraced it”

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expand introduce its population to not one, but two educational environments. The library itself, and San Jose State University,” Papazian said.

Papazian mentioned how the library is a symbol for the city’s residents and how its proximity to SJSU’s campus makes it convenient for students.

“In that regard, the King Library is a true connector,” Papazian said. “It is accessible to anyone and everyone, bringing the richness of learning and education to anyone who chooses to take advantage of that,” Papazian said.

During Perez’s speech, he mentioned he was an SJSU alumnus. Perez, who graduated in 2004, took advantage of the King Library when he was close to graduating.

“I remember the first three years using Clark library and watching this beautiful building be constructed and being able to take advantage of it my last year here at San Jose State,” Perez said.

Perez would stay up until midnight in the basement rooms while studying for his finals. After graduation, Perez still used the library as a community room for meetings as his place for business.

“For me, this library has been a huge part of my life,

both as an educator and now as an elected representative here in the downtown district for the city of San Jose,” Perez said.

“This library so uniquely serves both its students and community members and I’m proud to wear both of those hats and to be able to take advantage of such a partnership,” Perez added.

Toward the end Perez’s presentation, he presented a \$40,000 check on behalf of the residents of District 3. The district residents submitted an idea and voted to fund the check to the four SJPL libraries within District 3, which includes the King Library, the Biblioteca Latinoamericana branch, the San Jose East Carnegie

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Raul Perez
San Jose councilmember

branch and the Joyce Ellington branch.

Elliott felt a lot of positive energy during the event, and said she is looking forward to celebrating more events in the future.

“I’m excited. A lot of people didn’t think that this partnership would work,” Elliott said. “We were already talking about celebrating

20th, 25th because we know that this partnership is going to remain solid and it’s going to continue to benefit the university and the city,” Elliott said.

When asked about future milestones for the library, Elliott said she is determined to add new services.

“Our milestones are more about what new services we are able to provide to the community and what services do we have to expand . . . for us, those are the important milestones,” Elliott said.

Over the years, the King Library has been an efficient place for students to study and the near location to SJSU makes students realize its conveniences.

Kinesiology major Chris

Ou visits the library at three times a week to study and get homework done.

Ou doesn’t live too far away from school and said he appreciates the library’s convenient location. “I live about 18 minutes, and I think the library is good for concentrating,” Ou said.

Following the speeches, organizers of the event shifted to performances by the King Library Book Cart Drill Team, the SJSU Poets & Writers Coalition, guitar duo Addison Rifkind and Yaxin Yang, students from SJSU’s School of Music and Dance and the Spartan Swing Dance Club.

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Chilling out with some jazz

By Paul Hang
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The Art Boutiki, located on 44 Race St., is an interesting place. It sells comic books but also hosts musical events. It also has a cafe for people to eat and drink as they socialize, watch artists perform or get lost in the music.

On Thursday, there was a special jazz event. What made this event special was that the performers allowed people in the crowd to play with them, or perform with other guests if they wished.

The band consisted of Arnie Co on piano, Dustin Vado on bass guitar, Gabriel Lee on drums and Nathan Tao on trumpet.

The quartet only played four songs before they invited people to play with them or take their spot if a guest played their instrument. There were 20 people in the audience.

The songs were mostly relaxing and slow. The bands' sound could relieve people from the stress of work or school.

The musicians' bodies moved and grooved to the music they were playing – making it clear they were enjoying themselves.

"It's all about how everyone is on stage interacting with each other. I think a lot of the music is it's improvisational in nature," Tao said. "No matter if we're playing the same song five nights in



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Trumpeter Nathan Tao lets the notes fly during his band's set at Art Boutiki on Thursday. They played a total of four songs during the night.

a row, it's going to be way different than if you heard it the other nights."

Tao has been playing the trumpet for 14 years. His family's musical background inspired him to take up the trumpet when he was in the fourth grade.

Many of Tao's family members played the clarinet and flute, but he decided to choose the trumpet. "I wanted to be loud and obnoxious, so I chose

the trumpet," Tao said.

Tao visits the Art Boutiki often. He said the area is a good place for those who want to socialize and listen to local musical acts in a relaxing environment.

"It's a quirky venue with lots of personality and the management is great," Tao said. "Totally great environment to come and listen to some really big acts in the indie scene as

well as the jazz scene."

Robby Manriquez, one of the attendees, was new to The Art Boutiki. The free jazz event was what encouraged him to come.

