

Camera blind spots draw concern

By Vicente Vera
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Over the past three years, UPD has collaborated with the Office of the President to put security cameras throughout San Jose State University.

According to a 2017 Spartan Report, UPD finalized a contract with the security company V5 Systems to install solar powered security cameras.

There are 21 cameras currently scattered within the North Campus.

Three of the cameras that surveil Ninth Street Plaza are periodically moved to different locations in order to provide additional coverage for UPD when needed.

The West, South and North Parking Garages received new cameras during the past spring semester. The cameras provide coverage to every entry point surrounding the lots.

"We've been working to install these cameras as a



We do not have the entire campus covered but we are in much better shape than we were several years ago.

Alan Cavallo
Interim UPD Chief

response to the thefts that have been reported by the students," Interim Captain of UPD James Renelle said.

For professional and technical writing junior Alexis Cutchin, the security cameras did not prevent the theft of her bike from the Ninth Street Plaza racks on Sept. 11.

Though there was a "cameras in use" sign across from the racks where she parked her bike, there was no camera that covered that area.

"When I went to the campus police department and told them that my bike got stolen, they literally looked at each other and

started laughing," Cutchin said. "They asked me what kind of lock I used and whether I was new to campus."

After telling UPD about her bike theft, they told her the theft was not captured by any of the security cameras.

"How can someone just walk onto campus and steal a bike in broad daylight?" Cutchin asked.

According to the manager of Transportation Solutions Eyedin Zonobi, bike stealing is a rarity and that on average it is one to two students per month who lose their bicycles to thieves.

"These enclosures are for daily commuters. They're not



intended for long term storage," Zonobi said. "Based on our experience, most of the bicycles get stolen from the open racks.

None of the five designated bike racks on the North Campus are within view of a

security camera.

Renelle said that with the lax petty theft laws in San Jose, UPD would have trouble prosecuting bike thieves if they were caught. "With 'quality of life

crimes like bike stealing, the perpetrator usually receives little to no punishment," Renelle said. "Knowing this, people who steal bikes have no incentive to stop."

He also said that most of

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Designer at work



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Industrial design sophomore Cesar Virgen-Ordaz creates a mock design using foam during an intermediate design class on Tuesday in room 106 in the Art Building.

Residents rebuke Google plans

By Winona Rajamohan
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San Jose grassroots leaders organized a community meeting outside a city-sponsored Google hearing at the Mexican Heritage Plaza on Tuesday evening.

The community meeting was held to show resistance against Google coming into the city and began with a disruption of the hearing.

Two community members stood before the audience present at the hearing with a banner that read "No Negotiations, Stop Google, No Compromise."

"If they bring this giant campus downtown to San Jose,

the community, the long-time residents of the city, low-income folks, are going to be pushed out," Silicon Valley De-Bug member Liz Gonzalez said.

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo announced on his Twitter account last Tuesday that the city had been awarded a distinction by the New American Economy Cities Index in the area of economic empowerment.

According to the index, the city's policies were given a five out of five rating in effectively removing barriers to economic success for immigrants.

"City leadership is very vocal on saying we protect immigrants and

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TED speakers deliver innovative ideas to community

By Huan Xun Chan
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday night, TEDxSJSU hosted seven speakers at San Jose State University to discuss topics that varied from mental health to diversity in artificial intelligence.

The topics centered around the TED talks theme: Breaking Ground.

Public relation junior Kira Nguyen, who was part of the organizing team, said Breaking Ground was introducing innovative ideas to the campus community. "[There are] things that could be happening but people don't really think about, so then someone is right here bringing in the idea," Nguyen said.

Meag-gan Ann O'Reilly,

a staff psychologist at Stanford University, focused on the topic: Enough is Enough: The Power of Your Inherent Value.

"Inherent value is something I believe each person possesses but I think our culture has made

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Psychologist Meag-gan Ann O'Reilly talks about the importance of cherishing self-inherent value at the TEDxSJSU event on Tuesday.



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most of campus bike thieves are homeless and taking them to support drug addiction habits.

Business management senior Alan Gouig feels like it is misleading for the school to have a “cameras in use” sign at the Ninth Street Plaza racks when there is no such surveillance taking place.

“I cherish my bike, so I really don’t appreciate that there’s a sign that said there’s filming at the rack when there really isn’t,” Gouig said.

