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Cuts lead to special education shortages

By Jennifer Hadley
Staff Writer

Fewer students are going through SJSU's special education department, resulting in fewer special education teachers to fill positions in school districts, said a special education official.

This semester the special education department capped the number of students it accepted into its department, said Chris Hagie, the department chair of special education.

"Ultimately, it means that fewer students will be able to go through our program," Hagie said. "The districts still have openings right now in special ed. Here it is October, school started in August, and they weren't able to fill all their special education teaching positions."

The special education department accepted 20 percent fewer students this semester and will not accept applications for the Spring 2010 semester, Hagie said.

For the Spring 2009 semester, 25 credential students were admitted to the special education



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Courtney Ridings, a first year mild/moderate special education intern/graduate student, holds her group's learning techniques cards for special education children during their presentation in the Managing Behavior and Emotional Problems of Students class Thursday.

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Rainstorm drowns out KSJS signal

By Regina Aquino
Staff Writer

The first rainstorm of the season has affected the KSJS antenna, causing the station to be temporarily off the air, a radio official said.

The station was under normal operation until about 3 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, KSJS general manager Nick Martinez said.

KSJS members monitor their transmitter readings every hour on a device inside the station, and they realized there was a problem when the wattage readings were lower than normal, Martinez said.

"We weren't able to remotely get the wattage back up, which means you have a problem not at the station, but you have a problem at the tower," he said. "The tower is at Coyote Peak in south San Jose."

Alexandra King, a senior television, radio, film and theatre major also known as "AK47" and disc jockey of "The Second Amendment," said the technical issues prevented her from playing music that does not get regular

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Loma Prieta earthquake remembrances hope to ready California for next big one



[Spartan Daily Archives]

Calvin Miles recounts the collapse of an apartment building wall on Third Street and San Fernando Street moments after the 7.0 earthquake on Oct. 17, 1989.

By Minh Pham
A&E Editor

Saturday will mark the 20th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake, a natural disaster that one geology professor said was a relatively lucky event.

"There could have been so much more damage and injuries," said geology Professor Ellen Metzger, who was on campus in Duncan Hall when the '89 earthquake happened.

"I was on the second floor, and the ground

shook so violently, anybody who wasn't holding on to something fell to the ground," Metzger said. "I had just moved from the East Coast, so it was the first earthquake I had ever felt. It was frightening."

SJSU's campus received no major structural damages to any buildings, major injuries or deaths in the reported 7.0 magnitude quake, said Richard Sedlock, chair of the geology department.

The majority of the damage occurred in the San Francisco area about 60 miles from Loma

Prieta, he said.

"I was five years old, and I remember being on the stairs when the earthquake happened," senior biology major Diana Tran said. "San Francisco houses are usually small, and so everything in my house was stacked up high. I was lucky I was actually on the stairs, away from all the bookcases and dressers."

A staff member at the Student Services Center and alumna Angelica Ochoa said she

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Harvey Milk honored with his own day

By Ryan Fernandez
Staff Writer

Almost 31 years after his death, Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man elected to a California public office, is getting a statewide day of recognition named in his honor.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Senate Bill 572 into law Sunday, establishing May 22, Harvey Milk's birthday, as "Harvey Milk Day."

Sunday was also national coming out day, and marked the start of national coming out week.

According to the text of SB 572, authored by California Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, Milk is the second person in California history to have a special day of recognition named for him — the other person is conservationist John Muir.

Jeff Lind, communications officer for the campus group Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice, said Milk was an icon of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

He said his organization thinks the bill's signing is a great step forward for civil rights in California.

"We at Q-TIP are very excited about the governor's decision to sign Harvey Milk Day into law," said Lind, a senior double major in sociology and behavioral science.

"We applaud the governor for making that decision."

"It's about damn time," said Mallory Vieira, Q-TIP secretary and a senior social science major.

Bonnie Sugiyama, assistant director of the LGBT Resource Center, said she agreed it was time Milk received public recognition for his work.

She said a similar bill honoring Milk was on the governor's desk in 2008 and was vetoed, referring to Assembly Bill 2567, also authored by Leno.

In his veto message, the governor stated, "I believe his contributions should continue to be recognized at the local level by those who were most impacted by his contributions."

Mitchell Colbert, a senior political science major, said Harvey Milk's death was a tragedy, and it was nice for him to get some public recognition.

"Harvey Milk is a local civil rights hero and a hero in the LGBT community," he said. "It's good he's finally getting the recognition he deserves."

Personal counselor Wiggys Sivertson said she was thrilled to see Milk honored in such a way.

She said she worked with Milk in the 1970s to defeat Califor-

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Student group marches for gay rights

By Dominique Dumadaug
Staff Writer

Sunday was National Coming Out Day, and this week is National Coming Out Week at SJSU.

This year, National Coming Out Day featured the “National Equality March” where thousands of people marched in Washington D.C. for gay rights, while members of Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice decided they would have their own march around campus.

A group of seven students marched around with chants of “Hey hey, ho ho, homophobia’s got to go” and songs about help from gay rights supporters could be heard from the sign-holding students.

“I consider myself a straight ally of the queer community,” said Mitchell Colbert, a senior political science major.

