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Student-made app use explodes

By Vanessa Tran
STAFF WRITER

What if there was an app that encompasses savings for local businesses that college students were able to access and find with ease? That's exactly what Payom Niazmandi, a San Jose State economics senior, had in mind before creating Unibui.

Niazmandi struggled financially and needed a reliable way to save money while he was attending West Valley College between 2013-16.

Niazmandi is the CEO of Unibui, an app designed to find deals and offers at local businesses for students, who have to navigate paying myriad dues while studying for their degrees.

"I was inspired because I was broke and I didn't have much money. What I wanted to do was make something that me and my friends can use to essentially save money from all these local businesses that were around us," Niazmandi said.

The 27 year old came up with the idea in 2017 and finished building the app when he transferred to SJSU.

"I started by making an Excel spreadsheet and then going onto campus and pulling papers from bulletin boards and putting it on the spreadsheet so everyone can

easily see it," Niazmandi said. "From there, we started getting more and more [local] businesses on board."

He said he loves the opportunity to help students like himself capitalize on money-saving opportunities.

Niazmandi said running the app while being an SJSU student goes hand in hand.

"A lot of the things I started learning with the app itself allowed me to take advantage of the knowledge of my school. It became a lot easier to look at examples in class and be like, 'Wow, that makes sense. I actually see that in practice,'" he said.

According to the app's website, Unibui's iOS app officially launched in 2021 and currently has more than 20,000 student users.

Users on the app save an average of \$2,500 a year, according to its website.

Niazmandi said there's no other app out there for students that allows them to look at a map and view all the deals around their locations.

The app has 31 deals and/or offers within a mile radius of SJSU as of Tuesday, which vary from restaurants, eateries and cafes to surrounding theaters, clubs and gaming stores.

SJSU marketing senior Vivian Phan said the app has helped her save a lot of money because she

has been unemployed for seven months.

Phan said she appreciates that Unibui provides more than just food offers and deals.



I think most reward apps are mainly targeted toward food and that's fine, but [Unibui] has deals from literally everywhere. I like knowing that I can run to the app if I need to save money on basically anything.

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Niazmandi said as opposed to other student couponing apps

including Student Beans and UNiDAYS that are targeted for online shopping, his app is more generalized.

"We're so general and we meet so many of the students' needs . . . We go after the harder things like the local deals that students actually will go to," Niazmandi said. "We're selectively local, which means everything that we build is for things that are actually useful for you."

He said those other apps are great when you want to buy something like an Adidas product, but they don't focus on supporting students' basic needs.

SJSU public relations senior David Guerrero said the app's map feature makes it easier for him to choose which restaurant to eat at when he has a gap between classes.

Guerrero said he uses Unibui on a daily basis and it becomes even more essential when he's in between paychecks or budgeting.

As of Tuesday, the Unibui map shows 109 deals and/or offers in the Bay Area and eight in Downtown San Luis Obispo, near California Polytechnic State or Cal Poly.

"The app is super simple to navigate and it even categorizes the deals for you," Guerrero said.

The categories of deals include food, clothing, electronics, education, health, pet services, entertainment,

automotive, travel, home decor and jobs, though the jobs filter was recently added.

Niazmandi released the "jobs" category on Unibui on Sept. 15 and said he hopes the app can help students find work in the future.

As of Tuesday, local businesses that are hiring on the app include Red Rover, Pet Resort and Total Success Inc.

Meanwhile, Niazmandi said the app is onboarding more roles every week.

"A lot of these local businesses want to hire students and a lot of students want to know where they can work," he said.

Niazmandi said in recent years, he has traveled to the U.K., France and Portugal to speak about his app with government officials and organizations.

He said in every country, he discovered that most businesses wanted to work with students.

Niazmandi said resumes are not required for students to apply through Unibui as it only requires basic information that would be sent to the employer.

"It's going to be pretty big for the students to be able to make money, not just save money," he said.

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Above: Many dogs attended the event in costumes and wore hats to shield themselves from the sun. **Below:** A dachshund lies between his owners legs. **Bottom:** Puppy Shasta, a poodle-Australian sheppard mix, poses with her dad Joseph Gurulé in matching sunglasses at Bark in the Park on Saturday.

Who let the dogs out at SJ park?