"I really like it, the spaces. When I looked it up, it looked like there weren't going to be tables and be very full," Manriquez said.

Manriquez said he also enjoyed how calm and relaxing the place was.

Just like Manriquez, Joe

Molnar also had his first experience at Art Boutiki. He had a similar opinion to Manriquez.

"It's somewhere I'll come back to for other events," Molnar said.

Molnar was one of the guest performers for the jazz jam session. He played the piano and sang to Velvet Underground's "I'm Waiting For The Man." Other people played guitar, bass and drums to create a

blues cover of the song.

The crowd found the cover funny, but enjoyed their performance.

As the night went on, the crowd grew larger. More people and musicians of all ages performed and watched the show as many socialized.

It was a night for relaxation and entertainment.

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Ex-1D member shines on new EP

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In May 2017, Liam Payne became the last former member of One Direction to release a solo track.

His single, "Strip That Down," featuring rapper Quavo, was certified triple platinum and proved Payne's presence as a solo performer. It was also a major departure from the group's bubblegum pop and pop-rock sound.

Since then, Payne has released multiple songs, none of which were as successful as his debut single.

On Aug. 17, he announced an EP on Twitter, titled "First Time" which is comprised of four new tracks.

The opening song, "First Time" is a collaboration with



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album review	
"First Time"	Artist: Liam Payne
Rating: ★★★★★	Release Date: Aug. 24, 2018
	Genre: Pop R&B

rapper French Montana.

The track has a rhythm and blues vibe, similar to "Strip That Down" and is about his complicated relationship with a girl.

The chorus is incredibly catchy and was stuck in my head immediately after listening to it.

An uncomplicated beat and Payne's silky "oohs" in between lyrics make it extremely memorable.

The second song, "Home With You," is my personal favorite on the EP. It's about Payne wanting to be alone with a girl.

It's definitely more pop-sounding than his previous releases, and I believe it is the standout of the EP.

This track has playful lyrics, like "Too many cooks in the kitchen / Too many fools here listening / Why don't we find somewhere quiet, quiet." I found these lyrics to be clever, as it pokes fun at Payne's lavish and public lifestyle.

The next song, "Depend On It"

is a ballad about a broken relationship he wants to restart. It's simple, with Payne's vocals being accompanied by a piano.

The track is solid and effective because of Payne's powerful voice, but brings down the mood of the rest of the EP.

In the final song, "Slow," Payne sings about an impending breakup. He knows the relationship will inevitably end, so he's pleading for the girl to "let him down slow."

This track has an EDM beat, but it doesn't distract from the fact that it is a pop song. Even though the tone sounds happier than the actual lyrics, it's still enjoyable.

It reminded me of an end-credits song played after a movie and for that reason I think it's a great song to close out the EP.

Though it's short, "First Time" is overall, a fine effort, and will certainly satisfy fans waiting for Payne's debut album.

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Microaggressions can leave a big impact



Vicente Vera
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Hate speech is understood to be provocative and offensive statements that are usually easy to identify. Microaggressions, on the other hand, are passive and sometimes subconscious comments that can go unnoticed.

Some people think they aren't a big deal, like Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt. They wrote the piece "The Coddling of American Mind" for the political magazine *The Atlantic*. The article describes microaggressions as a "collegiate trend of uncovering alleged racism."

I think that's a perfect description.

Racism has existed for as long as microaggressions have existed, but there's a reason the latter is finally getting attention.

During the civil rights era, there was arguably much more interest in curing government-sanctioned racism rather than policing culturally insensitive statements on college campuses.

Since then, our educa-

tion institutions continue to diversify. Considering some of us are still learning what exactly a "microaggression" is, it shouldn't be surprising if even the most well-meaning of people can utter one.

Microaggressions essentially equate to culturally ignorant comments. Thankfully, people can be taught to recognize them, if they are willing to learn.

For example, as a Mexican-American, if someone were to ask me if I speak "Mexican," I would give them the benefit of the doubt and assume they meant to say "Spanish."

Rather than use the opportunity to denounce them, it's more productive to educate someone when you catch them saying something ignorant.

According to conservative news site Campus Reform, the University of Wisconsin-Madison allows students to report microaggressions when filing a "bias incident report" with the school.