The group started its march at the Student Union Center, around to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, made a brief stop at the Cesar Chavez Memorial Arch, made its way to the Campus Village quad and ended with the group hanging its signs at a fence near the LGBT Resource Center at Building BB.

Two signs read, “Allies. Come out, come out where ever you are” and “Are you straight? Do you like the queer community? You might be an ally!”

During the parade around campus, Colbert wore a sign around his neck that read “Ally.”



[Kirsten Aguilar / Spartan Daily]

Students walk around campus promoting National Coming Out Week on Wednesday afternoon and encourage allies and students of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community to participate in the university’s LGBT Resource Center and its various support groups.

“I feel real passionately about the issue of gay marriage,” he said. “Even as a heterosexual person, I can opt to marry. But instead, I have opted to abstain from marriage until we see legalized gay marriage.”

A few people from the nearby gay marriage advocate group “Equality California” said they heard about the march on campus and wanted to join the rally.

“We heard about a half an hour ago about this rally, so we wanted to come and introduce

ourselves to the students,” said Chris Riley, Silicon Valley field manager for Equality California. “We’re committed to winning marriage back and going back to the ballot box in 2012. So we’re doing the work that we need to be doing right now.

“We’re actually canvassing, going door-to-door in neighborhoods where we lost. We also work on college campuses.”

Colleen Malloy, a junior justice studies major, said she felt that even though the parading

group was small, it made a big impression on students.

“I’m bisexual, and I think it’s important for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community to make their presence known so people don’t think there aren’t any of us,” she said. “I was looking all through the beginning of the semester, for the GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) here, but I couldn’t find it.”

The LGBT Resource Center held a reception awarding four students with the Wiggys Sivertsen

en Scholarship and celebrating the first publishing of the “out-list,” a list of outed students, faculty-members and allies at SJSU.

The Wiggys Sivertsen Scholarship is in honor of SJSU personal counselor and gay-rights activist Wiggys Sivertsen.

For the eighth year, \$250 and \$500 scholarships were awarded to students (gays or allies) who demonstrate a commitment to make SJSU a more open environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students.

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play on commercial radio stations.

“It’s kind of frustrating to be off the air, because we like to broadcast the underground music that’s underrepresented, and it’s hard to do so when the antenna’s not working,” she said. “The hip-hop culture is particularly strong in San Jose and the Bay Area, so there’s a lot of artists who are trying to get out there who aren’t getting their air time right now.”

Martinez said he went to the tower Tuesday night around 8 p.m. with other members of the station.

“We visually inspected the antenna from where we were — because you need special training and a bonded license to climb a tower — and didn’t see any damage to it,” he said. “So we came back in, and we called the manufacturer of the antenna who said there’s a 99.9 percent chance that it’s just water in your line.”

Martinez said the station is working on a temporary fix to get KSJS back on the air.

“Right now, we’re in the process of going and getting another antenna, and putting it on the base of the tower and broadcasting off an emergency antenna,” he said. “But first our lawyers will have to file with the FCC on that this week and make sure we get permission to do that.”

The station is still available for listening via live streaming online through the KSJS Web site, Mar-

tinez said.

Ricky Brown, a senior political science major and announcer of “Saturday Morning Cartoons” on Tuesdays and “Sexuelectro” on Wednesdays, said live streaming through the Internet is not as fun as being on the air.

“Our audience has gone way down though, because a vast majority of people actually listen through the airwaves,” he said. “I felt like I was transmitting to nobody.”

Michael Escoto, a junior television, radio, film and theatre major and announcer of “The Party in the Dark” on Wednesdays, said it’s hard to stay focused when he’s in the studio when the antenna is down, because he feels as though he is not broadcasting to anyone.

“It’s pretty annoying, because when you’re going and talking on the radio, you’re assuming you’re talking to people who are sitting in their cars, not just sitting at their computer at home,” he said.

Martinez said once KSJS receives approval from the Federal Communications Commission to operate the radio station on a temporary antenna, it will have a professional crew work on the antenna and make any needed replacements on Oct. 23.

Martinez also said the current state of the economy is a factor in getting the repairs done.

“Needless to say, the economy, a lot of money is going to be poured into this, and some budget cuts are going to have to be made for us,” he said. “It’s a pretty expensive process.”

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nia Proposition 6, also called the Briggs Initiative, which would have banned gays and lesbians from teaching in California public schools.

“I spent a lot of time talking to him on the phone,” she said. “He was always incredibly generous with his time.”

Riley Knight, a senior political science major, said public recognition of Milk is a reminder of issues affecting the LGBT community that still need to be addressed, such as discrimination and civil liberties.

“These are issues that need to be put in front of people,” he said. “It puts the LGBT community in the

spotlight.”

According to the text of Senate Bill 572, May 22 will be a day of special significance for public schools.

The bill states that schools will be encouraged to “conduct suitable commemorative exercises” to recall Milk’s life, accomplishments and contributions.

The bill’s text also states that the California State Legislature will officially acknowledge the events surrounding Milk’s life, death, political career and his contributions to history.

