President Barack Obama has already negoti- ed for termination, among others. Some Democrats have indicated that they would open to the proposal and the administration said it may go along. Yet the White House also said that a longer term deal is essential to reduce “uncertainty” of continued stoppage measures that could negatively affect the economy.

“If we keep returning in this ev- ery couple of weeks,” said White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, “that’s a concern.” Carney declined to pinpoint a time frame that would be accept- able to the president, saying only that the “focus has to be on the im- pact on the economy.”

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U.S. mobilizes ships, Libya fight rages

McClatchy Tribune

BENGHAZI, Libya — Moam- mar Gadhafi came under intense interna- tional pressure Mon- day to halt attacks on anti-regime protests, with the Pentagon dispatching ships and aircraft to the Mediterranean Sea and the Treasury Department freezing a $2 billion account held by rebels in Libya, but appar- ently failed to dislodge them from the key western city of Misrata, 15 miles from the capital, Tripoli. There were reports that Gadhafi’s government had launched new airstrikes against its opponents. An anti-violence clause, Sec- retary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton demanded that the Lib- yan leader go — now, without further violence or delay,” she said at a meeting of the UN Hu- man Rights Council in Geneva.

“Can one believe this statement when he (Gadhafi) was there is absolutely no demonstra- tion of any action to halt the violence?” UN Secre- tary-General Ban Ki-moon said in an interview with McClatchy Newspapers in Washington. “He has declared war on his own peo- ple and he has lost totally his legiti- macy.” The UN has “reports and infor- mation” that suggest quite credible figures of killings in the thousands by pro-Gadh- ahi militiamen and African mer- chant ships since the insurrection erupted nearly two weeks ago, said Ban, who discussed the crisis earlier in the day with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Obama. McClatchy Tribune

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US NEWS

Budget fight threatens government shutdown

President

Professor honored for innovations in staffing technology

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Staff Writer

Louis Freund, director of the graduate program in Human Fac- tors and Ergonomics at SJSU, won an award for his contribution to health care information technol- ogy at a banquet last Tuesday.

The organization giving the award, the American Medical Informatics Association, honored 50 people during the or- ganization’s 50th anniversary at its annual conference and exhibition, held this year in Orlando.

Freund received a award for work with the “fus. My major was mostly in the area of nursing workload modeling,” he said.

As Vice President of Medical Systems, he designed and specified computer systems to determine staffing requirements for nur- sing departments based on patient needs.

Freund’s work came before innova- tions such as the personal com- puter, the graphical user interface, and computers inexpensive enough to be on every desk on a hospital. Freund said he and his team would load four crates of comput- er equipment into an airplane and take them to hospitals across North America to demonstrate them. Once implemented, hospital work- ers would fill in Scantron sheets similar to those used for multiple choice exams, feed them into a computer, and get back printed re- ports on how many nurses were needed that day.

As one example of the first com- puter systems for nurses to calcu- late staffing requirements, he said, “It was very new in those days.”

Freund also helped develop pro- fessional organizations around health care IT, facilitating communication and educa- tion among people working in the field.

The nomination process started last November, and the award win- ners were announced in January. “Together, they have contributed to health care IT,” said the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, in a keynote speech at the society’s conference on Wednesday.

Several recent federal laws have provided funding and incentives for health care IT, including the HITREX (for Health Information Technology for Economic and Clin- ical Health) act passed in February 2009 as part of the American Re- covery and Reinvestment Act, and the Affordable Care Act, passed in March 2010. Together, the two laws provide a total of $42 billion in grants and in-centives for health care IT projects, according to the Health and Hu- man Services website and the web- site for the Affordable Care Act. Sebelius said the investments were designed to encourage health care IT.

“In the last two years, the share of primary care providers using a basic electronic health record has gone from under 20 percent to nearly 30 percent,” Sebelius said.

Freund said technology had been a long way since his days in health care care in 1960s.

“There are many things being said on the floor (of the exhibitions) that we dreamed about those days,” he said.

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Lawmakers returned to Washington after a two-week break as Americans begin to focus on how Congress will fund the government after the 14-hour talks to pass the budget caps approved last month by the House and Senate.

The GOP bill, which Obama had vowed to veto, would cut more than $1 trillion over the remaining seven years of the budget agreement, a move that, in one of the largest overall reductions of its kind, would take billions of dollars out of the national pre-school program, college grants, and public and private student loan interest subsidies — and could trigger automatic across-the-board cuts in 2013.

For Facebook reconsiders privacy proposals for minors

**World News**

North battles south in disputed Sudan region

McClatchy Tribune

NAIROBI, Kenya — Fighting between southern Sudan security forces and members of an Arab tribe from the north claimed the lives of an American of Sudanese descent and the second Sudanese citizen, and was the second major confrontation this year. As fighting raged at least a week, northern Sudan claimed the battle started between Sudanese forces and the southern Dinka tribe, the country's largest ethnic group.