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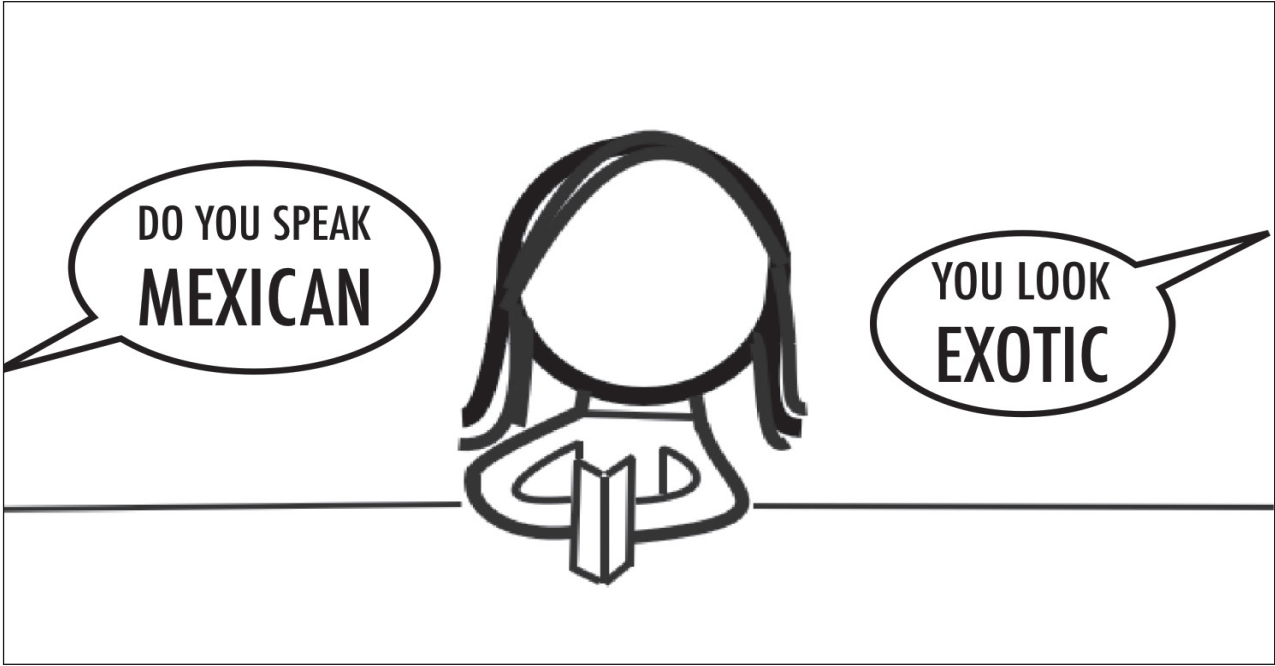


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does not have this option in their "discrimination incident reporting form," but it does include a similar classification under "classroom interaction with faculty or student."

The difference in both university's incident reports illustrate the gray area of what can be defined as discrimination.

Social work junior Paola Quintanilla, who interns at the Chicana/Latinx Success Center, described her own experiences with microaggressions last semester.

"One time during class when we were introducing ourselves, this girl asked me where I was from," Quintanilla said, "I told her my family is from El Salvador and that I was born here. Then, she asked me where El Salvador was. When I told her where it was, she said it was very exotic, and that my name and looks were very exotic."

Quintanilla describes being at a loss for words.

"It made me very uncomfortable, but I didn't know really how to react. I was just like 'okay.'"

In an article for *Time* magazine, writer John McWhorter wrote "The idea is that whites should now watch out for being micro-aggressors, in the

same way that they learned long ago not to be racist in more overt ways."

White people aren't the only culprits though.

To effectively call out a microaggression, the "why" matters more than the "who."

If a person of color were to ask "why are your people so racist?" to a white person, that's still grouping people into categories.

In both scenarios, there is genuine curiosity behind the question. Taken out of context, however, both questions can be seen as racist.

This is why we should be judging each situation

individually, rather than assuming people are being purposefully racist.

"I don't like being defined as exotic," Quintanilla said. "Exotic is not a word that you use to describe a person."

We must recognize microaggressions exist in everyday conversations and calling them out could open a dialogue.

We must also recognize when the aggressor has malice behind their statements so we can educate them on where the exit is.

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Stop using 911 as a weapon



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African-American New York State Senator Jesse Hamilton campaigned in the Crown Heights neighborhood of the Brooklyn borough in August.

He was campaigning on a public street corner when an angry white Trump supporter told him to leave.

Hamilton refused to leave and the heckler proceeded the call the police.