Some of the facts acknowledged by the bill include Milk’s earlier campaigns for public office, his work in defeating Proposition 6, and his shooting and death by Dan White, former San Francisco city supervisor.



[Spartan Daily Archives]

Kathy Chen begins to clean the Spartan Bookstore after the earthquake on Oct. 17, 1989.

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remembers the earthquake differently.

“I remember being eight years old and standing outside, waiting to be picked up from my aunt’s house,” Ochoa said. “All of a sudden it was raining leaves and cars were bouncing on the streets. I was completely mesmerized by what was happening. I thought the falling leaves were beautiful. It wasn’t till after the shaking stopped did I realize what had happened.”

A fault line map shows that San Jose is located between the San Andreas and Hayward fault system.

Faults are the fractures in rock formation underground and are caused by shifts in the Earth’s crust, Metzger said.

When the Loma Prieta earthquake hit, the majority of its energy deflected on major underground rock layers and was directed toward San Francisco, Sedlock said.

A total of 67 people died from the earthquake, according to the Vibration Data Web site.

“The World Series was happening that day be-

tween the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland Athletics, and so the highways were even more packed and that’s where many of the deaths happened,” Sedlock said.

With warning signs for earthquakes being non-existent, Sedlock said the best way to prepare for an earthquake is with prevention.

“Every earthquake is different,” he said. “Myth’s like the weather being weird isn’t true, because the Earth’s atmosphere has almost no effect on what’s happening underground.”

A statewide “Shake Out” will take place Thursday at 10:15 a.m., and will teach citizens how to “drop, cover and hold.”

That means dropping to the ground, taking cover under a sturdy surface and holding on to it until the shaking stops, according to the event’s Web site.

“I worry most when people are sleeping,” Sedlock said. “For eight hours you are defenseless, and I think not a lot of attention is on that fact.”

Sedlock said to sleep away from windows, hung picture frames and anything else that could fall.

“Our campus is structurally prepared for another earthquake,” he said. “It’s about people getting prepared.”

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Kristine Estrada, a senior social work major (left), speaks with her group's client Georgia Coleman, who said she is excited to be working with this group from SJSU.

Class hopes to clear criminal records

By Angela Marino
Staff Writer

“I started using and drinking at an early age.”

“I was uneducated.”

“I chose to live out on the streets and commit a whole bunch of crimes.”

“I never thought about tomorrow, I only thought about today.”

Winnonah Carlos commented to students and new clients of Justice Studies Class 180 at a meeting held on Tuesday evening in MacQuarrie Hall Room 523.

Carlos, a former client, was involved last year in the justice studies class.

The class is in the process of helping 10 San Jose residents expunge their records of past felonies that hinder them from getting jobs, said a justice studies lecturer.

“This is our fourth semester doing this program, and it has been a very positive experience for both the students and the clients,” justice studies lecturer Margaret (Peggy) Stevenson said.

The class held a meeting with the clients and students that featured an introduction of the deputy public defender who will be present when the students address the court in December, Stevenson said.

Keshia Yusman, a junior justice studies major, said she thought the class was going to be a typical lecture class but has learned much through this hands-on experience.

“Our client told us about his record and his arrests,” she said.

“We really want to get our client’s case dismissed, because he has a goal in his life that he wants to accomplish. I used to think criminals were bad people, but after listening to our client’s story it turned out that there was much more to the circumstances than what I expected.”

Carlos said she was truly grateful for the life-changing experience.

“The students did such a beautiful job on my petition,” she said.

The petition was given to the judge to determine if her felonies should be expunged from her record, Carlos said.

“I showed up that day to court completely grateful for being there,” she said.

She was introduced to the program by a friend who had been a part of the class before, she said.

“I am now able to be whatever I want to be when I grow up,” Carlos said. “I can go back to school and be a good example for my kids.”

Neha Nagrath, a deputy public defender for Santa Clara County, said she will represent seven of the clients when they go to court.

“This is a great class — it is my first semester,” Nagrath said. “I think that the outcomes for these clients will be very positive, actually I’m sure of it.”

Brittany Crockett, a junior justice studies major, said the class description doesn’t explain the client project, but she has learned a lot from the project.

“Working with the clients has been intriguing,” Crockett said. “I am excited for the outcome from the court decision in December.”

Lionel Mata, a senior pastor at Life Changing Christian Fellowship, said he was a former client who received an expunged record.

“Everything that I have done in the past is expunged — it’s done, it’s gone,” Mata said. “(I know) I can drive down the street without worrying about a cop behind me and being pulled over.”

He now works with youths who are involved in gangs by trying to pull them out of the gangs, he said.

The final court hearing will determine the clients’ felony records and will take place Dec. 1 at the Santa Clara County Courthouse, Stevenson said.



[Michelle Gachet / Spartan Daily]

Kevin Soriano, a freshman business and accounting major, and freshman business major Linda Ly fill in the blank of phrases related to sexual consent.

Students agree to discuss consensual sex

By Husain Sumra
Staff Writer

Consensual sex is about agreement, said a student conduct and ethical development officer.

“You’re both going in at the same time,” said Staci Gunner, the student conduct and civility coordinator at the office of student conduct and ethical development.

