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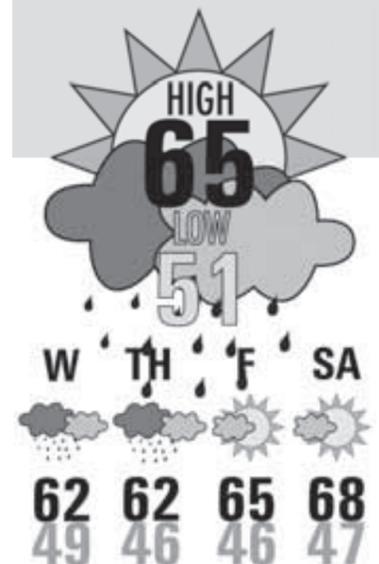
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Campus Wi-Fi takes early vacation

RIE NAKANISHI
Staff Writer

Junior health science major Yun Tran went to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on the afternoon of Nov. 16 to work on her midterm paper, but she soon realized that the SJSU wireless Internet network was down — so she used her iPhone to get online.

"Nothing worked," she said. "I had to use my iPhone with the 3G network

to do my research, but I used my laptop to type it all up."

She went back the next day, but there was still no connection.

Some students realized that the entire wireless network on campus was disconnected for a few days last week, some noticing the problem as early as Nov. 16.

W. Richard Port, the network analyst in the University Computing and

Telecommunications department, declined to comment on the problem.

Not knowing what was happening, some students suffered days without access to wireless connection.

Junior business major Yosharyn Moreno was one of them and said she was working on a project with her partner on campus when the network went down.

"We realized that there was no con-

nection in either the business building or (the Student Union)," she said.

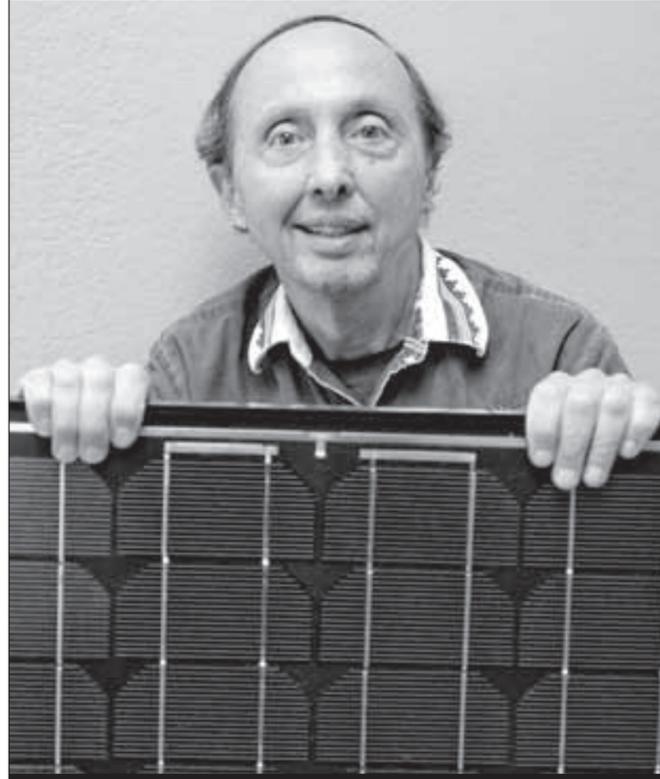
After attempting to log in for half an hour, she said she gave up and went to her partner's house to work on the project.

"We were upset because we had to finish the project," Moreno said.

Some students visited computer

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SIMPLY LIVING AHEAD OF THE TIMES



Frank Schiavo, a retired SJSU environmental studies professor, poses with a solar panel at his green solar home in San Jose on Nov. 19. MIKE ANDERSON / Spartan Daily

Frank Schiavo helped promote environmental studies major

DANIELLE TORRALBA
Staff Writer

Frank Schiavo can fit his week's worth of trash consumption into the palms of his hands.

"I try to live simply," he said. "I can't get behind living extravagantly at the expense of the environment and the people who come after me."

In 1981, Schiavo helped make composting legal in the city of San Jose. Since moving into his home, he has never owned a trash can and has never had a garbage truck stop in front of his home. Everything he uses gets recycled, and food waste is composted in his front yard.

"I paid my garbage bill the first year I moved in, and after that no more," he said. "My energy bill has never been above \$30."

Schiavo is a retired lecturer from the environmental studies department at SJSU who has been living a "green" lifestyle longer than most.

In the early 1960s, Schiavo began teaching at James Lick High School

for a year and then was recruited by the principal of Willow Glen High School to teach physics and general science.

He said his outlook on the world and how he lived changed after taking a class with his brother for his master's degree at SJSU.

"My brother found a course in a descriptive booklet that the school used to publish that really recommended that the class is something you really needed to take for yourself and for your country," he said. "It was called Conservation of Natural Resources and it was taught by Dr. Hartesveldt."

While teaching at Willow Glen, Schiavo slowly started transitioning all his general science classes into environmental studies courses with the approval of the school district.

"They were happy to see something that progressive in those days," Schiavo said. "I think they thought it would keep kids in school, instead of having

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UPD on alert after armed suspect steals laptop from person at parking garage

MATTHEW KIMEL
Staff Writer

An unidentified female was robbed and had a gun pointed at her after trying to retain possession of her laptop Wednesday at approximately 8:53 p.m. in the SJSU 10th Street parking garage, according to a robbery alert flier released by the University Police Department on Thursday.

The suspect is considered to be a black 23- to 30-year-old man, approximately six-feet tall and 180 to 200 pounds, according to information provided by UPD.

The victim was walking to her car and the suspect followed her and then stole her laptop, the flier stated.

As the suspect was chased by the victim, he showed a gun. UPD later found a BB gun believed to have been

dropped by the suspect at the scene of the crime, according to the UPD flier.

The victim was not harmed during the incident, and the suspect fled the scene in a brown or gold 2001 Chevrolet SUV, the flier stated.

Some students thought the garage should have more security guards and cameras.

"Anything can happen," said Christine Pham, a junior interior design major. "Safety should definitely be a concern."

She said walking to the garage can be scary.

"There is easy access to people inside," she said. "The only time you actually walk out with a group (to the garage) is if there is another class dismissed at the same time."

Maria Pyatigorsky, a senior finance major, said she was concerned

about taking night classes and having to walk back to the garage at night.

"I was thinking about my security and that was something I was concerned about," she said.

Samantha Kopij, a junior business marketing major, said she normally parks at the Fourth Street garage at night and feels uncomfortable after she gets off her closing shift at a local bar.

"To come out at 2 a.m. is not always a great feeling," she said. "It would be nice to have security."

