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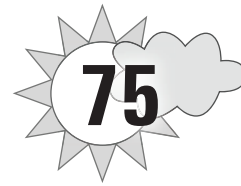
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CORRECTIONS

Gerry Selter named interim provost

In the Wednesday, May 5, issue of the Spartan Daily, Gerry Selter was incorrectly labeled as provost in the headline and cutline on a front-page story. Selter was named interim provost.

The Spartan Daily also inaccurately reported that Provost Carmen Sigler has been the provost for more than 20 years. Sigler has served the university in various positions for more than 20 years, including her stint as provost. Sigler became interim provost in November 2004, a job that became permanent in August 2005.

THE WIRE

CAMPUS

NCAA sanctions placed on SJSU football team

The NCAA penalized the SJSU football team for poor academic standards over the previous four academic years. The sanction was the second for the football team, and it will limit their total scholarships. The women's basketball and men's soccer teams were penalized for the first time, as well.

— Staff Report

STATE

Wildfire burns Santa Barbara homes

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has declared a state of emergency in Santa Barbara County in response to a wildfire that has surged into the city of Santa Barbara. The governor issued the proclamation Wednesday evening after high winds brought the slumbering fire to life and homes began burning. The governor's proclamation says more than 8,000 people have been evacuated.

— Associated Press

Berkeley council votes on climate plan

BERKELEY — The Berkeley City Council has voted to move ahead with an ambitious plan to fight global warming after stripping mandates from most of the proposal. The council voted unanimously Tuesday night for the plan to reduce greenhouse gases by 80 percent by 2050 after approving some last-minute amendments.

— Associated Press

COMMUNITY

Professor searches for a locale



Dr. Andrew Wood, associate professor of communication studies, explores modern urban spaces and methods of communication through his recently published book, "City Ubiquitous," on Tuesday. **STEFAN ARMIJO / Spartan Daily**

Wood warns readers of virtual isolation and disconnection

HANK DREW
Staff Writer

You wake up to the sounds of Beyonce on your iPod in the morning, and then plug into your car on the way to campus. You step out of your car and the

white buds settle softly into your ears. Then you slip into class and tweet to your friends about your boring class.

Andrew Wood, associate professor of communication studies, has seen this meta existence and said he feels people may be losing their non-virtual connections.

Wood said his book, "City Ubiquitous: Place, Communication and the Rise of Omnipopia," is an attempt to provide an artic-

ulation of framework for making sense out of what people all see every day.

"When we see someone walking down the hall and they are tapping out text on their mobile, they are not looking at you," he said. "They are looking at the screen.

"We are creating urban environments where that makes sense. These urban environments allow us to imagine a perpetual flow from space to space

to space where our interactions with other people and our communications with other people become superfluous."

Doug Pearl, a senior English major, said he thinks SJSU students have much less interaction with one another.

"I think it does keep people apart and makes them less approachable," he said. "It's not

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HEALTH

Program teaches condom procedures

HARVEY RAÑOLA
Staff Writer

SJSU's wellness and health awareness program gave students an opportunity to show off what they know about safe sex and gave them some hands-on experience.

The Wednesday afternoon workshop, called "Keepin' It Safer and Sexier," was led by four peer health educators through a slideshow and some interactive demonstrations on how to use various forms of birth control.

One particular demonstration that incited laughter came when the group went over the procedures on how to properly use a male condom.

A student volunteer was asked to place a non-lubricated demonstration condom on a penis-shaped instrument the educators called "Woody" and initially had trouble slipping the condom on, toppling over the phallus in the process.

Mary Lazar, a freshman busi-

ness major and peer health educator, said students need to take some of the issues addressed during the class a bit more seriously.

"It was funny how his friend took a picture of him doing it and they're probably going to put it online," she said. "But there's a point where we need to be mature adults about this and man up a little."

Trang Lee, a pre-med student and one of the peer health educators, said she finds it interesting that college-aged students are still embarrassed with issues that have to do with sex.

"We should talk about it like mature adults," she said. "Hopefully we can make (students) more comfortable talking about (sex) and communicating."

Tenquin Tanner, a senior health sciences major, said he became a peer health educator because he wants to help promote healthy lifestyles to students on campus.

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Trang Lee, a post-baccalaureate pre-med student, explains the many different types of birth control methods, as well as how to use them, during a sexual health workshop at the Student Health Center on Wednesday. **DAVE LAWRENCE / Spartan Daily**

GOVERNMENT

Governor's approval drops to 32 percent

HARVEY RAÑOLA
Staff Writer

Recent findings from SJSU's Survey and Policy Research Institute revealed that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's approval rating has hit near-record lows.

According to the survey, released in late April, 32 percent of Californians approve of the job the governor has done.

This nearly ties the current governor's record low of 31 percent, when the institute released their results in September 2005.

Out of the 51 percent who disapproved of the governor, 52 percent identified themselves as democrats, and 37 percent as republicans.

Survey and Policy Research Institute has been conducting surveys since 2002 and research director Melinda Jackson said the institute has been much more active in the last five months because of some re-organization that took place last summer.

She said she hopes these surveys can be conducted every semester, because they benefit both students and staff.

"The idea is that it is an opportunity for students who are taking research methods classes to work on a survey," she said. "It also gives faculty members an opportunity to place questions on a survey."

Pessimism about the direction of the state has reached a record low, according to the survey, with 61 percent of respondents saying the state is in decline.

The previous record was set in June and September 2005, when 53 percent of respondents reported they did not like the direction the state was heading.

Alfredo Trejo, a junior kinesiology major, said he thinks there is a strong connection between the approval rating of Schwarzenegger and Californians who believe the state is going in the wrong direction.

"The economy's not doing well, schools are closing down, and (the state government) wants to raise taxes," he said. "People don't approve of what 'the Governor' is doing because he hasn't done much since he got into office — so how can we trust somebody that is pretty much letting us go downhill?"

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CHAD ZIEMENDORF / Spartan Daily

PHOTO BLOG

Have a look at multimedia of SJSU's club handball team by photographer Chad Ziemendorf.

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There's no such thing as a free lunch.

SPORTS

SJSU wide receivers coach Ken Margerum was recently inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

SPARTA GUIDE

07 Today

Harry Potter Parody Reading

Join author Valerie Estelle Frankel for a reading of "Henry Potty and the Deathly Paper Shortage: An Unauthorized Harry Potter Parody."

Noon to 1:30 p.m. in King Library, Room 255.

For more information, contact Valerie Frankel at valerie.frankel@sjsu.edu

Overcoming Stress

Discover some helpful coping techniques and find a little bit of peace.

3 to 4 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 118

For more information, contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu

Songs of Robert Schumann

Vocal Recital
12:30 to 1:15 p.m. at the Music Building Concert Hall.

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Bible Study

"Purpose Driven Life." A2 Christian Fellowship hosts a presentation and discussion.

7 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room of the Student Union.
Contact Justin Foon at jfoon1@yahoo.com

Meditation Group

5 p.m. in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

Contact Harrison at hhaarrrriissoonnn@gmail.com

09 Saturday

Opera Performance

Watch an opera right here on campus.

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12 Tuesday

Small Jazz Band

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20 Wednesday

Green Vision Cafe Presents Plug-in Cars: A Roadmap

Learn about hybrid and electric cars, how they work, and how they compare to their traditional gas powered cousins. Free coffee and tea will be provided; attendees are encouraged to bring their own mugs.

