Card Readers Cause Chaos

Dining points not accepted in Benson due to system update

Emma Pollans
The Santa Clara

It was near the end of lunch last Thursday when Benson Memorial Center suddenly emptied as students learned that all ACCESS card readers in the building had stopped functioning.

This affected all food stations in the Marketplace including 540, Fire, Globe, La Parilla, Mediterranean and Pacific Rim.

Despite places such as Mission Bakery accepting cash or credit cards, students were not able to use their dining points and quickly cleared out in search of other food options.

"The outage was an inconvenience and I wasn’t able to get lunch in Benson that day," said sophomore Felicia Jarrin about the system failure.

This outage occurred on Jan. 24 and lasted from 2:05 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

This time on Thursdays is when Benson is often crowded, with students seeking lunch following classes that finish at 1:50 p.m.

An outage like this one has not occurred in the recent past, and administrators hope this inconvenience does not happen again.

According to Associate Vice President for Auxiliary Services Robin Reynolds, it was caused when an onsite administrator updated the point-of-sale (POS) system—the self-serve machines where students order their food.

The system is regularly updated, with this particular update affecting the card readers.

As a result of the update, the ACCCESS card readers were no longer functioning properly, preventing students from being able to use their dining points to pay for food at Benson.

In an effort to prevent future outages from occurring, any updates or actions will be conducted between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. if possible.

The POS systems as well as the ACCESS card readers are managed by the ACCESS card office and the technology unit of the Auxiliary Services division.

The new POS systems, which were introduced to students following the renovation of the Benson Memorial Center, have not yet been completely implemented to their full capacity, according to Reynolds.

This includes allowing for mobile orders through Blackboard, which students have just recently been able to use to order drinks from Mission Bakery.

Blackboard will replace Tapingo, and students will be able to use this mobile app to order at cafes around campus in the next few weeks. Eventually, students will be able to use Blackboard to order food as well.

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Harris Ignites Inspiration

Native Bay Area senator launches presidential campaign in Oakland

Kimi Andrew
The Santa Clara

Standing tall behind a podium in front of thousands of people in her hometown of Oakland, Sen. Kamala Harris officially initiated her 2020 campaign to run for president.

Last week’s announcement came after months of rumors that the outspoken, first-term California senator would be a contender in the 2020 election.

“We are here because the American dream and our American democracy are under attack and on the line like never before,” Harris said at the Sunday, Jan. 27 event.

Santa Clara sophomore and political science and communication double major Ciara Moezidis attended Harris’ campaign announcement with fellow members of the club Ignite. Moezidis is trying to reimplement Ignite, a former Registered Student Organization geared toward women in politics, after inactivity for over a year.

“The club is non-partisan but we are just trying to take any opportunity for us and get politically active.”

Moezidis said “The club is non-partisan but we are just trying to take any opportunity to go and get politically active.”

She says that even without the club, she would have gone anyway because Harris is a woman of color from the Bay Area, just like Moezidis.

“I got five of us from Santa Clara to get in a car and drive up to Oakland,” Moezidis said.

“The lines were insane—you had to stand in line for hours just to get to the front.”

Also in attendance at the event was Shelly Bailes and her wife Ellen Pontac, longtime gay rights activists and strong supporters of Harris.

“We love to show up at places and show support,” Bailes said. “Even though there were 20,000 people there, we were glad to be two of them.”

Bailes and her wife were one of the first couples to get married in California when the state legalized gay marriage in June 2008—in fact, they got married the minute it became legal in the state.

One of the reasons Bailes supports Harris is because of her defense of gay marriage in light of Proposition 8, which retracted California’s legalization of gay marriage in November 2008 but was subsequently ruled unconstitutional by a federal court in 2010.

“When Prop 8 was finally overturned, [lawmakers] said people couldn’t get married for 30 days,” Bailes said. “Kamala said, ‘No way, these people have been waiting to get married’ and she overturned that rule and that brought us to love her even more.”

Harris spent her early years in politics serving San Francisco as the city’s District Inspector.
Rats Raise the Roof-Off-Campus

**Rodent infestation found in Neighborhood Unit**

Sasha Todd
**THE SANTA CLARA**

When 15 college-aged boys share a house, it’s no surprise that the place isn’t always spotless.

But when they started hearing noises in the walls and realized they might have a rodent problem, the students were unsettled by what was found waiting for them in their oven.