The battle took place in the hostile contested Abyei region, which both southern Sudan and Khartoum claim, and was the second major confrontation there. Fighting as January hit at least a week.

Abyei stands at the border between Sudan and southern Sudan, the poorest Muslim, which was converted to Christianity by the Eating House majority said, Washington should not retain workers if it lacks funds.

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Republicans fight Democrat’s cuts to NASCAR sponsorships
McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — The Minnesota Dem- ocrat who’s out to get rid of the Pentagon’s sponsorships for NASCAR teams said she won’t back down from her efforts and, despite GOP resistance, will broaden her fight to re- peal tax breaks for track owners, too. Rep. Betty McCollum said her work could save American taxpayers tens of millions of dollars. But Defense Department officials and members from NASCAR country said the sponsorships help military recruitment and that the tax breaks could save jobs in the struggling economy.

In an interview, McCollum said it doesn’t make sense to keep the benefits for NASCAR teams and track owners when other cuts are being made to community health care programs for homeless veterans and Head Start.

"This isn’t about NASCAR," McCollum said. "It’s about the American taxpayer. We should take a critical eye and a critical look and say, ‘Is this an appropriate role for taxpayers’ money.’"

Mccollum said it doesn’t make sense to keep the Pentagon sponsorships of dragsters, Indy cars, stock cars and motorcycle racing, affecting just about every level of motorsports. "I've watched the Indy 500, the Daytona 500 and the Pikes Peak hill climb. It's just terrible how much money any team makes on this, but it's not transparent. It's not done in a manner that the public can access it."

She plans to file legislation to prohibit the Defense Department from using less than $50,000 a year. "I can see myself staying here as long as the business is here," said Kimberly Zambetti, one of Erickson's employees and last month's winner of Lipstick and Bullets Salon.

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"She's very supportive. She doesn't have any trouble with her business, she cares about my career," Zambetti said.

Zambetti said Erickson taught her Internet marketing, including how to use Craigslist to ad- vertise. She said she has some regulars, but she's "still building."

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Erickson said becoming a cosmetologist is usually a six-year process — two for cosmetol- ogy school, two years of owning and two years of building clientele. She said her program pays minimum wage while stylists are learning and shorten the process to two years.

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Rugby

SJSU club rugby team fights weather and beats Fresno

Francisco Rendon
Spartan Daily

The Spartan club rugby team proved through hail, wind, and scheduling conflicts to its 11th straight victory, defeating Fresno State on Saturday by a score of 40-21.

Through early parts of the first half it seemed as though Fresno State may keep the game close. But the Spartans pulled away as the game went on, with an attack that could not be subdued, despite numerous drops.

After the half, SJSU held the Bulldogs scoreless until the final two minutes, ensuring another win to keep the streak alive.

Despite the victory, outside center Chris Gumbrecht said he felt the team could have performed better.

“I was disappointed,” Gumbrecht said. “We’re not going to be able to get away with a performance like that for the rest of the season.”

Assistant coach Phil Troste said he didn’t feel the weather affected the team too much because although it was cold, it was dry, and thus did not alter the terrain too much.

He said he felt the dropped balls hurt the team, but that could not be attributed to the field conditions.

“When we dropped the ball, it was our fault and not because of the weather,” Troste said.

Fresno State was able to score several times on “fluke” occasions, he said, and the Spartans were able to prevent the Bulldogs from mounting a consistent offense because of solid tackling, which was enough for the victory.

The weather hovered under 50 degrees throughout the game, which was moved to Morgan Hill and pushed back to 3:50 p.m. start time from the originally scheduled start time of noon. Chilling winds blew the entire time and hail balls came continuously for much of the first half.

Troste said there is strong leadership on the team this season, and the players have been consistently competing at a high level.

“This team is showing a tremendous amount of heart, focus and concentration,” he said.

“Everyone is a rugby fan, they just don’t know it yet.”

Rashad Colver
Team Captain

SJSU past statistical records show the team did not have a game like this since 2002, the only time since in which the team has made the NCAA tournament.

“This is the best team SJSU has had in 15 years.”

Captain Rashad Colver said he hopes the team would receive more support from the SJSU community as it continues through the season.

“We’re really turning the big game next week,” he said.

Colver said the team ultimately made this game unnecessarily difficult, and that the real test of its abilities would come next week.

SJSU has had numerous tests of mettle this season, such as a game-winning score on the final play of the game against UC Santa Cruz on Feb. 5.

The Spartans will face off against Cal Maritime on Saturday, with which they are currently tied for first place in the Northern California Rugby Union.

The venue of the game is to be determined.

Joey Akeley
Copy Editor

For just the second time since 1991, the SJSU baseball team created the rankings of the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper NCAA Division I Poll.