7 p.m. in the King Library, Room 225

For more information, contact Annie Stauffer at ib_annie@yahoo.com

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The band Reflejo, a conjunto norteño-style band, plays for the celebration of Gamma Zeta Alpha fraternity at the Student Union Amphitheater on Wednesday afternoon. The fraternity started this celebration on Monday. Wednesday was the last day of the celebration. **YOUNG-SUNG KWON / Spartan Daily**

Mexican bands sings country's oral history

BRETT GIFFORD
Staff Writer

The Student Union Amphitheater was filled with the sounds of Northern Mexico on Wednesday.

Reflejo, a conjunto norteño-style trio dressed in matching yellow-striped shirts and cowboy hats, played for students outside the Student Union for the final segment of a three-day celebration of Cinco de Mayo, hosted by the Gamma Zeta Alpha fraternity. A crowd of roughly 35 people populated the stands, shouting requests and cheers, while several people stopped for a song or two as they passed by during the hour-long performance.

"We're trying to educate the SJSU community by celebrating Cinco de Mayo and Latino culture on campus," said Juan Pre-

ciado, president of the fraternity. "We've been doing these kind of events for the past 20 years."

Gamma Zeta Alpha is a Latino-based fraternity, Preciado said, but students do not have to be Latino to join.

Along with the bass guitar, Reflejo featured an accordion and a ten-string guitar known as a bajo quinto, both characteristic of conjunto norteño music.

Conjunto norteño (northern assembly) is a genre of music typically played in northern Mexico, said Denis Cajina Jr., a senior marketing major and Gamma Zeta Alpha member.

"It seems like a lot of people are enjoying it," he said. "Some special requests being shout out from the crowd. It's overall a good way to end Cinco de Mayo week."

The fraternity began Cinco de

Mayo celebrations with a party last Thursday and continued to celebrate with folkloric dancing on Monday and a mariachi band on Tuesday, Cajina said.

"The songs they play are basically like recorded history," said Mario Zarate, a junior political science major. "They are called corridos. They are from actual events that took place in real life."

Jorge Alvarez, a 2005 SJSU alumni, said the trio gave a great impression to the Latino community.

"It gives us a whole insight (into) some of the culture that the Latinos are, and they possess," Alvarez said. "It gives me a lot of information."

Kompa Zézar, a Chicano studies major, was dancing on the amphitheater benches when he heard "La Marcha de Zacatecas."

"I'm from the state of

WOOD | Slow-food movement could be a crack in the armor of omnitopia

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just on campus, either."

While he does use Facebook to connect with old friends, he said he feels the experience is shallow.

"But, maybe more in general, there is an element of falseness there," he said. "You're exchanging little bits and pieces of stuff, but you are not connecting in a significant or meaningful way."

Margie Brasil-Butaitis, a senior English major, agreed with Pearl and said she feels that students are much more isolated.

"It seems like on a personal level people want to be connected," she said. "They are constantly being on the phone as soon as they are out of class — or on the phone texting in class."

Wood said these feelings of isolation are a part of omnitopia.

"Most people don't know what time is by looking up," he said. "They know what time it is by looking down — not necessarily by looking at a watch because no one wears them anymore — at their mobile phones."

"We carry around with us with our mobile phones or iP-ods devices that become our

own little worlds and our connections to the parts of the world that matter to us. And those connections we can turn on and we can turn off. We can edit and digitize."

The current slow foods movement could be seen as one of the cracks in the armor of omnitopia. He said all trends like omnitopia have a natural ebb and flow.

"I believe that for every trend there is a counter trend," Wood said. "So, as omnitopia reflects a trend that seems quite powerful and potent and significant, there is a counter trend — people like me, but people who have never thought about the things I think about, who insist on the locale as a meaningful site for human interaction."

"There are people who will drive the interstate highway and imagine they have traveled across the country. When in fact they have stayed in the same sphere for potentially four days of 75-miles-per-hour travel."

"And then there are people ..., who still write letters in longhand, who go to a small town mom-and-pop dinner and actually talk to the person who made the pie," he said. "That trend is just as potent to me."



Gama Zeta Alpha, a Latino-based fraternity, hired the conjunto norteno-style band, Reflejo to play in the Student Union Amphitheater in celebration of Cinco de Mayo on Wednesday. **STEFAN ARMIJO / Spartan Daily**

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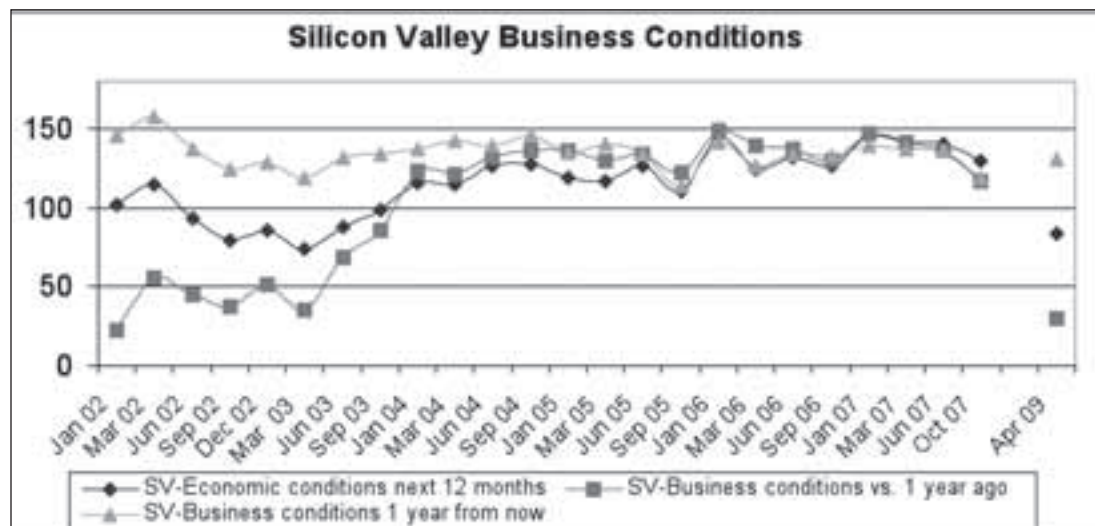
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Ariela Villalpando (left), a freshman marketing major, and Favio Martinez, a freshman psychology major, are cooking pasta for student customers at pasta bar inside the Student Union food court on Wednesday afternoon. The pasta bar is the new section of the Student Union food court. **YOUNG-SUNG KWON / Spartan Daily**

Californian consumers more optimistic than rest of nation



This graph shows the expectations from Silicon Valley residents, and compares feedback from "one year ago," "one year from now" and "business conditions versus one year ago." **Courtesy of the SJSU Survey and Policy Research Institute**

HOLLY SZKOROPAD
Staff Writer

According to an SJSU survey, California consumer confidence remains higher than the rest of the country.

The survey, released by SJSU Survey and Policy Research Institute on April 29, was compared to the University of Michigan's national Survey of Consumers.

It showed that, although the majority of participants feel California is in a serious recession, 43 percent think that in a year, Silicon Valley will be "better than now."

Louielar Cademas, a junior chemistry major, said he worries about the future, because student fees will be more expensive next semester.

"I'm not optimistic about (the economy), but I'm surprised that the state is," he said.

Lydia Ortega, chair of the economics department, said she thinks the optimism comes from California's population of inherent risk-takers.

"We have a very strong, even very high-skilled, immigrant population, and a very low-skilled immigrant population," she said. "They tend to be looking at what is possible, not what

is impossible."

One in four Californians are immigrants, a ratio higher than in any other state, according to the Public Policy Institute of California.