Upon arriving home following winter break, the housemates were greeted by an unwelcome addition to their living quarters: rats feces all over their humble abode.

It was found everywhere from their beds to inside their oven. The students had to fix the problem. It was a really bad situation, but the school was available for the most part. We never felt like we were left to fend for ourselves.”

As of week four, the rodents have all been exterminated and no new rodents have been found.

The students are relieved the ordeal is over and grateful the university acted quickly.

“It was a horrible situation that got much worse over winter break, but the school was able to help us out as much as they could,” senior Nick Pappas said. “It took a while but it’s a bigger problem than what meets the eye and the school was very responsive and helpful throughout the process and we are thankful for that.”

The Housing Office had no comment on the matter.

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**Global**

• Rapper 21 Savage was taken into custody by Immigration Customs and Enforcement on Sunday, Feb. 3. The artist, whose real name is Shayabbin Abraham-Joseph is not a U.S. citizen and entered the U.S legally in 2005 but did not leave the country after his tourist visa expired.

• Researchers used a undersize robot to disperse coral larvae and rebuild parts of the Great Barrier Reef in Australia on Monday, Feb. 4.

• During a news conference aboard the papal plane on Wednesday, Feb. 6, Pope Francis acknowledged the sexual abuse of nuns by Church officials.

**National**

• President Trump delivered his second State of the Union address on Tuesday, Feb. 5. He maintained his stance on immigration and made his case to Democrats for funding the wall at the border of Mexico.

• A jogger in Horsetooth Mountain Park in Colorado killed a mountain lion in self-defense on Tuesday, Feb. 5, after being attacked from behind. The man suffocated the mountain lion and then traveled to a nearby hospital.

• Founder of the Proud Boys Gavin McInnes is suing the Southern Poverty Law Center for defamation after it named the Proud Boys on its watchlist of hate groups as of Tuesday, Feb. 5. The men-only group describes itself as an organization of “Western chauvinists who refuse to apologize for creating the modern world.” Ten Proud Boys members have been arrested in connection to violence.

**Santa Clara**

• The Department of Theatre and Dance will host the annual dance performance “Images” at 8 p.m. on Feb. 7-9 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 10 in Mayer Theatre. The show features multiple dance genres, from ballet and modern to theatre jazz.

• The Josh D. Reed Group will perform as part of the Faculty Recital Series on Friday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall. Reed has toured the world with his music, a fusion of jazz, indie rock and pop.
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California Senator
Launches Campaign

Harris’ 2020 presidential campaign comes
with promises to focus on unification of the
country rather than increasing the partisan divide.

“If I have the honor of being your president,
I will tell you this: I am not perfect,” Harris said at her campaign
launch. “But I will always speak with decency
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“She’s a real human being,” Bailes said about
Harris. “She shows that she’s a human every
time we see her. She’s so sweet and so regular
compared to what we have.”

While some of the campaign launch attendees
are sure of their support for Harris more than
a year and a half out from the 2020 elections,
others are still testing the waters.

“I’m not sure who I’m supporting at the mo-
ment but I think that it’s really important to
get educated right now since it’s still early on,”
Moezidis said. “Given Kamala Harris is techni-
cally one of our own in California, I felt it was
important to see where she was coming from,
especially as a woman of color who offers a lot
different intersectional backgrounds that many
people can appeal to.”

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Officials Sketch Out
Development Plans

Neighborhood gears
up for continued
development

Anthony Alegrete
ASSOCIATE REPORTER

Due to the rapid growth of the city of
Santa Clara, major structural and devel-
opment changes are set to occur both on
and off campus in coming years.

The Neighborhood University Rela-
tions Committee (NURC) hosted a forum
meeting so concerned residents of the
city could hear updates spanning from
construction to police report on Monday,
Feb. 4.

This meeting, which included a col-
lection of city government officials like
Vice Mayor Patricia Mahan, delved into
topics such as university and city devel-
opment as well as the city’s cleanup and
yard policies.

Representatives also detailed upcom-
ing construction possibilities to be con-
ducted on campus.

These updates included approved
projects such as the completed Charney
School of Law, the currently under con-
struction Finn Residence Hall and the
incoming Sobrato Campus for Discovery
and Innovation.