About 25 students gathered in the Health building Wednesday to talk about sex.

The “Consent IS Sexy” discussion was a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Week, Gunner said.

Jonathan Chavez, a freshman civil engineering major, said he found the event informative.

“Since I’ve never actually had any relationships I think it’s a good way for me to know when I do get into that situation,” he said.

Gunner said consent was a synonym for permission, and that both of the people that were engaging in sexual activity needed consent.

She said that sobriety during sexual activity was a question often raised by students.

She said that a court of law could decide sobriety if both people were under the influence at the time of sexual activity, but that being under the influence means that a person cannot give consent to sexual activity.

Sophomore pre-law major Victoria Ketell said she could relate to the event.

“I know people that have been taken advantage of, or they would have been taken advantage of had there not been someone sober there to stop it,” she said.

Gunner said consent is based on choice and is only possible when there is equal power in the pair engaged in sexual activity.

She said that active participation is a requirement of consent as well.

Gunner said having sexual activity because of fear or peer pressure is not consent, and that being unsure isn’t consent either.

“If you cannot say no to consent then yes has no meaning,” she said.

She said that consent to one form of sexual activity isn’t consent to all forms, and consent can be withdrawn at any time.

Gunner said there are a lot of examples of what is and what is not consent in the media.

She then showed the music videos “Just Dance” by Lady GaGa and “One More Drink” by Ludacris.

In the “One More Drink” video, Ludacris gets intoxicated and has sexual activity with a girl he regrets in the morning.

In the “Just Dance” video, Lady GaGa shows all the things she regrets doing while intoxicated but says to forget about it and move on.

“We see a lot about consent in the media,” she said.

She said that the Ludacris video showed that men can be taken advantage of without consent as well.

“Women and men are impacted,” she said.

She said that the Lady GaGa video showed that alcohol cannot be a scapegoat in consent.

She said that the video and song showed that people can go against their intuition and just give consent when they don’t really mean it.

“If it doesn’t feel good then more likely than not it’s not the right thing to do,” she said.

She said that students should care about consent because it could affect them in some way.

“If it doesn’t impact them directly, it impacts their family, their friends, their culture,” she said.

Workshop aims to offer insight into domestic violence

By Jennifer Hadley
Staff Writer

Bryan Rojas said he remembered coming home in sixth grade and seeing his mom bruised and crying, because the man she had been dating beat her.

Rojas, a student from Men Creating Change, an SJSU group that encourages collegiate men to prevent violence against women, said that since that day he made a promise to himself that he would never let someone hurt his mother again, and he would never hurt a woman.

“We as men have the power to empower other men and women to make change, to make a difference, to stop that cycle of violence,” Rojas said.

Rojas opened the Domestic Violence Information & Resource Workshop on Tuesday night in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union, where more than 100 students and about 38 agencies attended.

“Tonight’s event is educational overall,” said Bonnie Sugiyama, assistant director of the Women’s Resource Center and an organizer of the event.

The event was for students who are in domestically violent situations, not sure what domestic violence is or have been in a domestically violent relationship in the past, Sugiyama said.

Another survivor spoke at the event, but said she wanted to remain anonymous, because she might report the incident.

The incident that happened to her occurred eight years ago, and because of the statute of limitations law, she doesn’t want to confuse the case, if she chooses to report it.

The statute of limitations is a U.S. law that is supposed to prevent false claims after evidence has been lost over time, according to The Free Dictionary Web site.

She wants others to know that it’s never too late to report an incident.

“Even if it happened 10 years ago, it should still be reported,” she said.

After the survivors spoke, a panel of 12 representatives from different agencies answered questions about domestic violence that students submitted.

The panel was made up of counselors, attorneys and judges who told students the definition of domestic violence, how to escape a relationship, how the legal process works and how to obtain a restraining order.

Kurt Kumli, a California superior court judge for Santa Clara county, was a panelist at the event and explained what constitutes domestic violence.

“What creates a domestic crime is the relationship between the parties,” Kumli said.

Kumli said domestic violence can potentially be a girlfriend sending threatening text messages to her boyfriend, a partner in a relationship picking up the other person’s cell phone and breaking it, or even a man threatening a woman, but never actually touching her.

Melissa Amador, a junior business marketing major, said she has a clearer understanding of what domestic violence is after attending the event.

“Basically, I learned that domestic violence doesn’t necessarily have to be one specific crime against the person,” Amador said. “It can be like anything from a threat to verbal abuse, psychological, putting someone down — anything that’s abusive to the person.”

Sophomore kinesiology major Lauren Shanks said the event was useful, because it provided a safe environment for people to get information about domestic violence.

“Most people probably wouldn’t come forward with or want to deal with it on their own,” Shanks said.

“So if it’s in a group they might feel more comfortable, and more willing to go, because they don’t have to come forward and say this is happening to me, but they can still get the information they need.”

Sgt. Dan Rodriguez of the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office who was a panelist at the event, said that domestic violence is traditionally known as a “dirty little secret.”

“We just want to spread the information that it’s not all right to be abused, and there are resources out there, and there are people you can talk to,” Rodriguez said.

Bonnie Sugiyama said if students feel like they are in a domestically violent relationship they should get help.