Jan Salum, a junior biochemistry major, said he thinks immigrants flock to the state because its jobs attract people who want to be successful.

"Even though their jobs might be bad, at least having that taste just makes everything better for them," he said. "I guess people like taking risks and they don't really care what happens, as long as they live in the moment."

The institute surveyed 408 California adults by telephone in English and Spanish, and also included an oversample — an additional sample of a subpopulation of 230 residents in the Silicon Valley.

Forty-one percent of participants in the survey agreed that now is a good time to buy household items, such as furniture and appliances, according to the survey.

Christina Nguyen, an undeclared sophomore, said the economic recession isn't affecting her or most people she knows.

"It is hitting other people harder than usual," she said, "But I think for the most part, people

are just spending money left and right."

Salum said he thinks most people tend to buy more than they should.

"I kind of think people should just buy what they need," she said. "When it comes down to it, when they have extra money, that's when they should start buying whatever they want."

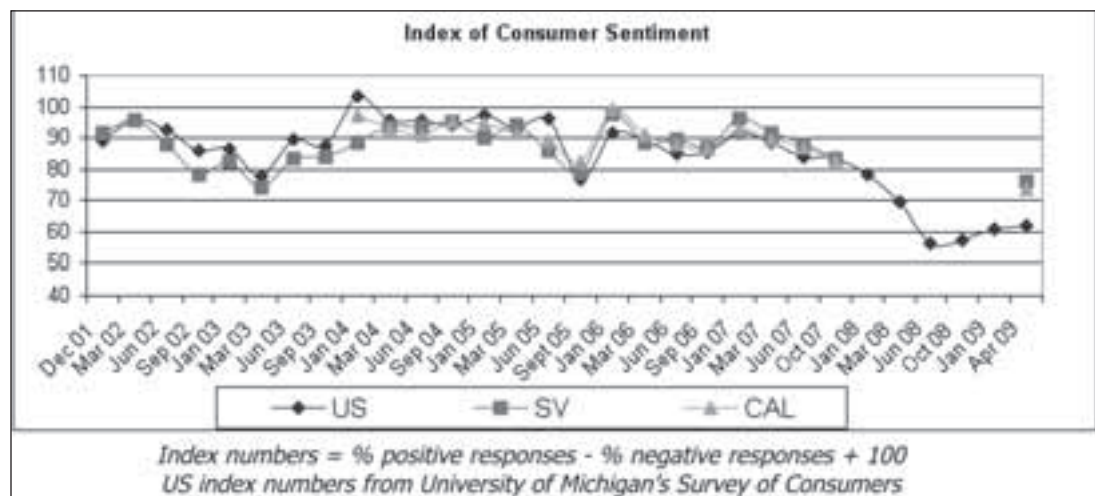
Although the survey found that the majority of Californians think things will be "better than now" in a year, it also found a percentage almost as big forecasting grim economic times for the state.

Those surveyed remained almost equally split when asked if the country will experience "continuous good times" or face "widespread unemployment/depression" for the next five years.

The majority, 42 percent, said the nation would experience more depression, and 41 percent said it would see continuous good times, according to the survey.

Salum said he doesn't know when the recession will end, but said he knows the economy will eventually bounce back.

"I don't know how it will get better," he said. "But usually when everything gets worse, there's nothing else to turn to but good."



A line graph shows the overall consumer sentiment, current economic conditions and consumer expectations in Silicon Valley and the U.S. **Courtesy of the SJSU Survey and Policy Research Institute**

POLITICS | Statistics imply that lawmakers might have difficult time

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Jackson said that part of the blame should be placed on the rift between republican and democrat legislators in Sacramento.

"In a way, it's not surprising as a political scientist, but it doesn't bode well," Jackson said.

"The state is in a difficult place right now with the budget situation, and I think what these results reflect is that the voters are just angry."

The survey of 408 people was conducted via phone in English and Spanish between March 30 and April 10 and respondent phone numbers were randomly selected by a computer.

But even with the sample size and random selection, one student, Sebastian Mikowicz, a software engineering graduate student, said he is not convinced that the statistics accurately represent the opinion of the state as a whole.

Mikowicz said California is far too diverse for any survey to be accurate.

"California is divided into many sections," he said. "Northern California and Southern California have some similarities ... but even if you were to poll one or two people from those places, there's no way you can accurately represent the whole."

Jackson, however, said the Survey and Policy Research Institute's sample size means its margin for error was less than five percent and that the com-

puter-generated contact list was an integral part in an accurate measurement.

"It's not based on drawing numbers from a phone book or any other methodology," she said. "That's the best way to ensure that you have a random sample."

With the special election on May 19, Jackson said the statistics imply that Sacramento lawmakers might have a difficult time passing new budgets and initiatives.

"(The results of the survey) indicate that it's going to be a really tough sell," she said.

"If voters don't approve (the budgets and initiatives) we're going to be right back where we were at the beginning of the year, with a massive state deficit and no solution in sight."

SEX | Learning to live healthier

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He said he hopes Wednesday's workshop raised awareness of the different types of birth control, and the different resources on campus among the students who attended.

"It's not just a woman's responsibility for birth control," he said. "It's a man's responsibility too because it is two people engaging in intercourse, so they both have to understand that there are other options besides just a condom."

Khai Ly, a senior physiology

major, said he attended the class as one of the requirements for his fraternity, but said he also found the workshop informative.

"It was good," he said. "There were some things that I wasn't aware of. (The workshop) gave us all the possible kinds of birth control that people aren't aware of."

Melinda Chu-Yang, one of the wellness and health coordinators at the health center, said workshops such as "Keepin' It Safer and Sexier" started in Fall 2008 to teach students about healthier lifestyles.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the semester, the wellness and

health awareness program holds workshops that cover a variety of topics including birth control, nutrition and stress.

Despite the turnout of 11 students at Wednesday's workshop, Chu-Yang said she was not disappointed in the number who attended because those who did are learning more about how to live healthier.

"It's great that they're turning out," she said. "It's great that they're learning about health and wellness issues especially because it's being pushed on university campuses, so I think it's working out really well and I think they're learning more."

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Morriss speaks about oil industry regulations

BRETT GIFFORD
Staff Writer

Oil refinery capacity is going down, quality of crude oil is decreasing and corn-based fuel additives are robbing commuters of mileage.

These are some of the issues Andrew Morriss, a professor of law and business at the University of Illinois College of Law, discussed Tuesday during the last lecture of the three-part David S. Saurman Provocative Lecture Series in Morris Dailey Auditorium.

Morriss' lecture, titled "Gasoline: Markets and the Role of Government," discussed the history of gasoline use in the U.S., fuel trends and the fuel policies established by the government.

Rick Weber, a senior economics major and president of the economics club, said this was the second time he had heard Morriss' lecture and said he really enjoyed it.

"It's a really interesting talk," Weber said. "It brings up a lot of points that most people don't know. It's a really important topic, and it's something that needs to be discussed."

On of the issues discussed was America's energy policies and alternative fuel.

Depending on one's state or region, there are different blends and qualities of fuel available, Morriss said.

In his home state of Illinois, government policies intended to support the ethanol industry to require a high amount of corn-based fuel to be mixed in with regular gas. This results in a fuel that turns waxy in cold weather, Morriss said.

George Kufis, an SJSU alumnus, said there are some govern-

ment regulations that need to be rethought or thrown out.

Dissimilar environments react differently to pollutants, Kufis said. Yet, they are under the same government regulations, which means the regulators can't tell what is happening with pollutants.