Additionally, projects that have yet to
undergo city review were also discussed.
These included a Benson Memorial Cen-
ter addition, another residence hall, as
well as an extension to the law library.

As scheduled, there is one project in-
tended to come under review by the city
in the coming months. City of Santa Clara
Planning Manager Reena Brilliot shared
updates on these developments.

“The athletic buildings is under the city’s
review in the planning division,” Brilliot
said. “It includes a new 48k square foot
building including basketball and volley-
ball courts, academic advising offices and a
juice bar. It is tentatively scheduled for our
architecture committee on March 6.”

City development plans were also dis-
cussed. This plan would retilm a down-
town area to the Santa Clara community.

While the city has gained around
130,000 square feet to rebuild a new down-
town, Brilliot believes that this plan has
more important purpose.

“What this precise plan is really going
to is figure out what this community’s
vision is for this downtown and what is
the right size of development to fulfill this
vision,” Brilliot said.

This plan intends on bringing a new
grid to downtown Santa Clara to replace
the former downtown.

While construction on this site has yet
to begin, much of the legislative planning
and approval has been undergone or at
least is planned to be completed.

The NURC hosted key members of both
the city and the university this past meet-
ing, allowing for this transition period
of growth to be as comfortable as possible
for both the residents and the students of
Santa Clara.

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Contact CAPS at Cowell Center for a counseling appointment
Super Bowl Sunday Show Seems Spiritless

Brandon Schultz

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Maroon 5, Big Boi and Travis Scott aren't enough to save the NFL from itself.

The following is an interview with Derek Lewis, a graduate of Santa Clara University who will be joining the Spring Hill College, Italy Center in Bologna.

Derek Lewis graduated from Santa Clara in 2017 with a degree in finance. He is now working as a program coordinator for the Spring Hill College Italy Center in Bologna.

Derek Lewis: Actually, the first class I ever took at Santa Clara was business ethics. It was symbolic of my educational journey because I really enjoyed that class, reading case studies about ethical companies, thinking about decision metrics and ethical companies and what they experience for the world. That experience led me to the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics and I got involved there.

GC: After I graduated in 2017, I had opportunities to stay in the Bay Area, then I had this opportunity to come and work in Italy. I think it's a lot easier to go back to the United States and reinvest yourself in that network than it is to come to Europe. That was the decision-making process I went through. That if I didn't like working abroad I could still come back to the Bay Area whereas if I passed up this opportunity to leave now I might get hooked into that work in the Bay Area.

GC: What are your thoughts on what the future of work will look like, especially as it applies to immigration? There's a fear that people at the bottom will be left behind and inequity will increase. Do you think we can stop this or will the system eventually be self-correcting?

Derek Lewis: If you could send a message to every person in the United States, what would you want to say? Do you think we can get to a world where someone can migrate to a country like Italy and find sustainable work?

GC: There are pros and cons in the cultures that I've seen and traveled to, and I think depending on what you value in life, other cultures might do it better than us.

To listen to the full interview, visit voicesofsantaclara.com or search “Voices of Santa Clara” on the iTunes Podcast App.
Trumping Taco Bell: the True American Favorite

Fast food fakers stand no chance in the taqueria game

Perla Luna & Noah Sonnenburg
THE SANTA CLARA

American voters have made horrifying decisions before. But nothing compares to the absolute travesty of voting the bowl-shattering Taco Bell as America’s favorite Mexican restaurant, as a poll recently announced in The Harris.

Rather than idly let a chain of cheap, grossly garish be deemed America’s favorite, The Santa Clara is taking a bold stance against oily, dorito-wrapped crimes against nature. We’re here to support the wealth of heritage, history and flavors found in the gentle, starchy embrace of the handmade tortillas made in every family-owned taqueria and carniceria across our state.

Sure, who among us hasn’t found heaven in Crunchwrap Supreme at some low point or another? We get it. Our problem lies in rewarding Taco Bell for its bland version of Mexican cuisine—whose business model it had to steal in the first place.

Gustavo Arellano, author of “Taco USA: How Mexican Food Conquered America,” breaks this down in David Chang’s show “Ugly Delicious.” The way he frames it, Glenn Bell—founder of Taco Bell—was facing fierce burger competition from a nearby McDonald’s. So Glenn did the most reasonable thing he could think of: He took the recipes of an immigrant family and built himself a billion dollar empire.

