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A protester holds a sign with a list of demands the group wants the university to complete.

Students protest on Smith & Carlos lawn



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Electrical engineering freshman Sahar Waseem holds a sign in support of Palestine.



A crowd stands in front of the Olympic Black Power Statue listening to speakers.



A protester shouts into a megaphone in front of Tower Lawn on Wednesday.

Ice skating class canceled at San José State

By Alina Ta
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Students at San José State are signing a petition after the Department of Kinesiology permanently canceled its Beginning Ice Skating class.

SJSU's Figure Skating club announced the class was canceled after teaching students to glide on ice for over 30 years, according to an April 27 Instagram post.

KIN62A Beginning Ice Skating teaches students the basics of how to skate on ice while teaching students the history of ice skating and teaching students how to stay active, according to the class syllabus.

Business management junior Amy Huang, the president of SJSU's Figure Skating club, said the petition has signatures from around 200 students.

"When this news broke out it (was) just a lot of grief, a lot of anger, sadness associated with the loss of this class because it feels like a tradition that has been here for so long is being taken away from us," Huang said.

She said students enrolled in the class were not given

any advanced notice to inform them when the class would be canceled.

Two students were sent emails informing them that they were dropped from the class, but there was no additional warnings before April 26, according to the petition.

Huang said she was surprised to hear that the class would be canceled because the class typically overflowing with enrollment.

"It's always a bloodbath to get in and students are always like, 'Can I please just - add me, add me, add me,'" Huang said.

Tamar Semerjian, the department chair of the Kinesiology Department, said the class was cut because of budget constraints.

Semerjian said she understands that students are disappointed by the cancellation and that the department is still trying to offer as many classes as it can within the current budget.

"We do hope that in the future we can offer the class again," she said.

Michelle Gentry, the class activities instructor for the class, said that it is really

sad to see that the class has been canceled despite its popularity with students.

Gentry said she has been teaching the Beginning Ice Skating class for the past 20 years after her old coach asked her to take over the class.

"You know, the kids love my class," she said. "My class is always full, it's always maxed out. I have a waiting list every semester."

Gentry said the class started during the early 80s at Eastridge Ice Arena, which closed on April 15, 2004, according to a Facebook page titled "Eastridge Ice Arena - R.I.P."

She said she took the class herself when she was a student at SJSU in 1986.

"I really enjoy working with and exposing new people to new skills," Gentry said.

Child development junior Jade Phan, said she felt slightly intimidated when she first started taking the class, but she later discovered a new passion.

Phan also said she was already disappointed that there wasn't an intermediate level for the class before it was canceled.



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Human relations junior Sandy Ouk skates around to warm up before completing the class's final.

"Finding out it was cut completely is really disappointing because people like me that had no interest in any of the other options (and) now this is eliminated as well," Phan said. "So it's even harder to find something and have fun while exercising."

Gentry said Huang quickly wrote the petition after she heard the class would be discontinued.

Huang said the class is a support system for many

students, and it's hard to see the class being taken away suddenly.

"I just felt such immense betrayal from the university," Huang said. "They only care about money, they don't care about our student experience."

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Tuxedo, a 3-year-old American Staffordshire and service dog ventures out on a late afternoon walk on Tower Lawn on main campus with his owner, Genaro Villasenor.

Having a dog has its own reward

By Melany Gutierrez
MANAGING EDITOR

The San José State University campus is a haven for dog owners looking to momentarily escape their busy lives of work, school, and all other tasks that keep them indoors and unable to touch grass to play with their dogs.

In the dewy early mornings or the colorful sunset evenings, San José residents, SJSU students, and faculty take their dogs out to Tower Lawn to walk, play, and socialize.

MIS junior Anakita Sinha, said she rescued her dog Luna, who had been left on the side of a freeway with two other puppies by an abusive former owner.

Sinha said Luna was found with a bashed head and internal bleeding. After being put up again for adoption by a rescue, she had no luck finding a family.

Sinha said Luna initially wasn't being chosen for adoption because many potential owners were worried about the physical and financial responsibility of caring for her health concerns and medical needs.

Sinha said that did not stop her from adopting Luna. She spent a year tending to her health, needs and training her to trust in people again and recover from the abuse.

"She had the sweetest little eyes and it was just

the fact that nobody else wanted her and I wanted her to have a better life than being left on the side of the freeway," Sinha said.

She said because she is a busy student at SJSU and works, she has a strict

owners themselves also benefit from these walks in numerous ways such as improved cardiovascular fitness, lower blood pressure, stronger muscles and decreased stress, according to a Better

have had Cooper, she has seen a big positive change in her mental health.

She said a big benefit to having Cooper that has helped her is the push it gives her to be more outgoing.

easier to talk to strangers.

Upadhyay said everyone in her apartment building knows Cooper and loves to interact with him and therefore interact with her and she's been able to make more friends through

was in the hospital with serious bite marks that left permanent scars and damage to his arms.

"I was like, 'Man, I miss my dog,' I was having dreams about him," Villasenor said.

Soon after getting out of the hospital Villasenor adopted Tuxedo as a service dog and best friend.

He said Tuxedo is very obedient, does not bark, gets along with everyone, and is very loving.

He said Tuxedo tends to get very excited when meeting new people and always wants to jump and lick them out of curiosity and care.

Villasenor said it is rare if he ever leaves the house without Tuxedo because they are very attached and always together.

"It's just me and him," he said.

Villasenor said the mental and physical benefits of having a dog are priceless and it's a bond you cannot beat even if a previous dog owning experience has gone wrong before.