Mark Brady, an economics lecturer, said one lesson he learned from the presentation was that the government has historically sought to regulate and control the oil market.

"It certainly is, by no means, a free market," Brady said. "There-

fore, the things that get blamed on the free market actually should be properly blamed on government intervention."

Weber said he was also interested in the role of government on the energy market, and the conflicting policies behind the regulations.

Morriss said the U.S. government has four competing energy policies: antitrust, prevention of "destructive competition," national security and environmental protection.

"The impact of the regulations and the four competing interests

of the government, that was, for me, the big thing," Weber said. "It's really striking, the concern about both antitrust and destructive competition simultaneously. The weakness of the regulation, I think, is something that really needs to be addressed and something that there's really no political pressure to address."

John Estill, an economics lecturer, said Morriss took a complex issue and made it more approachable.

"It was a very knowledgeable presentation, delivered in a first-class manner," Brady said.

Maine becomes sixth state in US to OK same-sex marriage

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — New England states signaled an increasing willingness to sanction gay marriage on Wednesday as Maine legalized the practice and the New Hampshire Legislature voted to do the same.

If New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch signs the bill or lets it become law without his signature, his state would become the sixth overall to allow gay marriage and the fifth in New England. Rhode Island would be the only state in the region without such a law.

Maine Gov. John Baldacci, a Democrat who hadn't indicated how he would handle his state's bill, signed it shortly after the legislation passed the Senate on a vote of 21-13 — a margin not large enough to override a veto.

"In the past, I opposed gay marriage while supporting the idea of civil unions," Baldacci said

in a statement read in his office.

"I have come to believe that this is a question of fairness and of equal protection under the law, and that a civil union is not equal to civil marriage."

Lynch, also a Democrat, remained uncommitted but has said he believes the word "marriage" should be reserved for unions of a man and a woman.

"I'm going to talk to legislators and I'm going to talk to the people of New Hampshire and ultimately make the best decision I can for the people of New Hampshire," the governor said Wednesday evening.

The New Hampshire bill squeaked through on a 178-167 vote after an hour of debate. Both chambers appear to be far short of enough votes to override a veto.

Rep. David Pierce, who has two daughters with his partner, described telling his 5-year-old that "some people don't believe we should be a family."

"When my kids grow up and are old enough to understand

what we're doing here today, I want them to know I did everything I could to fight for our family," said Pierce, D-Hanover.

Maine's bill authorizes marriage between any two people rather than between one man and one woman, as state law currently allows. The House had passed the bill Tuesday.

The law is to take effect in mid-September but could be sidetracked before then. Opponents promise to challenge it through a public veto process that could suspend it while a statewide vote takes shape.

Sue Estler, of Orono, said she and her partner of 20 years, Paula Johnson, plan to get married.

But she also thinks opponents might collect enough signatures to force the referendum.

A professor at the University of Maine, the 64-year-old Estler said she sent an e-mail to out-of-state friends and family members Wednesday saying "Oh, my god. The governor just signed the bill."

"But I said, 'Don't make your

travel plans for the wedding yet. There's still probably a referendum to go,'" she said.

Legislative debate in Maine was brief. Senate President Elizabeth Mitchell, D-Vassalboro, turned the gavel over to an openly gay member, Sen. Lawrence Bliss, D-South Portland, for the final vote.

Republican Sen. Debra Plowman of Hampden argued that the bill was being passed "at the expense of the people of faith."

"You are making a decision that is not well-founded," warned Plowman.

Both states' bills specify that religious institutions don't have to recognize same-sex marriages.

The activist group Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders has targeted all six New England states for passage of a gay marriage law by 2012.

Connecticut has enacted a bill after being ordered to allow gay marriages by the courts, and Vermont has passed a bill

over the governor's veto.

Massachusetts' high court has ordered the state to recognize gay marriages.

In Rhode Island, a bill to legalize same-sex marriage has been introduced but is not expected to pass this year.

New England states have acted quickly since gay marriages became law in Massachusetts in 2004 because it's a small region with porous borders, shared media markets and a largely shared culture, said Carisa Cunningham of the gay defenders group.

Outside New England, Iowa is recognizing gay marriages on court orders. The practice was briefly legal in California before voters banned it.

If it comes to a statewide vote in Maine, Estler is confident gay marriage will prevail.

"I think Maine people will support it," she said. "Part of the reason I say that is Maine is a state where people, regardless of party affiliation, really believe in live and let live."

Landscaper arrested in local slaying

Associated Press

CUPERTINO — Santa Clara County authorities say the landscaper accused of killing a Cupertino woman in her home last month and seriously injuring her husband has been arrested in Southern California.

Santa Clara County sheriff's Sgt. Don Morrissey says 45-year-old Huaichang Zhao was arrested Tuesday in Los Angeles County after police received an anonymous tip.

Police believe Zhao attacked Weiwei Li and her husband, Bing Yi, inside their home on April 17. Zhao had been doing landscaping for the couple.

The couple's 10-year-old daughter found her parents after the attack and called the police. The girl and her 6-year-old sibling are in protective custody.

Zhao will be arraigned in Los Angeles County before he can be extradited back to the Bay Area.

Mom involved in online hoax may get 3 years

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — A Missouri mother should serve three years in prison for her role in a MySpace hoax on a 13-year-old neighbor who committed suicide, federal prosecutors said in court documents filed Wednesday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Krause outlined the government's position while requesting the maximum sentence for Lori Drew. Probation officials have recommended Drew receive a year of probation and a \$5,000 fine.

Krause argued that Drew "coldly conceived of a scheme to humiliate" Megan Meier, a neighbor in a St. Louis suburb, by helping create a fictitious teenage boy on the social networking site and sending flirtatious messages in his name to the girl.

The fake boy then dumped Megan in a message saying the world would be better without her. She hanged herself a short time later.

Drew used her then-13-year-old daughter and a business assistant in the scheme, which

played on Megan's insecurities, Krause said.

"Both the callousness of defendant's criminal conduct and the extraordinary harm it caused mandate a sentence of more than probation," Krause wrote.

Drew was convicted in November of three counts of accessing computers without authorization. Besides up to three years in prison, she could face a \$300,000 fine at sentencing set for May 18.

Drew's attorney, Dean Steward, has asked U.S. District Court Judge George Wu to throw out the verdicts.

Steward said his client couldn't afford the \$5,000 fine recommended by probation officials because she no longer draws income from the coupon book business she had for nine years.

During the trial, prosecutors argued that Drew violated MySpace rules by setting up the phony profile for a boy named "Josh Evans." Jurors decided Drew was not guilty of the more serious felonies of intentionally causing emotional harm while accessing computers without authorization.

The jury could not reach an

unanimous verdict on a felony conspiracy charge.

Drew was not directly charged with causing Megan's death.

Some legal experts believe prosecutors are still smarting over the conviction on lesser crimes. In his filing, Krause continued to argue there is convincing evidence that shows Drew set out to inflict emotional harm to Megan.

"They are just totally gung-ho on this case," Matt Levine, a New York-based defense attorney and former federal prosecutor, said about prosecutors. "On one hand, what Lori Drew did was egregious and she should be brought to justice, but they have used the wrong legal theory here."

Levine said it would have been more appropriate for Missouri authorities to charge Drew with harassment. Police there, however, have said they didn't file any charges against Drew in part because there was no applicable state law.

