

CAMPUS LIFE

Breakdancing students turn heads in front of King Library

By Ron Gleeson, Melissa Lewelling, Melanie Martinez and Scott Semmler

Jean-clad bodies twist, spin and roll at whirlwind speeds atop slick cement to the thumping beat of a stereo's bass, as onlookers pass by either ignoring or acknowledging the commotion with a glance.

While a group of students break dancing to hip-hop music is not what most people would expect to see outside a library, next to the campus entrance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Fourth and San Fernando streets, that's exactly what passersby are likely to see.

The King Library Rockers, as the group members call themselves, is a club at SJSU where students gather for a few hours during the school week to "have fun and build friendships," said Patrick Do, a third year computer science major and the club's historian.

Andrew Nguyen, president and founder of the King Library Rockers and senior biology major, said he wanted to create a group to uncap the potential of student dancers.

"There's just a lot of talent here that I want to bring together," Nguyen said.

While the club officially meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m., the King Library Rockers can often be spotted during that time-frame throughout the week.

While "b-boys," a term sometimes used for break dancers, have been showcasing their talents in front of the library for seven years, last semester was the first time the group became an official club, Nguyen said.

According to Do, the club has about 30 members and is "consistently growing."

"We re-initiated the club last fall (after) the people that were in charge before didn't do the paperwork (to file for club status)," Do said.

Most students who join the club already know how to break dance, but people will still stop by to learn a few moves or just join in the fun, Do said.

Group members are always willing and eager to help newcomers improve their technique, Nguyen said.

"We're open and we welcome anyone to join," Nguyen said. "We'll teach newcomers the basic steps and help develop them."

The willingness of group members to help new members drew Elaine Flandez out to practice, she said.

"I dropped by last semester and am getting back into dancing this semester," said Flandez, who has been practicing various dance styles on and off for 10 years.

Versed in everything from jazz to ballroom dancing, Flandez said she drops into practice about twice a week and can already see improvement in her dancing.

"They taught me how to body thread," said Flandez, as she swiveled out her leg displaying her new move.

"I didn't know I could even do it until they suggested it," Flandez said.

The group is dedicated to showcasing the main two styles of break-dancing, style and power, Nguyen said.

"Style is considered your own flavor with foot-work and power displays physical strength with windmills and halos," Nguyen said.

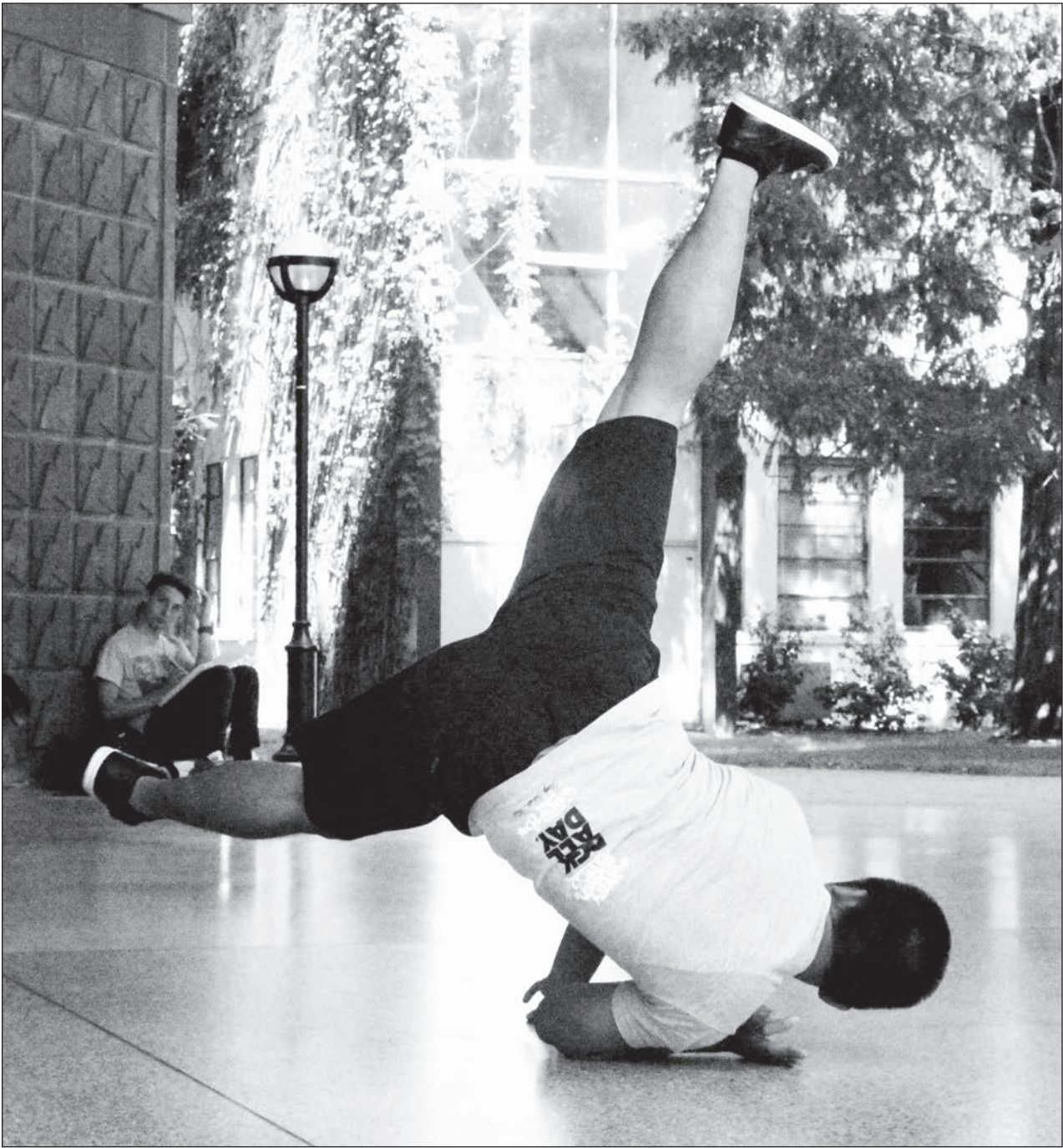
"(Our mission) is to expand the hip hop culture because it's dying," said Jay Aim, a second year biology major and the club's treasurer, who has only been break dancing for about a year.

"At the moment we've done performances around the school for free," Do said, "but I want to come out to schools and perform for younger kids. To show them what break dancing is about and to give them something to look up to other than bad influences."

There will be upcoming events for the Rockers, Nguyen said.