Some locations within the cameras’ surveillance range include the Olympic Power Statue,

Just Below’s entrance and the 4th Street crosswalk in front of Philz Coffee. None of the cameras on campus have a bird’s eye view.

The viewpoint of the camera is limited to capturing only what is directly in front of the lens and surrounding areas fall into the camera’s blind spot.

For example, the camera surveilling the ATM in Parking Lot 4 only has a view of the ATM’s that face the parking lot, but not of the ATM’s facing the Student Union.

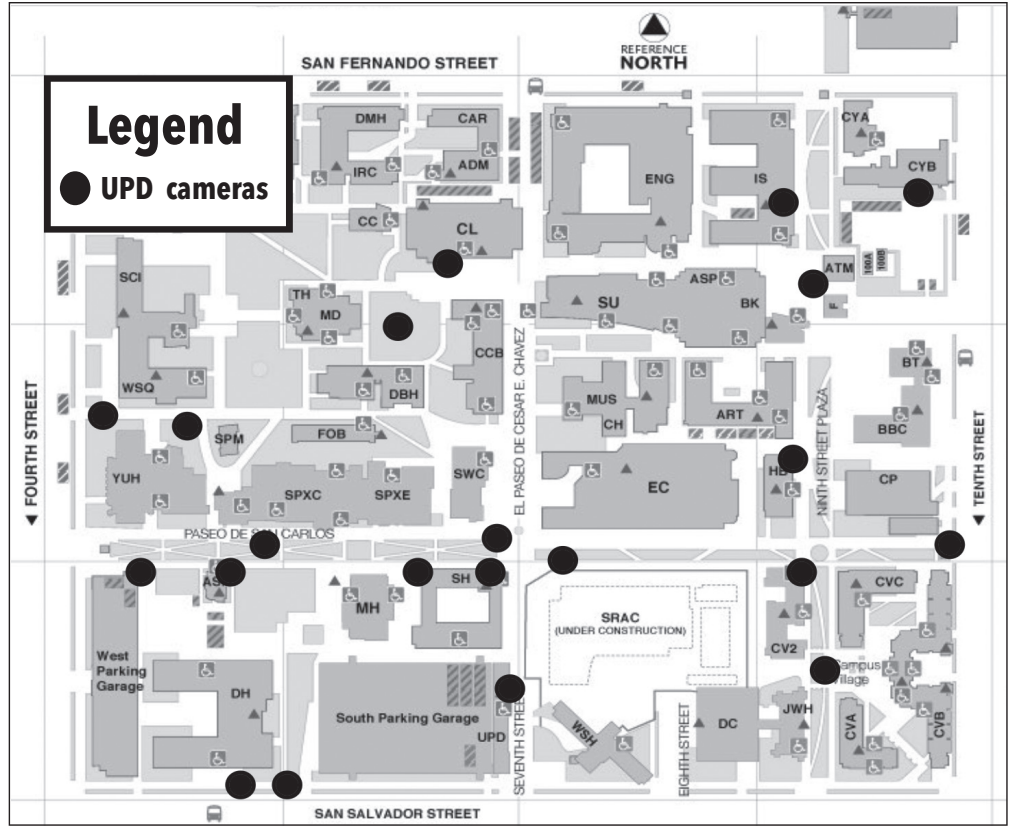
The Student Union, Martin Luther King Jr. Library and Campus Villages also operate security cameras on their surveillance systems.

“If any crime in those areas is caught on their cameras, they would work with us in providing any footage they might have,” Renelle said.

UPD does not actively inspect the camera feed, and any captured footage stays on their computer for future references for up to 60 days according to Renelle.

Interim Chief of UPD Alan Cavallo said regarding the camera placements, “We do not have the entire campus covered but we are in much better shape than we were several years ago.”

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that we stand up for immigrants in the community, and then their policies and what they’re welcoming with the Google project is doing exactly the opposite,” Gonzalez said. “So are you saying you only care about immigrant families if they’re wealthy?”

Plans to develop the Diridon Station area was adopted by the city council in 2014, but with Google stepping in to be a core developer of the plan, the city has been looking toward having more community conversations to address issues raised.

“There are concerns about the affordability of housing in the area and about potential displacement for people who can’t afford to live in San Jose,” Deputy City Manager Kim Welsh said. “We’re hearing that loud and clear.”