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ABOVE: A competitor from Northern Arizona University does a back flip for competition judges at Red Bull 'Snow Warz' on March 14 at Mammoth Mountain. Photos courtesy of Shawn Rossmiller

LEFT: SJSU's two snowboarding teams pose for a picture after the Red Bull 'Snow Warz' competition on March 14. Team SJSU did not make it to the finals, but was involved in most snowboarding activities.

BOTTOM LEFT: Maggie Roberts, a junior nursing major and team captain for 'Here for Beer,' does an air over one of the tabletops at Red Bull 'Snow Warz' on March 14 at Mammoth Mountain.

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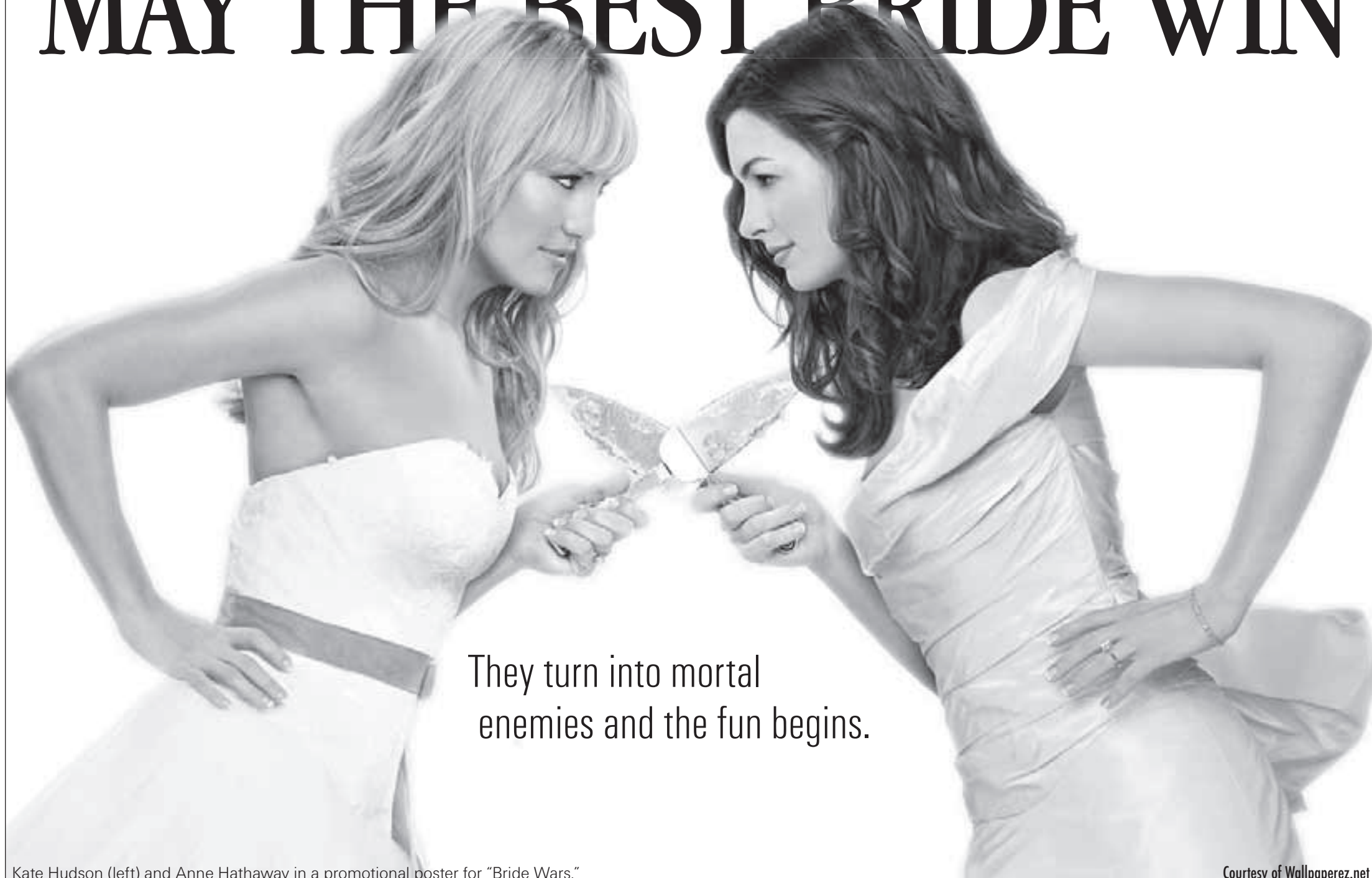
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DVD REVIEW: 'BRIDE WARS'

MAY THE BEST PRIDE WIN



Kate Hudson (left) and Anne Hathaway in a promotional poster for "Bride Wars."

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They turn into mortal enemies and the fun begins.

Best friends and beautifully blushing brides battle in a race to the altar, friendship be damned

KIMBERLY TSAO
Features Editor

Here come the brides ...

In the new DVD release, "Bride Wars," Kate Hudson ("How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days") and Anne Hathaway ("The Devil Wears Prada") star as best friends — until their weddings are scheduled on the same day at a much coveted venue — The Plaza Hotel. They turn into mortal enemies and the fun begins.

However, the fun starts and ends with the film. The DVD could have included more special features. It only has the deleted scenes and a featurette on wedding dresses, which isn't as interesting as it may sound to fashionistas.

They could have done any number of things: a commentary by Hudson and Hathaway, music videos, a guide to wedding planning or a behind-the-scenes look at the movie.

In the film, Hathaway turns Hudson's hair blue while Hudson gives Hathaway an orange spray tan. Hathaway goes as far as to crash Hudson's bachelorette party, initiating a dance-off, which, by some miracle, she ends up winning. Hathaway shells out a cringe-worthy dance that was hoochie-like in all the wrong ways.

I do like Hathaway, but I don't think she's ever in her element in romantic comedies, especially this one.

She's better when she's channeling older characters or people from different time periods than playing the girl next door who falls for the boy two doors down.

Her performances in "Becoming Jane" and "Get Smart" surpass her attempt at acting in "The Princess Diaries." It's a head scratcher that MTV would nominate Hathaway for Best Actress in this movie and not Hudson.

"Bride Wars" is more of Hudson's forte in the same vein as her mother, Goldie Hawn, arguably the queen of roman-

tic comedies. For me, the funniest scene was when Hudson decides to sabotage Hathaway's dancing lessons.

Instead of working with the waltz instructor they hired, Hathaway and her fiancé (Chris Pratt from "Everwood") get stuck with a substitute who teaches moves ala "Bring It On" spirit fingers. Genius.

Hathaway retaliates by sticking huge cut-out shapes on Hudson's dress, which only ap-

pears as a deleted scene on the DVD. It's a shame, since the end result of the dress was nothing less than amusing.

It's puzzling how some of the other scenes didn't make it in the film since they explain a few things I felt were a bit abrupt in the movie's final version.

The director's reason may forever remain a mystery, because unlike other DVDs, "Bride Wars" didn't include commentary on the deleted scenes. In fact, the film only clocks in at 89 minutes, so the inclusion of those scenes wouldn't have made a difference.

They should have omitted the wedding planner's (Candice Bergen from "Miss Congeniality") voiceover, which occurs sporadically from start to finish in the movie. Whenever her voice pops up, beautiful but unnecessary photo montages accompany it, rather than actual, filmed scenes.

On another note, the soundtrack was the kind that made you want to Google and download the songs once the credits rolled.

"Dream" by Priscilla Ahn already calls my iPod home. "Something Special" by Colbie

Caillat and the iPhone 3G jingle will soon follow.

