

Police dog sniffs out marijuana

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Meet Zeus. He works for the Mountain View Police Department and his most recent records state that in various cases spanning his career, Zeus has been instrumental in locating a total 1095 pounds of marijuana, 5 pounds of methamphetamine, 206 ecstasy pills, 7.6 pounds of cocaine, .5 pound of heroin and 325,591 US dollars. Yes, Zeus is a well-trained, highly-specialized professional, but he is not the typical enforcer of the law; He's a four-year-old Labrador.

The Mountain View Police trained Zeus and currently he is assigned to the Santa Clara County Specialized Enforcement Team, where his main job is to use his "highly-trained Labrador nose" to locate narcotics and cash. He joined the task force in June 2012.

Zeus specializes in locating narcotics and cash that have been hidden in creative places. He once notably sniffed out two pounds of methamphetamine that were hidden in a secret compartment in a car. After Zeus located 100 pounds of marijuana in a single drug bust in Oct. 2013, Mountain View police Lt. Chris Hsiung told the Mercury News, "We are extremely proud of Zeus' hard work at the Santa Clara County Specialized Enforcement Team. Our participation in this countywide unit is a testament to our commitment to reducing narcotics trafficking not only in Santa Clara County, but as this case demonstrates, across state lines."

When Zeus is not busy being involved in discovering felony amounts of drugs and cash, he enjoys to spend his time playing frisbee. The Mountain View Police Blog chronicles Zeus' adventures, where you can read more about his escapades and adventures with his K9 Unit. (Source: Mercury News, Mountain View Police Blog, NBC)



DRUG HUNT: Zeus has been instrumental in locating 1095 pounds of marijuana.



COP DOG: Zeus specializes in locating narcotics and cash hidden in creative places.



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DETECTIVE ZEUS: Zeus is assigned to Santa Clara County Specialized Enforcement Team.



SMELL AND SENTENCE: Zeus sniffs cars in order to find marijuana and cocaine.

Stanford charges alleged rapist

by Sarah Sullivan

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On Jan. 18, two students were riding their bikes around 1 AM on the Stanford University campus when they spotted a freshman Brock Allen Turner lying on top of an unconscious woman outside of several fraternity houses. When the alleged rapist saw the bikers, he attempted to flee, but was quickly caught and held until the police were called and arrived to arrest him. The woman had passed out after consuming numerous drinks, and Turner was intoxicated as well.

Turner was arrested and sent to the San Jose Main Jail and was later released on bail. The Santa Clara County district attorney has charged him with five felony counts, including two counts of sexual penetration with a foreign object and one count of raping an unconscious person. While pleading to police officers, he claimed that his "intentions were not to try and rape a girl without her consent." Turner says that he kept his pants on during the whole encounter, and that the woman was the one who initially led him outside, although he did admit to removing the woman's underwear.

The victim's sister, however, told a different story. She reported that an "aggressive" blonde man had repeatedly kissed and grabbed her sister's hips while she struggled. The victim also alluded to the possibility of a date rape drug, stating that

it was "weird" she passed out, as she had been able to ingest six drinks without falling unconscious. Turner was not a member of any of the fraternities at which the party was held, and the victim was not a student at the university.

Turner, a freshman on the school's varsity swim team, has since left the school and been banned from its campus. Turner is a three-time All-American high school swimmer and participated in the 2012 Olympic trials. Since his arrest, Turner has been banned for life from USA competitive swimming.

Recently, students nationwide have protested universities' lack of action in response to sexual assaults on female students, such as the student at Columbia University who carried a mattress to her classes last year to bring attention to her own assault, in which the rapist was never charged or punished. The difference between the Stanford case and other university assaults is that the school did not deal with the rape; law enforcement did. Instead of running to a teacher for help, the bikers called the police, who took immediate action. The management of this case sets an example for other schools, as victims of sexual assault do not have to worry about bias within the school or other lack of action.

Turner pleaded not guilty and was released on \$150,000 bail following his arrest. If convicted, Turner will face up to ten years in prison. His hearing will adjourn on Mar. 30. (Sources: Mercury News, NY Post)

Lawn in final stage

by Rowyn van Miltenburg

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On Wed., Feb. 4, the front lawn renovation progressed as the sod was placed. While the students may be graced with the sight of a green lawn once again, they will not have access to it until the sod sufficiently sets. The date of the re-opening of the front lawn is dependent on weather conditions.