The community meeting also discussed other uses for public land that the city

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Liz Gonzalez
Silicon Valley De-Bug member

aims to sell to Google such as childcare centers, community centers, and more affordable housing options.

“Displacement is the biggest problem in the Bay Area and it is the single most disempowering thing an economy can do,” Sandy Perry from the Affordable Housing Network of Santa Clara County said.

San Jose’s vision of leading an innovation-based economy through the city’s Google-

Diridon plans gives rise to what San Jose resident, Bill Conrad, calls an “economic oligarchy.”

“Even with all [these plans], people still aren’t making sufficient money,” Conrad said. “There are a variety of issues where people are being economically disadvantaged and it’s a travesty.”

Conrad, a retired educator, went into his neighborhood 7-Eleven at Virginia and Bird avenues last weekend and found signs reading “No EBT” plastered all over the store.

To Conrad, the signs represented a city climate that “declared open season on the economically disadvantaged.”

The electronic benefit transfer (EBT) functions as an electronic system which allows benefits to be issued by state welfare departments through a payment card.

“In my neighborhood, we’re not going to have businesses that are going to discriminate against people because of where they stand economically,” Conrad said.



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Community leaders disrupt the city-sponsored Google meeting by calling for resistance against the corporation’s development plans for the city on Tuesday.

Conrad launched a boycott of the store last Monday, reaching out to clients of the store who responded to his plan favorably.

Google’s 2018 Diversity Report, that presents demographic of the company’s workforce in numbers,

showed little improvement in the hiring of minority workers with the number of Hispanic and Latino employees being 3.6 percent of the total workforce.

“They will say that they want to empower our communities, but they’re

not going to empower those that live here now,” Perry said. “They’re going to recruit people from the best universities, not people who are born and raised here.”

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us lose sight of that, which is very unhealthy for our mental health,” O’Reilly said.

Working as a psychologist, O’Reilly said she had seen many people suffer in that thought and wanted to liberate people from that mentality.

“Our culture is riddled with conditions. If we buy into that message, we will always be spinning our wheel in striving to either achieve or do something that doesn’t really depend on how we matter in the world,” O’Reilly said.

“I feel like a lot of these topics are overlooked and they are very innovative in their nature.”

Aurion Wiley-Green
Justice studies freshman

She talked about ways to unlearn conditioned thinking and embrace self-inherent value. “Do something that resonates

with you for its own sake,” O’Reilly said.

“What is the last time you did something not because it’s showing up on your resume, not because it meets the conditional world that you are wrestling with, but just because you enjoyed it?” she asked the audience.

Business analytic senior Asmita Gaggar, member of the student organizing team, said the purpose of this event was to bring “something that can really speak to our audience and what will really resonate them after they leave.”

Justice studies freshman Aurion Wiley-Green said she liked the diversity of speakers at

the talk and the topics that they covered.

“I learn to be innovative in my thinking, I feel like a lot of these topics are overlooked and they are very innovative in their nature,” Wiley-Green said.

SJSU counselor education professor Jason Laker’s talk was titled “Demystifying Sexual Consent Communication.”

Laker collaborated with Erica Boas, who is from the department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, on a research study about sexual consent communication among college students.

“Our research is intended to provide

alternatives that people can actually learn and use to reduce the stress and improve the clarity,” Laker said.

He said this topic was important because the incident rates of sexual assault on college campuses have increased after being stagnant for 60 years.

“There have been a lot of creative and interesting approaches taken to address it, but unfortunately they haven’t resulted in any reductions,” Laker said.

Laker aimed to open new possibilities for prevention by sharing the information he learned through his research.

A lot of policies did not answer the question of “how do real college students actually communicate and negotiate about sexual activity in the intimate spaces where it occurs in the moment of the real times?” Laker said.

Behavioral science senior Ling Le said she looked forward to reading Laker’s research study.

“Consent is something that’s really broad, it is not really like spoken about at least the young population,” Le said.

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Check out these SJ breweries!

By **Melody Del Rio**
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Cracking a cold one with your friends on a weekend night is a great way to unwind, but finding the ideal place can be difficult.

San Jose has a great nightlife but sometimes a drink in a casual setting seems better than mixed drinks, flashing lights and loud music.

Breweries are the best place to let your hair down and kick your feet up.