"We want to head to School's for Fools next spring, which is a CSU-wide break dancing competition," he added.

In the meantime, the group is always looking for events to display its tal-



The King Library Rockers sometimes teach passersby a few moves. **Photo by Ron Gleeson / Contributing Photographer**

ent and has tentative plans to perform at the Fire on the Fountain event during homecoming and other philanthropic events, Nguyen said.

As the club's special project officer, Andrew Yeh, a second year undeclared major, is the one in charge of coordinating session times, club events and choreographing the routines for those events.

"We are involved in about one or two events a month," said Yeh, "We support and represent for everything."

The King Library Rockers have performed at various campus events over the years including the Educational Opportunity Program's annual talent show, an event for

Black History Month and the on-campus Honda promotion that took place a couple of years ago.

"Some people say we're the only fun or interesting thing about the library," said Do. "When there are kids walking by for tours, they'll clap."

The club's chosen location, under the eaves of the King Library's back entrance, has definitely served to turn a few heads, but according to Do it has more to offer.

"There's shade from the rain, a power outlet for speakers, it is nice and open and most importantly the window acts as a mirror," Do said.

The club's practices often catch the attention of

students sitting on nearby benches.

"It seems pretty unique — like lots of different kinds of people are dancing," said master's music major Kate Petersen.

Aside from improving upon technique, taking a couple hours in the afternoon to dance is the perfect form of stress relief, Nguyen said.

"I think it's an outlet for students to come through and have a good time. Most of us do it as an activity between breaks," Do said. "It helps to be able to see ourselves while we dance so we can critique our moves and improve."

"Some people will stop to take a look as they're coming

in," said Miguel Collazo, a library security guard, stationed at the back campus entrance of the King Library about four to five times a week.

"If it's a little loud, I'll tell them to turn (the music) down and they're really compliant," Collazo said. "I just see the group gather, doing their thing. They seem to be staying out of trouble, which is good."

As for injuries, Do said that the club has never had any incidents and that break dancing on the ground outside is "no more dangerous than practicing inside."

"At worst you're knees hurt," he remarked.

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Safety: Plan to increase number of officers

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The current response rate for priority one calls is 6 minutes and 52 seconds, which is 52 seconds slower than the goal time of 6 minutes, Moore said.

Moore said priority one responses are considered calls about imminent and present danger, major property damage or a need for immediate city-wide police force.

"Priority one response times have been maintained," Moore's report stated.

Yet, Moore reported that the 2007-08 response time

was 5 minutes and 91 seconds, which means the current average is considerably slower.

Priority two crimes rank as a lesser importance and consist of crimes in progress, injury, or missing persons reports of minors.

These response times have decreased to 17 minutes and 87 seconds, and the goal is 11 minutes.

Phan Ngo, deputy chief of The Bureau of Investigations, said the lack of resources has forced officers to street patrol where they otherwise

would have conducted investigations

According to Edgardo Garcia, deputy chief of the Bureau of Administration, the city needs new waves of officers to make up for the staffing losses since last year.

"There have been 54 resignations since July 2001," Garcia said.

While 61 pending new hires are scheduled to begin training, Garcia said about 15 percent statistically will not pass the police academy.

The low salaries for officers in comparison to other

cities along with the stringent requirements for application make obtaining a full sworn staff difficult, he said.

Even with the hiring processes gearing up to fill open positions, Garcia said the new hires will take about 20 months to become fully street ready.

"We will not be at the restorative number of sworn officers until spring 2014," he said. "That will only happen if we maintain our current forces."

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ENVIRONMENT

Study finds sea otters fight global warming

By Jason Hoppin
McClatchy Tribune

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Monterey Bay's main mascot may turn out to be a secret agent in the fight against climate change.

It has long been known that sea otters, nursed back from brink of extinction in the past several decades, provide huge benefits for the vitality of undersea kelp

forests. But a pair of University of California-Santa Cruz scientists recently found that those benefits extend into the atmosphere, finding a strong connection between otters, kelp and global warming.

"We just looked at the question, 'Does it matter?'" said James Estes, a UCSC biologist. "And the answer was yes."

In a paper published in the October issue of *Frontiers*

in Ecology and the Environment, Estes and UCSC environmental studies professor Chris Wilmsers found that if otters covered the globe, the resulting growth in kelp forests would strip 10 percent of the carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

"We discovered that in a world with otters versus a world without otters, the effect was significant," Estes said.

To put that in context, carbon dioxide levels have gone up 40 percent since the Industrial Revolution. Otters would solve a quarter of that problem.

The actual impact is significantly lower, isolated to regions where otters are found. Sea otters range along the West Coast of North America, with the number off the coast of California estimated at just more than 2,700.

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STYLE COMMENTARY



The design firm Proenza Schouler presents its Fall/Winter 2012 collection at New York Fashion Week. Photo by Carolyn Cole / MCT

New York Fashion Week isn't confined to the runway

By Booth Moore
McClatchy Tribune

NEW YORK — Reality show stars-turned designers! Olympians fresh from performing feats of strength at the Summer Games! Peacockish bloggers taking pictures and typing on smartphones while walking on death-defying stilettos!

There is all that and more at the three-ring circus that is New York Fashion Week, which kicked off Thursday with designers, retailers and media new and old converging in Manhattan for the spring-summer 2013 collections.

The seven-day-long photo op includes runway shows and presentations held in warehouse spaces on Hudson River piers, Chelsea art galleries, the Park Avenue Armory and tony places such as the Carlyle Hotel — as well as under the big top at Lincoln Center, the hub of fashion week.

In addition to the main acts such as Ralph Lauren, Michael Kors, Marc Jacobs and Tory Burch, there are lots of side-show attractions.

Sammi “Sweetheart” Giancola (“Jersey Shore” cast member and apparent fitness fanatic) is coming to fashion week for the first time to show

her fashion fitness line with SXEFitness, and Whitney Port (star of MTV’s “The Hills” and “The City”) is back with her Whitney Eve contemporary line, and no doubt some kind of cameras rolling.

Several former cast members of fashion reality programs are showing lines. Among them are Christian Siriano (“Project Runway” fourth season winner), who opened his first store in SoHo on Wednesday night with a bash that drew Heidi Klum and “Girls” star Allison Williams; Cesar Galindo (a 20-plus year veteran of the industry who appeared on Bravo’s “The Fashion Show” last year); and Kara Laricks (first winner of NBC’s “Fashion Star” for her androgynous designs).

