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■ WORLD NEWS

Egyptian President announces plans for stepping down

Hannah Allam & Shashank Bengali McClatchy Tribune

CAIRO — Faced with an unprecedented popular revolt that drew record crowds of protesters to downtown Cairo Tuesday, U.S.-backed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said he would step down before elections this fall, a humbling end to his 30 years of authoritarian rule.

"I will say, with all honesty and without looking at this particular situation, that I was not intending to stand for the next elections because I've spent enough time serving Egypt," Mubarak said in a televised speech. "I'm now careful to conclude my work for Egypt by presenting Egypt to the next government in a constitutional

Mubarak acted after President Barack Obama sent a special envoy to Cairo, urging him not to seek re-election, and following calls from Turkey and Iran to step down.

Obama later telephoned Mubarak, and in a "direct and frank" 30-minute conversation, told him an orderly transition to a new regime had to begin immediately, the White House said.

In a nationally televised appearance, Obama all but ignored Mubarak's announcement, declaring that "an orderly transition must be meaningful, must be peaceful and must begin now."

Initial reaction was mostly negative among protesters in Tahrir Square, where earlier Tuesday, hundreds of thousands of Egyptians — more than a million by some estimates — staged a festive rally to demand the president's

"He's leaving! He's leaving!" some protesters shouted gleefully. More than an hour after he spoke, however, chants continued to echo from Tahrir Square as protesters vowed to keep flooding Egypt's streets until Mubarak heeded their demand to resign immediately.

'We have only one condition: We need Mubarak to be out of our lives," said Mostafa Fathy, 28, an online journalist and activist. "He's supposed to be out of the game now."

The 82-year-old Mubarak appeared to make some concessions to the protesters, saying there should be presidential term limits and fewer restrictions on who can run for public office. But he didn't dissolve parliament, which is filled almost completely with members of his ruling party.

"In my whole life, I've never known another president, and suddenly I can't imagine how he can stay for even one more day," said Tasneem Osman, 26. "He has to go. He

Despite the obstacles, this week-old rebellion with no

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Photo: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

Professor Efraim Inbar speaks to an audience about the ongoing strife in the Middle East.

Visiting professor predicts endless conflict in Middle East

Kyle Szymanski Senior Staff Writer

During a visit to SJSU Monday, a professor from Jerusalem said he believes the discord between the Israelis and Palestinians will never end.

"Here in the West, you have a tendency to look for solutions," said Efraim Inbar, a political studies professor at Bar-Ilan University in Jerusalem. "I see no resolution of this conflict."

Inbar made the prediction during the Robert Levinson Memorial Lecture at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library in front of

about 30 people. Levinson of the SJSU Muslim Students on the security of Israel and was a former SJSU professor and founder of the Jewish Studies Program.

Inbar said his prediction stems from his belief that the Palestinians' close ties with Hamas, the Palestinian Islamist political party, offers little room for compromise between Israel and Palestine.

Israel's attempts to make peace with the Palestinians since 1993 — with no success — also helped Inbar form his prediction, he said.

"Palestine is not a partner that can deliver on a promise anytime soon," Inbar said. "Palestinians like Hamas and Hamas has no solution."

Dijana Sirovica, president

Association, said Inbar's the different threat levels views paint an unjust picture he believes are posed by the of the situation that exists between the Israelis and Pal-

sue," she said. "It is based on he said, citing that he bethe assumption that all of lieves countries in that re-Hamas is made up of zealous way to deal with them.

"This is largely an exaggeration as Hamas is not a monolith and there are various groups and individuals within Hamas who are fanatical extremists and there are various groups and individuals who are not."

Inbar offered commentary See **CONFLICT** page 2

countries surrounding the

Much of the Arab world 'This is an unfair and bi- is comprised of states with ased outlook towards the is- little ability to harm Israel, gion can't even deliver basic fanatics and that there is no needs to their people, update their way of life or make their economies flourish on a global scale.

> Junior history major Erika Marcos said she enjoyed the presentation, but felt Inbar was biased in his opinions.

Campus groups work to ease construction burdens

Nic Aguon Staff Writer

As the construction of the new Student Union continues, on-campus organizations are trying to limit its impact on students.

The construction, located on the Paseo De Cesar Chavez, began in July 2010 and is set to be finished in 2013. Cathy Busalacchi, associate vice president of

campus life at SJSU, explained that the university will soon put up additional signage to help direct students around the construction site and to the Spartan Bookstore. SJSU's More Campus Life news feed said

building demolition on the west side of the Student Union is continuing this week. The construction team is striving to limit the bulk of the loudest work to hours outside of peak class time.

In November 2010, plywood fencing was erected around where the new Student Union is set to be. Busalacchi said the fences are thick and adorned in blue paint to match the school colors.