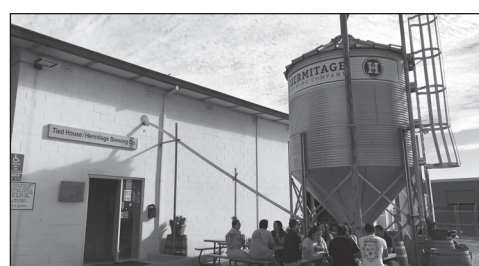
They offer a variety of drinks that will broaden your horizon with more ideas on how to spend your evening.

Since the first brewery location, Gordon Biersch Brewing Company, opened in 1988 there are now about nine breweries in San Jose. In no particular order, here are my top four recommended breweries.



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1 Hermitage Brewing Company



Location:

1627 S. Seventh St.,
San Jose

The industrial interior makes the best pairing for a hip, relaxing hangout spot. Finding a place to sit isn't hard because the space offers a large selection of seats. Out of all the mentioned breweries, this is the only one that has a lunch and dinner menu, so you don't have to worry about trying to find a place to eat beforehand.

2 Hapa's Brewing Company



Location:

460 Lincoln Ave. #90,
San Jose

The best beers for the best price; you can get a flight of four beers for \$9. Besides a nice cold brew, Hapa's is a great place to hang out with friends on any day of the week. The brewery feels like an outside picnic brought indoors with wooden tables and chairs, twinkling lights and a food truck parked out front.

3 Strike Brewing Co.



Location:

2099 S. Tenth St. #30,
San Jose

A baseball-themed brewery that doesn't strike out. This brewery is more than a place to get a cold brew, it's a community. On the walls you could find steins with a different name for the regulars that walk in and paid for a membership.

4 Uproar Brewing Company



Location:

439 S. First St.,
San Jose

Though it is hard to find, the brewery is like meeting up with an old friend. The employees are helpful and everyone had a smile on their face. It is more ideal considering the large outside area with plenty of room to chat and park your car.

COUNTERPOINTS



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Yes, it's a job



Myla La Bine
STAFF WRITER

YouTube is a fairly new entity, it's only 13 years old.

In a short period of time, it has grown into a large and powerful company.

Google purchased the site in 2006 for \$1.65 billion.

As the site's popularity increased, YouTubers, or people who share viral videos on the site, started being noticed in the mainstream media.

on her Miranda Sings channel while her personal one boasts 7 million. Additionally, Sings has a "vlogging" channel with two million subscribers.

What sets her apart from the average YouTuber is that Ballinger has stuck around for over a decade and continues to increase in popularity.

Ballinger's fame

she has longevity on the site.

While it may be difficult for the average person to rise to such prominence, it is certainly possible.

In the past few years, YouTubers such as Logan and Jake Paul and Lilly Singh have all spawned careers of their own from their YouTube videos.

Forbes included all three in a top ten of the highest-paid YouTube stars list last year.

I cannot argue that posting videos is a traditional way of earning income, however, there is proof that people make money doing so.

I also do not see the issue with people aspiring to be a YouTuber.

It's just like if someone wanted to become an actor or singer; the chance of that happening is one in a million, but people don't criticize those individuals as much.

YouTube has also shown that it isn't going anywhere, it isn't a website of the moment.

In May, Business Insider published an article stating that "YouTube is even bigger than Gmail, and nearly as big as Facebook, with over 1.8 billion monthly logged-in users."

One can say that a YouTube career isn't practical. That may ring true for some, but not everyone has to agree.

Just because someone does something unconventional for a living does not mean that it isn't a career.

With success on YouTube as Miranda Sings has led to multiple tours, two books and a Netflix series.

Her first book, "Self-Help" reached No. 1 on The New York Times Best Sellers list under the Advice, How-To & Miscellaneous category in 2015. The Netflix show, titled "Haters Back Off" lasted two seasons.

I saw Ballinger on tour when she came to San Jose in 2017. I purchased a \$50 ticket and \$75 VIP pass to meet her. I also bought merchandise, which many other fans also did.

It is clear that Ballinger has made a career out of her viral YouTube character and proven that

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No, it's a hobby



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I'm sure those who are regular YouTube users like me are aware that there are people who make a living off of the website.

I watch people such as Boogie2988 and AngryJoeShow, popular for their video game reviews and discussions, who have garnered enough views to make a living off of it.

Both of these YouTubers have millions of views on their videos and subscribers to their channels.