UPD declined to comment on the situation on Monday and said no officers could speak on the situation until Thursday due to off-days and vacation time.

An escort can be provided by the UPD upon request by using the blue light phones on campus.

Police prepare to help poor local families with toy drive

UPD expects to provide almost 1,200 with donated presents

MARCOS BLANCO
Staff Writer

The University Police Department will be helping families in need in the campus community once again with its 17th Annual Holiday Toy Drive.

The toy drive, which started on Nov. 17 and will go on until Dec. 12, could help between 1,000 and 1,200 children from infants to 12-year-olds by giving them new or like-new toys and cash donations by people in the campus community, said Claire Kotowski, executive assistant for the chief of police.

Sgt. Amado Ramirez reflected back on when the toy drive first began.

"I was talking with the community and I noticed a lot of families asking for help," he said. "I started collecting names."

Ramirez said more people started to participate in the toy drive as time passed.

"It was a group effort," he said. "A lot of people wanted to help."

Kotowski said she encourages more volunteer participation for the toy drive.

"It's a campus community," she said. "We do it through volunteer opportunities and we do as much as we can to get them involved."

People can drop off toy or check donations at the UPD lobby, Kotowski said. She also said that gifts will be wrapped on Dec. 17 at the police department at the Seventh Street

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Teaching the kids to play safe Health Center's Condom Co-op provides free contraception

KAJAL MORAR
Staff Writer

No glove, no love.

SJSU's Condom Co-op provides students with free condoms every day of the year.

Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday in room 209 of the Student Health Center, the Condom Co-op serves countless students throughout the semester.

"We're pretty busy throughout the day," said Melinda Chu-Yang, the wellness and health promotion coordinator for the Student Health Center. "There's people coming all day long."

Sarah Goldman, a freshman com-

munications major, said she benefited from the program after she learned about it from a class.

"It's a really good resource," she said. "You can come in and people don't judge you."

Chu-Yang said the items provided are available only for students.

"It's a good, free service for students," she said. "We understand students are always on a tight budget."

Morgan, a freshman art major, said students can avoid the fear of pregnancies or abortions by getting free condoms from the health center.

"The prices are good," she said. "They're better than going to 7-Eleven." Anna Ang, the administration

support coordinator for the program, said students can get four free male condoms, one free female condom and one free dental dam per day with a student ID.

Any extra male condoms cost 25 cents each, dental dams cost \$1 for two packets, lubricant packets cost 25 cents each and female condoms cost \$3 for two packets.

Chu-Yang said there are different types and brands of male condoms offered. There are plain, ribbed and flavored condoms and a choice between Durex and Kimono brands.

Chu-Yang said the Condom Co-

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WIRELESS ► Puzzled students called help desk asking when Internet service would be restored

labs at Associated Students Computer Services Center and Clark Hall to get online.

"Since the Internet went down, a lot of people came over to the Computer Services Center for help and assistance," said Agnes Fernandez, senior health science major and a front office assistant at the center.

She said a lot of students came in thinking that they had problems with their computers, not with the university's wireless Internet system.

"There were a lot of technicians that would come in trying to solve it, but there was nothing wrong," she said of students' computers. "And then we realized that it was the wireless itself."

According to the lab's records, more than 60 people visited the computer lab Monday and Tuesday, whereas the average is 40 people on normal days, Fernandez said.

The number rose to 70 on Wednesday, she said.

Fernandez said many students came in to question what was

happening to the school's wireless Internet connection, but she couldn't answer them.

"It's not what we cover," she said, noting that the A.S. Computer Services Center covers problems related to detecting viruses and drivers that might be missing from the computers, but not the overall wireless network connection on campus.

While the A.S. Computer Services Center was getting a lot of visits, Clark Hall's computer lab help desk was getting a lot of calls from puzzled students.

"More people would call us and say, 'Hey, my Internet is down,'" said Dhiwakar Mani, a graduate software engineering major and a student lead at the Clark Hall computer lab help desk.

He said most students wanted to find out when the wireless Internet would come back.

The Clark Hall help desk couldn't answer that particular question, but was communicating with University Computing and Telecommunications to

update students as well as they could, he said.

While other students were having a frustrating time, Steve Zeiher, a junior accounting major, said he wasn't stressed out about the problem because he didn't have any assignments that required him to go online last week.

"I didn't really have that much important stuff to do, so it really wasn't that critical," he said.

Zeiher didn't realize the wireless Internet was down until Nov. 19, when he tried to connect to the Internet at the Student Union, he said.

"I was lucky because it really wasn't a problem for me," he said, noting some students around him were frustrated with the inconvenience.

Zeiher said he connected to the Internet on Wednesday afternoon.

Tran said she also noticed when the on-campus wireless Internet connection came back on the afternoon of Nov. 19.

"It was slow but good enough," she said.

TOYS ► Many presents will be delivered by police caravan to families, rest can be picked up

garage from 12 to 4 p.m.

Ramirez said the department makes sure all the toys are safe for the children who are receiving them as Christmas gifts. He said they follow the age recommendations and check to ensure everything is attached.

"We screen all the toys," he said. "We have to make sure the toys are safe and clean."

Kotowski said the toy delivery begins on Dec. 20 at 8:30 a.m. She said some of the donated toys will be delivered to 40 percent of the 250 families via police caravan. The remaining 60 percent can come and pick up the rest of the toys at the police department.

"This is a lot of work," Ramirez said.

Kotowski emphasized the importance of helping out

needy families during the holiday season.

"I think a lot of people underestimate what a community means to them," she said. "It's not part of our job. We do it on our own time, uniform or not. We just feel very strongly about giving back to our community."

Ramirez said the families being helped receive aid from the university, but they don't ask too many questions when it comes to determining which families need help.

"This is a time of giving," he said. "It's been amazing that we've come through every time."

Police Chief Andre Barnes said some of the officers take the lead in helping out with the toy drive and volunteering as well. He said additional help comes from sororities, fraternities, staff and faculty.

"We get anywhere from 20 to 50 volunteers," he said. "We get a lot of help from the campus community."

Barnes said that it is an opportunity for the department to give back to the community.

"It's just another way for us to connect," he said.

Ramirez said helping needy families and their children during the holiday season makes him feel good.

"It's a wonderful feeling," he said. "It's what the holidays are all about — to know that you're helping other people. It's our campus community at-large who are helping."

"To see the children's faces is really incredible," Kotowski said. "It just makes you feel good all over. It's a lot of work, but it's worth it."

CONDOMS ► Association: About 500,000 babies born to American teenagers each year

op is run by student peer health educators.

"They're all student volunteers and are trained," she said.