For the front row, Olympians seem to be the most popular gets. Swimmer Ryan Lochte is making the rounds, thankfully without the grill, taking in the Joseph Abboud show and appearing at shoe designer Brian Atwood’s swank party. And sprinter Sanya Richards-Ross turned up at BCGB, where she wore her super-high heels with what appeared to be cotton pads placed between the straps and her famously fast feet, to prevent blistering.

She’s not here, but First Lady Michelle Obama seems to be on everyone’s mind. Indeed, nearly four years into the administration, designers are still dying to dress her. Why? Because Tracy Reese, who made the gorgeous fuchsia and coral jacquard dress the first lady wore when she spoke at the Democratic National Convention, has already seen a boost from the exposure. Her website crashed from so many hits, and ticket and interview requests have increased significantly, according to her public relations representatives.

Meanwhile, the celebrity-as-designer trend is also making itself known. All eyes will be on Katie Holmes when she and stylist Jeanne Yang show Holmes & Yang for the first time during fashion week. The former Mrs. Tom Cruise is no doubt hoping that a presentation of the line, which launched in 2009, will be the fresh start she needs to enter the next phase of her life. (In further evidence that the fashion world is embracing Katie Richards-Ross turned up at BCGB, where she wore her super-high heels with what appeared to be cotton pads placed between the straps and her famously fast feet, to prevent blistering.)

Victoria Beckham is showing her high-end collection, as

well as her lower-priced Victoria by Victoria Beckham line, while Avril Lavigne is presenting her Abbey Dawn line for Kohl’s.

But enough with the circus, what about the clothes? Pantone has pronounced emerald green, dusk blue, African violet, tangerine, poppy red and something called “tender shoots” green the hot colors of the season. And trend forecaster WGSN predicts that cropped, tapered pants, tailored separates and longer shorts will make a big showing.

Made in China, made in Romania, made where? In the wake of the flack Ralph Lauren received over the news that the Olympic opening ceremony uniforms he provided for the U.S. team were made in China, you have to wonder if the consumer sentiment for Made in America

goods will influence fashion designers and buyers this season.

Industry bible Women’s Wear Daily published several stories on the subject last week, suggesting that “like a phoenix, the American textile and manufacturing industry could be rising once again,” due to a confluence of economic and social factors, including the Great Recession and higher wages in Asia. WWD also published results of a study conducted with market research firm NPD Group that indicated 21 percent of people surveyed would buy an American shirt over one that was made in another country so long as the price was no more than 25 percent higher.

“It’s something I’m doing my due diligence on,” Eric Jennings, men’s fashion director of Saks Fifth Avenue,

said when asked about buying more brands that manufacture in America. “I’d really like to find a made-in-America men’s suiting brand that we could carry.”

But for Stephanie Solomon, women’s fashion director of Bloomingdale’s, the issue is more complicated. “The center of the fashion universe is not the U.S., it’s Paris,” she said, referring to how designers in that city still hold sway over the direction of trends to come. “If you’re a consumer interested in high fashion, and in the craft of high fashion, you’re interested in what’s coming from Europe.”

Which is why, when New York Fashion Week ends Friday, the circus will pick up and move to London, Milan and Paris, where the last word on the spring season will finally come Oct. 3.

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NFL replacement officials facing serious scrutiny

By Tom Rock
McClatchy Tribune

If there is one word the NFL likes to hold above all others, it is integrity. All of the players and employees throughout the league understand that. So Mathias Kiwanuka likely knew exactly where he was thrusting the dagger when he weighed in on the impact that the replacement officials are having on the sport through two weeks of work.

“There’s no doubt the integrity of the game has been compromised,” Kiwanuka said.

That seems to sum up the growing sentiment not only in the Giants’ locker room but also around the league. As the Giants prepare for their game Thursday night against the Carolina Panthers, they know that the two teams will not be the only ones under the microscope of a national broadcast.

The officials, too, will be subject to great scrutiny and likely a topic of conversation, just as they were Tuesday following a prime-time game between the Broncos and the Falcons on Monday in which they very nearly lost control and certainly impacted the flow of a game that trickled into Tuesday Morning Football.

Players and coaches at first played along, mostly toeing the company line of support for the replacements. But two weeks in, the officials are officially a problem.

“I’m not necessarily mad at the replacement offi-

cials,” Justin Tuck said. “I’m more upset with the NFL for not handling this and taking care of this in due time, I guess. I think with all the success that this league is having, you don’t want this to be a damper.”

Some of the issues that have popped up are almost punch lines, such as the claim by Eagles running back LeSean McCoy in a radio interview Monday.

Whenever you see a big hit, the flag usually comes out. No matter if it was a legal hit or an illegal hit, the flag’s gonna come.

Kenny Phillips
New York Giants safety

“I’ll be honest,” McCoy told 94WIP, “they’re like fans. One of the refs was talking about his fantasy team, like: ‘McCoy, come on, I need you for my fantasy.’”

Then there’s Brian Stropolo, a replacement side



Atlanta Falcons head coach Mike Smith argues for a pass interference call on a play by wide receiver Roddy White, center, with a replacement official against the Denver Broncos on Monday at the Georgia Dome. **Curtis Compton/Atlanta Journal-Constitution / MCT**

judge, who was removed from working Sunday’s Saints-Panthers game because his Facebook page included pictures of him decked out in Saints gear.

And there are the too-many-to-count missed calls on holding and pass interference.

“I saw a guy basically walk Victor Cruz like he was a dog,” Giants safety Kenny Phillips said after watching the video of the Bucs game. “He had his jersey the whole way up the field and

they didn’t call anything ... It was bad.”

The league has said the replacement officials have “made great strides” and are “performing admirably under unprecedented scrutiny and great pressure.”

But not all of the implications of replacement refs are as silly, certainly not to the players. Injuries are becoming a major concern for the players, particularly when it comes to enforcing hits on defenseless players, something the NFL has stressed in recent years.

“I think it’s inevitable (that an injury will occur),” Kiwanuka said. “That’s the unfortunate reality, that the longer you extend that leash, the more people are going to take it. We wouldn’t have refs out there if we didn’t need them. We need the regular guys to come back.”

The Giants are hardly the only victims here. Phillips, who griped about the holding on Cruz, said he expects to be fined for his hit Sunday on Bucs receiver

Vincent Jackson. That hit, however, was not penalized on the field.

“I peeked around just because,” Phillips said of expecting to see yellow on the field after the hit. “Whenever you see a big hit, the flag usually comes out. No matter if it was a legal hit or an illegal hit, the flag’s gonna come.”

Later, with a coy smile, he added: “I think the replacement referee did a great job of not throwing the flag.”