To Hamilton's disbelief, NYPD officers actually arrived at the scene. Hamilton was forced to prove who he was and justify why he was at that corner.

Hamilton drafted a bill that he will propose at the next New York State Assembly session.

It's a bill to label racially-motivated 911 calls as hate crimes which would entail prosecuting perpetrators of this action accordingly.

It's essentially criminalizing bigotry, which is something I agree with wholeheartedly.

Far too often, it has been the case that xenophobic white Americans have abused the power of the emergency response system all because someone was walking past them while also being a person of color.

An example of such a national embarrassment

was best exemplified earlier this year, when Jennifer Schulte, a chemical engineer from Oakland, was recorded frantically calling the police on an African-American family having an open barbecue near Oakland's Lake Merritt.

Schulte was branded

It's time to call out these calls for what they are, hate crimes.

the internet meme caricature "Barbecue Becky" following the incident. She became the subject of millions of satirical comedy posts.

The incident also led to an event titled "Barbecuing While Black" in which hundreds of Oakland residents had a massive barbecue block party at Lake Merritt to celebrate black culture and protest prejudice and gentrification.

The bill proposed by Hamilton is practical and should be applicable to all states.

The most important reason that racially-biased 911 calls should be penalized within a court of law is because it's not a crime to be a person of color.

In May of this year, African-American Yale graduate student, Lolade

Siyanbola, took a nap in her dorm common room after a long day of studying.

A white graduate student then walked in on Siyanbola taking a nap and without hesitation called the police.

No human being should ever have to worry about getting confronted by law enforcement simply because of their skin color.

It's time to realize that white individuals who make these types of calls are just disguising

of the infamous incident in which a Starbucks shift lead called the Philadelphia police department on a group of African-American men who were waiting for a business associate to arrive at a Starbucks lobby.

That shift lead couldn't even argue that the call was made because the men didn't make a purchase because the two African-American men in question didn't want to order drinks until all parties of their meeting were present.

The incident led to a public relations nightmare for Starbucks and the closure cost the company \$12 million but it was a cost that had to be paid.

First responders spend years of training and are perpetually standing by to give those in emergency situations police, fire or medical aid.

This wastes their time with a call made solely out of racial prejudice is both illogical and an insult to their efforts.

Xenophobic and racist individuals who make 911 calls solely on the criteria of race are a hindrance and an enemy to all Americans.

Their racism disrupts the lives of people at their workplaces, their schools, and it also disrupts the ever-needed emergency response system.

It's time to call out these calls for what they are, hate crimes and as with any crime in this country, it's time to bring these offenders to justice.

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GUEST COLUMN

Confirmation process begins today



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Brett Kavanaugh, Donald Trump's second nominee to the Supreme Court, is set to begin his confirmation hearings on Tuesday. Kavanaugh is a nominee with substantial partisan history and has been involved in the advancement of Republican politics for decades.

Kavanaugh's judicial experience comes from his time serving as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. While on the bench, Kavanaugh proved to be a worthy ally of establishment conservatives and the corporate class.

Kavanaugh detailed an opinion to uphold South Carolina's restrictive voter ID law, in 2012, a law the Obama Justice Department said would "disenfranchise tens of thousands of minority voters."

In 2016, Kavanaugh displayed true consistency with core Republican values, he delivered an opinion arguing that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau—the government agency tasked with protecting consumers from unfair and illegal financial practices—was unconstitutional.

As for the justices' stance on *Roe v. Wade*, expect a diplomatic bob-and-weave from Kavanaugh. While establishment Republicans are firmly rooted in their belief that Kavanaugh would vote to overturn *Roe*, publicly expressing the view garners no political gain.

This is especially the case as a few Republican sena-

tors have publicly supported *Roe*, marking themselves as probable swing votes if the justices' views differ from theirs.

Underscoring Kavanaugh's confirmation process has been the dubious handling of his prior documents and records.

Being the partisan mechanism he is, Kavanaugh's past comes with a plethora of documents—the most notable batch from his time with the Bush administration.

The Bush papers are being reviewed by a lawyer working for Bush before they're sent to the Senate, a practice that breaks all nomination process norms.

To make matters more incredulous, Donald Trump has withheld more than 100,000 pages from Kavanaugh's time with the Bush White House, raising suspicion from Democratic senators.

The National Archives and Records Administration is doing its own nonpartisan review of documents, but Republicans have scheduled Kavanaugh's hearings well before they're set to be released.

