Annual UPD toy drive serves local families

By Natalie Cabral
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The University Police Department is hosting its 21st annual toy drive this month according to Claire Kotowski, UPD executive administrator.

According to Kotowski, the toy drive is held in order to provide holiday gifts for the children of SJSU’s neighboring communities.

Around campus, UPD has placed 23 bins for people to drop off new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0-14. Those eligible for the donations are families in financial need, with school-aged children, according to Kotowski.

“Nobody who is a family member, staff member or student with a child or children is eligible to apply for our services,” she said.

According to Sgt. Manuel Aguayo, the toy drive served about 200 to 210 families last year.

“This year, we have participants with the toy drive for 19 years, so the experience always brings about a good feeling,” Kotowski said.

Recipients of the UPD toy drive’s donations are also provided with free Santa Clause pictures, according to Kotowski.

“We’ll either deliver the donations or they are picked up at the UPD station when we provide free Santa pictures with Santa,” Kotowski said.

“Most of these kids don’t have the opportunity to take pictures with Santa,” Kotowski said.

According to Kotowski, the program is well-supported by local businesses such as Comerica Bank, Mid Pumps, and Grocery Outlet.

Despite a spiraling economy, Laws said the program’s support has remained steady considering its small size.

“Some years have been better than others,” he said. “But we’ve been able to get by.”

This year, Aguayo said UPD received about 900 boxes of toys from the community.

“From what we heard, we had a lot of young children this year and they’re the gifts for the team that we always run a little short on,” he said.

UPD will be collecting the donations through Dec. 4 and 5. They will also be holding a wrapping party Dec. 13 in the reservation studio in the Event Center, according to Aguayo.

“A lot of these kids need help with setting up the toys by gender and age,” he said.

Aguayo said UPD welcomes any students, faculty and staff to drop in and volunteer that day.

“I have known some children who received gifts from us that grew up to be teenagers,” Aguayo said.

“We remember the university for that,” Cabral said.

By Dennis Biles
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After an exciting 10-2 season and a No. 25 ranking in the Bowl Championship Series standings, the SJU Spartans football team will be heading to Washington D.C. to take on the Bowling Green State University Falcons in the Military Bowl Thursday, Dec. 27.

The game will be televised by ESPN and is scheduled for a 3 p.m. EST kickoff.

The Falcons (8-4, 6-2), who accepted their invitation according to SJSU’s athletic director Steve Beck on the phone, were saying we were the highest ranking team he’s ever had,” MacIntyre said. “It’s a credit to this team they’ve done. They definitely deserve to go to a bowl game and that’s earned the right.”

The Spartans completed their regular season on a six-game winning streak and entered New Mexico Bowl ranked number one in the Bowl Championship Series.

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HOMELESS

Former foster youth and homelessness: The transitional-aging problem

By Melissa Lewelling
Contributing Writer

It’s everyone’s 14th birthday, and being homeless is the new normal. And the former foster youth that are facing a high possibility of homelessness.

More than 100,000 kids are currently in foster care in California, and with almost 100,000 in California alone, according to the California Department of Public Health and the Orange County Department of Health Care Services, the former foster youth that left the system when they were 18 are more vulnerable than ever.

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NEWS

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 Californians left the system when they were 18, and the percentage of homeless former foster youth is one of the highest priorities in law enforcement.

Tony Rachaukas
District Attorney

"There’s no lack of resources for housing and emotional support. A lot of them don’t have that one person to go to for help."

Leslie Griffith
Adult supporter of Santa Clara County chapter of the California Youth Connection

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By Chad Terhune
McClatchy Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Two minutes after a 7.9 magnitude earthquake hit Southern California, nursing students carrying medical records were running across the campus lawn to test their pre-disaster training.

“They suspected the woman had sustained a broken leg and internal bleeding as part of a disaster drill that morning for a magnitude-7.9 quake. That morning, the students needed to get to the intensity care unit. Trouble was, the hospital gurneys were too heavy for the dump trucks and they couldn’t roll them through the stucco,” Kellermann said, as part of a disaster drill that morning for a magnitude-7.9 earthquake. “It was fine because the stucco is forgiving. But Sandy’s toll has been significant — as a pillar of strength rather than a site of disaster in need of rescue.”