On Monday, the Spartans (6-1) were voted into the last spot of the poll, the 30th spot, after taking two out of three games from then-No. 1 UCLA over the weekend.

SJSU was most recently ranked in 2009 after a 9-0 start to the season, grabbing the 25th spot.

The last time the Spartans made the NCAA Tournament was in 2002, where they bowed out in the first round.

Two years prior, the Spartans won the West Regional and the Houston Regional to advance to the College World Series, which divides the eight teams remaining into groups of four, with the winner of each group playing one final series. The Spartans’ most successful season ended with losses to Clemson and Louisiana-Lafayette in the College World Series.

The last time the Spartans defeated a team ranked in the top-10 in the nation was Rice University in 2009. Overall, SJSU was 4-5 against Rice that year.

Against UCLA, junior starting pitcher Roberto Padrila tossed a complete game, securing the Spartans’ 5-1 victory in the first game of the series on Saturday.

The Spartans also took the first game of the doubleheader against Sunday, beating the Bruins 8-5. Junior starting pitcher Blake McFarland earned the win by allowing two runs in five innings of work.

But the Spartans lost 12-2 in the series finale, giving up 12 runs to the potent Bruins lineup.

The blowout defeat likely cost the Spartans several spots in the rankings.

UCLA (5-1) dropped to No. 8 in the poll.

The only other Western Athletic Conference team to appear in the poll was Fresno State (6-0), ranked No. 32.

SJSU remained unranked in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Poll and the USA Today/ESPN College Baseball Coaches’ Poll, although the Spartans received votes in each.
I’ll take ‘ Doesn’t live up to the hype ’ for $800, Alex

Matthew Gerring
Staff Writer

After watching the competition between Watson, IBM’s Jeopardy-playing supercomputer, and its human opponents, I came away feeling a lot better about the prospect of human survival in the face of artificial intelligence.

The contest took place on Feb. 14, 15 and 16, and pitted Watson against the two highest-scoring players in Jeopardy history, Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter.

Watson, on the other hand, is not meant to be a “social robot” at all — IBM researchers have said Watson’s main purpose is to answer questions posed to it in natural language, and haven’t hinted at any other possible interactions with humans the machine might have.

“I expected to be much more impressed by Watson than I was, mainly because it can’t understand speech,” one blogger wrote. “Watson is only a look into the mature stage of technology. I think we have a lot to learn from Watson.”

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Watson won, handily, and Ken Jennings wrote as part of his answer on Final Jeopardy, “I for one welcome our new computer overlords.”

But rest assured, somebody’s working on it. We are barreling toward a vastly strange and alien future, one where the pace of innovation is continuously accelerating.

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Sony Cyber-shot delivers satisfying results in small package

Matt Young
Staff Writer

Let me begin this review by disclosing that I’m not a professional photographer. I like taking pictures, and try to apply an eye for composition and framing, but I’ve never owned an SLR or spent hundreds of dollars on a camera. I just used a camera that does some of the thinking for me without a huge intimidation factor.

Having said that, as a journalist accustomed to having photographers flake out at the last minute, I’ve found myself in the position of having to shoot pictures, videos and audio for publication on a moment’s notice. My main focus has been on music journalism.

With those needs in mind, I struck pay dirt with the Sony Cyber-shot DSC-HX5. There’s a lot of camera in a small package. The 10x optical zoom is a must-have. I don’t know how they did it, but the less really gives you a fantastic zoom while remaining compact. It goes from really flush with the camera body to poking out like Pinocchio’s nose for those long-distance shots.

Optical zoom is always preferable to digital zoom because it doesn’t get pixelated. You can be way back in the stands and still get good quality pictures of actors on stage.

The face recognition works without a hitch. I’ve even taken close-up shots of pictures on the wall and it finds the faces right away, differentiating between adults and children and looking for the smiles.

You can select the resolution of your shots from as little as 1megapixels all the way up to 10 megapixels. Just be prepared to edit them down if you use the JPEG mode or if you want to e-mail them.

I also really appreciate the image processor. As someone who frequently has to shoot pictures and video in dim bars and clubs, the settings on the camera can help take the sweat out of the work. The low light settings are really a must-have if you’re shooting in dimly lit settings.

One useful mode will take two shots at different settings when a bright highlight in a dim room, merging them into a picture that’s brightened out a configured amount by glance.

Another allows for image stabilization while shooting without flash. This helps keep pictures from getting that gritty look in low light.

 Burst mode takes a selectable number of shots at high speed, which is great when shooting a moving figure, such as a guitar hero crossing across the stage. There is a dedicated button on the top of the unit for this feature. You don’t have to worry about slow burst rates or degraded resolutions since the HX5 can actually null out full-resolution frames in as little as 0.1 seconds.