This means Republicans have a chance to confirm Kavanaugh before anyone will see his complete record.

Despite all of this, barring a Robert Bork-esque display, it seems certain that Republicans will confirm Trump's second nominee to the Supreme Court.

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Gaming events need better security



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The United States witnessed the type of shooting last week that is a rarity among us, a video game tournament shooting. It resulted in three deaths, including the gunman and 11 injuries.

The shooting took place in Jacksonville, Florida at The GLHF Game Bar. The gunman was David Katz, one of the competitors. Katz lost early during the tournament and decided to come back into the bar with two pistols.

During a livestream of the event, one of the players, Elijah “Trueboy” Clayton, was seen with a red laser sight on his chest. He was one of the two victims who died during the shooting. Taylor “SpotMePlzzz” Robertson was the second player who died because the shooting.

Ever since the shooting occurred, fellow professional gamers stated their feelings on Twitter about the lack of security at gaming events.

Jaryd “Summit1g” Lazar, a former professional “Counter-Strike: Global Offensive” player, wasn’t afraid to criticize.

“Security at events needs to be taken ultra serious. 90 [percent] of the events I attend have little to none.

20, 1999, there has been an increase in shootings, with events such as the Virginia Tech shooting and Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Both of the perpetrators were inspired by the tragedy that Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold had made. What if we have more people following Katz’s footsteps?

This is something I definitely don’t want to see it happening in bigger gaming events. It’ll be much harder for event goers to evacuate because of the amount of people that will panic.

I think it’ll also be more difficult to find safety in an area that’s filled with huge crowds of people.

I don’t want to see more people get killed while doing what they love, or the attendees get killed watching their favorite players play or the joy of high-level video game play.

The comment that Lazar made about DreamHack’s lack of security baffles me. I always thought an event of that size would be more strict with security.

I think it’s fairly upsetting to see Katz casually returned to the tournament without anyone checking for firearms. I’m sure if there was better security, both Clayton and Robertson wouldn’t have to die.

Gaming tournaments need better security. There needs to be more going on than just checking for badges or tickets.

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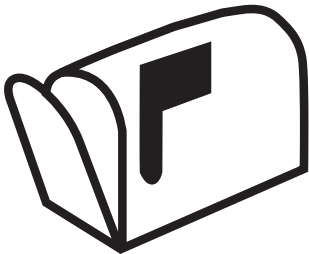
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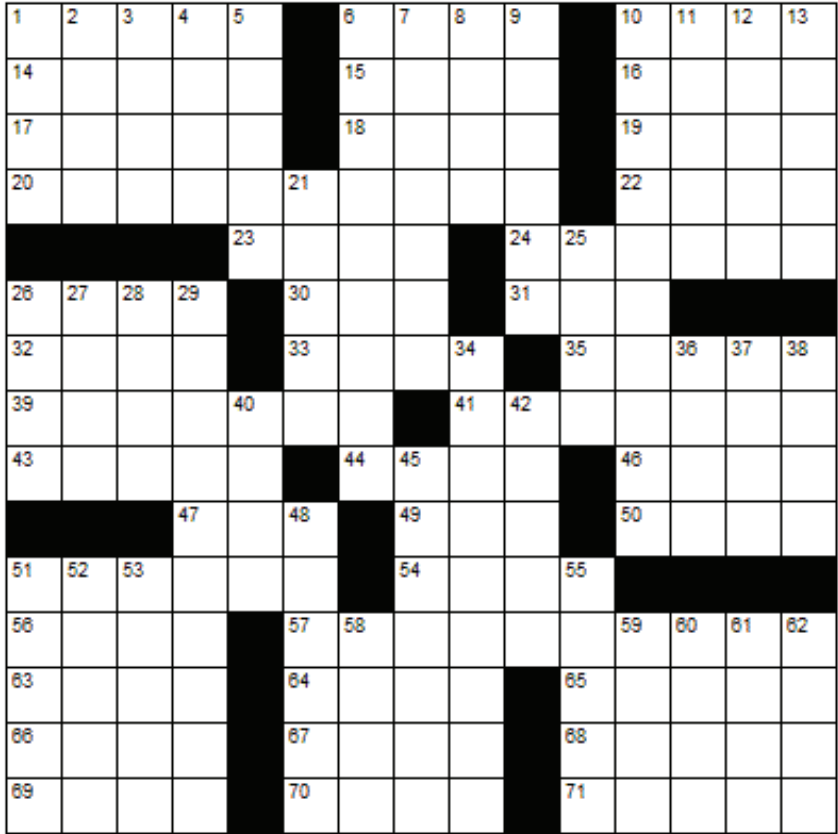
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- Shadow
- Warbled
- As just mentioned
- Debauchees
- District
- Roman emperor
- Dental filling
- Streetcar
- Tight
- Resembling a college
- Carve in stone
- Change direction
- Leotards
- At the peak of
- 18-wheeler
- Mistake
- Part of the outer ear
- Applications
- Made of oak wood
- Most destitute
- A fractional monetary unit
- Stairs
- Store
- Gave the once-over
- S
- Anagram of “Ail”
- Sleep in a convenient place