California’s 430 hospitals operate as if they’re conducting a disaster more than once a year. The idea is to prepare for emergencies that emerge from nowhere — up to 10 percent of California’s population will be affected by the next major earthquake.

“The hospital in a city like New York that is generally very well-prepared in terms of emergency won’t up to that standard,” Frazier said. “But who will other hospitals do better?”

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The following items are selected from the University Police Department daily crime log. Times shown are when the incidents were reported to police.

Wednesday, Nov. 28
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 8:56 a.m.: Police officers were dispatched to the library for a medical aid call. A non-student was transported by EMS to a local hospital.

Joe West Hall, 12:30 p.m.: A student called police to report that his laptop was taken from his room while he was asleep.

King Library, 2:41 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to a report of a bike theft in progress. A non-student was arrested for attempted theft, battery, resisting arrest, and a parole violation.

Thursday, Nov. 29
Campus Village Building B, 6:15 p.m.: A student contacted police to report being the victim of a battery.

Friday, Nov. 30
Engineering building, 2:41 p.m.: An officer was dispatched to take a report for threats written in a bathroom stall.

King Library, 4:56 p.m.: A student was assaulted after being followed by an unknown person.

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By Andrea Torres, Melissa Sanchez and Anna Edgerton
McClatchy Tribune

MIAMI — What began as a day of prayer and fellowship turned into a surreal scene of stunned, bloodied passengers and twisted metal.

There was the sickening sound of crunching metal early Saturday as a busload of Jehovah’s Witnesses from across South Florida and Gainesville, often used by University of Florida students, turned into a surreal scene of sardines. "The last thing he should have done is to keep going," said Jimenez, whose driver was about two months ago, as he prepped for a talk to the Spanish-language congregation. When she arrived, he hugged her tightly.

"Wow, like a can of sardines," he said in Spanish, referring to the top of the bus, sheered back by the overpass.

"I saw the bus and wondered what the accident was," said Marono, whose name was waiting anxiously for his arrival. "At this time I wanted to pray for them," she said in Spanish. "My job is to worry about the safety of the passengers who are our clients. What we do requires a lot of responsibility. I don’t know the passengers but that doesn’t mean I’m not suffering."
Military Bowl: Spartans to play Bowling Green Falcons on Dec. 27

By Dennis Biles

The Spartans women's basketball team overcame a rough offensive first half and found its touch in the second in a 73-69 victory over the Col. State Northridge (CSU) Matadors at the Event Center on Saturday.

“We did a better job of lo-cating our shots,” said Todd Taylor on January 4, 2012. “For the first half and getting the ball inside, that head coach Tim La Kose. “We were rewarded with a lot of layups and free-throws.”

Leading the way for the Spartans was freshman for-ward Riana Byrd with 17 points, all in the second half, and 19 rebounds, equaling the Event Center record set by Todd Taylor on January 2, 2003 in a 94-60 win over Boise State, according to Spartan Athletic records.

For the entire game, I'd really been slacking so I wanted to pick it up this game,” Byrd said. “I didn't realize it was that many. I just sort of lost myself in the game and worked out.”

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The Spartans have a record of 7-7 overall for the season and have not lost since November 10th. They look to win their 3rd straight game as they take on the Matadors on Sunday at 6 p.m.
Kansas City Chiefs' Belcher kills live-in girlfriend, then commits suicide

By Glenn E. Rice
The Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY — The argument apparently started about 1 a.m. CST on Saturday, when Jovan Belcher returned to his Kansas City home from a Trey Songz concert at The Midland arena and was argued with friends.

Her boyfriend, Kansas City Chiefs outside linebacker Jovan Belcher, lived with her and was not that day or the previous days.

The disagreement ended tragically about seven hours later, when Belcher killed Perkins by shooting her multiple times at the couple’s home, witnessed by much of the neighborhood, the couple and their 3-month-old daughter.

Belcher then drove the five miles to Arrowhead Stadium and killed himself in the parking lot outside the team’s practice facility, Belcher fatally shot his girlfriend and himself shortly after she was shot.

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Rapper Rick Ross rips up the stage at SJSU Event Center

By Christine Melina
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If you combine a hyped hip-hop crew, the first act of MMG and the...