On the other hand, the casting, particularly the grooms-to-be, could have used some work. Pratt and relatively unknown Steve Howey certainly don't shed light on why Hudson and Hathaway fight so hard for their weddings.

Pratt and Howey don't ooze a single ounce of charisma. Thankfully, Bryan Greenberg ("One Tree Hill"), who plays Hudson's brother, lays it on enough to cover all three of them.

You may go in thinking, "I

know what's going to happen. Hudson and Hathaway are going to kiss and make up by having a joint wedding in the end." However, the movie doesn't employ that predictable ending, which was a nice surprise.

I'm not the type to fall for every romantic comedy I see, but I enjoyed this one.

You can't expect a discussion on the polar ice caps or people dancing to "Jai Ho," but if you loved "13 Going on 30," chances are you'll like this movie, seeing as the director is one and the same.

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Dare to get risky with this Scottish whisky



DRINK OF THE WEEK Lagavulin 16

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Staff Writer

While living in London and enjoying the benefits of the pound versus euro exchange rate, I spent a weekend in Ireland roaming the dark green hills and whiling the night away in The Temple Bar, listening to Irish folk music and working my way through their extensive inventory of fine whiskey.

I've been drinking Scotch for many years and had mostly settled on Speyside whiskeys, which I considered more refined and easier on the palate. Aberlour 10 year was always my favorite.

I've tried Laphroaig, from Islay (pronounced eye-luh), and considered it overly smoky and not particularly complex or flavorful.

The same could be said for the Bowmore whiskeys — all smoke and antiseptic nastiness. I steered my reserve and or-

dered a glass of Lagavulin 16 (aged for 16 years). I expected the worst.

The glass arrived without ice — ice in whisky is a cardinal sin. I slowly lifted it to my nose. The Islay smoke punched me in the nostrils.

I steered my reserve and ordered a glass of Lagavulin 16 (aged for 16 years). I expected the worst.

I am not one to be frightened by a mere glass of orange-caramel-colored liquid, so I took a sip and allowed Lagavulin to coat the inside of my mouth.

This scotch did not taste like mouthwash. Sure, there was smoke there, but the smoke had been grabbed by the nape of its neck and kept under control.

Underneath the infernal fire lurked a complex mix of woody tones and earthy, nutty flavors with just a slight hint of dark berries, which only became more intense on subsequent sips. This drink is heaven.

The packaging is also a work of beauty. The bottle is a slightly curved at the neck and the glass is a smoky, green color. The cork cap is topped with a disc of light brown wood. The label has a classic feel that harkens back to the distillery's 1816 origins.

A bottle of Lagavulin 16 will set you back around \$60, so this is not a drink of choice for those who use a beer bong or host frequent kegers.

This is a drink to share with friends over conversation, or perhaps while reading a copy of the Spartan Daily and pondering the mysteries of life.

Given the proper amount of oral introspection, a glass of Lagavulin 16 can be a life-changing experience.

DVD REVIEW: 'BEHIND THE MASK: THE RISE OF LESLIE VERNON'

A movie that makes you think twice about going down that basement

CHRIS CURRY
A&E Editor

Suddenly alone, the two of you walk down to the abyss. A cruel and horrible death awaits.

"Jesus Christ, you idiot! Don't go down there," you scream at her, but she ignores you.

Even the stairs leading to the basement creak and moan in protest. But she continues, compelled by both an imaginary force and the force of imagination.

It is quiet and cold, like the whole room has been swallowed by some stone behemoth. She pauses and stops breathing for a moment, but as she feared, somewhere close she still hears a breath rise and fall. She desperately thrashes around the thin blade of light from her flashlight, hitting everything but the man in the mask. He can practically smell her fear. The corners of his grotesque mouth pull to a smile.

"He's behind you, stupid! Turn around," you plead, but again she is oblivious.

In a flash, her fate, the masked man and the pitchfork all intersect.

People always do the stupidest things in horror movies. Until recently, there has been no explanation of why that get-

away car never starts, why no one can ever outrun the walking bad guy or why people always feel compelled to go down into the basement.

"Behind the Mask: The Rise of Leslie Vernon" is a horror movie that still has all those crazy elements, only it gives us supremely entertaining and imaginative reasons why.

But she continues, compelled by both an imaginary force and the force of imagination.

Fresh-faced Taylor Gentry, who is played by Angela Gethals, leads a film crew hoping to document the next small-town massacre. She licks her journalistic chops at the prospect of being able to document, from the inside, an event like the Elm Street or Crystal Lake killings.

In the movie, Freddy Krueger, Michael Myers and Jason Voorhees are all real, and so were their killing sprees.

Taylor makes a deal with the devil and agrees to film up-and-coming, slasher-in-training Leslie Vernon, and his preparations for the night that he hopes will assure his ascent into the horror-villain hall

of fame.

Taylor and her crew get full access to Leslie's trade secrets and Leslie gets the exposure he wants.

Nathan Baesel plays Leslie with such infectious charm that both the audience and the fictional film crew overlook the fact that all of his clever manipulations and preparations are preceding what is to be a night of murder. At one point it seems hard to believe that the charismatic protagonist is even going to go through with it.

Much like David Copperfield, one of Leslie's mentors, he keeps everyone spellbound as he reveals trick after trick. Everything goes according to plan, right up to the fateful night at the old abandoned Vernon farmhouse.

Will Taylor stick to her promise to not interfere, even as Leslie plans to stick a pitchfork in somebody? Or will Taylor and her crew become part of the blood bath? Can she convince Leslie to lay down the hatchet? Or will the hatchet come down on her?

"Behind the Mask: The Rise of Leslie Vernon," has a surprise ending and a very good cast that includes Robert Englund from "A Nightmare on Elm Street" series and Zeld Rubinstein from "Poltergeist." If you are any kind of horror fan, this movie's guaranteed to entertain.

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The dark side to good things



CHRIS CURRY
For Those About to Read

How does one vessel hold both the sublime and the terrible? I've recently noticed the irony that some of my favorite things possess a wicked duality. Snow is a perfect example of this dichotomy. Of all substances that naturally cover the Earth, snow is the most fun. People drive for miles to see and to play in it. You can snowboard, snowshoe, snowmobile, snow ski or make snowmen. Side note: Listen to the badass Red Hot Chili Peppers song "Snow."

On the other hand, it is the epitome of wet and cold — two of the most uncomfortable states of being. It brings miserable things such as snowstorms, snow blindness, snow blowers, being snowed-in and that terrible band Snow Patrol. I also feel compelled to remind everyone that snow can also kill.

Mr. Eddie Van Halen is widely considered one of the

best guitarists of all time. His band, Van Halen — talk about an ego trip — featured not only his virtuosity, but also two other talented musicians. The problem is that there are four guys in the band.

The bassist's parents named him Michael Anthony, but everyone who knows the band calls him that talentless simpleton who plays like a fourth grader. Side note: Never trust anyone with two first names.

The saddest thing is that Anthony made me call David Lee Roth "talented."

Next example, the cell phone. It's so convenient, so handy and so omnipresent. It has replaced payphones, address books and planners. Like a nursing child, we suckle all the media and communications milk from our loving provider, Verizon. Side note: Verizon is incapable of love but if it was, I doubt it would love you.

With a cell phone neatly tucked in our pockets, we are vigilant Dr. Jekylls, making appointments, calling mom or even making life-saving calls.

The problem is cell phones turn its users into rude, oblivious, obnoxious and dangerous Mr. Hydes. This same device causes people to run in each other, on foot and in cars. Thou-

sands of innocent clerks have been left hanging as they tried to give change back to zombified customers with symbiotic iPhones attached to their ears.