Chu-Yang said the student health educators do presentations for classes, fraternities, sororities, organizations and residence halls on campus.

She said the program gets a lot of traffic because of all the advertisements and presentations.

Male and female condoms are the only form of contraception that are offered on campus, Chu-Yang said, because birth control pills require a prescription.

The Planned Parenthood Web site encourages the use of condoms. Some reasons for using condoms include the ability to use condoms with almost every form of contraceptive, being easily disposable and helping prevent sexually transmitted diseases.

According to the American

Pregnancy Association, about 3 million out of 60 million women between the ages 15 and 44 do not use contraception, which accounts for 47 percent of unplanned pregnancies in the U.S.

The Web site states that 468,988 babies are born to teenagers each year and 3 million American teenagers ac-

quire an STD each year.

The pregnancy association says that male condoms have a 14-percent failure rate, female condoms have a 21-percent failure rate and spermicide has a 26-percent failure rate.

"It's free," Chu-Yang said. "It's always good for (students) to practice safe sex."

SPARTAGUIDE EVENTS CALENDAR

25 TODAY

Student Showcase Hour

12 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall.
Contact Professor Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

Free Lunch Every Tuesday for San Jose Students

The San Jose Institute of Religion, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, invites students to lunch every Tuesday, 12 p.m. at 66 S. 7th Street, adjacent to SJSU.
Contact Brother Bohn at sanjoseca@ldsces.org, 286-3313 or www.ldsces.org/sanjose

Zen Meditation

Weekly meditation sessions and talks on Buddhism; come still the mind.
4:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Almaden Room.
Contact Justin Joyce at 677-8681 or sjsuzenbuddhism@yahoo.com

International Youth Fellowship

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Guadalupe Room.
Contact Ricardo Godinez at 509-9549.

Got Worry?

Stressed? Anxious? Need someone to talk to? Don't fear! Counseling Services is here. Come to this session and find out about one of your best advocates on campus.
3 to 4 p.m. in Clark 118.
Contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu

School of Art and Design Gallery Openings

Featuring the works of Kathi Cambiano, Adam Kabohawa, Selena Zontos, Eric Baral and Rachelle Kaldani.
Located at each gallery in the Art Building and the Industrial Studies Building.
Contact Ace Antazo at SJSU_Galleries@yahoo.com.

SJSU Symphony Orchestra Concerto

An aria showcase of student winners of the annual concerto-aria competition. Admission is \$20 general and \$10 for students and seniors.
7:30 p.m. in the Music Concert Hall.
Contact Janet Averett at AverettJM@aol.com.

01 MONDAY

World AIDS Day Resource Fair

Tables featuring campus and community resources for HIV/AIDS services and advocacy.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union.
Contact Stephanie Bowens and Melinda Chu-Yang at phew.sexualhealth@gmail.com.

Test Taking Teddy Plays To Win

Come play Testing Jeopardy with Teddy and find out some hot tips that will be sure to help you pass those exams.
12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Clark 118.
Contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu.

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Santa Cruz County man's conviction for possession, cultivation of marijuana reinstated by state court

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court has reinstated the conviction of a Santa Cruz County man charged with marijuana possession.

The court said Monday Roger William Mentch did not qualify as a "primary caregiver,"

which under state law would have given him partial immunity for the possession and cultivation of marijuana.

In reversing an appeals court decision, the justices said someone who mainly supplies marijuana and instructs patients how to use it while otherwise only "sporadically"

taking some of them to medical appointments is not a primary caregiver.

Mentch was charged with cultivation and possession of marijuana for sale after authorities say they discovered an elaborate business with hundreds of marijuana plants at his home in 2003.

State commission plans to look into church's involvement in passage of gay marriage ban

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California officials are planning to investigate whether the Mormon church gave an accurate account of its role in the campaign that succeeded in getting a same-sex marriage ban approved in the state.

The action by the California

Fair Political Practices Commission came in response to a complaint filed two weeks ago by a gay rights activist. Fred Karger, founder of Californians Against Hate, accuses the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of failing to report the value of the work it did to support Proposition 8.

Roman Porter, the agency's

executive director, said Monday that the decision to open an investigation does not mean staff members have determined there was any wrongdoing, only that Karger's complaint merits further inquiry.

A representative from the Salt Lake City-based church could not be reached for comment.

SCHIAVO 'I paid my garbage bill the first year I moved in, and after that no more; my energy bill has never been above \$30,' Shiavo says

them protest against the war and Civil Rights. They were pretty open to experimentation."

In 1969, Schiavo started a recycle center at Willow Glen High School and ran it until 1974. He was also a part of organizing five Earth Day events there starting with the first one in 1970.

During his time teaching there, the school also obtained permission by the UC system to make his environmental studies class equivalent to the two-year lab science course requirement. But not everyone at the school liked the idea.

"My school principal, a chemistry teacher and biology teacher resisted and fought that, so I resigned," he said. "The summer of '74 was a major step in my life. My students had gotten a lot of attention for their projects and we had received numerous state and national awards."

Schiavo was also a part of teaching classes in the Extension Division at that time through UC Berkeley and an SJSU extension.

He said the classes he taught at UC Berkeley and SJSU were usually weekend classes or a full week in the summer were for people who were already teaching but wanted to learn more about incorporating environmental topics into their social studies, English or science classes. When he quit teaching at Willow Glen, he added UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz to the list of schools for the extension program, where he taught other teachers. Shortly after, he started teaching at San Jose City College, De Anza College and Foothill College.

"In 1975, when that was all going on, I was hired by the environmental studies department at San Jose State to start teaching part time there," he said.

Gary Klee, a professor of environmental studies, said that Schiavo built up enrollment in the bachelor of arts environmental studies course, Preparation for Teachers, within the department.

"No one else ran that pro-

gram," Klee said. "He was like a messiah. As a lecturer, he was inspirational."

Klee said that for a 10-year period starting in the late 1970s, they shared an office together. Schiavo was his key adviser for multiple teaching programs within the department.

"He was a great person to get ideas from," Klee said. "He helped play a major role in keeping the department progressing during budget cuts."

In 1978, while teaching at SJSU, Schiavo started to work on making his recently bought home solar powered and eco-friendly.

Schiavo said Klee encouraged him to build a course around the remodeling of his house.

"I began to build the course 'Solar Home Design,' and what it really led to was consulting in the field, led to teaching solar classes at City College and the one at SJSU," Schiavo said. "After this, I slowly began to become full time at San Jose State and then stopped teaching at the other schools."