"The boards are painted to handle the weather," she said. "If they weren't painted, the boards would

She said the blue fences were built specifically to reduce the amount of noise from the construction. Freshman psychology major Lauren Sanford said the construction around campus is inconve-

nient for her. "The large walls are in the way of easy routes to class and aren't pleasant to look at," she said. "It definitely changed the atmosphere around campus."



Photo: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

Students walk past the plywood walls erected to minimize noise from ongoing construction.

Busalacchi said the school is collaborating with the art department to pick panels along the construction site on which to paint Vincent van Gogh and Claude Monet portraits.

Brian Taylor, department chair of art and design, is spearheading the upcoming art project.

"We're going to paint up a storm," Taylor said. "It's a great way to add life, energy and positive

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Students strive to balance demands of college life

Alex Wara Staff Writer

SJSU students are finding ways to deal with the stress that comes from being a student.

The associate chair of the English department said she thinks that students cannot do it all at once, and that having a job and handling school is sometimes too much to handle.

"I tell my students all the time they can have it all in life, just not at the same time," Bonnie Cox said.

The new semester has just started but students are still feeling the pressure to juggle classes, jobs and a social life.

"A lot of people are stressed about money issues," said junior art major Katie Sill. "One of my best friends couldn't come back this semester because of money problems."

The Peer Mentor Center is a place located on campus that students can go to for help with papers or just a place to talk to someone that is a student just like them, said Elise MacDonald, a team leader at the center.

"There is a huge influx of students during the time of

midterms and finals," said Mac-Donald a senior, social science for teaching major. "It's a madhouse in here."

Some students do not feel as stressed as others, said Nethania Cintra, a junior fine arts major.

"I have not been stressed but my sister was last semester because she was taking too many classes," she said. "She was learning English and also taking it as her major. She ended up having to drop a class because it became too much work for her."

Some students who are firstyear transfers to the campus have not felt any stress yet, said Cory Brown, a junior hospitality, recreation and tourism ma-

"I transferred from Ohlone and I could definitely tell that people there were stressed." Brown said. "I know how to handle it and not to take too many classes."

According to the SJSU Counseling Services website, an SJSU student can get up to six free counseling sessions in different areas of concern. Counseling services can provide students with help in crises, couple counseling and individual counseling, and

promises confidentiality.

"A lot of people do get sick from being stressed and if you do fail a semester it is not the end of the world," Sill said.

Finding alternatives to relieve the stress is what students should do, Cintra said.

"When my sister was stressed she started exercising and doing cardio," she said. "I think it is about getting in touch with yourself and doing what you are interested in."

Cox said she thinks the older students are able to better understand that they cannot have it all and he or she is able to prioritize what is more important.

'The students who don't try to do it all do it better. No one can do everything well all the time," Cox said.

Students who are stressed should communicate with his or her teachers and peers, Sill

"I had some pretty rough times in college, it can be difficult," she said. "I think that when people come to college it's a big transition so there is going to be a lot of changes, there are adjustments that are going to have to be made."

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Medical marijuana extravaganza lights up San Jose

Convention attracts medical marijuana users from around the Bay.

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clearly defined leadership drew massive crowds in an atmosphere that was peaceful and jubilant well into the night. Young protesters made up chants like freestyle rappers, playing with puns and rhymes. Placards depicted Mubarak as Hitler or with devilish horns. An effigy of the president dangled from a noose tied to a traffic light.

"The people said it clearly: They want a new democratic regime and this regime has lost its legitimacy," opposition politician Mohamed El-Baradei told Al-Jazeera television. "I would have liked that President Mubarak would listen to the sounds of the millions that went out today."

Even Mubarak's immediate ouster, the movement has achieved in a week something opposition groups have attempted in vain for

decades. Mubarak was forced to name his firstever vice president, the former intelligence chief Omar Suleiman. Habib el Adly, the interior minister who was detested for the alleged brutality of his police force, was unceremoniously sacked.

A young boy was perched on a man's shoulders, waving an Egyptian flag as he yelled a chant aimed at Suleiman. The newly appointed vice president is a strong contender for interim leadership should Mubarak leave sooner.

"We don't need America's man. Omar Suleiman, leave the country!" the boy shouted. More than a dozen adult protesters chanted along with

him, cheering and snapping photos.

The anti-government movement has steadily grown more defiant and more disciplined. While military tanks hung back on the outskirts of the square, citizen volunteers checked IDs and searched Egyptians streaming into the square. In the middle of the frenzy, ordinary people were collecting trash — a rare sight in Egypt even when the country is not in turmoil.

"I came for the liberation of my country," said Yahya Zakaria, 29, slight man with sunken cheeks who took a bus several hundred miles

> from southern Egypt to Cairo to participate in the Jan. 25 protest, the first major rally. He's been camping in the square ever since, and on Tuesday he picked up gar-

Zakaria's voice was hoarse from chanting slogans such as, "Mubarak, you are cheap; Egypt is worth more than you!" He needed a change of clothes, but he seemed convinced that the only president he's ever known was on his way out.

"Before, I didn't love my country," he said. "Now I

love my country a lot."

