Bronco Week Leads the Stampede

Campus pep ramps up to upcoming basketball game

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Every year, Santa Clara hosts the big game against longtime rival Gonzaga University, but attending the spirit-centric match without some preparation is like Yannick Agagis taking the court without stretching. The student body needs to build up its energy and get its spirited blood flowing. In order to do just this, the Associated Student Government hosts Bronco Week, an annual celebration of Bronco pride.

"Bronco Week is like Santa Clara’s version of a homecoming week," said Alana Hinkston, ASG’s public relations vice president. "But, since we don’t have a football team, it’s a basketball homecoming."

Last year, Santa Clara and Gonzaga gave a thrilling show that provided an insurmountable round of roars from students. This year, the game is scheduled to be an NIRP replacement. On Tuesday, the Activities Programming Board brought the party to Graham Lawn. For one day.

Housing Ordinance Not Likely to Pass

City officials view proposed law as “discriminatory”

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Only one of the five city council members who attended a public Santa Clara City meeting on Tuesday was in favor of a drafted Housing ordinance that has been pending since this summer.

The meeting was a "brainstorming session by city council," according to Steve Lynch, Santa Clara’s city planner. City council members and stakeholders addressed the ordinance, which would restrict homeowners from leasing single-family units to adults not living as a “common household.”

City Manager Janie Matthews opposed the housing ordinance, stating that it is discriminatory, nearly impossible to enforce, and does not solve the issues it is intended to address: lack of parking space and student behavior.

“I don’t want my city coming in and asking my people whether or not they are related — it’s not the government’s business,” Matthews said. "If we deal with student behavior in partnership with the university, we will get a lot more bang for our buck."

The ordinance would require the city to determine if the adults occupying houses with multiple bedrooms are living as a "common household," a term previously defined as a "family" in earlier drafts of the ordinance.

"The enforcement burden certainly falls on the city," said City Attorney Richard Nocky, a member of the ad hoc committee that drafted the ordinance. "It does have some enforcement challenges."

During the public comment period of the meeting, multiple landlords voiced concerns that if this law was passed, they would have to discriminate against potential renters who did not live under a common household, violating California Fair Housing laws. Of the 23 stakeholders who spoke at the meeting, multiple landlords voiced concerns that if this law was passed, they would have to discriminate against potential renters who did not live under a common household, violating California Fair Housing laws.

App Addresses Homelessness

New smartphone technology connects users with shelters, clinics

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In an effort to ease the unique difficulties of youth homelessness, a group of Santa Clara students is developing two applications aimed at tackling the complicated issue.

The two-module system they created provides distinct applications. One targets homeless youth, while the other focuses on clinics and other organizations that provide aid to this population.

The application provides users with information about nearby shelters and health clinics, according to Santa Clara computer engineering graduate student Shyamala Devarapalli, who is working on the project.

The creators hope the application, aimed to help people between the ages of 16 and 24, will provide valuable tools to help combat sexual health issues, violence, STDs, and teen pregnancy are common among homeless youth.

The app locations nearby clinics and aid providers that homeless users might want to access. Users are