If you're not familiar with how the YouTube paying system works, you need to have monetization access on your account, which has requirements.

Videos need to have at least 4,000 hours of viewing time and 1,000 subscribers.

Once that is done, YouTubers are able to put ads on their videos, the source of their earnings.

Ever since YouTube implemented this feature, it has become more than just a website where you can upload videos. You can now make a living off of it.

According to Influencer Marketing Hub, YouTuber PewDiePie is making \$12 million by just uploading whatever video he wishes to showcase.

Isn't it awesome to make that kind of cash while doing something that isn't too time consuming or physically demanding?

Are you guaranteed to make it big if

you start uploading YouTube videos? Also, how long are you going to be able to keep it as a job?

YouTuber Review-TechUSA uploaded a video titled "Fortnite Will Never Make You Famous (A History Lesson)." This video is about how certain gaming trends get big on YouTube and how people make a living

When it comes to putting hard work and effort into becoming a YouTuber, it's best just to treat it like a hobby.

off of it when it's at its prime.

When games like "Call of Duty" or "Minecraft" lose its popularity, people who predominantly make content off of those games end up struggling to make the same amount of money they used to make.

This means YouTube is not properly secured as a job. I also feel like YouTube doesn't allow you to upload any kind of video you want.

What do I mean by that? I mean that there

seems to be a certain style of content you need to upload.

For example, I am a fairly avid YouTube user. I upload a lot of videos on "Doom 2016," which is a game I enjoy playing currently and happen to enjoy creating videos of it too.

However, I barely get any views compared to a Fortnite streamer and YouTuber Ninja. I probably get like 25 to 40 views on average and I have no ad support.

That's because "Doom 2016" is not really a game you can make a living off of compared to "Fortnite."

There's a higher chance for YouTubers who primarily upload "Fortnite" content, such as Ninja or Ali-A, to get lot of attention on the website.

So you could have a passion for one particular game, but that game might not be so popular for YouTube users to watch.

Even if you have a similar interest that your favorite YouTuber uploads, it's still not guaranteed for success. I think you need to be lucky to have the privilege of becoming a YouTuber.

At least if you're working on your computer science degree to be a video game programmer, somebody in the industry is going to need your skills.

Once a developer hires you, you're able to work at that company with more security for your livelihood.

When it comes to putting hard work and effort into becoming a YouTuber, it's best just to treat it like a hobby.

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Public caning in Malaysia sparks outcry



Winona Rajamohan
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On Sept. 3, news broke on the shocking punishment of two women in Malaysia for engaging in what the nation's religious high court called "sexual relations between women" after they were caught having sex in their car.

The Guardian reported the two women were caned six times in a courtroom witnessed by up to 100 people including members of the public.

I grew up in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the Malaysia, the pinnacle of a bustling diversity and overwhelming balance of Southeast Asian tradition and Western mainstems.

When I lived there, a growing freedom of personal identity had crept across the nation to challenge questionable religious conservatism.

Knowing that women in my country were being physically punished for their sexual behavior was a tough pill for me to swallow.

Even more so, this was the first time such punishments were ever being enforced.

These punishments were happening in an era in which Malaysian society was moving forward to be one of the most developed third-world countries.

When placed in a global perspective, these rights and moral norms reflect very different standpoints where people beyond their respective borders do not see eye to eye.

The caning occurred in a state in the northern region of the country called Terengganu, a region that conducts heavy policing on the societal behaviors of its Muslim residents.

The state of Terengganu is currently ruled by the Pan-Malaysian Islamist Party. It is an opposition party that has managed to regain the state after losing it in the 1999 general elections.

However, regardless of whether a state in Malaysia is ruled by the Pan-Malaysian Islamist party or not, all states in the country are subject to enforce Islamic criminal law.

Syariah courts are a court system that exists in the country's legal system and they are responsible for enforcing Shariah – Islamic religious laws – on every Muslim in Malaysia.

These courts are given the jurisdiction to punish only Malaysian Muslims for offenses that go against the principles of Islam.

According to daily Malaysian newspaper, The Star, member of the state

executive council for Syariah implementation, Satiful Bahri Mamat, said the caning was carried out as a lesson to steer others away from similar wrongdoing.

"It is more to educate than to harm or hurt," Mamat told a press conference on Sept. 3.