By Shruthi Lakshmanan
STAFF WRITER

Several San Jose families gathered with their dogs at William Street Park, about seven blocks east of San Jose State, for a weekend serotonin boost at the largest dog festival in the U.S. on Saturday.

Some dogs could be seen ambling around with their families in hotdog costumes and sunglasses, while other pups were trotting around, sniffing butts and making new friends.

Richard McMasters, a civil engineer and SJSU alumnus, was a festival newcomer alongside his maltipoo, Isabella.

“It’s a chance for [Isabella] to try something different and for me, as her owner, to see what kind of services and merchandising are available,” McMasters said during the festival. “I saw some doggy sunglasses [and] I’m debating if I should spring for it for her.”

The annual Bark in the Park festival, which welcomes more than 15,000 dog lovers and 3,900 dogs each year, made a comeback after closing down for three years during the coronavirus pandemic.

“Our goals are to raise awareness about the resources that are out there for dogs and animals in general,” said Annie Hermes, SJSU alumna and festival coordinator. “Also [another] big goal is to have a strong neighborhood event.”

The festival was hosted by Naglee Park Campus Community Association, which is a nonprofit public benefit corporation organized in 1972 to promote neighborhood spirit and improve resident quality of life, according to its website.

This year marks the 24th Bark in the Park event and the 27th year of the event since its inception in 1995.

Hermes said that despite the event’s success, she was initially concerned that the event wouldn’t make a comeback this year in light of some medical hindrances.

“I know there was some hesitation [because] . . . at the time, there was the dog flu that was going around,” Hermes said. “We were like ‘maybe coronavirus would subside and this dog flu would really explode,’ but we decided it’s so important for this neighborhood [and] also for the organizations that this event supports.”

Dog flu (also known as canine influenza,) causes your dog to cough, have a runny nose, become lethargic, have a decrease in appetite and can cause secondary bacterial infections leading to more severe illnesses according to the CDC’s webpage.

Nevertheless, the event drew in many dog lovers both with and without their canine buddies as well as several local organizations including the City of San Jose Animal Care Center, an



animal shelter.

Anthony Segura, an Animal Care Center staff member, set up a stall with his team members, providing free microchipping services and seeking potential pet adopters.

“Right now [the center] has limited services so our main thing is to get adopters or fosters because we are really full at the shelter,” Segura said during the festival. “We’ve also done over 25 microchips today.”

Visitors and their furry companions also took part in activities ranging from a look-alike contest and costume competition to training demonstrations and safety lessons.

The Santa Clara County Search and Rescue team, a nonprofit organization, recruited prospective enlistees and brought its search-and-rescue dogs that demonstrated their skills.

Search-dog Rick and his handler Curt Palm, a county Search and Rescue team officer, were at this year’s event as part of the organization’s public relations outreach.

“The Search and Rescue team is always looking for volunteers so this is a good place to talk to people . . . if they are interested,” Palm said. “They can contact us and learn what it takes to join the team either as a dog handler or as a different member [and] we get people who later on follow up and want to train their dog.”

Bark in the Park is celebrated annually every third Saturday of each September and is a must-visit for dog lovers and dogs alike.



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Mozzarella cheese, marinated chicken, bacon, & onions
- Chicken Spinach** P \$9.50 / S \$15.99 / M \$19.99 / L \$23.99
Mozzarella cheese, marinated chicken, bacon, & onions
- Margarita** P \$9.50 / S \$15.99 / M \$19.99 / L \$23.99
Mozzarella cheese, marinated chicken, white sauce, artichoke, & basil
- Shrimp Arugula** P \$9.50 / S \$15.99 / M \$19.99 / L \$23.99
Mozzarella cheese, marinated chicken, bacon, & onions
- Caprese Chicken Pesto** P \$9.50 / S \$15.99 / M \$19.99 / L \$23.99
Mozzarella cheese, marinated chicken, cherry tomatoes, & basil
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'Pearl' brings X-traordinary prequel

By Jennifer Schildge
CONTRIBUTOR

If the films "The Wizard of Oz," "Alice in Wonderland" and "Hereditary" had a love child, it would be "Pearl," which was released on Sept. 16.

A24 entertainment company and film director Ti West present "Pearl," the X-traordinary prequel to the film "X" that was released earlier this year.