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to stand for the next

elections because I've

spent enough time

Hosni Mubarak

Egyptian President

serving Egypt."

Some in the crowd greeted Mubarak's announcement with satisfaction. Moataz Shalaby, 27, a real-estate salesman who brought a "Mubarak, Get Out" sign to the square Tuesday afternoon, said after the speech that at least Egyptians had the end of the Mubarak era in

He said he would have been happier if Mubarak said he would dissolve the parliament after his ruling National Democratic Party won 97 percent of the seats in November elections that were widely described as rigged.

OBITUARY

Former Spartan Daily editor dies

Ron Gleeson Staff Writer

Monte Dayton, former Spartan Daily editor-in-chief died on Jan. 16 at the age of

Dayton rose to the newspaper's top position in the winter quarter of 1951, and graduated from SJSU with a degree in journalism in 1952.

Born on April 2, 1931, in Pacific Grove, Calif., he had aspirations in journalism throughout his college career and even further beyond then, said his stepson Steven Thomas, of Lodi, Calif.

He began his journalism career right out of college when he started off as a writer for the Daly City Record and Westlake Times as an editor. He then joined the San Mateo Times in 1962, where he worked until 1989, mostly as advertising director after be-

ing promoted to the position in 1969, Thomas said.

He said Dayton wrote his own obituary and described himself as a very active and adventurous man.

Thomas also said Dayton served as president of both Rotary and San Mateo Chamber of Commerce in San Mateo, Calif. as well as a director for the Red Cross for 25 years.

Dayton retired in 1989 and began his second career as the first director of the Leadership San Mateo program, which connects local government leaders into networking, Thomas said.

Thomas added that Dayton also served as a board member for the California Newspaper Advertising Executives Association, and held the honor of being elected as president of the California group in 1971-1972.

Dayton moved to Lodi Funeral Home.

in 2001 with his wife Melva. She died on Jan. 17, 2003, Thomas said.

While living in Lodi, he worked with the Lodi Chamber of Commerce on the Ambassador Committee, Thom-

as said. 'The latter years of his life were difficult for the family to see him go through old age because he was such an active human being," Thomas said.

Dayton however did find some compassion in these trying times from his long time friend and soulmate, Patricia DiSalvo, of San Bruno, Calif, Thomas said.

He was survived by his children Debbie Dayton of Coupeville, Wash., Greg Dayton of Fremont, Calif. and Kurt Dayton of Stockton, Calif., according to Thomas.

Dayton was laid to rest on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Lodi

CAMPUS VOICES

By: Shirene Niksadat

How do you deal with stress?

I like to dance

it out, mostly to

hip hop or even



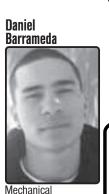
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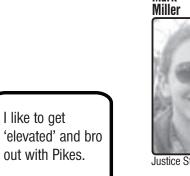
Timmy

whatever's stressing me out. If I'm at home, I'll just watch TV or do something else to get away from the stress.

I try to ignore



Engineering



I breathe, and then I make a game plan.



I try to avoid stressful situations in the first place. I schedule my classes away from the morning ones, and I don't drive so I don't worry about traffic.



Before I used to keep it inside and just confide in myself, but that was not working out. Now I like to go for a quick jog or run around my neighborhood to ease the stress.

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spirit to these walls."

He said students from the art history and fine arts departments will paint the walls, along with the Dirty Brushes, an oncampus art club.

Taylor said the art history students will choose self-portraits by famous artists. Following the selection, the artists will paint portraits in the style of the specific artist.

"Gale Antokal and Leroy Parker saw the walls as a great opportunity to show off the art department to the (students) here at SJSU," Taylor said.

Gale Antokal and Leroy Parker are both art professors at SJSU. Taylor said paintings will begin within the next few weeks.

"It will be phenomenal when it's all done," Busalacchi said.

The next step in the construction project is to test the foundation to make sure it is safe and suitable for a building the size of the Student Union.

Busalacchi said the Student Union Expansion and Renovation project is being built to LEED silver standards.



Construction on the foundation for the new Studion Union

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, is an internationally recognized green building certification system.

LEED's aim is to construct buildings that improve indoor environmental quality, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and save energy.

'We want to encourage sustainability," Busalacchi said.

Some student organizations have been forced to move their tables from Seventh Street to Sweeney Hall since the construction team needs the street clear on campus to move project materials.

Freshman graphic design major Desirae Guerrero said she hopes to see the new Student Union by the time she graduates.

"I personally thought it was fine," she said. "I think the construction makes some students wonder why they're reconstruct-

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"It was very informative, but it was very defensive," Marcos said. "I would have liked to hear more about the

Palestinian perspective." The biggest threat to Israel's security comes from Iran because of that nation's nuclear aspirations, Inbar said.

"They see the nuclear bomb as the survival policy of the regime," he said. "Iran, if it goes nuclear, has the potential to cause great harm to northern interests."