Bell would visit Milla Cafe—the oldest Mexican restaurant in the United States—every day after working his burger stand across the street and pick apart their tacos until he learned how to adapt that to a fast food format. Truly an American icon. It would be one thing if America’s #1 Mexican restaurant was one owned by a Mexican owner, or was founded by someone of Mexican descent. Here, in keeping with the American ideal of a cultural melting pot, it would be best that this king among restaurants be one owned by a Mexican owner, or was founded by someone of Mexican descent. Here, in keeping with the American ideal of a cultural melting pot, it would be best that this king among restaurants be the successor story of a person showcasing their culture to the whole nation. Instead, we get Taco Bell.

But the hole-in-the-wall taqueria is a dining experience that is thankfully far from extinction. With the results of the Harris Poll weighing on our minds, The Santa Clara headed to Taqueria Eduardo in a simple act of gastronomic solidarity.

Tucked into the humblest, bluest building on all of San Jose’s Race Street, Taqueria Eduardo is a perfect place to visit. With the results of the Harris Poll weighing on our minds, The Santa Clara headed to Taqueria Eduardo in a simple act of gastronomic solidarity.

Taqueria Eduardo has many locations in the area. The menu is limited but provides a satisfactory variety of options for anyone seeking a satisfying meal. While in a humble building, the restaurant is packed with a lot of energy and plenty of food. Whether you’re looking for a simple snack or a big plate, Taqueria Eduardo is a perfect place to visit.

The walls of the seating are decked with cheesy, stereotypically authentic accoutrements—gourds on a string, potted plants and images of spices ground in a molcajete. It’s perfect.

Let’s mention that the music was a step beyond ideal. Juanes and Alejandro Fernandez? Can it possibly get any better than that? Ambiance is key, people.

The horchata was decidedly watery but it wasn’t overpoweringly cinnamon-y like at Ta-comania. The shrimp taco was preferred over the over-breaded fish one, but both were good. The salsas were okay, nothing to write home about but the red salsa was definitely stronger than the green one. It was actually spicy.

While the pescatarian options left something to be desired, the earth-dwelling options were exceptional. The carne asada was done just right. Chopped to a point of near invisibility, the beef was seared masterfully with a flavor that makes you question why you would even consider eating at La Parilla.

But the carnitas taco takes the cake. It’s humble and diminutive just like its chalupa compatriots, but it outpaces them in every respect. The meat was flavorful and full of moisture. Still, it retained a distinct crispiness. The crunch of the meat felt like a tasteful accompaniment.

It’s experiences and places like this which make you question why you would ever go to Taco Bell. And more importantly, why you would support the theft of culture when you can celebrate one that lives on despite its corporate competition.

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May 14, 1948 marks the founding of the state of Israel and the beginning of the United States’ largest overseas aid mission to date. This ardently supported Israel is summed up by two astonishing statistics. The Congressional Research Service reports that since 1948, the United States has given over $134 billion in military and economic support of Israel and within the next 10 years that support is meant to increase by an additional $38 billion. After reading these numbers one may wonder why American taxpayers are funding Israel’s army. Some government officials will say we are supporting a beacon of democracy in a fractured Middle East. Others might say it is in America’s best interest to have a strong Israel as an ally. And still others in the lobbying community will insist that is simply the way it is and how it will continue to be. But I question the validity of all of these answers.

Upon examining some of the ways in which Israel utilizes American taxpayers’ money, it becomes clear that the building of illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank is one example. The 1967 war, Israel built scores of illegal settlements in the West Bank in order to expand the building of illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank. After the 1967 war, Israel built scores of illegal settlements in the West Bank, thousands of Palestinians were evicted and watched their homes get bulldozed or were killed. The United Nations calls the settlements “a flagrant violation of international law.” Equality as shamless as Israel’s indiscriminate killing of Palestinians. Human rights organization Amnesty International reports that since 1967, Israel has unlawfully killed over 15,000 Palestinian civilians, 2,000 of whom were children. These murders are perpetuated against refugees struggling to survive and are justified under dubious military actions. The most prominent example of this are the one-dozon Israeli invasions of the Gaza Strip. The argument that our aid supports a democratic Israel is unfounded because for one-fifth of those living in Israel, democracy is a far cry from reality. Palestinian refugees living in the Gaza Strip and West Bank are denied the right to vote, to move freely, to assemble or to have many other basic human rights. In occupied territory, the Israeli military patrols freely and arrests and imprisons Palestinians for months without trial. If this is the democratic system the United States supports, then there are far greater moral and ethical questions that need answering. Our alliance with Israel has furthered some American interests in the past, but today it hurts America. Israeli influence was instrumental in the decision to pullout of the Iran nuclear deal, which in fact was in America’s best interest. Additionally, our unquestioning support of Israel and the use of American arms to kill innocent civilians has created countless armed groups united in their hatred of the U.S.