GOLF, 11TH PLACE

Men’s golf finishes 11th place in three-day Golfweek Challenge

Staff Repott

The SJSU men’s golf team finished 11th in the Golfweek Conference Challenge on Sept. 16-18, held in Burlington, Iowa.

The 54-hole contest was held on the Spirit Hollow Golf Course, a 7,360-yard course par 72 invited 15 teams from 15 different conferences, including teams from the Big Ten, Mid-American Conference (MAC) and the Big South.

In the first round on Sept. 16, the Spartans tied for 10th place after shooting 306 (+18.) At the end of the round, SJSU was only behind team leader Missouri by 20 strokes.

Junior Justin Estrada led the first round of the tournament, recording 15 pars. With a score of 73, Estrada was tied for 12th place the player leader board.

Freshman Cody Blickensderfer and junior Daniel Semmler tied at 40th place after they contributed a five-over 77 par.

The Spartans improved in the second round on Sept. 17, and the Spartans recorded a two-over par 290, which marked a 16-shot improvement, but remained in 10th place.

Freshman Taylor Bromley finished the second round with a one under 71. He also recorded six birdies, marking his season-low 18-hole score, and tied for 39th on the player leader board.

Estrada shot SJSU’s lowest score in the second round, finishing the first 36 holes with a 145 (+1). He ended the second tied for 13th and also recorded five birdies.

Semmler shot a 78, adding to his total score of 155 (+11), landing him in 61st place.

Blickensderfer and senior Connor Covington combined for a nine-shot improvement. Blickensderfer tied for 39th place after he shot a 74 (+2).

SJSU’s final second round score was +306-290-596 (+20), a spot right below San Francisco.

The Spartans wrapped up the event shooting a 307 (+19) in the final round on Sept. 18.

Estrada finished at the top for the Spartans, scoring 73-72-76-221 (+5) and tied for 19th place.

Covington recorded the lowest Spartan score in the

final round, after an eagle on the par-five second hole combined with a score of 75 from Tuesday’s match, marked him for a total of 227 (+11). He finished at 41st place.

Blickensderfer and Semmler tied for 53rd place after they both scored 231 (+15).

SJSU finished only one below Kansas, and recorded a score of 306-290-307-903 (+39) to wrap up the final round of the contest.

The golf team’s next contest is their return to the Dash Thomas Memorial hosted by Boise State at Banbury Golf Course on Sept. 24.

Information compiled from SJSU Athletics.

Campus Reading Program

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NATIONAL NEWS

Union officials agree to end Chicago teachers' strike

By Ellen Jean Hirst,
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and Joel Hood
McClatchy Tribune

CHICAGO — The Chicago Teachers Union’s House of Delegates decided Tuesday afternoon to end the city’s first teacher strike in 25 years and return more than 350,000 students to the classroom Wednesday.

The voice vote was taken after some 800 delegates convened at a union meeting hall near Chinatown to discuss and debate a tentative contract. Union leaders had already signed off on the agreement with Chicago Public Schools.

“We said we couldn’t solve all the problems ... and it was time to suspend the strike,” CTU President Karen Lewis said at a news conference after the vote.

Debi Lilly, a Lakeview resident, said she was thrilled her third- and fifth-grader would be heading back to Hawthorne School Wednesday after missing seven days of classes.

“Thank goodness, thank goodness,” Lilly said enthusiastically. “Now I believe they’re putting the children first.”

While there still might be issues to work out between CTU and CPS, Lilly said she’s happy the teachers agreed to do it while the children are in school.

Lilly said she told her children the news right away and the family will be treating Tuesday night like it should be — a school night.

“We’ll be up early making lunches, packing backpacks and walking to school tomorrow,” Lilly said.



Chicago Teachers Union president Karen Lewis addresses the media after the teachers union delegates voted to suspend the teachers’ strike yesterday in Chicago. **Photo by Phil Velasquez / MCT**

Earlier in the day, teachers on the picket line outside CPS headquarters were mostly optimistic that they would be back in school Wednesday morning.

“In our meetings yesterday, it’s apparent we’re optimistic that we will return,” said Mary Mark, a CPS speech language pathologist, who fears that if the union is on strike much longer, support for the teachers will shift.

“We realize that by going out, we’re diminishing our power, but on the other hand, we don’t want to strike so long that we turn the tide of support. We all need to get back to work and the kids need to get back in school,” Mark said.

At Manuel Perez Jr. El-

ementary School, parents worried about the strike’s growing effect on their children but still voiced support for teachers and appealed to Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

“Rahm, escucha! Estamos en la lucha!” several shouted in Spanish, meaning “Rahm, listen! We are in the fight!”

They also chanted, “Si, se puede!” or “Yes, we can!”

Javier Mayorga’s 5-year-old daughter Julieta attends Salazar Elementary Bilingual Center. She had just entered kindergarten when the strike began last week.

“I hope the strike ends soon,” the full-time working father said. “It’s been pretty hard. It takes a toll on the children.”

Although Julieta has en-

joyed her time at the contingency program at Perez, her father is concerned that she isn’t learning. “These are her developmental years,” Mayorga said.

Jose Carlos has taken turns dropping off his son Adrian, 5, at Perez during the strike. His son normally attends Galileo Scholastic Academy of Math and Science, which has an earlier start time, Carlos said. He can drop his son off on his way to work.

“I’m supposed to be working right now,” Carlos said. “It’s been really rough.”

A large group of parents and students led by Parents 4 Teachers, a pro-CTU group, were stopped Tuesday from hand-delivering roughly

1,000 postcards to CPS CEO Jean-Claude Brizard, inciting loud chanting from the crowd.

More than 50 people walked into CPS headquarters just before 11 a.m. CDT with the postcards, which asked for measures like smaller classrooms, a moratorium on potential school closings and a fair teacher’s contract.

Personal messages like “Without my teachers, I wouldn’t know cursive” and “We know what the problem is — unfair distribution of resources,” graced the cards.

“They said that you can hand (the postcards) to us and we’ll deliver it to Mr. Brizard,” a security guard in the lobby told the group,

which carried banners and signs in support of the teachers.

“Why can’t we take” the postcards? asked one parent.

“They gave no reason,” the security guard replied.

When asked if the group could send two people to Brizard’s office with the postcards, the guard said it wasn’t possible. Shortly after, the crowd started chanting and cheering “Parents, teachers, united for better schools!”

Behind the crowd of parents and students, a steady picket line carried on outside the building’s doors. The group then walked back outside, some saying they weren’t surprised by the refusal.