Sirovica said Iranian leaders have denied allegations that the country is in the process of developing a nu-

clear bomb. "Iran has never invaded a neighboring country, where Israel has." she said. "I find it very strange that Iran would be considered a threat. Iran has categorically denied that it is seeking a nuclear weapon for years."

The countries of Jordan,

Lebanon and Turkey are three other countries Israel is not in good standing with, Inbar said.

Lebanon and Turkey's association with the Shiite Muslim political group Hezbollah, and Turkey's alleged human rights violations, prohibit their friendly association with Israel, he said.

Senior history major Daniel Ramos said he felt Inbar provided a lot of good information, but presented the information in a biased fashion.

"I felt it was informative, but it had a definite prosaid. "There was no opinion try."

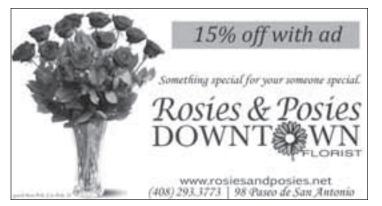
about future peace."

Inbar said Israel is optimistic about its current relations with the countries of India, the United States, China, South Korea and

India, he said, is a growing ally of Israel with a democratic form of government and common enemies.

The United States is not in decline despite its economic woes and continues to be a prominent player in the world's affairs, which bodes well for Israel, Inbar said.

"America is not in decline," he said. "It will snap Zionist theme to it," Ramos back. You have a great coun-





Daily staff puts smartphone operating systems to the test

Windows Phone 7

Leo Postovoit Multimedia Editor

In a world where people seem to act as though their iPhones are deities in the realm of Jesus, Microsoft's Windows Phone 7 is something else: a fast, impressive and beautiful alternative to the two market leaders, Apple's iOS and Google's Android.

The Windows Phone software is intuitive. Anyone who picks it up instantly understands the minimalistic design cues of large typography and white space.

Nearly every application feels easy to understand and uncluttered from phone calls to messaging to e-mail, everything feels fast. Syncing my Hotmail, Google and Face-

book contacts was a breeze. Everything is automatically linked, so Fa-

cebook pictures, birthdays and most recent status updates are automatically linked to peoples' phone numbers, addresses and email addresses.

The e-mail and calendar apps are easy to use. Since I previously had an Android phone, my life depended on Gmail and Google Calendar. Syncing occurs automatically when logging in with a Google account.

The Windows Phone also syncs with Xbox Live via Windows Live, where you can view and share game achievements.

The device's successes largely result from Microsoft's strict hardware list.

Before a new device can be released it must have a relatively fast 1GHz ARM processor, a 5-megapixel camera with HD video capability, an 800x480 pixel multitouch capacitive display, and a DirectX9 renderingcapable GPU.

That means Microsoft's devices with



From left to right: Windows Phone 7, iOS4, BlackBerry OS and Android.

Photo: Justin Albert / Spartan Daily

Android-like flexibility are guaranteed near iPhone hardware standards. Google's set requirements are far below these.

At the same time, Windows Phone has what some see as potential deal breakers: no copy-and-paste, no custom ringtones and no wireless Internet tethering.

Microsoft is actually doing something unprecedented seeking out customer feedback and promises to fix these problems and more with the release scheduled for early Febru-

Despite these problems, I believe the Windows Phone has lived up to Microsoft's marketing hype - it's "A phone to save us from our phones."

Android OS

Shirene Niksadat Staff Writer

Android — the operating system on the tip of everybody's tongue.

The Android operating system is one characterized by several customizable home screens. Users can pull out as many or as few applications and widgets to their liking, making the things they want to access never more than a finger swipe away.

Having been the proud owner of an Android device for more than a year now, I can say that I have had all my application needs met thus far, and have yet to ever pay for one. Eat that, IPhone users.

Notable apps include RetroCamera,which offers a variety of camera filters and effects, Shazam — a music identifier; and even a Magic 8 Ball — expressly for shits and giggles.

Android phones integrate a whole host of Google programs right out of the box, including Google Skymaps, Google Goggles, and Google Maps — an app featuring free turn-by-turn navigation.

Another unique feature of the operating

system is the conveniently placed notification bar. New text message, new e-mail, new application upgrade available? An icon will appear at the top of your screen and for further details a simple downward swipe will let you in on whatever is going on in your world.

Signing up or logging in to a gmail account is a mandatory part of the Android experience — it allows users to access the marketplace as well as sync all of their contact information to their Gmail server.

Even better, Android doesn't network-discriminate. Wherever your cell phone carrier allegiances may lie, Android-powered devices are aplenty. All of the major U.S. cell phone carriers have these phones available and for good reason.

With features including but not limited to, speech-to-text options, video capture/ playback, Adobe Flash capabilities and the ability to upload an abundance of content to your social networks, Android-powered devices are definitely the phones of tomor-

Keep an eye out for the latest Androidpowered devices — this is one golden goose with at least a few more eggs to lay.