“A lot of people say the campus is just about academics, but if you can’t focus on your academics because something in your life is pulling your attention away from that, and it’s detrimental to you as a person, then you need to take care of that,” Sugiyama said.

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Spartans face stiff challenge against heavily favored Bulldogs

By Ryan Buchan
Senior Staff Writer

The last time the SJSU football team won at Fresno State, current starting quarterback Jordan La Secla was one month old.

This Saturday the Spartans travel to the site of their Central Valley rival where they haven't won in 22 years.

Even though the Bulldogs have lost to the Spartans only twice in the past 20 years, Bulldog head coach Pat Hill said a rivalry still exists.

"For all the old timers at Fresno State, San Jose State still is and always will be a big rivalry for us," Hill said in a teleconference Monday.

Fresno State is led by junior running back Ryan Mathews, who has run for 741 yards this season, almost 400 yards more than all the Spartan running backs combined.

"Ryan Mathews is just a sledgehammer," SJSU head coach Dick Tomey said.

Overall, the Bulldogs rank fifth in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision in rushing yards per game.

The Spartans have not proved they can stop the run, ranking third to last in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision for rushing defense.

Chris Carter, a junior defensive end for the Bulldogs, leads the Western Athletic Conference in sacks with four, and Spartan quarterbacks are tied with Hawaii for being sacked the most in the conference.

The Spartans strength so far this year has been the turnover battle, where they are the top-ranked team in the conference with a plus-5 turnover margin.

"It was the kind of loss you go into the locker room after the game, and you look at people's faces, and you see a lot of guys that are really hurt."

- Dick Tomey
Head Coach

Last week, the Spartans were the first team this season to recover a fumble against the Vandals.

"At the time they were on the 1-yard line," Tomey said. "They were going into the end zone, so that would have been a touchdown. That was a huge turnaround for us."

SJSU has recovered nine fumbles and intercepted five passes this season.

Carl Ithenacho, a senior defensive end for the Spartans, leads the conference in fumble recoveries



[Photos by Joe Proudman / Spartan Daily]

SJSU quarterback Jordan La Secla, No. 12, prepares to be hit by Vandals safety Shiloh Keo, No. 10, in the Spartans' 29-25 loss Saturday. La Secla threw for 302 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions.

with three, and sophomore safety Tanner Burns is first in the WAC in forced fumbles with four.

SJSU has also shown this year that it excels on both sides of the ball when in the red zone.

The Spartans are the only WAC team to put up points every time they have driven inside the 20-yard line.

The defense is second in the WAC in red zone efficiency, as opponents have scored 73.9 percent of the time once they get the ball inside the 20-yard line.

The Bulldogs (2-3) come into the game with a better record than SJSU (1-4).

Last week Fresno State defeated Hawaii 42-17 on the island, while the Spartans could not come through in the fourth quarter, losing to Idaho 29-25.

"It was a devastating loss to

everybody," Tomey said. "It was the kind of loss you go into the locker room after the game, and you look at people's faces, and you see a lot of guys that are really hurt."

"It is a reminder that in the game that we play, in the game that we love, the difference in the two teams in the game is probably just very little, and the difference in the way you feel is just enormous."

In Saturday's game the Spartans may have some help on the defensive line as senior defensive tackle Calvin Cressel may be in the lineup after dislocating his elbow against Stanford.

Tomey said Monday the medical staff cleared Cressel to practice.

Last season when the Spartans played the Bulldogs, they

went into halftime with a 10-3 lead, but Fresno State ran for 158 yards in the second half to go on to win 24-10.

"In last year's game (SJSU) dominated until the fourth quarter," Hill said. "Then we caught fire."

The last four times the Spartans have defeated the Bulldogs, SJSU has gone to a bowl game.

Only once have the Spartans been to a bowl game in a season when they lost to the Bulldogs.

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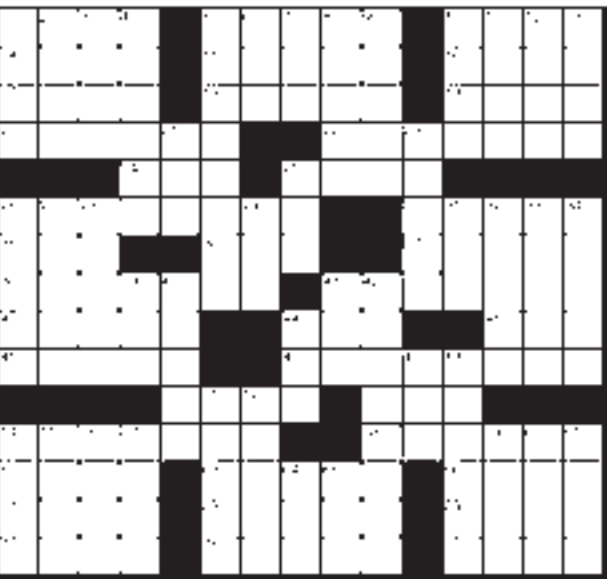
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Street smarts: how it feels to get hit by a car



Husain Sumra
Staff Writer

It's not a good thing when you're hit by a Ford Explorer.