Up next is James Cameron, the man who brought us not only the "Terminator" movies, but also "Rambo" and "Aliens." This man sweats testosterone and bleeds science fiction. That is until he made one of the most horrible and horribly overrated movies of all time, "Titanic." Side note: I don't care how much money it made.

Even the mighty combined efforts of the Terminator, Rambo and a pack of alien-fighting super marines could not keep Cameron's reputation from plunging like it was chained to the deck of the aforementioned steam liner.

How could the same man be responsible for the most incompetently emotional waste of an epic movie, and yet still have given us such gritty, intense survival tales?

Sadly, even the best things can — and often do — produce the worst.

Chris Curry is a Spartan Daily A&E editor. This is a special appearance of "For Those About to Read."

Get off your butt, and get involved



ANDREA FRAINER
Guerrilla Wordfare

It's hard to get motivated about anything these days. To drag yourself out of bed in the mornings. To go to work. To study for that test. To find a job.

It's even harder to get motivated about the things that don't directly impact our lives, such as eradicating homelessness. Poverty. Domestic abuse. Human rights. Racial inequality. Environmental problems. Etc. Etc.

We've all uttered those words: "I'm just one person. I can't possibly make a difference."

The thing is, you really can make a difference. It sounds corny, but it's true.

When I had to volunteer 20 hours of my precious time at a nonprofit organization for a class, I discovered that warm, fuzzy feeling of brightening someone else's day.

Unlike most of my peers, when I completed my 20 hours of work, I continued to volunteer at the homeless shelter, because,

well, it was fun. I met a lot of wonderful people and learned about a world I knew little about.

The administrator told me she was thrilled that I decided to stay.

The shelter wasn't immune to the current economic conditions, and people who were willing to donate their time and money weren't exactly knocking down the door.

Many organizations are suffering like this, and even those that do have the funding are always in need of volunteers.

So, I present you this challenge. When finals are over and school is out, muster up some of that self-motivation, get out of the house and volunteer your time to a cause you are passionate about.

Don't know where to begin? Tomorrow's Day of Service at SJSU is a good place to start.

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You can certainly spare four hours of your time to brighten someone else's day, right?

What's that? This is too short of notice for you?

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Disgusted that the Gulf Coast is still in shambles because of

Hurricane Katrina?

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Sad that the percentage of homeless individuals is on the rise?

Next to San Jose City Hall, the Community Homeless Alliance Ministry works to end homelessness in Silicon Valley and to advocate viable solutions, such as affordable housing.

Want to fight the power? Students for Quality Education at SJSU have mobilized to raise awareness about the hike in tuition and fees.

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Any of these organizations would greatly appreciate any help they can get — even if it's just a few hours a week.

Get motivated and get out there.

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Andrea Frainier is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. This is the last appearance of "Guerrilla Wordfare."

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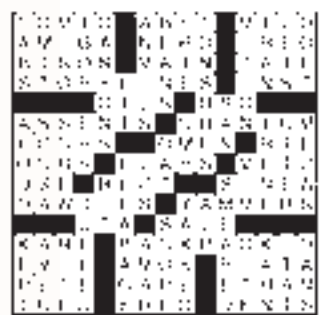
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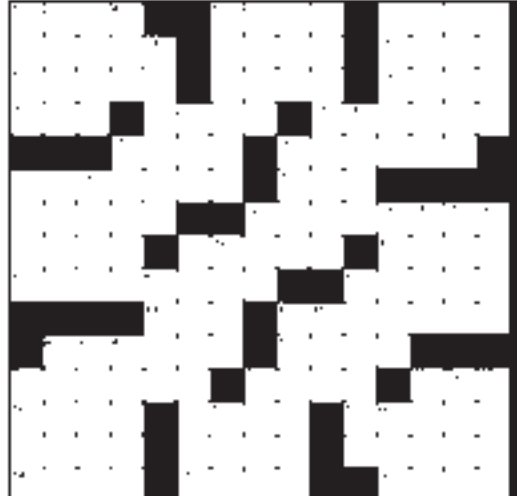
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Do abortion clinics encourage racist practice?



ALLIE FIGURES
Figures It Out

How much is my life worth? How about my mother's? Or my father's?

Planned Parenthood has accepted a price for my head by accepting money for the cause of aborting black babies. The organization has been targeted by the UCLA student publication, *The Advocate*, for its questionable practices regarding abortions.

Undercover reporter Lila Rose, a UCLA student and pro-life activist, is known for conducting several sting operations against Planned Parenthood. Rose and the staff of the publication teamed up with a hired actor and called Planned Parenthood locations across the

country to see how they would respond to a donor with a racist agenda.

On a recorded telephone call to a Planned Parenthood location in Idaho, the actor claimed he had a problem with his children being disadvantaged by affirmative action and wanted to make sure his monetary donation would be used specifically for a pregnant black woman. "The less black kids out there the better," the actor said.

The representative from Planned Parenthood assured the caller that his donations will be used solely for his cause. "Understandable, understandable," laughed the employee, who was fired soon after being exposed. Through this, inequality and racism has extended from adults to children and now finally, unborn babies.

The fact that there is funding for black abortions angers me — as if minorities do not have enough stacked up against them. It is appalling that this donation for racism was actually acceptable to the employee who supported the actor's request to

donate money to black women who he felt shouldn't even have children — kind of like a scholarship.

Although I am also a pro-lifer, assume with me that I wanted to terminate an unwanted pregnancy. I turn to Planned

about that. But this was no racist joke or cartoon. Although this was a fake offer to help eradicate a race, the part that turned the knife stabbed in my heart is that the Idaho employee was more than willing to enable the actor's "cause."

is single-handedly responsible. Maybe it is the strain black people put on the economy, you know, with all of us on welfare and such.

So, how can we lift up our minority communities with cases like these? Because of this hatred, I do not feel completely comfortable for black women to bring children into this world. And I especially do not feel completely comfortable with a pregnant black woman getting an abortion at an organization that sponsors the genocide of her race.

Whether one dollar or one million, it doesn't matter to me how much — or if any, actually — Planned Parenthood has raised specifically for the abortion of black babies. It matters to me that there is even one person or organization out there supporting this "cause" and accepting a price for a life.

Allie Figures is a Spartan Daily A&E editor. This is the last appearance of "Figures It Out."

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Parenthood to inquire about my option of an abortion. I am exercising my rights to do whatever I want with my body. Just my luck, I am informed that because I am black, money has been set aside by a racist benefactor specifically for my procedure. Am I supposed to feel grateful? Should I be appreciative that someone out there wants one less person like me brought into the world?

Racism exists. No doubt

New China adoption laws require thin waist lines for hopeful parents



KIMBERLY TSAO
It's Down to This

"Child seeks married parents, under 50, skinny and pretty. No antidepressant medicine for the last two years. Must meet economic and educational standards."

China has enforced stricter adoption laws since May 2007, according to a *Time* magazine article. In the past, I have kept my mouth shut about China.

These children don't require just any care, they require specific care. Haven't you heard? They can't get that if their parents aren't skinny.

Everyone else has been giving the country so much flack for its environmental sins, censorship rules, human rights violations and toys — but China's new restrictions on adoption have forced me to join the club.

At one adoption center, the number of adoptees plummeted from 7,906 in 2005 to 3,909 in 2008, according to the same article. Another orphanage's numbers plunged from 1,152 in 2005 to 422 in 2008.