I do not argue for total withdrawal of aid to Israel, but I implore Americans to question how their government spends their tax dollars. Do Americans want their money backing an apartheid state? Do Americans want their money buying weapons used to kill innocent men, women and children? Do Americans want their money used to evict refugees from their homes? I believe a resounding no is the answer to all of these questions. Now is the moment where we as a nation can be on the right side of history, where we can take issue with Israel’s actions and can pressure our government to change its policy toward Israel.
Men's Tennis Stays Winning

**Neck and neck matches end in losses**

**John Brussa**

Sports Editor

Men’s Tennis traveled to Seattle this past weekend to take on both Liberty (0-3) and the University of Washington (1-2) in the latter’s indoor Nordstrom Tennis Center.

After sweeping UC Santa Cruz and Sonoma State the previous weekend, the Broncos faced Liberty in their first match on Saturday and cruised to a 6-1 victory. On court three, seniors Robert Seby and Connor Garnett paired up to defeat their doubles opponents 6-0.

Junior Yasielis Hopoleus and first-year Arthur Neubaus likewise secured the Broncos’ doubles point on court two and kickedstarted a 6-1 Santa Clara victory.

The following day, the Broncos were tied with UW heading into the final singles contest of the day. After Santa Clara lost the doubles point for the first time in four matches, the match coater was up in the hands of Seby on court six.

The momentum shifted in Washington’s favor after he dropped the first set. However, it would be short-lived as Seby orchestrated a come-from-behind victory, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, to clinch a 4-3 victory for the Broncos.

Men’s Tennis will hit the road once again to take on Utah State tomorrow at 10 a.m.

**SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Right from the get-go, the San Francisco Dons took control of Saturday afternoon’s game against Women’s Basketball at the Leavey Center. The Dons, who scored first, held an unwavering lead from the very beginning until the end.**

The Broncos shot just 25.9 percent from the field in the first half, but began to pick it up in the third quarter. At one point, Santa Clara trailed by just one point before the Dons closed out the period with eight unanswered points. With 3:53 remaining in the game, the Broncos were once again close enough to smell victory, trailing 46-44, but San Francisco pulled away and cemented their 57-40 win.

Junior Tricia Hay, who is averaging 15.4 points per game, led the Broncos with 11 points and six assists, nine of which came during the second half of the game.

Women's Basketball will host LMU tonight at 7 p.m. in the Leavey Center.

**Men’s Basketball**

SANTA CLARA, Calif.—In the final matchup of their three-game homestand, Men’s Basketball took on Portland—currently last place in the WCC—Saturday night at the Leavey Center.

Despite the Broncos holding a 54-44 lead with just under two minutes left in regulation, the Pilots rallied off four 3-pointers and tied the game up at 56—all—the equalizing shot coming with just 6.1 seconds remaining.

First-year guard Trey Wertz raced up the court to get a shot off, but could not do so before the buzzer sounded and sent the game into overtime.

Santa Clara kicked off the extra time scoring six unanswered points—four of which came from first-year guard Keshawn Justice, who had a career-high tying 17 points on the night—and coasted to 69-63 win thereafter.

Justice was among four other Bronco who had a double-digit scoring night.

Men’s Basketball leads to Pepperdine (11-12, 4-5 WCC) today to take on the Waves.

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**MLB Holdouts**

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of the free agency and be ready to find a comfortable position in the lineup. "I have confidence we’ve put this together," tweeted Jon Heyman of MLB Network Insider.

Padres ownership is said to view Bryce Harper as a business/marketing opportunity,” tweeted Jon Heyman of MLB Network Insider. Not only is Harper a standout on the field, but he would also be utilized as a marketing opportunity for the club.

The White Sox are also in the running for either top-tier player. "They are in pursuit of both, although never mentioning either one by name," said Chicago White Sox reporter Scott Merkin late December. "They certainly have the payroll flexibility to do so, by design, with this offseason as a target."