Schiavo said his green solar home consists of a passive sun room about 40 feet long, solar hot water, solar electricity, "cool roof," which is a white painted rooftop that provides solar reflectance and thermal emittance, double-pane glass windows, rain catchment and water recycle attachment, which recycles the wa-

ter to his trees and garden, denim installation on the attic, a raise bed, which is a boxed organic food garden and an organic fruit tree orchard.

Inside his home, Schiavo has painted the walls with Mythic and Yolo paint, which are nonchemical. His car is a 1964 Chevy Nova dual fuel engine that runs almost entirely on propane.

In 2003, Schiavo retired from teaching and is currently active in spreading the word about being environmentally conscious. He is a board member of the Michael Lee Environmental Foundation, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to environmental education in the Bay Area. He is also a passive solar home design consultant for homeowners and architects, including Los Gatos green solar home builder Sigmund Beck.

Environmental studies classes from colleges in the Bay Area still tour Schiavo's solar home.

Via e-mail, Thai Du, a senior environmental studies major, said that a speech Schiavo made helped him realize that he should major in environmental studies instead of computer engineering.

"His positive thinking and attitude makes him a very unique person," Du said. "He knows the serious impact happening in this world. And his goal in life is to teach students about this because he or she is our future generation."

CAMPUS IMAGES



Cadet Chris Jamison from the Arnold Air Society, an SJSU honorary community service organization and an Air Force Reserved Officer Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) program, does leg lifts during a training group session to qualify as a candidate for the society near the SJSU Boyce Gate at Seventh Street on Friday night. **CARLOS A. MORENO / Spartan Daily**

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Lone senior shines on the court



Natalie White led SJSU with 15 points in a 94-62 loss to Seattle University on Sunday. STEFAN ARMUO / Contributing Photographer



SJSU women's basketball guard Natalie White moves the ball upcourt against Fresno State last season on Jan. 25, at the Event Center. White is the only senior on the Spartans' roster this season.

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White saw the 'lights,' came to SJSU

BIANCA deCASTRO
Staff Writer

It was a summer day in Dubuque, the oldest city in Iowa, when Natalie White received a phone call that would change her life.

"I got a call from San Jose State," said White, the senior starting point guard on the SJSU women's basketball team. "They got me on the phone and said we want you to come to San Jose State on a full-ride scholarship to California. It was like flashing lights saying, 'come here, come here.'"

White, an all-around athlete, played a number of sports in high school and participated in a number of activities, such as dancing and playing piano as a child. She said she credits her versatility to her parents putting her in everything imaginable, but ultimately she chose basketball because of the competitiveness.

"I really love the atmosphere and so I chose (basketball) above anything else to focus on and get better in," she said.

Since White's arrival at SJSU, she said she has seen the team go through three coaches, including the current coach Pam DeCosta, who coached at Lynn University for four years. DeCosta joined the SJSU staff last year.

"I liked what she had to say," White said. "I read up on her and she had good background experience and I felt she was a winner, so I jumped on board."

After playing for a team with a disappointing record of 3-28, White said she tries not to think about the losses. She said she looks to the past as a learning experience and to the future as an opportunity for a new chance.

"I love Natalie, off the court and on the court," said assistant coach Brett Studley. "On the court, she works so hard and I've never seen a player work as hard as her. Last year was a rough year and she could have thrown in

the towel anytime, but she never did. She came every single day and worked as hard as she could and focused on getting better individually and as a teammate."

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BRETT STUDLEY
SJSU women's basketball assistant coach

White, who's majoring in radio, television and film, came to SJSU as a high school recruit in 2005 and is the only senior on the team this year. The team consists of 15 players, four

returning, five transfer students and six freshmen. White said "it's awesome" working with the new players.

"There's an atmosphere to win," White said. "They want to do well on the court and off the court. It's a winning mentality that every single person has and it's amazing to play with people who know the game very well and are talented."

Junior guard Sayja Sumler, a returning player, said it is fun to play ball alongside White.

"She's very hyper," Sumler said laughingly. "If she ever has a bad game, I've never seen her keep her head down and take that out of the game. She's real positive."

White said she would like to pursue something related to her major after college. Incorporating basketball into her career and future is important to her, she said.

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Staff Football Awards

Offensive MVP:

Joey Akeley: DAVID RICHMOND
 Ryan Buchan: DAVID RICHMOND
 John Hornberg: NONE (no one deserves accolades)
 Matthew Kimel: DAVID RICHMOND
 Mark Powell: DAVID RICHMOND
 Tommy Wright: DAVID RICHMOND

Defensive MVP:

Joey Akeley: DUKE IHENACHO
 Ryan Buchan: JARRON GILBERT
 John Hornberg: CARL IHENACHO
 Matthew Kimel: JARRON GILBERT
 Mark Powell: JARRON GILBERT
 Tommy Wright: JARRON GILBERT

Best Newcomer:

Joey Akeley: BRANDON RUTLEY
 Ryan Buchan: KYLE REED
 John Hornberg: COYE FRANCIES
 Matthew Kimel: BRANDON RUTLEY
 Mark Powell: KYLE REED/BRANDON RUTLEY
 Tommy Wright: KYLE REED

Best Moment:

Joey Akeley: 31-14 win over New Mexico State
 Ryan Buchan: First win vs. Hawaii since 2000
 John Hornberg: 35-10 win over San Diego State
 Matthew Kimel: Starting 3-0 in WAC play
 Mark Powell: First win vs. Hawaii since 2000
 Tommy Wright: Dramatic 13-10 win vs. UC Davis

Worst Moment:

Joey Akeley: Loss to rival Fresno State in finale
 Ryan Buchan: Loss to rival Fresno State in finale
 John Hornberg: Shutout loss at home vs. La. Tech
 Matthew Kimel: Poor play-calling on offense
 Mark Powell: Shutout loss at home vs. La. Tech
 Tommy Wright: Shutout loss at home vs. La. Tech

Tomey talks bowls, offense and next season



Jarron Gilbert (No. 90) attempts to take down Utah State's Diondre Borel on Oct. 11.

JOE PROUDMAN / Contributing Photographer

MATTHEW KIMEL
Staff Writer

The SJSU football team's bowl possibilities, inefficient offense and next year's season were addressed by Spartan head football coach Dick Tomey in a news conference Monday.

The team will wait to see what its next step is, he said, as he has been instructed to root against Oregon in its game against Oregon State this week.

Should Oregon State win the Pac-10 and USC go on to a BCS game, there would be more bowl bids available for Western Athletic Conference teams.

"There are a lot of 5-6 teams that lost last weekend and there is some outside possibility that we'll have an opportunity to play again," he said.

Tomey said the team would hold off on practicing until a decision is made as to whether they will be participating in a bowl game. For now, the team will lift weights once a week and focus on the remainder of the school semester, he said.