I know because I was hit by one back in April, just two days before my birthday.

Happy birthday!

I'm sure it wasn't a birthday present from God, but it definitely was the most surprising surprise birthday gift ever.

After I was hit, I was stupid enough to get into the car of the

driver who just hit me — even though upstanding citizens stopped at the stoplight were yelling out to me asking if I was OK.

Well, I wasn't.

On the way home everything turned white. It was like the flash on a camera drowning out a picture.

Except this wasn't a picture, this was my vision.

I got home and made sure the driver and his friend the passenger, came into my house.

That sure did surprise my mom. Standing there, I was barely able to talk as I sputtered out, "This guy hit me with his car."

That was fun.

I kept the driver and passenger busy as my mom called 911.

I told the passenger my birthday was in a couple days, but I didn't know if I'd be able to do anything after getting hit by a car.

"Oh, well happy birthday," he said.

Yeah, thanks.

Then we started my surprise party as paramedics, firemen and police officers filed into my house and filled my living room like a can of sardines.

They warned me that if I opted to travel via ambulance I'd have a huge bill to pay, but if I opted not too it would be harder to treat me in case something went wrong on the trip.

"I'll go in the ambulance," I said. "It'll be a good experience."

I don't think they liked the joke, but they laughed anyway.

I found out in the emergency room that I suffered from shock,

numbness of the skin on my left calf, back and neck injuries, severe swelling and deep cuts on my left leg, two very messed-up knees and a fear of crossing the street.

As far as I know the driver suffered a broken headlight.

For the next two months I could barely walk, and I ended up spending the summer in physical therapy to get through my back and knee injuries.

Oh yeah, the driver didn't have car insurance.

It could've been worse, and it could happen to anyone.

My experience has definitely made me realize how important

it is to understand that driving a car is like operating any kind of machine.

There are risks and something bad can happen at any time.

A simple lack of concentration on a rainy day, sun blinding a driver's eyes or driving drunk can spell the end for more than one person and can drastically change the lives of everyone involved.

With the weather turning wet, and plenty of holidays coming in the next couple months, I can only hope the combination of flesh and automobile is very rare.

Letter to the Editor

This letter is in response to "How media resorts to seducing you" that was published Wednesday.

I noticed you're an editor for the paper. This worries me, in light of your opinion posted on the 14th. I'm concerned when I see a senior staff member of the school's newspaper writing inflammatory work like this. Seeing as your entire article is called out your own paper, I can't help but think that you as a senior editor have no constructive value to delegate your views in your newsroom and instead choose to call out the ethics of your own writers (specifically trying to mar one in particular.)

Further, you as a member of the Students for Quality Education naturally have a bias in regards to news about said group. The journalistic integrity is not simply to be unbiased, but to recognize your biases and distance yourself from news where those biases would affect delivering an unbiased report.

Finally, you insult me, the reader. You insinuate that the media is trivial in regards to sensationalism, not that so are readers. I prefer my news information and not for the bias and judgmental views of a vindictive writer.

Joseph Johnen
senior, communications major

Did you know ...

... "celebrity worship syndrome" is a growing problem in America? It is a condition where devoted fans become increasinglyhookedintotheobjectoftheir attention, until their feelings begin to resemble addiction.

Obsessed fans are likelier to suffer from anxiety, depression and social dysfunction.

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Hey, 'Why you so obsessed me?'



Scott Reyburn
Grinds My Gears

Lately, I've been feeling like Mariah Carey. Why would I feel like that?

Because people are obsessed with me, what I do and this very column I write.

Eminem isn't obsessed with me, heavens no. But if he was, that would be kind of awesome and a separate column to write about in itself.

Anyways, I'm assuming most people who have even bothered to open the Spartan Daily to this column on a bi-weekly basis were waiting to read what's grinding my gears.

Well, gears are grinding my gears. Gearheads to be exact. Not gearheads specifically, but the concept a gearhead represents — which is an obsession.

More broadly, people who have an obsession with something, anything really.

Obsession means "a persistent disturbing preoccupation with an often unreasonable idea or feeling," according to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary.

People, me included, are obsessed with a variety of things.

Some people are obsessed with shopping, celebrities, urinals, Polish hookers, Kimbo Slice, burritos, drugs, working out or something as obscure as San Diego sports franchises.

A common obsession for people is their cars. Hence the title "gearheads," for people obsessed with automobiles.

It's easy to see why people would become obsessed with their car, because not only is it a mode of transportation, but for some it's an expression of their personality, a chick magnet or a secondary home to store items that

who is into everything about cars, such as the look of the body of the car, the color of the car and, especially, how to modify and fix them.

Some people might even be obsessed with the function of gears, cogs, sprockets, whatever you want to call them. Hell, even an obsession with the grinding of gears.

Who knows?

I'm not without obsessions. I'm obsessed with sports, video games, professional soccer player Luca Toni, viewing funny pictures on the Internet and much, much more.

I used to have an unhealthy obsession with video games to the point where I was probably killing my face to face social life.

I played video games, read Web sites about video games, magazines about video games, listened to podcasts about video games and talked with my friends for hours on end about video games.