The Chicago White Sox had the third worst record in the league in 2018, losing 100 games. Obtaining Harper and Machado, who are considered to be “franchise-changing players” could turn things around for the Sox in 2019. With approximately one week until the 2019 spring training season begins, Bryce Harper and Manny Machado could be moments away from picking up their new homes—redefining this year’s competition in Major League Baseball.

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**UPCOMING GAMES**

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Santa Clara @ San Francisco
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**Women’s Basketball**

LMU @ Santa Clara
Thurs. 2/7 | 7:00 p.m.

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**Oakland Raiders look to Levi’s for season home**

**Kyle Lydon**

The Raiders opted out of using the Oakland Coliseum during the 2019-2020 season while they await their move to Las Vegas. The team is currently in negotiations to either use the stadium of the San Francisco Giants or share a venue with their rivals, the 49ers.

**Highly-Sought MLB Players Await Big Pay Day**

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Two of baseball’s biggest superstars—Bryce Harper and Manny Machado—are still unclaimed by a single major league team just days away from spring training. This is despite interest from the Phillies, Padres and White Sox.

Following the Super Bowl on Sunday evening, Harper appeared to answer one of baseball’s biggest mysteries—where he will play next—with an obscure message on Twitter that put fans in a frenzy. He tweeted the word, “Loading…” which some viewed as Harper hinting the close proximity of his final decision announcement.

However, the tweet could also be a reference to MLB The Show 19, a video game scheduled for release on March 26. Harper was selected as the cover athlete for the video game—a big honor for any ballplayer. Yet, since Harper is still a free agent, the trailer and the final version of the game have not yet been released to the public, fueling the speculation.

MLB The Show 19 simulated 30 different seasons, each with Harper on a different team, and has been releasing those simulations via Twitter. Harper has been following along on Twitter himself, but has not released any major clues as to what uniform he will sport in the upcoming season.

To understand why these players are so desirable in the MLB market, it is important to know the value they bring to the diamond. The goal of baseball is to win games, and a player’s defensive value. This was considered a "down year" for Harper by his standards, but he is still a top-tier talent in the game.

Machado (Baltimore Orioles and Los Angeles Dodgers) had a similar looking year, recording .297/.376/.538 with 37 home runs and a .537 on-base plus slugging percentage (OPS). Both players were selected to the 2018 All-Star Game, with Machado named the starting shortstop.

Statistics aside, the deciding factors for both players include salary and the longevity option player ever to be selected to an All-Star game at just 19 years old that same year. His 9.3 WAR in 2015 allowed him to win the National League Most Valuable Player, once again being the youngest MLB baseball player ever to do so.

Machado earned a spot on the 2018 American League All-Star Team, and won the Gold Glove award that same year.

In the 2018 season, Harper (Washington Nationals) recorded 249/.393/.496 batting average, on base percentage and slugging percentage with 34 home runs. His on-base plus slugging percentage of .889 also adds to his offensive value. This was considered a "down year" for Harper by his standards, but he is still a top-tier talent in the game.

"That'd be great for us as general football fans," junior Shane Hughes said. "We could go to so many more football games if they played at Oracle Park."

Colbert agrees. "That would also be really great because I could take CalTrain up to the field and be right there," he said. "There'd be a bit of a bummer because there is something great about having everyone in the home stadium rooting for the same team. I know I’m going to miss the atmosphere at the old stadium in Oakland.”

Reports surrounding the newly-named Oracle Park were released on Sunday, when NBC Bay Area reported the Raiders and Giants had reached a deal to use the stadium for the 2019 season.

However, while the two may have allegedly agreed to a plan for the next year, the deal still needs to be approved by the NFL before the official announcement is confirmed.

Along with approval from the NFL, the San Francisco 49ers would need to waive their territorial rights in San Francisco, which also has not happened yet.

This is due to the league's bylaws, which state that both teams have “exclusive right” to play in their respective cities and that neither the San Francisco nor the Oakland club shall have any right to play professional football in the city of the other club.

While the Oakland Coliseum is sure to be missed by life-long Raiders fans and a temporary home is yet to be officially announced, a certain move to Las Vegas in 2020 will keep 49ers and Raiders fans separated long enough to settle some court cases—at least for a while.

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