The fact that such justifications were used angered me, as it did to many Malaysian parliamentary members who had no direct authority to revoke the decision of the religious court.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad posted a video on his Twitter account calling the court's decision an act that "did not reflect the fairness and compassion of Islam."

Malaysia recognizes Islam as its official religion, with a population where 61.3 percent of its citizens are Muslims.

I have always felt that the separation of religious laws from federal criminal laws has torn the country into opposing parallel lines.

One side is advocating for the religious staunchness that preserved Malaysian nationalism against British colonizers six decades ago, and the other advocating for an approach that goes with the currents of moral beliefs in a more globalized world.

From legal child marriages to caning for homosexuality, Malaysia catapulted to global headlines this year for legal decisions that have raised eyebrows regarding the practice of Islamic conservatism.

It's easy to get caught up in the bubble surrounding the societal climate that you live in, not only surrounding borders that separate nations but those surrounding borders separating states in nations.

It has allowed me to realize how values accepted by the general society can be so different from the legal framework that a country puts in place.

The unfolding of this case was devastating for many civil rights groups

in the country who hold onto the belief that we were moving in a new direction since electing the opposition government into power this year for the first time since 1957.

However, third-world countries like Malaysia have a long way before they let go of the traditional norms that have ruled the country's core way before independence was even gained.

This case has served as another powerful plat-

form for newly-elected leaders to review the jurisdictions of dual-court systems and how they may or may not interfere with nationwide values upheld by the federal court system.

People are talking about it and people are beginning to take action.

For nations like mine, that's a tremendous victory in itself.

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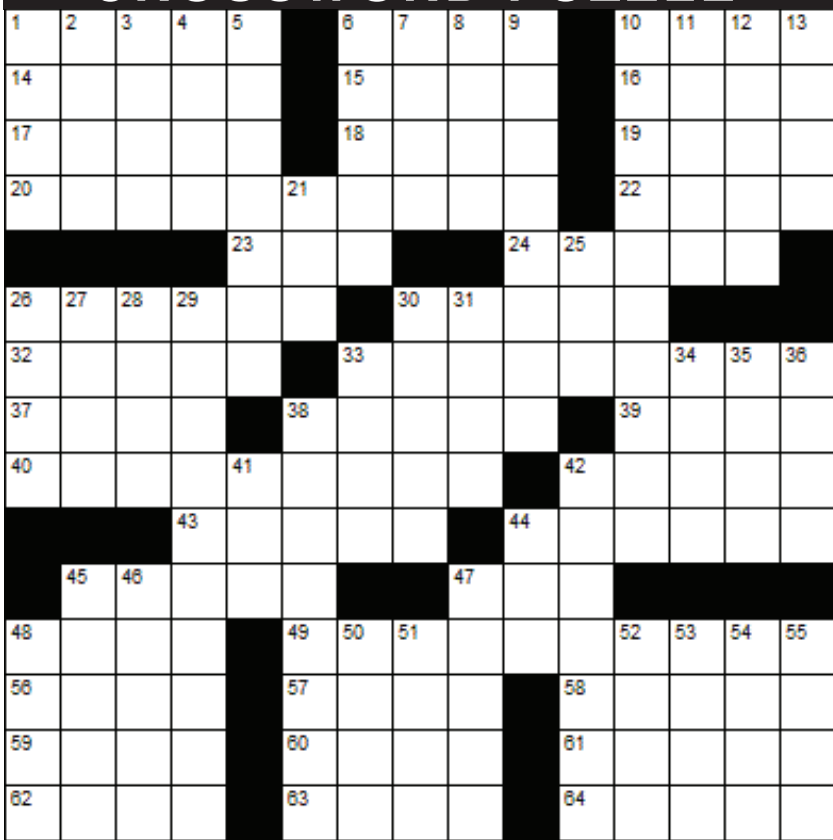
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- African virus
- Does something
- Deputy
- Characterized by habitual skepticism
- Prune
- A flatbottom boat
- Embellisher (comic art)
- Drive up the wall
- Pulsate
- Foreign
- Supervised an exam
- Greek letter
- An informative symbol
- Emanation
- A woman deacon
- Bower
- Delicacy
- Not the youngest
- Refuge
- Woman

DOWN

- Small songbird
- Gown
- Aquiver
- A city in western Russia
- Pagan
- Sauce
- Hubs
- In baseball, 3 per inning
- Defame
- Chalkboard
- France's longest river
- Fire
- Horn sound
- Charged particle
- Excluding

- A female domestic
- Found in some lotions
- Devil tree
- Make inactive
- Secret meeting
- Skips
- Urgent request
- Country bumpkin
- God of love
- Dash
- Laminated metamorphic rocks
- Sphere
- Asserted
- Consume
- Wheel shafts
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Vido brings firepower to Spartans

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Raised in a family of athletes, junior volleyball player Fernanda Vido grew up in an environment that made it almost impossible to not fall in love with sports and everything it had to offer.