BlackBerry OS

Since the beginning, the attitude expressed in BlackBerry products is that they "just work," and the general feel is just that: something that dependably can call and message.

However, as first feature phones and now smartphones became popular, the BlackBerry had to adapt. Original models with blackand-white screens weren't even phones – just two-way pagers accessing early versions of the mobile web.

E-mail, phone, BlackBerry Messenger and SMS text messaging are core apps that work well. Facebook and Twitter notifications appear in your status bar on your home page.

Other dedicated apps work, but the experience is unrefined. The Web browser experience is reminiscent of phones from years past, whereas smartphone browsers today support full HTML and feel like full web browsers.

Most BlackBerry devices feature a fixed focus 2-megapixel camera with SD video —

substandard to competitors. The onboard RAM and storage space is generally the bottom of the barrel for current smartphones. Device specs leave something to be desired for. Screens aren't gorgeous AMOLED or glass screens found elsewhere, but rather standard capacitive touch screens.

All of these negative factors aside, the BlackBerry does what it was originally purposed — the best, compared to other smartphones. With push e-mail notification and global support, BlackBerry remains a top choice for many business users.

However, this advancement is not great. Almost every smartphone supports push e-mail, and app companies continue to develop for BlackBerry devices, but that feels innately wrong.

Without radical leaps forward, the "Crack-Berry" will become but a vintage part of yesterday's generation like the VCR or CD fading from existence.

Apple iOS4

Donovan Farnham

Senior Staff Writer

The iPhone operating system iOS4 is a simple and intuitive design for smartphones that might be considered the gold standard for other smartphones.

Since versions of the operating system are now being used in other Apple products such as the iPod Touch and the company's flagship tablet device, the iPad, the OS will arguably be the gold standard for tablet computers and the next generation of music players as well.

For the most part, the iPhone OS has given users everything that's been asked for including multitasking, video chat and the endless amounts of apps.

Apple's App Store is a decent resource for

finding tools to make the phone better. The App Store has thousands of apps, ranging from organization tools to time-sucks such as Angry Birds.

The biggest problem for the operating system comes from the policies put forth by Apple that have a vice-like grip over it. This means that modifying the operating system is frowned upon by Apple, and up until July, it was considered illegal.

But the upside to the tightly controlled software means that the system is going have the quality that Apple products are known for and, for the most part, are going to operate bug free.

Besides the setbacks of Apple's policies, the operating system's design is slick, easy to use and arguably more useful than the laptop you've been lugging around.



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COMMENTARY

Floundering Sharks look to bite off postseason spot

As the San Jose Sharks enter the second half of the season, captain Joe Thornton will need to motivate a squad that has seen its success drop off from recent campaigns

Alex Spicer Sports Editor

The San Jose Sharks have come out of the All-Star break seeking their seventh consecutive trip to the National Hockey League's postsea-

During that seven-season run, the Sharks developed a reputation as perennial postseason underachievers, never living up to expectations and bowing out in the rounds before the Stanley Cup finals.

The Sharks are in unfamiliar waters this season, struggling to keep their heads above the surface of the playoffs bubble, rather than gently wading their way into the postseason.

With 31 games left in 2010-11 season, San Jose occupies the Western Conference's eighth seed, with a record of 26-19-6 for 58 points tied with the seventh-seed Chicago Blackhawks.

This season has been one of inconsistency for the Sharks, who have been unable to maintain a trend of positive performances, often backing up momentous winning streaks with equally devastating losing streaks.

The type of season the Sharks have endured is illustrated in their play so far in the new year.

San Jose opened January with what appeared to be a defining 1-0 victory over division rivals Los Angeles Kings, before losing six straight games, a season high.

The team have won five of six since, including last night's 5-3 come-from-behind victory over the visiting Phoenix Coyotes in which the Sharks trailed 3-0 before scoring five unanswered goals.

Questions abound for the Sharks, ranging from the lack of potent net minding since the departure of the long-tenured Evgeni Nabokov to Russia in the offseason, the mobility and experience of their defensemen, and the offensive production of their established stars.

Yet perhaps the biggest question among Sharks fans is no longer whether the team has what it takes to win the Stanley Cup, but rather, can they reach the playoffs?

For the moment the answer is definitely maybe.

On the one hand you have a team teeming with playoff (and Stanley Cup final) experience, the same core of star players that led the Sharks

to the Western Conference finals last season, and bright spots such as 21-year-old center Logan Couture, who leads all rookies with 22 goals.

On the other you have a team that appears to lack confidence, poise and the leadership on the ice that is needed to overcome a Western Conference which features 11 teams within nine points of the fourth seed, emphasizing the level of focus the Sharks will need to maintain to secure a playoff spot.

The improvements needed to get to the postseason will begin with center Joe Thornton, who has seen his offensive production slip since taking the reigns as team captain at the beginning of the season.