“I was disappointed but not surprised,” said parent Cris Pope. CPS leaders “haven’t been showing the parents any respect in this process.”

Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis and the union’s other top brass had spent months fueling their membership’s anger through street marches, meeting sit-ins and hostile rhetoric as negotiations for a new contract have dragged on.

The union entered contract talks last fall demanding a nearly 30 percent salary increase over two years, largely for working a significantly longer school day this year. An arbitrator later bolstered their argument, suggesting that teachers deserved a 19 percent salary bump this year. The same report acknowledged that a steep wage increase is unrealistic with the district’s anticipated \$1 billion deficit next year.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China asserts control over anti-Japan protesters

By Tom Lasseter
McClatchy Tribune

BEIJING — The Chinese government took steps Tuesday to quell at least for now a troubling spike in domestic political tumult, tightly controlling anti-Japanese protests that over the weekend had threatened to spin out of control and concluding the highly-sensitive trial of a former police chief tied the biggest political scandal the country has seen in decades.

The waves of thousands of demonstrators who showed up at the Japanese embassy in Beijing were closely corralled, providing no repeat of the demonstrations Saturday in dozens of cities that descended into rock and egg-throwing melees that commentators described as the most serious anti-Japan protests since the two countries normalized relations in 1972.

Beijing is furious that the Japanese government announced last week that it had bought three islands in an uninhabited chain that both nations claim, and the weekend demonstrations were almost certainly state-sanctioned. But the chaos that followed seemed to unnerve the authoritarian rulers here.

Whether the weekend protests came from factional rivalries, worries about looking complacent in the aftermath

of Tokyo’s move, a desire to send Japan a warning, or just a confluence of nationalist fury, it was obvious on Tuesday that Beijing had drawn at least a temporary line on a particularly sensitive anniversary in the annals of Chinese animosity toward its neighbor, a Sept. 18, 1931, incident used by Japan as pretext for invading China.

Long columns of police manned the road. Packs of protesters were escorted forward and then allowed to pause in front of the embassy where they threw plastic bottles, fruit and the like. They chanted obscenities directed toward the Japanese, their nation and their mothers. The groups then moved along so the next could do the same.

Loudspeakers mounted in the trees broadcast a looped message that while it was reasonable for people to express their feelings about Japan, they should do so “rationally.” After a call-and-response about taking back the contested islands, known as the Diaoyu in China and the Senkaku in Japan, one man with microphone in hand reminded his flock of the importance of obeying orders.

There were many large posters of Mao Zedong in the crowd, and the comments of some onlookers pointed to the tightrope walked by an authoritarian government that doesn’t want to appear weak



A Chinese fishery monitoring ship (bottom) is trailed by a Japan Coast Guard patrol vessel (top) in the contiguous zone about 38 kilometers north of Uotsurijima island yesterday. **Photo by Yomiuri Shimibun / MCT**

at home. “Back in that time” — Mao’s — “they would have adopted a different method for dealing with the Japanese behavior,” said one 35-year-old man, who gave only his surname, Xu.

Speculation spread in the past few days that the unruly outbursts, which included the torching of some Japanese businesses, had initially been allowed as part of palace intrigue in the run-up to a Chinese Communist Party congress later this year that will usher in a transition of national leadership.

The notion that one faction would seek to rattle the other by street politics didn’t seem out of the question given the tumultuous nature of Chinese politics this year.

In the southwest city of Chengdu on Tuesday, a court ended the second and final day of the trial of Wang Lijun, the

former police chief and vice mayor of the sprawling metropolis of Chongqing. Wang’s unsanctioned overnight trip to a U.S. Consulate in February took down the political career of Chongqing’s then-Communist Party secretary, Bo Xilai, who until that point had been viewed as a leading candidate for the Politburo Standing Committee, the center of ruling power here.

Wang reportedly passed on to the Americans information about Bo’s wife being involved in the murder of a British businessman the prior November. The wife, Gu Kailai, was last month sentenced to death with a two-year reprieve that will probably be converted to a lengthy prison term. So far, Bo has not been charged with a crime and he’s not been publicly mentioned in connection with either the Gu or Wang trial.

State TV footage on Tuesday showed Wang entering the courtroom, which was off limits to foreign media, in a short-sleeve white collared shirt and black-rimmed glasses. He’d faced charges of defection and abuse of power the day before in a secretive closed-door hearing. On Tuesday, with cameras showing an audience, the “open” court session considered crimes including taking bribes and “bending the law for selfish ends,” according to the state Xinhua newswire.

State media reports suggested that the court will show leniency to Wang, who looked comfortable in the short televised clip and reportedly did not contest his charges, and that he’ll avoid the death penalty.

After listing his alleged transgressions — covering up the fact that Gu was a suspect in killing the businessman,

having “defected to another country’s consulate,” conducting illegal surveillance and receiving more than \$480,000 in bribes — Xinhua paraphrased prosecutors as saying that Wang helped with “cracking the case” of Gu’s crime.

Xinhua went on to report that after turning himself in from the U.S. Consulate and confessing all, Wang, “produced important clues for exposing serious offences committed by others and played a key part in the investigation of these cases. This can be considered as performing major meritorious services, prosecutors said in the indictment paper.”

It was not clear whether any of those cases involved Bo Xilai. To date, Xinhua has only reported, in April, that he was “suspected of being involved in serious discipline violations.”



YOLO, so live your life well

Around the time Canadian rapper Drake released his song “The Motto,” my social media feeds were flooded with status updates and tweets with one simple catchphrase – YOLO. The acronym, which means “You only live once,” spread like wildfire as soon as the song hit the radio waves and the music video was being played on TV and Internet sites. Based off what I’ve seen on my social media feeds, people have interpreted the phrase in



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several ways – most of which relate to letting loose and having a good time. I’ll leave it to your imagina-

tion whether that good time involves alcohol and drugs, but I feel comfortable saying that this was the general consensus as to what people believe “YOLO” means. Unfortunately, there are some people who take the phrase too literally. The Huffington Post reported on Thursday that 21-year-old rapper Inkyy, whose real name is Ervin McKinness, died in a car crash along with four others minutes after tweeting about drunk driving.