"The good news is that we are bowl eligible, and we're not satisfied," he said.

As a unit, the SJSU offense finished the season as one of the lowest-ranked units of all 119 Football Bowl Subdivision teams. At the end of the 13th week of the season, the Spartans are ranked as the 109th scoring offense, 115th rushing offense and 113th total offense.

"The offense will get better," Tomey said. "The offense has to get better. Our offense wasn't productive."

He said the team lacked a running attack for the second

straight year and must improve its blocking on the offensive line.

"There's no back that can make yards if people don't block well," he said.

Tomey did not wish to address the 2009 season on Monday, but he spoke of the team's quarterback situation and nonconference schedule.

Junior quarterback Kyle Reed, who started the majority of the Spartans' games this season, sat out of Friday's game against Fresno State due to a groin injury.

Tomey said he wasn't sure if Reed would be ready to play if the Spartans were to make a bowl game. Asked if Reed would be the starting quarterback next

season, Tomey said, "Oh my goodness, next year, are you kidding me? There's no job next year that is anybody's. That's not the way we do business."

Tomey said his coaching staff will start recruiting tomorrow for next season, but the team still has to prepare as if it is going to be playing another game. He said next year's nonconference schedule — USC, Utah, Stanford and Cal Poly — will be among the toughest any team will face.

"I'm not sure (which is) the best team," he said. "Cal Poly is as good as any of them."

Tomey briefly addressed his seniors' futures and the team's award banquet. He said he

believes some of the SJSU seniors may still be playing football next year, but he wasn't sure which ones.

The Spartans held their annual awards banquet over the weekend, and senior defensive tackle Jarron Gilbert was voted by his teammates as the Most Valuable Player of the year. The team doesn't select individual offensive or defensive MVPs.

Gilbert was also awarded with the Bronco Nagurski Award for his contributions on offense, defense and special teams.

"When an all-Western Athletic Conference team is selected, I think you'll see (Gilbert's) name," Tomey said.

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Prepaid Expenses and other Current Assets	\$ 11,720	\$ -
Total Current Assets	\$ 3,886,972	\$ 2,874,020
Investments	\$ 2,232,078	\$ 2,343,193
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 1,360,678	\$ 1,371,609
Total Assets	\$ 7,479,728	\$ 6,588,822
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 448,726	\$ 442,007
Accrued Payroll and Related Expenses	\$ 312,528	\$ 336,190
Other Accrued Liabilities	\$ 357,938	\$ 190,108
Depository Accounts	\$ 297,582	\$ 181,628
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 1,416,774	\$ 1,149,933
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 7,479,728	\$ 6,588,822

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The only thing to be thankful for: America's team, the Cowboys



RYAN BUCHAN

Thanksgiving is upon us, and I can't wait to enjoy the long-lasting traditions that come with it. Well, maybe not that long, because I could care less about the turkeys, mashed potatoes, fighting with family members and remembering the pilgrims and American Indians.

The only thing about American Indians I care about on Thanksgiving is if the Washington Redskins are playing the Dallas Cowboys. This year they aren't, so don't bother me about American Indians.

The greatest thing about the holiday is the Cowboys on national television. That is the greatest tradition.

What is more American than watching America's team play an American sport on an American holiday?

I know there are other games broadcast on Thanksgiving, but who really wants to watch the Detroit Lions lose again? I know the Lions are currently on an epic journey to become worse than the 1976 Tampa Bay Buccaneers, but that is not worth my time.

I guess the game is good for the Lions, because it is the only way they will get a nationally televised game since they always suck so much.

The Lions have not been on Monday Night Football since 2001. That is the only time they have been featured since Barry Sanders retired in 1998. Sanders was the only reason to ever watch the Lions. Besides him, the Lions are the worst thing in the history of football.

So, if you are going to watch football on Thanksgiving, the only game worth watching is the Cowboys.

I know there has been a third game that day since 2006, but the problem with it is most peo-

ple can't watch. That game is showcased only on the NFL Network, a channel that many people don't get with their basic cable packages.

So, the only game that matters on Thanksgiving Day is the Cowboys, and that is the best part of the holiday.

For Cowboys fans on the West Coast, it is a great opportunity to watch one of the greatest franchises in football history, because local networks air 49ers' games on Sundays instead.

You can celebrate any Thanksgiving tradition on any day of the year. It does not have to be on last Thursday of November for me to eat turkey, mashed potatoes and fight with my family.

The Cowboys can't be seen playing more than 24 times a year, including preseason and playoffs. This game is special because it is not something I can watch every day.

I also get to witness some great moments. For a Dallas fan, nothing is better than watching the Cowboys beat the Redskins on Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is also the time of wacky stunts by Fox, such as the "Galloping Gobbler," a ridiculous-looking trophy presented to the best player of the day and the Turducken, a chicken stuffed inside a duck stuffed inside a turkey, which is often showed on Fox's telecast.

So if you are reading this and have not realized I am a Cowboys fan, I will tell you right now that I am. This Thanksgiving, I will be watching the Cowboys and I will tell you, I think they will be victorious. The Cowboys winning streak on Thanksgiving will move to three games. The Cowboys in the playoffs is a different story. The team has flaws and its division is the most dominant in the league.

When looking at Thanksgiving, all I see is good times for Cowboys followers.

When it is Thanksgiving, forget the turkey and give me football, because nothing beats watching the Cowboys.

Ryan Buchan is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In response to Mark Powell's opinion article "I'll never fully understand ..." which ran on Nov. 6.

My mother will always fully understand the joy and jubilation of Barack Obama becoming the 44th president of the United States.

Growing up African-American in the heart of the South back in the 1960s, she can vividly remember the burning of crosses on her neighbor's front lawn and not being allowed to sit where she pleased because of the color of her skin.

She can remember the day she had to integrate from her run-down African-American only school into the well-maintained white suburban school, and the looks of hatred she got that morning while walking inside the front doors.

She can remember her mother being told to get out of line and go to the back after

waiting an hour just to buy a loaf of bread.

For my mother, the nomination of Barack Obama as president was bittersweet and something she would never have seen possible in her lifetime.

She cried for an hour after hearing of his win and wished her mother was alive to witness the momentous occasion.

My mother will always understand and will never forget the day Barack Obama was elected president of the United States of America.

-Alicia Mason
broadcast journalism major

The long-term effects of CSU budget cuts.

Last year, students marched on the Capitol to protest CSU budget cuts. The budget was cut. This year, the CSU chancellor gave back more than \$30 million to the state.

Next year, CSU funding will be cut by over \$300 million. Demonstrations at the Capitol may have made people feel good, but they obviously didn't work.