Cory Barron, foundation director of Children's Hope International, said, "These are China's children, and they can set the requirement to what they deem is best."

Try again.

"I think they are saying, 'You know what? We have fewer children now and so we are looking for better parents,'" said Josh Zhong, founder and director of Colorado's Chinese Children Adoption International.

Since most Chinese couples

preferred baby boys to girls, the country is currently facing an overwhelming men-to-women ratio. *Time* magazine reported that the shift in China's perception of daughters has resulted in fewer orphans, so the country can afford to be more selective.

Last I checked, after taking one step forward, it isn't mandatory to take two steps back. Adopters can't be obese or have facial deformities, which is beyond ridiculous. People's faces and weights do not determine if they're going to be good parents.

Society has been sending girls the message that they have to be gorgeous and a size -2 to be successful, whether it's in modeling, relationships or life.

Now, China is telling them that they must be physically appealing

not the point. No one should be deprived of having a family.

If China thinks people's marital statuses limit their family dysfunction, they have another thing coming. Some people can offer better homes divorced than they can married.

Poor, uneducated people don't necessarily make bad parents. Bad people make bad parents, and the poor and the uneducated aren't bad people. Being a good parent is dependent on a lot of things, but I'd say China's latest restrictions are the exception.

Fear not. It's not all bad. More wannabe parents are considering adopting a child with a disability, which carries a shorter wait, according to the article.

While it's great that children with disabilities are finding homes, it feels like China has its priorities mixed up. The country should enforce stricter requirements for adopters of disabled children, not put them on the speed track to parenthood.

These children don't require just any care, they require specific care. Haven't you heard? They can't get that if their parents aren't skinny.

I couldn't imagine my aunt, who had two miscarriages, not being able to adopt from China, if that's what she wanted.

I couldn't imagine my siblings, who claim they will forego labor pains, not being able to adopt from China if that's their place of choice.

I certainly couldn't imagine celebrities, such as Meg Ryan, not being able to adopt from China if that's their fate.

In an *InStyle* magazine article, Ryan said of her adopted Chinese daughter, Daisy, "I feel like we made some agreement, long ago and far away, to meet in the way we did."

Kimberly Tsao is a Spartan Daily features editor. This is a special appearance of "It's Down to This."

Not old enough to vote, but old enough to go all the way



DANIELLE TORRALBA
Senior Staff Writer

"I am 16 going on 17 / I know that I'm naive / Fellows I meet may tell me I'm sweet / And willingly I believe."

Oh dear Leisl, tell those fellows to hold out at least one more year, because then you will have the option of Plan B.

There is no stopping Generation Y from breeding like rabbits. The society we live in today is ever expanding, and not every teenager has cool parents like Juno MacGuff's.

Just within the past two weeks, the Food and Drug Administration acted in accordance with a judge's order and lowered the age limit to access the birth control contraceptive Plan B from 18 to 17 years old.

For those of you who don't know what Plan B is, it is also known as the "morning after" pill. It is the emergency contraceptive women can take after they have had unprotected intercourse. According to Plan B's Web site, it is essentially just a large dosage of birth control pills.

Now, what this new age limit means is that 17-year-old women will now be able to go to clinics, pharmacies or hospitals and purchase Plan B without a prescription — but with proof of legal age, of course. The same rules apply to men age 17 and older who are purchasing the pill for their partner.

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rabbits. The society we live in today is expanding, and not every teenager has cool parents like Juno MacGuff's.

Rape, incest and accidental pregnancies are not limited to just women and men who are in stable relationships, financial steadiness or just over the age of 18. It can happen to anyone.

In the 2004 film, "Saved," Jena Malone plays Mary, a devout Christian high school student who gets pregnant by her boyfriend and is chastised by her parents and friends. If Mary had the Plan B option, then Mandy Moore's character wouldn't be able to point her finger at anyone. But not all Marys are lucky because of divine intervention.

Seeking preventive measures can be seen as a form of responsibility to those who rant about how teenagers today are not being responsible. If they are not ready to have a child, and for whatever reason that is, they should not be judged for it.

The *New York Times* published an article stating how Plan B has more of a political impact than a public health one. The debate on this issue will be never ending.

FDA officials have cleared that it is safe for women at age of 17 and older, and they would not have done so if it wasn't safe.

This new available access has pro-life believers upset and pro-choice activists enthused. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America's president stated that they support the FDA's decision because American women should know that health comes before politics.

Children having children is a scary thing.

I understand the shock and the fear parents may feel hearing there is an utter possibility their teenager likes to recklessly do the dirty, but at the end of the day, a woman's body is her own, regardless of her age.

Danielle Torralba is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer.

DID YOU KNOW...

When farming in ancient Peru, it was customary for women to push the ugly potatoes they found into the face of the nearest man?

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Spartans set to tee off at regional tournament



SJSU golfer Erica Moston drives a ball onto the fairway during a practice at the Villages Golf and Country Club on Friday. Moston was selected as the WAC Player of the Year for this season. RYAN BUCHAN / Spartan Daily

Moston, Spartans take on 20 schools, eight will advance

RYAN BUCHAN
Sports Editor

Following a first-place finish in the Western Athletic Conference tournament, SJSU's Erica Moston begins play today at the NCAA West Regional Tournament, joining her nationally-ranked team.

"We have prepared all year. We don't try to do good just at the end," Moston said. "We are just going in with the same game plan. Doing nothing different is the key."

The Spartans, ranked 17th nationally by the magazine Golfweek, have won every tournament they have been in since coming in second at the Kent Youel Invitational in Hawaii at the end of October.

"It has been a real gradual climb," said assistant coach Dana Dormann. "We have really excelled at every tournament and gained confidence."

The regional tournament is being played in Tempe, Ariz., and the top eight teams out of 21 will

advance to the NCAA championship tournament. The top two golfers in the tournament who are not on an advancing team also go to the championship, which starts May 18.

"We work hard and we deserve to go to nationals," said SJSU junior golfer Cristina Corpus.

The Spartans have not reached the championship tournament since 2001, when the team finished 17th. SJSU has won the tournament three times, but has not done so since 1992.

The Spartans enter the regional tournament as the sixth seed.

In college golf, each team has five golfers competing and the four best scores are combined for the team score.

Last year, the Spartans finished 16th in the regional tournament after finishing fourth in the conference tournament.

Although the team did not advance, Moston made it to the national tournament last year.

"She has been a huge asset," Dormann said. "It's great, she helps (the team) know what to expect."

Moston said she told her teammates about her experiences at last year's nationals.

"I tell them it's real exciting," she said. "I give them the idea we belong there. We are a good team

and deserve to be there."

Moston was named WAC Golfer of the Year for the second consecutive season.

"A lot of it is experience," she said. "Just learning from past experiences and a lot of practice."

Besides Moston, two other Spartans finished in the top five at the WAC tournament. Sophomore Katrina Delen-Briones and Corpus tied for fifth with an overall score of 219.

"The first day for me was different," Delen-Briones said. "I never shot below a 70 before. I was really nervous and excited at the same time and it was great for the team too and everybody played well. It was a great day."

Corpus said she has to focus on her shots and not think of the score to do well.

The other golfers to compete in the conference tournament for SJSU were Madeleine Ziegert, who finished ninth with a score of 225, and Shraddhanjali Singh, who finished 13th with a 226.

Both Delen-Briones and Corpus made the all-conference first team along with Moston.

The NCAA championship tournament begins on May 18 and goes until May 22 in Owings Mills, Md.

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