Any obsession, even video gaming, can become unhealthy. I'm not talking about an obsessive compulsive disorder, but an unhealthy obsession with things.

Unhealthy obsessions can consume your life and cause anxiety if that obsession is not filled.

My unhealthy obsession was basically squashed when I first stepped foot inside the Spartan Daily newsroom last semester.

Sure, I was inundated with a ton of work, but it was the camaraderie with the writers

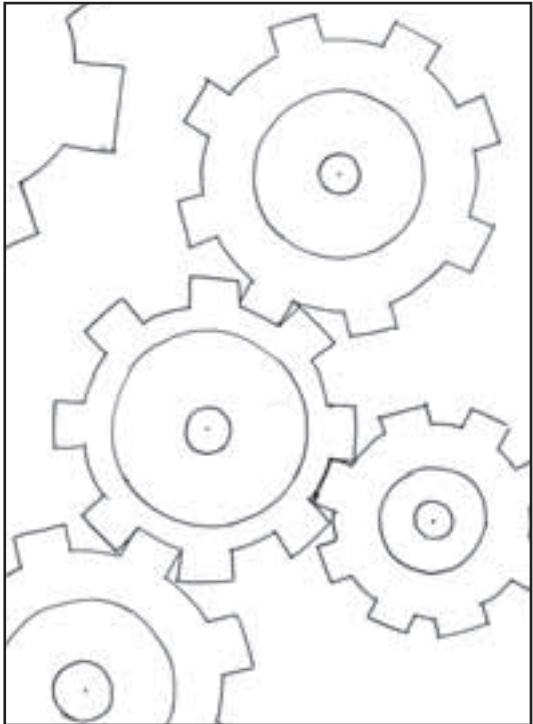


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and editors that made me forget about spending my leisure time playing video games by myself or over the Internet when I could be out and about.

I've written a previous column defending video games as a viable and legitimate hobby, and I stand by that, but my priorities have changed.

And now my obsession with the Spartan Daily has my gears spinning once again.

Having obsessions can be a great, but don't let them take over your life.

I just hope my other new obsession aside from the Spartan Daily doesn't drive me crazy.

Scott Reyburn is the Spartan Daily online editor. "Grinds My Gears" appears every other Thursday.

Earthquake anniversary reminds Californians to be prepared



Stephanie Vallejo
Bird's The Word

If you're reading this and it's 10:15 a.m. Thursday, duck and cover!

Congratulations, you have just been involved in a statewide earthquake drill.

In light of the 20-year anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake that rattled the San Francisco Bay Area in 1989, this drill was created to keep residents of California prepared for another possibly disastrous quake.

According to The Great Cali-

fornia Shake Out Web site, there are 6.7 million California residents participating — and counting.

But will this drill actually help people be prepared and aware?

After the devastating 8.0 earthquake in Samoa two weeks ago, I didn't hear any of my classmates mention a preparedness kit in case "the big one" happens here.

In my geology class, there was mention to have a set plan and a central meeting place if you were

to get separated, but I doubt people went home after class to gather supplies for their kits.

There were also some scientists who believed that the Samoan quake somehow nudged the San Andreas Fault, that is California's largest and most active fault line, and that this may have added pressure thar could possibly cause an earthquake.

Seismologists at the Carnegie Institution in Washington found that the San Andreas fault had an increase in small earthquakes after the Samoan earthquake.

Since earthquakes are unpredictable, this may be a sign that a major earthquake will occur or that the effects of the Samoan quake only tickled the Califor-

nian fault.

On Hallow's Eve in 2007, there was a 5.6 earthquake in San Jose, with the epicenter just a few miles away from SJSU campus. Although it wasn't destructive — books at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library fell off the shelves and surprised people trick or treating — it was a wake-up call needed to remind us of what could happen.

In California, we are fortunate to live in a place where we are distracted enough to ignore Mother Nature's rumbling belly.

But sometimes, it seems as though we are in the "it won't happen to us" mentality.

I was part of that mentality until last weekend when I found out some of my relatives in the

Philippines were homeless because of Typhoon Parma.

Flash flooding drowned and destroyed their homes, and now all there is left to do is wait for aid.

It just goes to show how you can't predict natural disasters, you can only be prepared to deal with what they bring.

Now, the earthquake drill is more than just the kindergarten version of duck and cover.

"Hold on" is the third step.

According to the Drop Cover Hold On Website, standing underneath a doorframe may not be the safest idea, because it doesn't shield you from flying or falling objects.

Crouching under a table is the

safest place to be.

Despite all the warnings and new information, I'm afraid that people in California need to be directly affected before getting things done.

In the past five years, the rest of the country has suffered through catastrophic natural events such as Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Ivan.

This duck and cover drill may seem juvenile, meaningless or maybe even pointless to some.

Just be sure you're not the one people are telling, "I told you so."

Stephanie Vallejo is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. "Bird's The Word" appears every Thursday.

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Review: New Fall TV Shows

'Flash Forward' to 'Glee' for new TV

By Jhenene Louis
Staff Writer

If you're into diva-wannabe-Broadway stars, 27-year-old college drops outs, and predicting the future, Fox and NBC have a great fall line-up for you.