Within the first few weeks of the school year, the front lawn was torn up and the renovation began. New tiles, a walkway, and green grass are just a few of the many improvements made thus far. By the end of February break, Assistant Principal **Kevin Rogers** says, "the construction team will be finishing some of the finer points of the project." These finer points include handrails on the front steps, restoring the terrazzo steps (the steps closer to the main doors), and final touches with landscaping.



SOD TAKES HOLD: The most time-consuming part of the process from here on out is the sod.

The project definitely adds beauty to the front of LGHS, but Rogers says it also "has given the school a sturdy, safe, level walkway that provides additional access to the school for our disabled students and neighbors." He added, "Another key benefit is that we improved the aging irrigation system so that it can more efficiently and reliably maintain the health of the lawn."

Students are eager to get back to the front lawn. Sophomore **Hannah Whitney** says, "I'm really excited to be able to eat lunch on the lawn again. It was a long process, but I think it will definitely pay off in the end."



photos H. Byun

THE PATH TO KNOWLEDGE: New pathways and stairs have been paved on the front lawn.

Although students are excited to get back on the front lawn, it could be awhile until the sod sets. Rogers explained access to the front lawn "will be up to the natural elements." The sod needs time to grow before students regain access. Excessive amounts of rain and cold weather could halt the process. The fencing will stay up until "field experts declare the lawn healthy and ready for use."

It could be awhile until the lawn is ready for students again, but Rogers says, "Construction for the front lawn project is almost finished and pretty close to being on schedule." He added, "Our main objective is that the front lawn is ready and open to host the graduation ceremony for the class of 2015."

LGHS digital photography contest winners announced

by Hyuntae Bun

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Beginning in November, the LGHS DigiPhoto class launched its annual photography contest, in which DigiPhoto students each submitted one photo to be judged. After several months of judging, class advisor **Ms. Christie** announced the winning photographs and their respective photographers.

After rigorous rounds of evaluation, Senior **Luc Huizinga** won first place, Junior **Serena Matley** won second, and Senior **Indra Gooris** won third. Nearly 150 students participated in the contest. From the initial pool of 150 students, the photos of 30 students were selected by local professional photographer Dave Lepori. Finally, the top three photographs were chosen, as well as a People's Choice photograph which was determined by popular vote via an online survey.

The theme of the competition was "A Day in the Life of California," and each of the winning photos reflected this, although methods for taking photos varied. For example, Huizinga's winning photograph portrayed a sunset and two silhouetted figures. He says that the photo was taken in Hollister, where he was four wheeling with friends. When he got to the top of the mountain, he was "struck by the colors of the sunset. It was kind of spontaneous."

Huizinga says that he spent only about ten minutes editing

his photo, as the natural colors and silhouette effects looked fantastic as they were. He says that his photo ties into the theme because it shows "living free, a sense of adventure, and being with friends." Since this is only his first year in DigiPhoto, Huizinga says that he was not expecting to win and was pleasantly surprised when he learned that his picture was selected as the first place winner.

Meanwhile, Matley took a different approach. Her picture showcased her kitten balancing on a ladder in front of shades. She said that she spent some time setting up the scene, although since her cats refused to sit still, "there was an element of spontaneity to it." She says that she spent about 30 minutes Photoshopping her creation, which fits into the theme because it subtly shows "the sun on the cat., and everyone thinks of the sun when they think of California. The sun in my picture wasn't bright or warm, though, since it was coming through the shades. It was a nice balance."

On the other hand, Gooris' picture was meticulously prepared. Her photo was a Photoshop of two photos overlaid on top of each other. She says that her photo reflects the quintessentially "Californian selfie concept, as well as balance." She decided upon her picture after her teacher picked it out from an array of other photos. Also a first-year DigiPhoto student (as well as a first-year LGHS student; she moved from Belgium this year), she was ecstatic and shocked that she won, although she hopes one day to become either a professional photographer or graphic designer.

Each winner received a free book containing the top 30 photographs as well as a monetary prize, with the first place winner receiving \$200, the second place winning \$100, and third place winning \$75. The photobook is available for public purchase for \$25 in the DigiPhoto room, room 508.



courtesy L. Huizinga

WINNER WINNER: Huizinga snags first place with his beautiful sunset photo.