Thornton, the 2005-06 NHL most valuable player, currently has 14 goals and 31 assists, with a -13 plus/minus — a drastic difference from his +17 plus/minus recorded

San Jose's largest contributor has been defenseman Dan Boyle, the team's lone representative at the NHL All-Star game this season.

Boyle has lived up to his reputation as a mobile and puck-savvy defenseman, and leads an otherwise unproductive defense with 33 points, as well as the league's most ice time among skaters.

It is difficult to predict how the Sharks will fare in the final 31 games of this season, but one would expect them to show their true colors to shine as the season comes down to the wire — mainly due to the experience and talents of their big-name players who are having down seasons.

Expect to see center Patrick Marleau, winger Dany Heatley, Thornton and net minder Antti Niemi



Photo: Clifford Grodin / Spartan Daily

Alternate captain Dan Boyle leads the team's defensemen with 33 points and leads the league in average time on ice. Boyle was the Sharks' lone representative at the National Hockey League All-Star game.

make a splash in the final regular season games and into the playoffs.

If anything, the experience of battling late in the season to secure a playoff spot could gel the team chemistry and bolster the momen-

tum needed to secure a Stanley Cup for the first time in the team's his-

It certainly paid dividends for one other championship-winning Bay Area sports team in recent memory.

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Joe Thornton	Assists	33
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Logan Couture	Plus/Minus	11
Dan Boyle	Average Time on Ice	27:05

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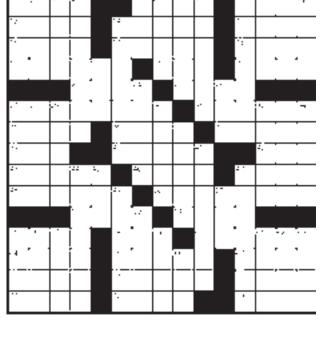
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Sex education will deter teen pregancies



When I think about all of the teenage girls who have unprotected sex without thinking of the consequences, it makes me cringe. The decisions they make now are not only life-changing, they are also crucial to the girls' future.

I believe there are a variety of reasons why teenage girls decide to have sex such as curiosity, anxiousness, excitement, or the peer pressure of discovering what having sex is really like.

The most horrible thing about all of this is that once teen girls decide to have sex with their boyfriends or friends without protection, they may not realize that they are putting themselves at risk.

Unprotected sex can lead to catching sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV and AIDS or unwanted

No matter what happens those girls are going to have to live with the consequences of their actions.

This was the case at Frayser High School, which is located in north Memphis, where 90 teenage girls either found themselves pregnant, or had already given birth during the 2010-2011 school year.

It has been a cause for concern for residents of Memphis.

The high number of teen pregnancies at this high school makes me wonder if school officials had really done their job of holding rallies and teaching sexual education courses to make students aware of the consequences of having unprotected sex.

The girls don't realize that there are risks and responsibilities that come with being a mother such as the child's health and their own physical health, because there are a variety of things that can go wrong in

There are a variety of measures that can be taken to handle the issue of teens having unprotected sex without even thinking about the negative outcomes of this

Health classes can make teens aware of the fact that they are bringing another human being into the world for whom they are going to have to care for financially and physically.

Health instructors also need to clarify in simple terms what the consequences of becoming pregnant are, such as — how much it will affect the girl's future as well as her mate's future academically, socially, physically and economically — once their child is born.

I think once teens realize how difficult being a parent is they will make sure they wear protection before they participate in any type of sexual activity.

Students need to be made aware by their health teachers of all the diseases they can acquire if they decide to participate in having unprotected sex, because maybe once they are warned they will know what they

are getting themselves into. I know when I was in high school they showed me some videos about the process of having a baby and all the effort the mother has to put in to make the birth

of a baby possible. After I saw that video and my science teacher thoroughly explained to the class the variety of health risks a young mother can face when giving birth to a child, I decided that I would not have a baby until I got married and was old enough to handle the responsibility

Maybe this concept can also work for the teen girls in Frayser High School because it worked for me.

If school officials don't do something to decrease the high percentage of teen pregnancies now they may never be able to stop them.

Diversity moves backstage during this year's Oscar nominations

When the stars step onto the red carpet for the upcoming Oscars, the effect may be a blinding white light projected through your television

This year's Academy Award nominations are the least diverse in more than a decade.

This is in contrast to last year's strong showing for women and minorities, when Kathryn Bigelow was the first woman to win best director, Mo'Nique took home the award for best supporting actress and Geoffrey Fletcher was the first black man to win for screenwriting.

The only actor in this year's nominations that touches the border of minority consideration is Javier Bardem, who is nominated for his role in the foreign film "Biutiful."

However, Bardem is a Spaniard and therefore technically of European descent.

The blame shouldn't fall on the Academy since it can only nominate what's been released in the last year — unfortunately American cinema is lacking

Mo'Nique must have felt the irony as she announced this year's nominations, which are dominated by white males.