"My grandparents were athletes, my mum, her siblings, my dad," Vido said. "My parents actually ended up meeting before the Olympic games in '84."

Both of Vido's parents represented Brazil in the Olympics, with her father, Marcelo Vido, playing on the basketball team and her mother, Luiza Vido, a volleyball player like herself.

Vido said that her mother never enforced competitive sports on her or her two older sisters, though like herself they ended up being athletes as well - Clara Vido is a volleyball player at Louisiana Tech and Julia Vido is a swimmer at Old Dominion.

Growing up with her family in Brazil, she was always instilled with the mindset to live a healthy lifestyle by playing sports to keep active.

Playing competitively just so happened to be a passion that Vido soon discovered to be an important trait of her personality.

An important trait that led her to be awarded the title of Most Valuable Player at the Hampton Inn & Suites Northern Colorado Classic tournament in September, which the Spartans conquered with a 3-0 record.

"Her special element is her competitiveness with



Spartans junior outside hitter Fernanda Vido (14) prepares to spike the ball during Thursday's match against Wyoming at the Spartan Gym.

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her drive to fight and score points," head coach Jolene Shepardson said. "Our opponents felt that because they voted for her as well for the MVP title."

SJSU defeated Northern Colorado (3-0), Alabama State (3-0) and the University of the Pacific (3-2), with Vido recording 12 kills, five digs, two aces, and three blocks as well as being one of the three Spartans named to the all-tournament team.

"She's super aggressive in every single play," senior teammate Giulia Gavio said. "She's like the fire of the team."

The competitive nature and team dynamic of volleyball was what drew her to it

and kept her pulled in.

"It's a game where you can't let the ball drop, and I like how intense it needs to be all the time because you have to keep the ball up," Vido said. "I also love being part of a team, helping other players as well as having them help me."

To her, winning her recent MVP title during the tournament felt "a little funny" because she had personally thought that it was not her best performance.

"Getting awards doesn't mean a lot to me, but it's really about making the team better," Vido said. "I want to help the person next to me in court perform at their highest level and I think I

played in that way better in the tournament."

The Spartans welcomed a large freshman class this season, with Vido being one of the more experienced players in a comparatively new team.

"She's grown to be a leader that shows how she wants to score every single point," Shepardson said. "We need that in leading the team and showing the team the way it needs to be."

Prior to expressing interest in the SJSU volleyball program, Vido already knew two of the girls on the Spartan team.

She had played with Gavio and senior Luiza Andrade back home in Brazil before

coming to the United States.

"I would always hear them talking about how much they loved the players, the program, the school and the area," Vido said. "During my visit here, I saw it for myself."

Vido says that San Jose offers her everything she needs to pursue a higher standard of athletics and academics, a factor of key importance for the student-athlete academic honoree currently pursuing a degree in business marketing.

"I want to be the best student I can be," Vido said. "I'm a scholar-athlete so I want to keep that high standard, it's personal competition to see how good I can be."

Besides playing volleyball, she keeps herself motivated through self-care and wellness routines by cooking homemade meals and eating healthy.

"But I'm not a freak, I still eat burgers and fries," Vido added with a laugh.

Her love for being on a team that she can count on translates into her experience as a Spartan athlete, where all athletes come together like family regardless of the different sports they play.


"We're our own little community where we have each other's backs," Vido said. "You see football players coming to our games, soccer players, gymnasts and everyone else, we just support each other so much."

As the Spartans move forward in their conference games, she notices the team learning more about each other on the court and understanding different areas of play that they need to improve on as a team.

Vido's goal for the year extends beyond just an end goal of winning the Mountain West Conference title but breaches the depths of what it takes to get there on a day-to-day basis.


"We have a young team so just seeing the team grow will be rewarding," Vido said. "I want to see us grow as much as we can and as fast as we can, compressing it into the next two months that we have."

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