DOWN

- 7 member group
- Rodents
- Winglike
- Air
- The thin fibrous bark
- Razzes
- Lumberjack
- French for “State”
- Hubs
- Drome
- Expunge
- Large N. Amer. deer (plural)
- Groups of animals

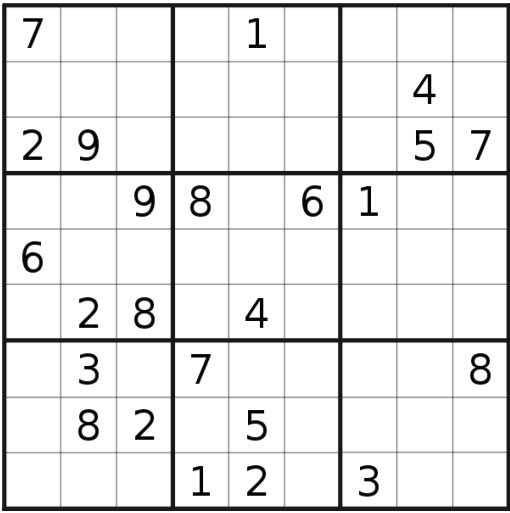
DOWN

- Relating to urine
- Not stereo
- Male cow
- Genuine
- Heretofore (2 words)
- Humorists
- Dispose
- Tidy
- Reproductive cell
- Not segregated
- End
- Spew

- Sweater eaters
- Buddhist religious leaders
- Weightlifters pump this
- Austrian peaks
- Horn sound
- Double-reed woodwind
- Commit
- Spinal curvature
- Knockout
- Nights before
- Gestures of assent
- Anagram of “Sees”
- Long stories
- Knoll
- Horse barn
- Filled to excess
- Gladden
- Pontifical
- Ancient unit of dry measure
- Anagram of “Loot”
- Not there
- Pitcher
- Cleave
- Historical periods

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



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Spartans lose home opener to Aggies

By Vicente Vera
STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State football team lost a high-scoring affair, 44-38, to UC Davis in the season opener Thursday night. This was the first head-to-head meeting between the two teams since 2012.

The game started with the Aggies winning the coin toss. It only took three minutes for UC Davis running back Ulonzo Gilliam's to score his first touchdown of the game and his collegiate career.

The score was 7-0, with nine minutes and 33 seconds remaining on the clock when SJSU starting quarterback Josh Love threw the ball to wide receiver JaQuan Blackwell for the Spartans' first touchdown. After the successful extra point attempt, both teams were then tied at 7-7 in the first quarter.

The flame kept burning for the Spartans when running back Tyler Nevens ran a touchdown in from the 2-yard line. Kicker Bryce Crawford made sure to land the kick attempt, bringing the score to 14-7.

Crawford backed the Aggies into a corner as he kicked off 65 yards to the Davis side, forcing them to take a touchback. In his first play, starting quarterback Jake Maier was sacked for a loss of five yards by defensive lineman Bryson Bridges.

The Aggies then marched down the field as Gilliam rushed from just 1 yard out for his second touchdown of the game.

The second quarter started with the score tied at 14. UC Davis continued to gain



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Spartans sophomore running back Tyler Nevens rushes up the middle during the team's season opener against UC Davis at CEFCU Stadium.

momentum. In the first four seconds, Aggies' tight end Wesley Preece caught a pass from Maier for another touchdown. The Aggies quickly scored again as another pass was completed to wide receiver Jared Harrell for a 49-yard touchdown to make the score 28-14.

The Spartans started to lose their balance as they were down by two scores. Nevens rushed 23 yards for his second touchdown of the game but that didn't stop Aggies' Carson Crawford from rushing in for his own touchdown. The first half ended 35-21 in favor of the Aggies.