Last year, following these women's wins, the Hollywood industry was buzzing over the "Kathryn Bigelow Effect" which predicted doors open-



ing beyond gender and race

It's a huge disappointment that the Oscars in 2011 are presenting a less diverse pool of nominees than in 1939 when Hattie McDaniel was the first African-American to win an award.

The first Academy Awards were presented in 1929, this year is the 83rd annual ceremony, according to the Oscars

Once presenting awards in only five categories, the number has grown to 24, not that I think anyone cares about who wins in more than five catego-

Considering the Oscars rights have been won, have been honoring achievement in film for the better part of a century, it's hard to decide which oversight is more upsetting: the lack of diversity or the fact that it was 82 years be-

fore a woman was considered the best director.

Only four women have ever been nominated in the category of best director in the history of the Academy Awards.

The Academy board itself is largely white and maledominated, but to place the blame there would only call attention to a symptom of the problem.

Hollywood itself is a patriarchy, with more opportunity and money available to men.

Women's Media Center at Sundance Film Festival 2011 put together some statistics for women's presence in the media in a Youtube video in the style of Bob Dylan's "Times Are A'Changing."

Not only are 72 percent of created film characters male, but 77 percent of film critics are male.

If there is to be change in the Oscars, it has to begin with Hollywood culture.

Suffrage and civil but now audiences need to demand a sea change in the cinema.

Tyler Perry can't be the only director to feature a strong minority

cast in his films or else there will be no forward progres-

It's time for the Oscar buzz to be in awe of the creative prowess of movies and not the archaic Hollywood politics.



Don't get all Trenta out of shape on these new oversized drinks

I'm feeling thirsty, is anyone else feeling thirsty? If only there was something that could quench this need to acquire a refreshing drink.

You there, with your hand up, you're feeling thirsty

Clearly you are, otherwise Starbucks wouldn't be rolling out its new drink size, with a name that you'll be trained to learn in classic Starbucks fashion: the

The Trenta will be 31 oz., seven ounces more than the Venti, and only available for iced drinks such as iced coffee, iced tea and iced lemonade — all things with disproportionate amounts of sugar and according to Starbucks, it was because of consumer demand that Starbucks rolled out the new size.

This drink size is available in 14 states and costs 50 cents more than the Venti size.

Now, I may be thirsty, but I'm not THAT thirsty.

The Trenta will contain 916 mL of fluid, while the average capacity of an adult stomach is 900 mL.

This should definitely quench the thirst of someone and there will

be enough left over for when you're feeling thirsty later. After you level out and realize that it's probably a good idea to stop doing back-flips on top of your boss' desk when you come off of your sugar-enhanced caffeine high.

Releasing this bigger size probably isn't the best option for a country whose people are fairly overweight.

When consumers demanded this size, I'm sure they were thinking more about the hot version of said drinks — the ones that allow

people to function throughout the day. It's only a matter of time before these drinks are available for the hot versions as well, but imagine all the tragedy that will occur from

Who here has spilled coffee on themselves early in the morning?



Leonard Lai

Senior Staff Writer

See, I knew your hand would go up again. Now imagine yourself with a 31 oz. cup of coffee trying to go to work and spilling that on

yourself and all over your car. Sorry, I didn't mean to scare you that badly,

but you got chills thinking about it didn't you? The way Starbucks touts itself when it pres-

ents this new drink size is the wrong direction to go for this country.

Sure, I forgot to mention the other well known thirst quencher, 7-Eleven's Super Big Gulp or what I'd like to call the "water tower," but they're

actually taking the right approach to things. I can see you're confused now, put your hand down and allow me to explain.

Recently, 7-Eleven had secretly reduced its drink size of the Super Big Gulp from 44 oz. to

Paul Sunby had bought a Super Big Gulp and it was he who found out the Super Big Gulp had been reduced in size, and he was angry about it because he felt he was being cheated by paying the same price for a "smaller" drink.

Sunby is not wrong, but then again this is probably the best thing for the world — 7-Eleven is unconsciously looking out for our

Sure people are paying the same price and 7-Eleven is making more money for less, but really, isn't this the better choice for us?

In a world where we know sugary drinks are bad for us, it's better to drink as little of them as possible and this is 7-Eleven's way of weaning us off of our dependency on these drinks while Starbucks is proud to introduce something to expand our waistlines.

So I salute you 7-Eleven, and while your hand is up you should salute them as well.

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Cult classic 'horrifies' downtown crowd

Francisco Rendon Staff Writer

Singing, dancing, between the legs sword relay and explosive streams of profanity characterized a midnight live action performance of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at Camera 3 in downtown San Jose.

Put on by the Barely Legal Rocky Horror Picture Show cast, the "shadow cast" performance features the film playing on a full size movie theater screen while real actors simultaneously emulate the actions and dialogue of their cinematic counterparts.

The event nearly sold out and attendee Adam Schroyer said these shadow casts are often very popular.