His exact tweet read, “Drunk af going 120 drifting corners #F***It YOLO.” CBS News also reported that the Southern California rapper’s twitter account, @ink2flashyy, sent one final tweet which read, “Driving tweeting sipping the cup f*** yolo I’m turning it up.” I was sympathetic about his death when I read the story. A loss of life by any means is never good. However, I couldn’t help but think to myself at the same time, “How can anyone be this stupid?” I have no problem with Drake, the song or the video. It’s actually a catchy song. Also, it’s pretty cool that the video was recorded locally. SF Weekly reported that Drake’s video was mostly shot in the Bay Area and featured cameos from local artists E-40 and Mistah FAB. I do not blame Drake for an individual’s choice of behavior when it comes to his

catchphrase. Yet, there is a clear problem when people are using YOLO as an excuse for irresponsible behavior in public. I understand someone would want to just let go when they’re on a night out. It’s good to blow off steam every once in a while and forget about life’s problems: work, school, relationships – the list goes on. Still, there’s a fine line between having fun and acting reckless. McKinness’ death, along with the four others who were in the car with him, blatantly crosses that line. Some people I know, whether through social media or direct conversation, expressed their disdain for how YOLO is being used and say it should be defined as being productive or serving a better purpose. Others I know still use it the same way it’s been used. I may have used the word in

this context once or twice – I can’t remember when, but I’m sure I have so I’m not making myself an exception. Then again, I’d like to believe that I have the sense to know my limits and not cross the line when I’m at a bar, club, party or what have you. Whenever I am too drunk however, I hope that I’m at least around the right people who would keep me in check and make sure I don’t do anything I’d regret. I won’t judge how others live their lives. I accept that no one is perfect and that every person walks a different path from everyone else. Yet, I hope everyone learns a lesson from Ervin McKinness and thinks twice whenever they’re on a night out on the town and choose to yell out at the top of their lungs, “YOLO!” Nick Celario is a Spartan Daily Production Editor. Follow him on Twitter at @SD_NCelario.

Campus construction comes a little too late for current students

There’s that one commercial. It shows this guy in two different lives: one with a college education and one without. In the college-degree fantasy, he wears a fancy suit when he leaves his fancy house to drive his fancy car to work. In the no-college-degree fantasy, these things are fancy-less by comparison. During the whole bit, there is a voice-over of a mother and a boy arguing about the need (or lack thereof) to go to college. I hate this commercial. I hate it because it romanticizes the idea of going to college, making it seem as if it’s

this wonderful experience that could only bring true happiness and success later in life. But it’s not. Not anymore. It seems like every semester money gets tighter for everyone on campus. Tuition keeps increasing; textbook costs burn deeper into our pockets, and gas prices just won’t let up. It feels like our education costs more than it’s worth. Who could afford that fancy home and nice car while forking out for an overly-priced education that just won’t stop rising? The fact that big businesses are given get-out-of-debt-free cards while we, the students, are

left hanging by the purse strings leaves me feeling betrayed by my country. At 28 years old, I have collected more than \$40,000 in debt to put myself through school, not to mention the \$10,000 debt in medical bills to treat something that I was born with. I could be saving for a house. Instead, I’m maxing out credit cards to keep afloat while tuition just gets worse. It begs the question: why did I sign up for this? Perhaps education is brilliant. My future jobs might depend on said education – I just don’t see it that way anymore. Instead, uni-



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versity education is this business that has me caged in debt, making me jealous of those who opted out of college. I feel enslaved by my own diplomas. They own me.

Departments across campus are getting new equipment and makeovers. Safety retrofitting aside, it depresses me to see money going into facelifts and new equipment that – while are very nice – aren’t necessarily needed to have a fulfilling education. We were doing fine last semester without the new fancy blue chairs in the anthropology building. Why do we need them now? I’d gladly stand the entire semester if it meant trading my fancy blue chair for the textbooks that I need for the course; the textbooks I can’t afford to buy this semester.

Then there’s the Prop 30 jazz. Just as with the extensive and long-term Student Union remodeling, I feel like it’s more for future students than for current ones. It’s too little too late for me and my classmates. The American Dream of having the better car and better house has been shattered by the weight of a debt that I don’t see myself being able to cut through any time soon. At the same time, all the big businesses have to do is ask to be bailed out. Jacque Orvis is a Spartan Daily staff writer. Follow her on Twitter at @SD_JOrvis.

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3 by 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. Check back daily for new sudoku puzzles and solutions.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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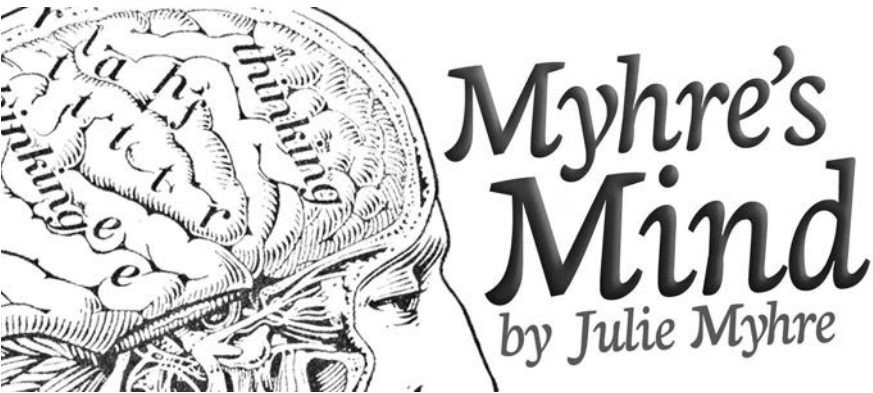
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ACROSS

- 1 Voodoo spell
- 5 Title for von Trapp
- 10 Take it on the lam
- 14 ___ Bator
- 15 Kick out
- 16 Be lazy
- 17 Bastes or hems
- 18 After-meal tools
- 20 Reggae artist Peter Dinklage
- 21 Don't just stand there
- 22 Bid the bed adieu
- 23 Reacted with awe
- 25 Sibilant "Over here!"
- 27 Noisy brawl
- 29 Like a decorated Yule tree
- 33 Cunning ways
- 34 Prefix with "focus"
- 35 Flintstones' pet
- 36 Self proclaimed "greatest" of boxing
- 37 Pasta shape
- 38 Drug book for MDs
- 39 Sports officials, briefly
- 41 Family group
- 42 Sealy alternative
- 44 Soaks
- 46 Small parts for big people
- 47 High-seas greeting
- 48 Cuban dance
- 49 Grown-up bug
- 52 A pop being No. 1
- 53 Unable to speak
- 59 Hardly scarce
- 60 Adjective for babies and puppies
- 61 Crestless wave
- 62 Annoying buzzer
- 63 Follow the advice of
- 64 Break down a sentence
- 65 Shrek, for one