"Glee" is Fox's new hit show. The show is about letting go of the under-dog in all of us and staying true to ourselves by realizing our dreams and recognizing our potential.

At first glance some might mistake this show for a typical teenage singalong, but it's actually the furthest thing from Disney's High School Musical.

In the pilot episode, school teacher Will Schuester, played by Matthew Morrison, stood at a crossroads in his career, desperate to somehow relive his glory days in hopes of self-gratification.

Schuester found optimism by starting a

high school glee club. As he scouts talent by holding auditions, he came across a hopeful Broadway singer.

Add a flamboyant outcast, rock star reject, reluctant jock, high maintenance diva and a soft spoken geek to the mix and you'll get a high dose of drama from six teens that all have an amazing gift of song and dance.

This is a great family show for teens and parents to watch together, offering new perspectives and voices in television.

Next up on the list is NBC's new show "Community."

When a lawyer is forced by the bar to give up practicing law and attends a community college, he gets more than he expected.

When his elaborate plan to ask a fellow student out backfires, he is stuck acting as a mentor to an eclectic group of students.

I think this show will definitely be a new favorite for most.

The main character Jeff Winger, played by

actor Joel McHale, is hilarious from start to finish.

His last name on the show fits perfectly for his character, being that he wings everything, and truly is the fast-talking obnoxious kid in school we all seemed to hate growing up.

"Community" is an amusing and witty show that reveals another side of college life and the reality of work after graduation.

Last but not least is the highly anticipated NBC show "Flash Forward."

An unexplainable supernatural event causes the entire world to blackout, awakening to a glimpse of their future.

The flashes of the future are not well received by everyone who has blacked out. A team of FBI agents set out to uncover the global phenomenon.

Compared to "Heroes," this exciting show is for lovers of thrillers and mysteries.

"Flash Forward" will have you wondering and guessing to the very last minute.



[Photo courtesy of the official Fox Web site]

Top: Actress Dianna Agron in a promotional picture for Glee.

Bottom Left: A scene from "Flash Forward."



[Photo courtesy of the official NBC Web site]

Restaurant of the Week: Peking House

Mediocre Chinese food underwhelms

By Jill Abell
Staff Writer

Ghosts of San Jose's mortal sins live on Post Street.

It was once a Red Light District, but has transformed into a quaint alley complete with light posts and trees glistening with innocent Christmas lights.

When I noticed Peking House restaurant located on 45 Post St. — it was almost lost behind the expansive trees that lined the street — I expected a cutesy, hole-in-the-wall Chinese restaurant.

I hesitantly entered and was surprised by the white tablecloths, a vivid blue ceiling and plastic greenery flowing from the rafters and crammed in corners around the room.

I was seated by a window half covered in lace drapes that could easily exist in my grandmother's home.

Complimentary sesame chips with sweet and sour sauce were placed next to a bamboo plant with a dancing panda base when I ordered a Diet Coke.

I noticed the restaurant had two sections separated by a large door frame that was shaped like a light bulb with burgundy, Aztec-like trim.

My server returned, and I asked her what Peking House's specials were.

She began to list off common Chinese items, such as "General Tso's Chicken," "Broccoli Beef" and "Lemon Chicken."

Since my midsection is more than familiar with the first two, I went with the "Lemon Chicken" that came with soup or salad and fried or steamed rice.

It was lunch special time, so meals were all \$7.65. Normally, meals range from \$8.95 to the extreme of \$24.50 if one felt the desire to shovel down a whole "Peking Roast Duck."

The salad was a plate of lettuce drenched in ranch dressing with two tomatoes and a carrot.

I pushed the salad aside for my main course, "Lemon Chicken" — best described as a happy dish, with bright lemon wedges and glistening lemon sauce slathered over glowing, white rice.

The steamed rice was fluffy, not squished in a rice ball. The rest of the dish was average.

The lemon sauce itself was savory, but the chicken was oddly crunchy — reminiscent of Panda Express.

Peking House restaurant looks impressive at first glance, but as my gaze wandered the room, it took in the red, paper lanterns and neon Budweiser and Corona signs.

Peking House restaurant comes complete with a fully stocked bar and jukebox. A man hovered over the machine with a wad of dollar bills.

At first glance I thought he was a statue, but as I closed in on his personal bubble he jerked his head in my direction, which sent me shrieking into the street.

It was overpriced Panda Express on nicer plates with reusable chopsticks.

The mediocre ambiance and crazy statue-man finale at Peking House Restaurant will keep me from returning.

I'll stick with Panda Express.



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ROB ZOMBIE
NOV 3, 7:00 PM
Tickets: \$35.50
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Vatos Locos Tour
HOLLYWOOD UNDEAD/ATREYU
NOV 18, 7:00 PM
With: Escape the Fate, The Sleeping
Tickets: \$26.50
General Admission, \$79 Four-Pack

Metalocalypse:
DETHKLOK / MASTODON
NOV 21, 6:30 PM
With: Converge, High on Fire
Tickets: \$34.50
General Admission

KELLY CLARKSON
NOV 29, 7:30 PM
With: Eric Hutchinson, Parachute
Tickets: \$55
Reserved Seating

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