The Spartans started the third quarter with Michael

“[Bailey] Gaither and I have been working a lot on [passing] in the offseason, so it's good to actually see us connect in the game.”

Montel Aaron
sophomore quarterback

Carrillo as quarterback. Carrillo had a rough start with a 6-yard sack. He also had his pass intercepted by Aggies' defensive back Tiger Garcia. The Spartans added another field goal after Bryce Crawford's 29-yard attempt to make the score 37-24.

In the last two seconds of the third quarter, wide receiver Bailey Gaither caught a

79-yard touchdown from SJSU quarterback Montel Aaron, who replaced Carrillo earlier in the quarter.

With the score at 37-31 at the end of the third quarter, SJSU just needed one touchdown to gain the lead.

“It was a good feeling to throw that pass,” Aaron said. “Gaither and I have been working a lot on [passing]

in the offseason, so it's good to actually see us connect in the game.”

By the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Aggies got a tighter hold on the game after Gilliam scored his third touchdown of the game.

Nevens was seriously injured toward the end of the game according to Spartan News. Head coach Brent Brennan was optimistic at the after-game press conference the injury wasn't anything too bad.

“He seemed to be moving his extremities. He's with the doctor right now and we hope to get an update soon,” Brennan said.

The Spartans responded back with Aaron passing

another successful touchdown to Gaither in the last 1:24 of the game, making the score 44-38 in favor of the Aggies. UC Davis recovered the onside kick attempt by SJSU, and secured the victory for the Aggies.

Gaither finished with a game-high 137 receiving yards.

“We just have to get back to the drawing board and do better,” senior linebacker Jamal Scott said.

The next SJSU football game will be at Washington State in Pullman, Washington on Saturday.

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SJSU earns draw against Kansas State

By Melody Del Rio
STAFF WRITER

The Spartans (0-2-2) came home and earned a scoreless draw in double overtime against Kansas State (3-2-0) Sunday afternoon. This was SJSU's first ever meeting against Kansas State.

Despite having less shots on goal than Kansas State,

both teams proved themselves defensively. “[Kansas State] is a really organized team. Defensively they're organized, their sound, they're dynamic

and they are a counter-attacking team,” head coach Lauren Hanson said. “I thought we organize ourselves very well. Especially during the second half?”

Throughout the game, both goalkeepers were tested but nothing got past them. Kansas State continued to fight in search of a game-winning goal but failed to make a shot past senior goalkeeper Paige Simoneau.

Simoneau had an exceptional performance with two



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Spartans senior goalkeeper Paige Simoneau takes a goal kick in Sunday's overtime draw against Kansas State.

saves in the first half and another three saves in the second half.

“I don't even think about [when the ball comes to me,]” Simoneau said. “It's just second nature.”

Junior forward, Jamilecxth Becerra, had six shots and one on goal.

“I had a break-a-way. I felt that had the better of me. I just used that as a learning

point for the future, if that happens again,” Becerra said.

SJSU continued to fight for the winning goal in the second half but Kansas State held on long enough to make overtime.

“We needed to keep coming at them, to try to get that one chance. One goal, that's all we need to finish it... I come out thinking we're going to have the best result,”

Becerra said. “If not, it's just something we learn off of and improve on in later games.”

After 90 minutes with no goals on either end, the two teams went into overtime. Despite double overtime, the Spartans did not let-up.

“We work for this. We train for overtime in the summer and throughout preseason,” Simoneau said. “It sucks though, because it is an extra

20 minutes, but we work for it.”

The Spartans were unable to capitalize during the two 10-minute overtime periods as the game ended in a draw.

During halftime, the team took the opportunity to fix and control their positioning. Hanson felt the team did a good job at adjusting but felt as if the team needed to finish their opportunities.

“We want to keep getting shutouts and then build in our possession, and attack and try to finish our opportunites.”

Lauren Hanson
head coach

“Everyone has got to give energy. It's a grind, you gotta push through that,” Hanson said. “One of the things we talk about is the fitness that we do, it helps us prepare mentally for moments like this.”

When asked about the team's goal for next game, Hanson wants the Spartans to keep attacking.

“We want to keep getting shutouts and then build in our possession, and attack and try to finish our opportunities,” Hanson said.

The Spartans' next game is against Cal State Fullerton on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Spartan Soccer Complex.

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