The film was announced in the post-credit scene of "X" with the title "Pearl" swiping on screen followed by "coming soon." It made me gasp in the theater like, "They already filmed a prequel? When? What? Halloween release?"

And I was right. "Pearl" was delivered to us just in time for the spooky season.

"Pearl" stars English actress Mia Goth, actor David Corenswet and New Zealand actress Tandi Wright. The film tells the origin story of Pearl, a young farm girl set in 1918 during World War I with aspirations of becoming a film star.

Her character was first introduced as an elderly woman in "X," who goes on a murderous rampage against a group of young adults out of jealousy for simply being youthful.

Though she is nowhere near to being as horny as her elderly self from "X," Pearl is shown to have always been crazed about the idea of that star quality in the movies, that "X-factor."

"X" is a great story and fun to watch as an homage to slasher horror films of the '70s but "Pearl" is an in-depth character study of its previous film's villain.

The film is not suspenseful, it's not terribly gory and there are no jump scares.

But it has a certain energy that's intense and strange as if I just hallucinated on some drug

and craved an erotic release from this dull world.

"Pearl" occupies the screen in a different way from most slasher films, it's colorful and goofy but there are undertones of a clearly deranged Pearl, which made me leave the theater wanting a psychology degree so I could examine her consciousness.

Watching the character of Pearl is like flicking on a light switch in the middle of the dark in an old shack in which you've never been. Once you switch it on, the room is full of color and somehow you have even more questions than when it was pitch black.

movie review

"Pearl"

Rating:
★★★★★

Directed by:
Ti West

Starring:
Mia Goth, David Corenswet and Tandi Wright

Genre:
horror/slasher

Mia Goth is such a force as Pearl it's almost as if she said while reading and creating the script, "You want crazy? I'll give you something completely deranged."

Goth co-wrote "Pearl" with director Ti West and she is the absolute stand out of this movie.

What really sells Goth's performance is a lengthy one-take monologue at the end of the movie when someone asks her to let it all out.



ILLUSTRATION BY MYENN RAHNOMA

Viewers can really see that she knows something is wrong but the monster inside is already in motion and hungry.

"Pearl" is a complete 5-out-of-5 stars. It has that eerie feeling of a horror movie while also making everything bright and fun.

The credits roll up on at the end of "Pearl" in front of Goth staring into the camera, breaking the fourth wall for at least a solid three minutes. She stares and smiles before tears well up in her eyes, still forcing that "X-factor" smile.

In an interview with Bloody Disgusting, an American production studio focused on horror genre-focused news, West revealed the truth about that extended take.

"It was just this random experimental idea that I was like, 'Let's try this, and see what happens.' Then she did that, and after watching it for three minutes, I said, 'Cut, that's great. We're going to put that in the movie, and let's get back to work now.'" West said.

That end scene is arguably

one of the best ways to end a horror-character study.

Akin to "X," "Pearl" has an after-credit scene that announces a third movie will succeed those two movies, creating a campy trilogy.

The third film will follow the character Maxine, who is the star that came out of the screwed up horny-horror picture "X." It's titled "MaXXXine" and will follow another character who Goth will embody, this time set in the '80s.

West is creating a fantastic horror trilogy that conquers the best of each year's aesthetic.

Martin Scorsese, a film director known for his gritty, meticulous filmmaking style, sent A24 a little review in which he gushes with love for the energy in "Pearl."

"I was enthralled, then disturbed, and then so unsettled that I had trouble going to sleep. . . Ti West movies have this kind of energy that is so rare these days, powered by undiluted love for cinema," Scorsese wrote in the review.

"Pearl" has such an indefinable quality to it where it's ecstatic, which made rating this film an easy 5-out-of-5 stars.

The film excels in everything from character development to aesthetics in themes to making me want to go back to San Jose State to study psychology.

Movies like this with a director who is in love with weird cinema need to be supported.

Go on a ride with this movie, escape the world you know for a while and feel a little uneasy, it will be fun.

"Pearl" is now playing only in theaters.

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- 23. Anagram of "One"
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- 32. Veers
- 33. Sharpness
- 37. Engrave
- 38. Munchkin
- 39. Behold, in old Rome
- 40. Instrumentalists
- 42. Exclamation of contempt
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DOWN

- 1. Not that
- 2. Alone
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- 6. Started
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- 10. Foot side predominance
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- 12. Kings of the jungle
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- 30. British biscuit
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"How did the invisible man turn down the job offer?"