"This is the cult event of all cult events," he said. "The Rocky Horror Picture Show' has always been the biggest of all the cult (phenomena)."

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show," for those unfamiliar, is a 1975 cult classic film directed by Jim Sharman.

The film is written in musical style

and the characters frequently break out into song and dance — an effect which is enhanced by the actors and audience, many of whom know the words to all the songs.

The plot follows a newly engaged couple as they enter into the castle of a flamboyant mad scientist.

The resulting film is largely centered around the various characters' sexual

The film itself, however, often takes a backseat role to the actors and the audience, many of whom are regular attendees.

Actor Mark Brown said the audience often plays a vital role in these shadow cast performances.

Many audience members have memorized the script and call out humorous and often obscene set ups to dialogue within the film.

Brown said the fact that different theater audiences call out different jokes during the dialogue makes going to see these shadow casts a very unique

"(The Rocky Horror Picture Show) is not something you're meant to sit



Photo: Francisco Rendon / Spartan Daily Tina Rupnik (left) and Christy Robinson (right) perform onstage.

down and watch," Brown said. "It's meant to be actively experienced."

This certainly holds true, because if you are expecting to sit down and watch a movie quietly, this event does

not meet the criteria.

The dialogue is at times difficult to hear over the audiences' cries at the screen, and the actors will often add their own flavor into specific scenes through use of props or dancing.

Beyond that, there is not much room in Camera 3 to create a very serviceable stage and there were clearly moments where the actors needed

Barely Legal does an excellent job with the costumes, replicating the on-screen likenesses often to near

The experience itself is certainly a unique one and very interactive.

The cast often encourages audience involvement flinging various items of candy and other projectiles into the

They also solicit cheers or jeers, and often interact very personally with members of the front row or the aisles.

Many members of the audience dress up in costume themselves, or provide their own props, such as noisemakers for the birthday scene, or glow sticks for the "Over at the Frankenstein Place" song.

There is also an introduction section to the event which includes warmup games for "virgins" to the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" and music.

Orgasm faking, swearing at birthday attendants and "the butt dance" constitute only a portion of the initial

Co-director of the production Nate Havoc said that these shadow casts are becoming increasingly popular due to the 35th anniversary of the release of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show."

"It's a movie, it's a play and it's a party all wrapped into one," Havoc said. "It's a good environment to come in, meet people, and hang out. You meet all these people, and you see them again next (performance)."

Performer Brian O'Hara said he was a member in the audience for five years before he decided to try to take a more active role in the production.

Barely Legal will be returning to Camera 3 to perform the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" on the last Saturday of every month at midnight for

Medical marijuana extravaganza lights up San Jose

Lyell Marks Staff Writer

HempCon returned to the Bay Area this past weekend as the San Jose Convention Center hosted one of the largest gatherings of activists, entrepreneurs, educators and patients within the medical marijuana commu-

If you didn't have directions to the convention center, anyone in the general vicinity could have followed their nose to this year's event.

A pungent and lingering fog of cannabis odor permeated Market Street as many who attended gathered outside the event to share and sample their new medicine and products.

For the admission price of \$20, HempCon featured more than 125 different medical marijuana businesses and a variety of services that included on-the-spot medical marijuana recommendations and a variety of free products from local cannabis clubs.

"If you have your card, it's definitely worth the price of

admission," said an SJSU sociolmembers-only area has the best free products, but you can't get any of them without showing your card."

"I'm here because I want to help spread the legitimacy of treatment.

> T.P. Nolan SJSU Alumnus

While only cannabis card holders were allowed into the heralded members-only area, anyone 18 and older was able to attend for the price of admission and there were numerous marijuana exhibits and businesses open to all. Cannabis lovers of all ages were able to indulge at this mecca of medical marijuana in a united effort to help spread the beneficial qualities of hemp.

"I'm here because I want to ogy student who attended. "The help spread the legitimacy of treatment," said T.P Nolan, a former SJSU student who now runs a hemp-based business. "Marijuana can help combat depression, anxiety, bodily pain and even be used to treat cancer," he said.

HempCon advocates like Nolan aren't necessarily parading for the legalization of marijuana but rather a tweaked understanding and reconsideration of its merit in society.

"To me, hemp is the most resourceful and versatile plant in the world," said Nolan. "If it becomes legalized it will become corporate and eventually overseen by the wrong people."

Nolan himself has tried alternative forms of treatment but never was able to find the calm and peace that cannabis brings him from other medi-

"I tried something like 25 different painkillers," he said. "None of them worked and most came with worse side effects."

The lines of hundreds of patients waiting on their medicine for hours at a time was an illuminating sight that revealed how far some are willing to go for this form of treatment.

While most attended for the \$50 medical marijuana prescriptions, cannabis club giveaways and the overall social environment, the wide array of ages and social backgrounds revealed how diverse the medical marijuana following truly is.

HempCon once again brought a large demographic of the Bay Area together to educate and learn from one another about hemp's versatility and value.



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