Ukraine braces for conflict

By Eva Martin
STAFF WRITER

Vova Zhukov, a Ukrainian San Jose State aerospace engineering junior, said he felt the pressure of a potential Russian invasion in his home country while visiting his family over winter break in Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine. “It was tense, you know, like a small tense you can feel everywhere,” Zhukov said over Zoom. “My mother, for example, was really, I would say, scared about the situation. My father was more calm, and my grandmother too, because they don’t believe that something can happen.”

Russian President Vladimir Putin demanded a commitment from North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries to refrain from a Ukrainian alliance at his annual news conference on Dec. 23. He mobilized military forces all around Ukraine without officially admitting any plan of invasion.

NATO is a military alliance formed in 1949 with the original goal to counter the post-war Russian expansion. It now counts 30 countries from North America and Europe committed by article 5 of the treaty to assist any attacked member with armed force if necessary, according to the NATO website.

Russian officials could decide to invade Ukraine before the Feb. 20 end of the Winter Olympics said United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Friday in Melbourne, Australia. Russia has more than 130,000 soldiers massed near Ukraine’s borders as of Sunday, according to an ABC News article.

U.S. President Joe Biden said in a Thursday NBC interview that Americans in the Ukraine should leave. “American citizens should leave, should

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Voters to determine local election cycle

By Jennifer Schlegel
STAFF WRITER

The San Jose City Council met Tuesday on Zoom and voted 10-1 for a proposed measure that would appear on the June 7 ballot, and, if approved by voters, would allow mayoral elections to occur during the same time as presidential elections.

While the average mayoral term is four years, if passed the proposal would allow the city charter to shorten the term of the mayor elected in 2022 to two years, according to the memorandum.

“If passed, the proposal would permit the city charter to shorten the term of the new mayor, who will be elected this year, from four years to two years,” SJTU political science professor Garrick Pertiw said.

Jeffrey Buchanan
San Jose resident

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SJSU aerospace engineering junior, Ukrainian international student

“This might be one of the single most important policies that we can do to increase voter participation for mayors in the future.”

San Jose City Council passed a measure that, if passed by voters, would move mayoral elections to U.S. presidential election years.

- Many San Jose community members support the measure’s inclusion in the upcoming ballot because they believe it will increase voter turnout in mayoral elections.
- If passed, the proposal would permit the city charter to shorten the term of the new mayor, who will be elected this year, from four years to two years.
- Councilmember Dev Davis voted against the proposal and said the $617,000 spent to put the measure on the ballot could be spent elsewhere.

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The Chernobyl disaster in 1986. Chernobyl and the surrounding areas are speculated to be a possible entry point for Russian soldiers, then clearly it's not enough," she said.

She believes the fear of nuclear weapons pushes all the involved states to avoid military confrontation. Pinnell said while the conditions are different in the "background," it wouldn't necessarily stop Russia from invading Ukraine.

"Is it possible that they could end up marching in Ukraine and eventually leave? Yes, they did that with Georgia," Pinnell said. In 2008, Putin invaded Georgia, a country located at the intersection between Eastern Europe and Western Asia, during the opening ceremony of Beijing Olympics. Putin said he justified the invasion as a "responsibility to protect Ossetians from Georgian genocide." Russian officials accused Georgian soldiers of systematically killing hundreds of civilians in the separatist enclave of South Ossetia located in Georgia.

"In 2008, when Russia basically occupied (Crimea), it was a different issue because the population there was Russian-speaking and wanted to be part of Russia," Sakumar said. "So it would be very difficult for Russia to occupy Ukraine if it invaded it.

For the moment, this [Russian] mobilization is not a direct invasion, but a massing on the border which means "We want to get concessions. " I mean the stakes for Russia are the equivalent of having you, know, another country established military bases along the border with Mexico," she said.

She described how Russia uses a Ukraine/NATO alliance as a direct threat. "They now want a commitment that this is never going to happen," she added. "Accepting Russia's conditions would send a signal of weakness to the rest of the world, said Sakumar.