"He couldn't see himself doing it."

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Refresh your bathroom routine with bidets



Alessio Cavalca
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You've just finished your "meditative sit" and skimmed through your favorite magazine or scrolled to the ends of your social media feeds.

You start using toilet paper, but you feel that you are missing something.

You want to feel a strong sense of freshness that you know toilet paper can't provide.

You could take a shower, but that takes too long.

There is only one solution: a bidet.

A bidet is a plumbing fixture used to wash your bumhole after you've finished your business.

Bidets are more hygienic than using the classic toilet paper.

Proper and regular use of the bidet decreases the risk of developing hemorrhoids and the spreading of germs and bacteria, according to a June 15, 2021 WebMD article.

These plumber fixtures are common in Italy, Japan, Argentina and Venezuela, according to a July 15, 2018 Insider article.

I grew up in Italy for 19 years, and in my country, bidets are everywhere. They are part of our culture, and it does not feel good walking in a country where

you know that people do not use bidets.

After six years, I still wonder how people survive without washing their bumholes.

Bidets are not common in the U.S. and it might be connected to a cultural factor.

About 53% of Americans are unwilling to use a bidet, according to an April 14, 2020 Vox News article.

news, but there is only one "real" bidet.

A proper bidet is a stand-alone fixture that can be described as a low-sink and it is used to clean your butthole after using the toilet.

Even if using a bidet is not complex, I noticed that many people in the U.S. lack the basic knowledge to do that.

vaginitis in your private parts and not to mention they are also meant to be thrown in the trash, not to be flushed, according to an April 20 Livestrong article.

I don't want to imagine the problems you might encounter while trying to clean your bumhole with baby wipes.

Livestrong reporter Jaime Osnato stated in the same April 20 article that the bidet is a "simple, non-chemical, wipe-free" way to wash yourself post-poop, making an excellent alternative to harmful baby wipes.

The only thing capable of addressing all these drawbacks is the bidet.

American indifference toward bidets could be connected to its history.

Bidet use was first reported in France in the 1600s, where only aristocratic women were using the bidet as a "washing basin," according to a May 18, 2018 article by The Atlantic.

However, when Americans first saw bidets, it was not located in a luxurious and aristocratic environment.

Specifically, American soldiers first saw bidets in French

brothels, with sex workers using them to wash their genitals after sex, according to an April 3, 2020 New York Times article.

Probably, the vision of an old prostitute washing her private parts in a porcelain basin played an important role in influencing the American soldiers and their viewpoint of bidets.

At least those sex workers were using it properly.

Rejecting bidets because of ancient correlations between sex workers is not acceptable anymore.

It is time for the U.S. to abandon the middle ages and embrace the bidet. I don't want to live in a country where people walk around without washing their rear. It's nasty.

We learned how to properly wash our hands during the pandemic, so now is the right moment to learn how to wash our private parts as well.

Feel the freshness – and the cleanliness – after pooping. Once you try a bidet, you won't ever go back.

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I don't want to live in a country where people walk around without washing their rear.

That is odd to me because I have always connected Americans with some of the most innovative and advanced technological discoveries.

But apparently Americans develop rockets and plan to live on Mars, according to an April 23, 2021 CNBC article, but they can't fathom the use of bidets.

The issue is that the overall perception of bidets is wrong.

In the U.S., I personally experienced a trend: many people use the term "bidet" to describe any kind of toilet accessory capable of ejecting water to wash your rear.

I am sorry to give you bad

They perceive the bidet as a substitute for toilet papers and that couldn't be more wrong.

A bidet allows you to wash private parts with your favorite soap, but it is not a toilet-paper substitute.

It is rather intended to be an "extra" for your personal hygiene, so please, don't get your hands dirty while using a bidet.

Many people also consider baby wipes as a good bidet substitute.

They are certainly easy to use, but there are some drawbacks connected to their usages.

Baby wipes can irritate your skin, cause eczema and/or



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On Tuesday, Sept. 20, the Spartan Daily published a story titled, "The queen's death is a bitter reminder of her crimes," in which Queen Consort Camilla was misidentified.

The Spartan Daily regrets this error.