On Nov. 19, professors told students how they could express disapproval of the budget cuts: Protest or send a fax.

Did we not learn from last year?

Or the year before that? Or even the year before that?

The only thing being demonstrated is that marching, picketing or petitioning won't work.

There are broad, long-term consequences to these cuts, but we only have to look into our own wallets to feel the burden. So what are we going to do?

Here's something that will get some attention: all CSU students stop paying taxes. You might say, "But that would put the state in an even worse crisis."

It might, but it would get a lot of attention. Moreover, if my money isn't being spent right, I'd rather keep it and spend it on my education.

The fact is millions of state dollars devoted to "redevelopment" are squandered by helping businesses relocate or similar ridiculous things.

"But, not paying taxes is illegal."

Evading taxes by lying is. Refusing to pay but still filing is probably not going to land you in jail.

In addition, if every student refused to pay, it would be hard to lock us all up.

I'll admit that this is an outrageous idea, but I can guarantee it would be more effective than walking around the streets of Sacramento holding signs.

Protests just allow them to politely ignore us. We need to force them to pay attention.

-Rob Huffman
political science major

Growing up African-American in the heart of the South back in the 1960s, she can vividly remember the burning of crosses on her neighbor's front lawn.

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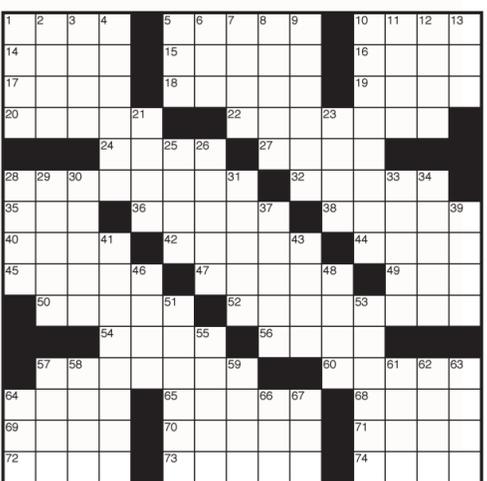
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Diverse languages strengthen America



KIMBERLY TSAO
THE MOST YOU EVER KNEW

"It's called Great America."
That sentence was uttered in my diversity and media class, which I took per my graduation requirements. My classmates and I were discussing if people in the United States should know how to speak English.

A girl in favor of English speakers said the aforementioned sentence after a classmate argued that people should understand English to prevent theme park accidents.

My classmate was referring to a Hispanic man who was killed when he trespassed on the roller coaster tracks because he couldn't read the warning signs Great America put up in English.

Then she said it.
"It's called Great America."
Then it happened.
People laughed.

Why would they do that? It's not funny, not one bit, not at all.

She implied that America can only be great if every resident was an English speaker.

Actually, I take it back.
It is funny.

It's hilarious to even think that the mastery of a language factors into the country's reputation.

Just perk up your ears and you're bound to hear someone talking exclusively in a foreign language. And yet, last I checked, America is still a superpower nation.

It's deserving of that power because — not in spite of — its embrace of everyone with voting ballots, business signs and DMV booklets in foreign languages.

Rather than enforcing English as America's language, why not solve the problem of dumb and dumber first?

Several people in my class contended that non-English speakers pose a danger on the road if they can't read the signs.

That reason isn't good enough. Some road signs are illustrations. You don't even need to be literate to understand them.

Besides, even English speakers have problems with following instructions.

So, rather than enforcing Eng-

lish as America's language, why not solve the problem of dumb and dumber first?

Another classmate pointed out that some businesses only put up signs in foreign languages, which isn't smart advertising. An establishment could be the best nail salon in California, but if English speakers don't know that, then the signs in foreign languages would hurt profits.

OK, we're crossing over into ridiculous territory here. Why would anyone passing by said nail salon think it's a restaurant where everyone puts their feet up? Wanted: Common sense.

Even if it's easy to learn English, there are foreign words that just don't lend themselves to translations.

Eavesdropping took over one time. A guy was on his cell phone, asking his friend to get him something from Lee's Sandwiches. Although he knew what he wanted, he couldn't name the sandwich — even after asking his study group buddies. It was a Vietnamese word that doesn't translate to English.

The United States is famously called a melting pot. Not only does that mean a blending of cultures, but languages as well.

Multilinguists are admirable, but if English isn't one of their known languages, why aren't they respected in the United States? In America, a person can be fluent in Latin, Spanish, Chinese and French but still be shunned for not mastering English.

English speakers who travel abroad usually don't bother to learn the local dialect, so they have no right to criticize those who come to American shores without studying the language.

According to a 2008 New York Times article, minorities will be the majority in 2042, four years earlier than the last projection. In that case, English could become a dead language, a foreigner in its own country.

Knowing the English language is a privilege, one that not everyone has. The circumstances for that privilege (or lack thereof) stretch far and wide. Why can't people understand that an education is hard to come by?

To receive an education, people need money, which is even harder to come by these days. Even when they earn money, if the choice is between an English tutor and food on the table, they're going to choose food.

I, for one, can accept hearing foreign tongues wagging, but not stomachs growling.

"The Most You Ever Knew" appears every Tuesday. Kimberly Tsao is a Spartan Daily student culture editor.

Owning a hybrid with a lead foot is just as bad as driving a Hummer



CHRIS BAUSINGER
PLAYING THE ODDS

I read somewhere that the average speed of passenger vehicles driving during times with no congestion is around 75 mph in California. And residents of the "Golden State" are still complaining about fuel prices?

If drivers started driving 55 mph, they could reduce fuel consumption and the impact it has on their bank accounts. As much as this information is pertinent — Sammy Hagar predicted it — they can't drive 55.

I found myself behind a fuel tanker on Interstate 680 last week, and I admit I was moving too slow. But I tailgated tanker trucks the entire way to my folks' house and found my gas tank happy and more full than usual.

While gliding along in the slow lane, I noticed a strange phenomenon. Toyota Prius drivers were having trouble staying out of the fast lane. It wasn't because some had the diamond-lane OK, by way of clean-air vehicle passes, but instead their drivers couldn't keep the accelerator pedals off of the floor.

Hybrid owners beware: Just because you have one, doesn't mean you are saving the environment. So, you folks who drive 90 mph on the freeway in your "green" vehicles, you're not helping the environment at all. In fact, you might as

well be flipping the bird to the leader of global warming awareness, Al Gore.

By driving your hybrid car that fast, you are defeating the purpose of having one in the first place. The fuel efficiency of a hybrid comes from using the electric motor, which only is used in times of limited power demand. Since the Prius has the aerodynamic qualities of a wedge of cheese, on the freeway it is always in demand for power that is

It might be trendy for people to appear environmentally friendly, but if you bought a Prius for its looks, you might want to lay off the greenhouse gasses.

supplied by the gas engine. So driving above the speed limit makes hybrid users just as guilty of polluting the atmosphere as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and his Hummer.