"It would be very difficult for NATO to publicly say to Russia that we agree, that we will not allow Ukraine to join because you don't want Ukraine to join it," Sakumar said. The U.S. gave $200 million of defensive aid to the Ukrainian army, according to a Jan. 23 Reuters article. "Every [piece of military equipment] the U.S. gives now is increasing the morale of Ukrainians," Zhukov said.

"We feel the support from the west, that really gives us hope," Zhukov said. "Accepting Russia's conditions would send a signal of weakness to the rest of the world and democracy.

"I see [the] bright future of Ukraine," she said.

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By moving the timing of the mayor’s race to presidential election day, the goal is to significantly increase participation.

Garrick Percival
SLSU political science professor

Carrasco said during the meeting. Councilmember Dev Davis voted against the proposed ballot measure because she said the $617,000 spent to include the measures in the ballot could be reallocated in other ways, including "get out the vote." Carrasco said the "get out the vote" or "getting out the vote" refers to efforts aimed at increasing the turnout in elections.

Carrasco agreed with the idea that using the money to support "get out the vote" measures would be a good idea but she doesn't think it would be sufficient. "I don't think that's enough. I don't think we can just say "Doing everything that we can to move in the election a little bit earlier," she said. "It's got to be something that increases the voter turnout."
Spartans rack up fouls against Rams

By Jamie Bennett

The San Jose State women’s basketball team (6-19, 1-11 Mountain West) faced the Colorado State Rams (15-7, 6-4 Mountain West) during a high intensity game Saturday at the Provident Credit Union Event Center.

The game looked to go either way but Colorado took advantage of its chances at the free throw line, leading the team in an 84-70 victory.

The Rams made 30 out of 31 free throws for the night when SJSU from standing its ground against strong offensive players, including Colorado State point guard Upe Atosu.

Although the game started off with enthusiasm, the first half did not go well for SJSU, as they were out-scored in both the first and second quarters entering halftime.

In the third quarter, the Spartans and Rams dished it out, drawing shots from behind the arch and ending an exciting quarter scoring 21 points each.

The second half of the game resulted in SJSU capitalizing on 25-26 free throws, compared to SJSU 19-14 from the line.

During the fourth quarter, SJSU faced Colorado State nine times, which made it even more difficult to close the score gap.

The Rams made 30 out of 31 free throws for the night when Turner, said during a Saturday press conference that the game turned from a good offensive game to a bad defensive game. Tensions rose as SJSU continued to make “aggressive fouls” on defense, leading to confusion and disagreement with referee calls.

The Spartans were frustrated with the result of the game and showed it. “It’s hard to lose, you don’t play sports to lose,” Turner said. “You have to find some joy in competing and that’s what we’ve been focusing on: staying resilient.”

The Spartans are set to play against San Diego State at the SJSU Provident Credit Union Event Center 6:00 p.m. today.

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Sex, mayhem in ‘Pam & Tommy’

New Hulu series exploits rather than entertains

By Jennifer Schildge

STAFF WRITER

Based on an eerily entertaining true story, Hulu’s “Pam and Tommy” is more exploitative and unseemly than enticing.

The limited series follows Pamela Anderson, played by Lily James, and then-husband Tommy Lee, played by Sebastian Stan, as their sex tape gets leaked by angry electrician Rand Gauthier, played by Seth Rogen, who worked on their house but was fired in 1995.

Anderson, a model and actress known mostly for her character C.J. Parker in 1999 TV show “Baywatch,” suddenly became a prominent public figure after the leak of her and Lee’s sex tape.

The show is based on an article published in Rolling Stone in 2014 which chronicles the sex tape saga that traumatized the couple.

The show opens with an interview between Jay Lenos, played by Adam Ray, and Anderson. Lenos prodtes her about the tape and it’s clear that she’s uncomfortable. Lenos takes that he hasn’t watched the tape but only because he hasn’t found a copy. The scene starts a serious tone I thought the show would carry.