In addition to shooting love events, macromode allows for close-up shots of small items you might want to sell on eBay. There are also settings for shooting food, landscapes, portraits, pets, water, snow — you name it, it has a setting.

One of my favorite settings when shooting events is the Panorama mode. You can shoot a 360 degree view going from left to right. I’ve used this to shoot dynamic scenes with actors on a stage to the left all the way into the audience on the stage to the right.

In addition to these features, the DSC-HX5 is well-equipped for shooting videos, and a dedicated button allows you to flip back for quick access to the video mode.

Capable of capturing up to 15 minutes of video (your clips will have a good level of polish. If you want to convert the avi/video to progressive scan, there are plenty of software options for that, and online video hosting companies that do that as well.)

The accompanying stereo audio is great as well, featuring audio compression to keep the sound from being a mellow cacophony of noise.

Be warned that shooting HD video will eat up your hard drive storage capacity quickly, so I recommend 8GB or more if you plan on shooting a large amount. You’ll also want a Ca or higher rated memory card — they have a faster data rate.

Speaking of cards, this model is more versatile than previous iterations of the Cyber-shot as it supports both SD cards and Sony’s own Pro Duo memory sticks, making your options a bit higher when shopping for memory cards.

There are some nice SD cards with Wi-Fi capabilities so that you can effortlessly upload pictures wirelessly right off the card from your camera onto your netbook.

If you plan on using the included transfer cables, they have both USB and serial connections on them, with HDMI adapter thrown in to sweeten the deal.

The camera ships with a nice software suite that helps you import your media from the unit. It has also streamlined interface for uploading pictures and videos to hosting sites. I’ve used this for YouTube and it works with a faster upload speed than I would expect, without having to go to the site and uploading content there.

With YouTube now allowing clips of up to 15 minutes in length, it’s ridiculous that quality is taken out of the process altogether. Some of the more oomph features are the GPS and Compass, which will help you locate in a few different ways and in which direction you’re facing.

This was definitely the case with this camera. The Cyber-shot DSC-HX5 will likely appeal to a wide range of people wanting a little more oomph in their compact camera.

With all the good stuff that can be done to work with the camera, you can now find it for about $150, depending on where you look.
teaching math completely changed my life. I enjoyed it so much that I decided to become a mathematician. I realized that what I was really passionate about was teaching and helping others understand complex concepts. This led me to pursue a career in education, where I can continue to share my love for mathematics with others.

I believe that education is the key to unlocking one's potential and reaching their goals. I have experienced firsthand the transformative power of education, and I want to be a part of that process for others. I look forward to making a positive impact on the lives of my students and contributing to the growth of the next generation of thinkers and leaders.
With a first impression of vegan food, the restaurant seemed like a good place to grab a bite to eat if you’re on a hurry or want to share a meal with friends. I knew the next task for me was to find a place that served vegetarian pho in downtown. After participating in South First Fards art walk, I remembered Pho 69 located on South First Street. With help from the Yelp website, I was able to figure out that Pho 69 used vegetarian broth in the pho recipe instead of chicken or beef broth that some restaurants use. The restaurant was definitely the cleanest pho place I have ever visited. The large room was enough to seat lots of people on a busy evening. The friendly staff offered suggestions and I could tell that the employees at the restaurant really cared about good service. I ordered the vegetarian pho before I could order the sesame pho, which was calling my name. It takes a little longer to get your food, but the open kitchen provides entertainment for you to watch as the chef prepares the meal with fresh ingredients. The added touch of self-serve orange and cucumber water gave a little extra flavor, which is always a good thing. Pho 69 struck me as a pho place to go on a date. It offers a nice ambiance and it’s not a too expensive place to eat downtown. The pho was good with fresh ingredients — it really hit the spot on the rainy day. Even though the pho was a little more expensive than most in San Jose, this is definitely a place to try, especially with a grilled mango dessert sandwich on the menu. On this food venture, I knew there was no way that I could pass up going to Tofoo Com Chay, a vegetarian restaurant located on Santa Clara Street. Walking distance to campus, this small restaurant can get packed quickly. With about four tables inside and a few outside, the restaurant can get a little cramped. Despite the small venue the food is worth the wait. When you walk in, you are met with a variety of ordering options. I chose to try the vegetarian roti drumsticks and then had tofu. The drumsticks could easily be mistaken for a chicken drumstick. The texture was a little off for me but after I devoured the first one, the next three tasted delicious and I wanted to go back for more. The Thai basil tofu was made so well that I finished the whole bowl with no left over food. Tofoo Com Chay left me wanting to try more of the food on the menu. My suggestion to potential vegetarians is to get the food to go or go early enough to snag a seat at the restaurant. These three restaurants are not the only vegetarian places in San Jose, but they are a good starting point for anyone looking for good meals when meat is not cutting it. Overall, the restaurant left me to spend less than $10, which is a steal for any restaurant downtown.