It might be trendy for people to appear environmentally friendly, but if you bought a Prius for its looks, you might want to lay off the greenhouse gasses. But automakers are starting to change the way consumers think about "green" vehicles.

The electric car company Tesla Motors produces an electric sports car capable of reaching 60 mph from 0 in 3.9 seconds, with thoughts of making a faster model. Dodge has dropped the production and development of future Dodge Vipers and has replaced it with the EV, a two-passenger, rear-wheel-drive sports car. The only problem with these zero-emissions vehicles is that you would have to spend around \$100,000 to "do your part" in saving the environment.

The upshot to dropping the down payment on a house is that you won't have to buy gas for your car again. With that money, you could send your kid to engineering school and have her become the genius who invents the salt-water-powered car.

Electric and hybrid cars are not the solution to global warming, and maybe that is why I see most of these hybrids exceeding the speed limit.

But if there is any hope for solving the problems with the world's dependence on oil and fulfilling Al Gore's prophecies, then we should start looking at our driving habits.

If things keep going the way they are with global warming, I am going to start saving up for a solar-powered houseboat.

"Playing the Odds" appears every Tuesday. Chris Bausinger is a Spartan Daily copy editor.

Circassians left behind in world attention



DINA BASLAN
FROM THE CAUCASUS TO THE WORLD

A United States Congressional resolution declared Captive Nations Week in 1959, signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Since then, every third week of July has been dedicated to raising the public's awareness of oppressed nations under the control of communists and other non-democratic governments.

In an article titled "Who's Captive Now?" the Economist magazine studied a list of nations under United States supervision today.

The list stretches with countries such as, "Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Ukraine, Czechoslovakia, Latvia, Estonia, White Ruthenia, Rumania, East Germany, Bulgaria, mainland China, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, North Korea, Albania, Idel-Ural, Tibet, Cossackia, Turkestan, North Vietnam and others."

Indeed, many of the nations mentioned above have earned their bit of

international media attention, educating the world of the national conflicts and of the oppression inflicted upon the citizen's lives.

Political analysts have offered their professional advice while the media traced biased and oppressive authorities' moves.

The article continues to note that "other (nations) whose history gives them every cause for complaint, such as the Circassians, don't appear at all."

The writer then confronts his readers with a question:

"Is the aim of the resolution ethnic self-determination, or the destruction of communist rule? As it stands, the two are conflated."

As a member of the Circassian diaspora, the persistent efforts of the Russian government to eradicate the history of our people, people of the North Caucasus, have produced some fruit.

It is seen in the weak interest of the international community in our cause. It is seen in the disregard of the International Olympic Committee to our opposition to the 2014 Winter Olympic, which will be hosted by Sochi, Russia. And it is seen in the treatment of

our journalists who fight the Russian oppression and propaganda to finally fall prey to Russian aggression.

The thrust of hostility between our nation and the Russians has not thawed yet.

Circassian journalist Fatima Tlisova faced a challenge by the Russian government in her attempt to expose truths of the Russian official policy undermining human rights of the North Caucasus region.

Her career as a journalist started at the liberal biweekly Novaya Gazeta, a newspaper publishing the work of Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya, who was murdered while researching human rights in Chechnya.

Facing the same threat, it was reported that Tlisova was assaulted and poisoned several times since 2002. She has been granted political asylum in the United States and is now a Human Rights Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights, for the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

But perhaps this historical background is the reason behind the transparency of the Circassian nation in contemporary media. Perhaps the Russians' propaganda has won this time around in concealing a truth so diligently that even the most powerful country in the world does not even notice it.

For 150 years, we, members of the Circassian diaspora, have struggled to assimilate and preserve our culture. Today, with the assistance of an informed media, an informed international community and with the help of the world, it is time for us to appear again with a stronger, unified identity.

"From the Caucasus to the World" appears every Tuesday. Dina Baslan is the Spartan Daily features editor.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Now, we have made these kind of decisions in the past. We made one last night. And if need be, we are going to make these kind of decisions to safeguard our financial system in the future."

GEORGE W. BUSH

Said the president regarding the decision to bailout Citigroup.

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BOOK REVIEW: 'THE SOLOIST'

Story of brilliant, homeless musician rings true

ADAM BROWNE
Senior Staff Writer

Steve Lopez's story of the touching friendship he developed with classical street musician Nathaniel Ayers, who is apparently schizophrenic, is a biography in the same vein as "A Beautiful Mind," by Sylvia Nasar, which is about a schizophrenic math professor, John Nash.

Los Angeles Times reporter and San Jose State University alum Steve Lopez is struggling to find a story while his bosses are being pushed out in a corporate struggle.

One day he stumbles upon a curious story involving Skid Row and a street musician with a shopping cart.

He goes to see this person who he discovers is a prodigy with a violin who can churn out Beethoven music from a violin missing two strings, using just the lower notes.

The black, 50-something homeless man obviously has mental problems, is paranoid of others and is probably seeing things that aren't there, not just seeing musical notes as though they are beautiful messages to the world.

At first, Nathaniel Ayers is paranoid and weary of strangers, especially reporters who to him represent the "Man" or the authorities who are subverting his life and taking away his junk when he turns away.

Gradually, the reporter earns his trust, at first by offering to listen to the music, which was astounding despite it being played on two strings, and then giving him two new strings for his instrument, so he can play it better.

It turns out that Ayers was a promising Cleveland music student who was accepted on scholarship to the highest music and

arts school in the nation, Juilliard School of the Performing Arts in New York, but after two years he had a nervous breakdown from the pressure and disappeared.

Thus begins a new two-year adventure in which Lopez troubles the mentally troubled Ayers, learns about what it's like to live on Skid Row, one of the worst homeless communities in the nation, and understands his musical connection to the man.

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Ayers originally came to Los Angeles long ago to rejoin his estranged father, but he was rejected and forced onto the streets. His other notion was to play in the great concert halls someday. He had been a bass cellist and a violinist, but Juilliard only took bassists in his class.

Eventually, Lopez is able to hook Ayers up with a program called Lamp, which houses the homeless, and Ayers reluctantly goes there. Risking his career and his family, and the privacy of Ayers' relatives, Lopez pursues the story in depth over two years, and learns enough to write several columns and Ayers' biography.

Ayers is finally able to attend the concerts at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in the city and meet some of the great musicians

there, including Yo-Yo Ma, who also went to Juilliard.