DOWN

- 1 Is compelled to
- 2 Muffin spread
- 3 Emergency extrication device
- 4 Landlubber's locale
- 5 Fashion designer Johnson
- 6 Stay clear of
- 7 Word with "act" or "gear"
- 8 Six mos. from Apr.
- 9 Unspecific degree
- 10 Was coquettish
- 11 Mathematical sets of points
- 12 Many wapiti
- 13 "What," "who," "how" or "where" follower
- 19 Make the grade?
- 24 Possesses
- 25 Mountain climber's aid
- 26 Winter blanket
- 27 Clio, Edgar, Hugo, Oscar or Tony
- 28 April form submitter
- 29 Heavy horns
- 30 Hearing visually?
- 31 Put an ___ (stop)
- 32 "The Explorer" of
- 34 Narrow lane between buildings
- 37 Rebounded sound
- 40 Acquired by acting quickly
- 42 All of America's uncle
- 43 Economic warfare tactic
- 45 ___ En-lai
- 46 Turn bad, as milk
- 48 Staggers
- 49 Scratch cue
- 50 Expression of distaste
- 51 Predeal chip
- 52 Wharf
- 54 Way off yonder
- 55 Apportion (with "out")
- 57 Psychic's claim to fame
- 58 Erstwhile airline



Credit card debt is a life lesson for most students



Julie Myhre's column appears every Wednesday.

Student debt is a major problem in the U.S., and I have to admit that I am not looking forward to paying off my debt.

According to a 2008 Pew Research Center study, 60 percent of all college graduates borrowed money for their education compared to the 52 percent who borrowed in 1996.

I am one of the lucky students who don't fit in that statistic.

When I transferred to SJSU in 2008, I was working for a large corporation that reimbursed my tuition for the classes I passed.

The company only reimbursed \$5,250 a year, which as most students know isn't enough, so my parents were kind and generous enough to fund the remaining amount.

Even though I didn't have to take out loans for college, I still do have debt — credit card debt.

Yep, I am one of those people who got my hands on a credit card when I was 20 years old and went crazy.

I was buying gifts for people and myself left and right.

I would tell my boyfriend, "Oh babe, you want a new authentic Buccaneers jersey? OK," as I charged it to the magic plastic card in my wallet.

It was a nice life — until the bills started coming.

At first it wasn't too bad because I have a steady income but, once I was no longer able to pay the two cards off completely at the end of every statement cycle, I started to question my spending.

According to the results of a study conducted in 2009 by Sallie Mae, the average credit card debt for college graduating seniors is \$4,100.

I am graduating in December and embarrassed to admit that I am part of that statistic.

I have no one else to blame but myself.

My debt isn't even justifiable because I didn't use it to pay for school, or books, or anything of the sort.

Instead I chose to spend it on mostly irresponsible purchases, like cute shoes or a \$500 purse that I now no longer use.

Yes, there were occasional "responsible" purchases like gas to commute to school or an oil change on my car, but for the most part I used it irresponsibly.

The most frustrating aspect of my debt is that I paid it completely off in 2010 — it felt great.

I felt like I was reborn. I had a new found respect for the value of the dollar until one day, when I was hard up for money, I reached for the cards.

That is when it all went downhill.

It is like if I know I have the card in my wallet then I will automatically use it.

After another year or so of using my credit cards, for the most part, whenever I feel like it, I am back in debt — but this time I am fed up.

I am nipping this problem in the bud.

From last week on I have not used or carried one credit card.

I chopped up two of them and keep one with my parents, in case of emergencies.

It was an extreme move, but I need to learn how to use real money again and stay on a budget.

I was able to do it in high school, making less than half of what I make now, so why can't I do this again.

There are some doubts in my mind, considering I have more bills now, like my car payment and credit card bills, but I am confident that I can do it.

To make sure I have a little cushion, I am working on saving a little money from each paycheck.

Basically, I pay all my bills and then put 20 percent of the money left over into my savings account.

So far two pay cycles have passed, and it seems to be working well. I did have to take some money from my savings account last week, but it was for a necessity — gas.

Once I get used to having less money, I will be able to successfully budget it.

Debt is an embarrassing thing to most people, but I think it is an important thing for people to talk about because you never know who will have advice on how to cut your down your debt.

Students, especially, shouldn't be embarrassed of the debt they consume.

It is better to learn about credit card debt when you are young so we can grow to be fiscally responsible adults.

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Racism lives on in our silence

Racism isn't dead in America. There, I said it. "Racism" is a word Americans have been tiptoeing around for as long as I can remember.

It is a problem that has been present since Columbus first set foot in the Americas and I still don't believe it has been completely eradicated.

As I sat in my global women's studies class last week, I found

One section from a piece called "Not Just My Closet: Exposing Familial, Cultural, and Imperial Skeletons," by Filipina writer Linda M. Pierce, stood out to me especially.

The section explained her grandmother's experience as a native-born Filipina marrying a white American soldier after World War II.

In the piece, Pierce discussed how her grandmother's family had always considered her lucky to have "married up."

This concept of "marrying up" struck a chord with me.

As a mutt of four different countries; Germany, Mexico, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, I can't honestly say that my parents wouldn't be excited and even intrigued if I brought home a white guy for once.

I'll admit it too — I've always "played it safe" and dated Hispanic guys.

Maybe it's because we could both understand Spanish or exchange tamales that our grandmothers handmade during the holidays.

But say I introduced my family to a guy with some European roots, or maybe an international student from Vietnam — how different would it really be?

In my class, we discussed the different types of racism that still affects us today.

I was surprised to find out that this idea of "marrying up" and issues with dating someone outside of your race was relevant to them, too.

It served as proof to me that just maybe the state I live in isn't exactly as racism-free as we would like to believe.

In a recent article by NPR correspon-



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dent Edward Schumacher-Matos, he addressed the issue revolving around a seemingly racist quote about first lady Michelle Obama, from a veteran's wife by the name of Bobbie Lucie.

"She's far from the first lady," Lucie said. "It's about that time that we get a first lady in there that acts like a first lady and looks like a first lady."

Her statement was followed by various comments from listeners who found it to be offensive and essentially racist.

Although it is left unclear whether she meant for the comment to be racist, to me, it is just more proof that America is still sensitive to the topic.

As a country, I believe we are well aware of the inequalities we still face.

We don't, however, often choose to speak about it.

It does make me sad that we live in a country that is notorious for accepting people from all types of backgrounds but still battles with racial issues within itself.

What makes me even more upset is that people won't just talk about it with each other.

I really didn't think my peers would have similar experiences and feelings as I did when I first sat down with them.

As soon as the topic was put on the table, we were able to find common ground.

That type of communication is something Americans could benefit from.