Barry Lenos, host of the show’s hair and makeup department, told Variety in an August 2021 article that James spent anywhere from three to five hours in hair and makeup each morning.

The hair and makeup would be the only five star rating I’d give for the show until I saw the appalling prosthetic breasts they slapped on James’ chest.

The show focuses on Anderson, a woman who’s been exploited and objectified her entire life. The cast claims consent is key and that the story is feminist but doesn’t treat the real Anderson with respect.

The tape was labeled “PAMELA'S HARDCORE SEXTAPE” and Lee wasn’t sure to protect the contents it was all about Anderson. A show about the horror of a nonconsensual sex tape being shared was the least of the main character’s real-life consent.

Neither Lee nor Anderson are affiliated with the series.

Lee said the televisual portrayal of the story was "cool" and he was “fooled” it was being made, according to a Sept. 13, 2021 Entertainment Tonight (ET) article.

“Entertainment Tonight is a talk show that sources on entertainment and celebrity news. Lee still in the same mindset as he was in the 90s, a mindset where any publicity is good publicity. While Anderson has not spoken about any aspects of the show. If Pam and Tommy is such a movement for her, why make it without her input? Why not come up with an original idea for a show for her, why make it without her input? Why put someone’s Real life on the screen without their consent? I do applaud the use of puppetry in the show. With the fourth episode, the couple’s love for each other is showcased and the scenes are more serious tone.

In episode four, the couple realizes their tape is stolen and decide to take action. This is a good moment in the story where the couple—in which Lee repeatedly expresses his love for Anderson, which was creative and fascinating to watch. In episode three, Lee talks to his penis about his love for Anderson, which was creative and fascinating to watch. In episode four, the couple realizes their tape is stolen and make the show without Anderson’s input.

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The show is released every Wednesday on Hulu.

Pam and Tommy

Rating: ★★★★☆

Network: Hulu

Starring: Lily James, Sebastian Stan

Genre: Biographical drama

Release date: February 2, 2022

Correction

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, the Spartan Daily published a story titled “Groups push for immigration reform” in which Luis Aquino and Patricia and Miguel Vazquez were misidentified.

The Spartan Daily regrets this error.
A Pune princess named Asha lands back on Earth after a thousand years of meditating in space. She’s thrown into a world she hardly knows, one that is filled with pain but also love. This narrative sounds more like it could be a futuristic film than a conceptual album, but if anyone is capable of surprising listeners, it’s 27-year-old American singer Raveena Aurora.

Raveena’s second album “Asha’s Awakening,” has listeners view the world from the perspective of a Pune princess. As she travels down from another plane, she experiences our foreign, strange world. Raveena was raised with folk, a religion practiced in the northern Indian state of Punjab, and much of her music draws on our culture. Through “Asha’s Awakening,” Raveena fuses her New York and Punjabi identities. The result is an ethereal, angelic and visceral expression of the beauty around us.

Raveena’s voice dips like honey on every track as her breathy vocals like honey on every track as her breathy vocals are a mix of Indian drums, harps and mellow guitar harmonies.

On the opening track “Lucid,” Raveena sings, “American fantasy, she’s winding to the rhythm,” as Asha experiences the magnetic pull of the women around her. She ends the song with Hindi lyrics, “dil meri taam lo, kahin to main lo, baki sab jaane tho, oh” which translates to, “hold on to my heart, say you agree, let everything else go.”

Almost every track on the album features Hindi lyrics which pay homage to the music she grew up with: classic Bollywood songs of Americans have the generation Indian-Bollywood songs.

“Lucid” is a trippy song that opens with a warped synthesizer and continues the funky theme of some of the songs. She sings, “she wants to fuck and trip and eat them on a joyful journey on “Asha’s Awakening.” On “Kathy Left 4 Kathmandu,” Raveenas about a lover following her to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. It’s a creepy song that opens with a warped synthesizer and continues the funky theme of some of the songs. She sings, “she wants tofuck and trip and eat them on a joyful journey on “Asha’s Awakening.”

By Saumya Monga

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