Still stricken with aggressive schizophrenia, a bit like Nash in "A Beautiful Mind," and unwilling to take medication, Ayers struggles with strange outbursts of rage and mood swings. Through all that, Lopez sticks by him, above and beyond the simple reporter and subject realm, into a lasting friendship.

It isn't just about Ayers. The story also looks into the plight of the homeless living on the streets of Los Angeles and the failure of the system to provide for people who are destitute because of drugs or mental problems.

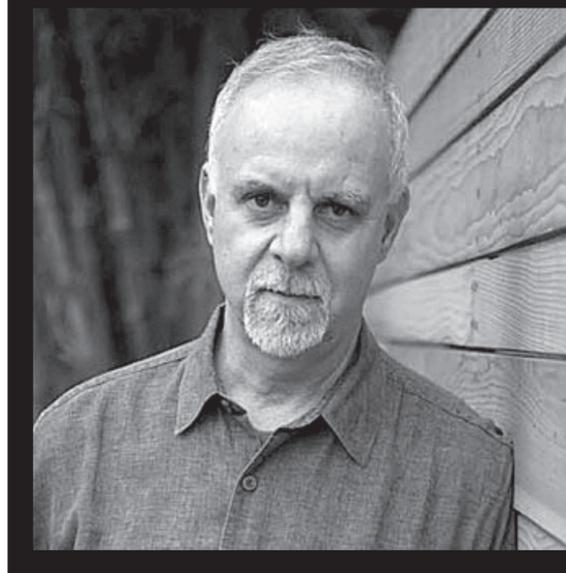
Lopez looks into these issues, opening up doors for foundations to help them. He even got the mayor at the time to actually visit the mean streets.

Skid Row is only a few miles from the affluent district of Beverly Hills and is just ignored by the populace. Lopez wanted to let everyone know about the place and better understand it.

The story is more heartfelt and realistic than "A Beautiful Mind," but along the same lines. It isn't about someone going mad after teaching college for a while, but rather about someone who already had gone mad and was still a prodigy who had been forgotten and who hit absolute bottom.

Buzz about the movie based on this story does take some liberties with the book, such as making Lopez less likeable, hot-headed, younger and divorced, when in fact he is married and older than he is portrayed in the film. Ayers isn't divorced in the book either as he never married. They must have confused the guy for the father of Ayers, who was divorced.

Then again, the movie version of "A Beautiful Mind" made



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TOP: Nathaniel Ayers, the gifted violinist whose relationship with the author inspired "The Soloist."

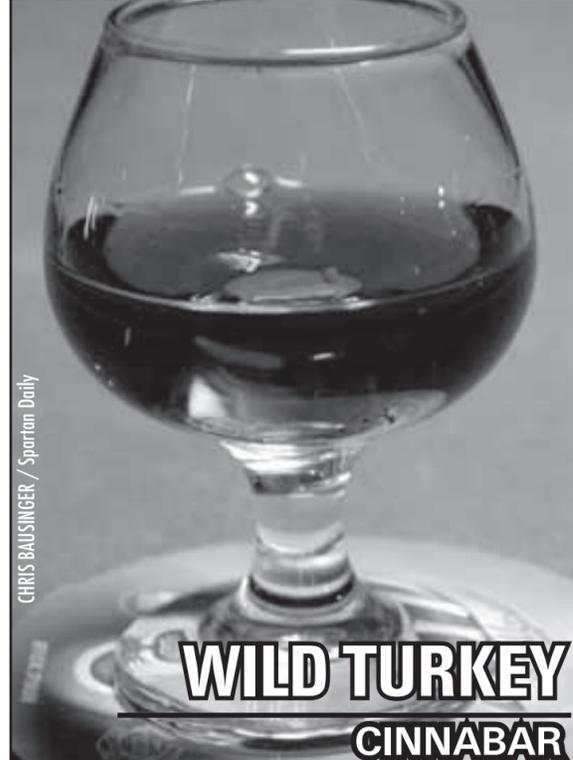
LEFT: Steve Lopez, an SJSU alumnus and author of the book.

Professor Nash seem like he was almost a Disney icon before he went mad.

Although a prodigy, Ayers did not quite achieve the same fame.

This 'wild turkey' shoots back

DRINK OF THE WEEK



CHRIS BAUSINGER / Spartan Daily

WILD TURKEY CINNABAR

COLLEEN WATSON
Opinion Editor

In honor of Thanksgiving, I decided to profile a drink that truly represents this, the greatest of American holidays — one the pilgrims would have enjoyed with the Native Americans who they would later infect with a cold virus that their bodies had no immunity against, before running them off the land, culminating in many bloody battles and a nation of different tribes relegated to specific

areas within the United States and some of the highest levels of poverty in the world.

Yeah, Thanksgiving.

That's right, I'm talking about the most American of drinks, Kentucky's own Wild Turkey whiskey. I mean, it has a happy little turkey on the bottle that just screams Thanksgiving.

The bartender gave me an odd look as I ordered it; I guess it's not something one usually orders during the lunch hour. Or maybe my towering 5-foot-

7-inch, 110-pound frame and backpack made him doubt my drinking prowess.

He would be right.

It looked innocuous, the pretty amber liquid. It almost seemed to absorb the few light particles that were in the bar and radiate them back at you. But the visually appealing liquid would continue to burn my stomach and throat for another 20 minutes after I walked out of that dark cave of a bar.

The viscous liquid was not as soothing to my nose as it was to my eyes. The bite of 101-proof alcohol made my eyes water before I even took my first taste. But after a deep breath, I took a half sip.

Dear God, it burned all the way down. As it slowly worked its way past my tongue and down my throat, I was pretty sure tiny flames popped up in its wake. It then took up residence in my stomach and heated me from the inside out, negating my need for a jacket on this chilly November afternoon. Maybe I should have gotten a chaser. Oh well.

The flavor isn't that bad once you get past all the alcohol. And as alcohol is definitely the main ingredient, I'm pretty sure it could be used to clean deep lacerations and engine gunk buildup. But since I'm a fan of alcohol, I persevered.

Now I feel bad because in general I'm not a whiskey drinker, so I can't rave about this rye whiskey. It was smoother than others I have tried in the past, but I really just couldn't get over the burn.

This drink is truly for rye whiskey lovers. Although an American staple, if you aren't a fan of whiskey, you are not going to enjoy this drink. After a few sips, my mouth had practically gone numb.

From now on I will stick with beer because if a drink isn't served in a mug, it really shouldn't burn my tongue.

But from here on in, when I hear Thanksgiving, I will think of going again to a dark, seedy bar and drinking Kentucky's finest — well either that or the hopeful demise of the Cowboys.

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