We're human, we stereotype, we judge and we assume.

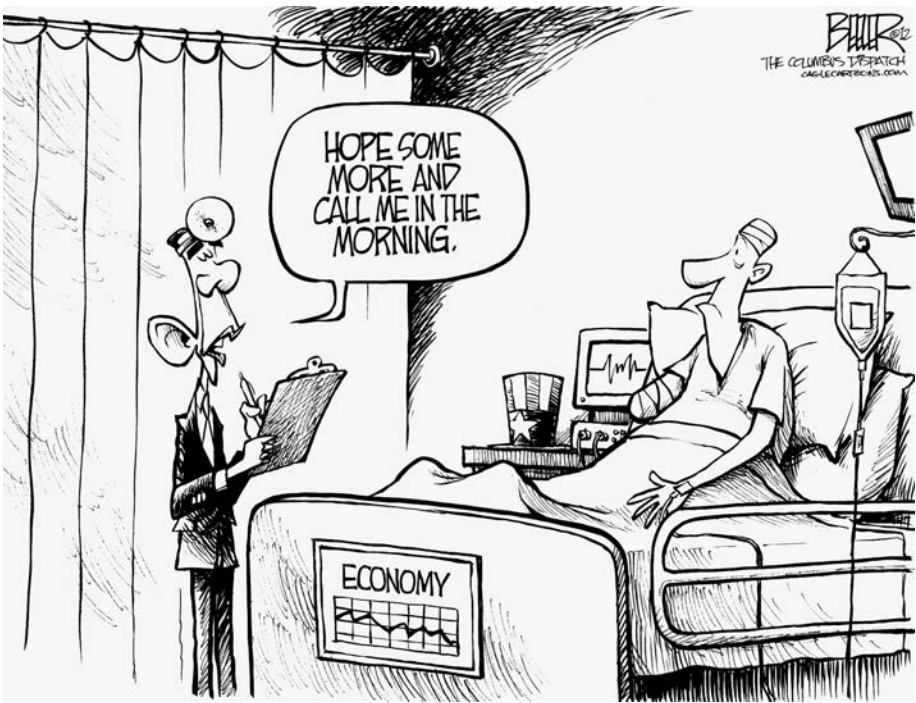
What we should start assuming, is that there are people out there who feel the same as you about the topic we all hate to get into.

No one wants to risk being called racist when speaking on this topic, but ignoring the problem won't fix it either.

It's 2012 — we text, we call, we tweet, we Facebook and we Facetime.

It's time to just start talking.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Islamist militant warns US against retaliation in Libya

By Mel Frykberg
McClatchy Tribune

CAIRO — The leader of an Islamist militia whose members are suspected of involvement in the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi last week, killing the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans, has warned that his group will consider American citizens fair game in a holy war if the United States takes action inside Libya against his group.

The statements by Ansar al-Shariah leader Yousef Jehani underscore the delicate position both the United States and Libya’s central government find themselves in as they confront a crisis brought on by a group that has become a key part of the country’s security apparatus in a nation that has been unable to establish a national military or disarm the militias that helped topple Moammar Gadhafi last year. “Libya will turn into an

inferno for American troops and Americans will be legitimate targets if Washington sends troops to target any of our groups, thereby forcing Libyans to wage a holy war or jihad,” Jehani said in remarks first reported by the Reuters news agency. “If one U.S. soldier arrives, not for the purpose of defending the embassy but to repeat what happened in Iraq or Afghanistan, be sure that all battalions in Libya and all Libyans will put aside all their differ-

ences and rally behind one goal of hitting America and Americans.” Ansar al-Shariah has a strong presence in Benghazi, which is also a base for many other Islamist militants. Its members forced the closing of the city’s airport in the days after the consulate raid as they fired at U.S. reconnaissance drones flying over the city, possibly monitoring suspected locations of militant groups. Ansar al-Shariah controls a large security

compound and a hospital in the city. The militant group’s fears that the U.S. was planning a retaliatory attack follow the deployment of the drones and two warships off the Libyan coast, as well as the sending of U.S. special forces to the country. Jehani said that he was against the killing of U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens because the envoy “hadn’t committed any

crimes in Libya.” He said that he didn’t want a confrontation with the U.S. but that his men were ready if provoked. The Ansar al-Shariah leader further denied that his group was responsible for the killings and said none of the 50 men arrested by the Libyan authorities in the wake of the attack were from his organization.

Mohammad al-Bishari, the landlord of the leased consulate property, told McClatchy Newspapers last week that he was present when the assault on the compound took place and that the assailants carried the flag of Ansar al-Shariah. The group has been tied to other attacks on diplomatic facilities in the Benghazi region.

The role of such groups in Libya’s security forces has become a key point of internal tension in recent weeks as the government in Tripoli attempts to assert authority over the better-armed militias.

Last month, Libya’s interior minister, Fawzi Abdel Al, resigned, then rescinded his resignation, after the country’s top elected official, Mohammed Magarief, the president of the country’s new congress, questioned his ministry’s involvement in the destruction of several shrines and mosques affiliated with the moderate Sufi strain of Islam.

Magarief accused Abdel Al’s ministry and the Supreme Security Committee, an amalgamation of militias that are supposed to fall under his control, of failing to protect several of the shrines from groups such as Ansar al-Shariah, whose members follow conservative Salafi Islam. Members of the police and the Supreme Security Committee stood guard and watched as Tripoli’s Sidi Shaab Mosque and Zlitan’s Abdel Salam al-Asmar shrine, 100 miles east of Tripoli, were razed by armed Salafists. Some of the attackers were reported to be serving members of the Supreme Security Committee.

In recent days, Magarief has championed the view among Libyan officials that the attack on the U.S. consulate was pre-planned by foreigners, and he has rejected the notion that it began as a demonstration against a crude video that insults the Prophet Muhammad. Protests against the video, “Innocence of Muslims,” turned violent last week in Egypt, Sudan and Tunisia.

Importantly, it was a deputy interior minister with responsibility for Benghazi security, Wanis al-Sharif, who first said there had been a demonstration outside the consulate. Al-Sharif also at first said that no one was in the mission at the time of the attack and then, after the news of the deaths of Stevens and the other Americans were announced, tried to put the blame equally on the Americans and pro-Gadhafi sympathizers. He said the alleged demonstration outside the mission over the video had been peaceful until U.S. security guards started firing — a version that has been refuted by eyewitnesses and was branded “ridiculous” by influential parliamentarian Salah Ajouda Jawdah.

Al-Sharif, who was responsible for investigating the attack, was fired on Monday.

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