"The benefits of having a dog, I mean it's just like having a family member with you," Villasenor said. "It's like having a brother, cousin, whatever, they're there for you physically and emotionally always, it's unconditional."



Rescue dog, Luna, looks up at her owner, Anakita Sinha as she tries to get her companion to focus.

schedule for her and Luna to stick to that involves three 20 minute walks every day.

"I think when you are a student and like you're also working it's hard to take a break, a dog forces you to take a break because you have to go outside no matter what," Sinha said. "Even my best friend, she's like Luna's auntie so she gets breaks with us too."

Daily walks for dogs are vital to their physical and mental well-being but dog

Health Channel webpage.

Many students have pets for companionship and stress relief and those who do live with a pet were found to report less loneliness and depression, according to a study done by Kansas State University Counseling and Psychological Services,

San José residents Shraddha Upadhyay and Aditya Morey said they walk their golden retriever Cooper once a day but make it a very long walk.

Upadhyay said since they

"I'm kind of an introvert, I don't like going out and meeting people on my own," Upadhyay said. "But ever since he came into my life whenever I go out with him people start just talking to him and that's how we connect."

A 2019 poll of 2,000 dog owners done by the Good Network found that 54% of dog owners believed that having their dog by their side when out in social situations boosted their confidence and made it

having Cooper.

San José resident Genaro Villasenor said his three year old American Staffordshire dog, Tuxedo, is the best dog ever.

Villasenor had a unique experience as a dog owner because his previous dog, a pitbull, severely bit him and his cousin because his cousin had been teasing the dog and he became aggressive.

After the incident, the dog had to be put down and Villasenor

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SHOW REVIEW

Netflix's 'Baby Reindeer' is eerie

By **Joaquin De La Torre**
COPY WRITER

Exploring themes of sexual assault and sexual identity, comedian Richard Gadd writes and stars in "Baby Reindeer", where he tells his true story of when a serial stalker helped him deal with repressed trauma.

"Baby Reindeer" was released April 11 on Netflix and currently boasts a score of 98% on Rotten Tomatoes, according to Rotten Tomatoes.

The seven episode limited series begins with Donny, played by Gadd attempting to file a police report against his female stalker Martha, played by Jessica Gunning.

We quickly learn that Donny is an unsuccessful comedian working a dead-end job as bartender while living at his ex's mother's house.

One day, a very sad looking Martha sits at his bar.

Feeling pity for the woman who cannot afford anything, he

offers her a cup of tea for free and like a light switch, her mood changes to joyful.

In the next scene, Martha comes back to the bar and she is giddy as he gives her a Diet Coke for free.

The camera pans close into Martha's eyes which are hyper focused on Donny and the song "Crazy" by Patsy Cline starts playing.

Seeing this, my eyes widened as I clutched my pillow thinking to myself, 'Oh man, this is how it starts. Don't do it, Donny!'

Taking place primarily in London, the show adeptly walks a fine line between true crime drama and comedy.

Within the first three episodes, viewers are introduced to Donny, Martha, and Donny's lover Teri played by Nava Mau.

Each of these characters are brought to life exceptionally well by their actors.

Gunning's portrayal of Martha in the first few episodes is fantastic, inspiring both pity and sweat inducing apprehension.

In Martha's more vulnerable moments, the camera jumps from Donny's face to Martha's quickly, which leads me to believe that they have many similarities.

As a viewer, I get this sense from Donny's dejected eyes and Martha's preying gaze, that their past traumas have made their meeting a perfect storm.

This show tackles very heavy subject matter, but offers many brief moments of fun humor including deadpan deliveries, innuendos, and ample use of absurdity.

During my initial viewing, I found myself frequently pausing



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to Google search some of the blatant sexual innuendos that Martha kept slinging at Donny at his job.

Most of the time, I used context clues and my own dirty imagination to decode Martha's crude jokes.

Scene after scene, viewers are held hostage to witness the dumpster fire that is their codependent push and pull relationship.

In episode two, I began yelling at my screen when Donny started empathizing with Martha's behaviors.

By episode three when he helped her get home, I almost damn near got a noise complaint from my neighbors.

This show does a great job at eliciting a reaction from viewers and a large part of this comes

from the writing of the show.

Some of my favorite lines come from Donny's lover Teri, whose character is the only grounded one among all the chaos and frequently tells Donny how he's messing up.

Episodes one through three fantastically set up viewers for the train-like impact that episode four is. Each episode is roughly 27 minutes to 38 minutes long, making this show extremely bingeable.

Throughout the entire show, the color red is recurring scene after scene, but in episode four, the motif is the most present and I think it has a symbolic meaning.

The color red has the ability to accelerate heart rate and the power to invoke intense feelings including aggression, according

to a Los Angeles Film School webpage.

We are introduced to Darrien, played by Tom Goodman-Hill, and his assaults against Donny created a space for Martha's stalking to develop.

Goodman-Hill's performance makes Darrien as alluring as an oasis in the desert but with wolf eyes.

If you get this far in the show, you are sure to be hooked.

If you have not started it, the true story, marvelous acting and dry humor is bound to show you just why it's trending.

Whatever you do, watch this show or at the very least add it to your list.

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show review

"Baby Reindeer"

Rating:
★★★★★

Directed by:
Weronika Tofiliska,
Josephine Bornebusch

Starring:
Richard Gadd,
Jessica Gunning

Genre:
Drama

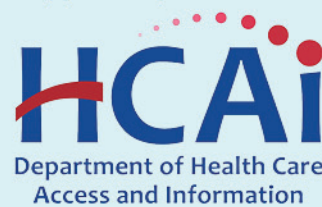


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Basketball doesn't have a gender

Nikita Bankar
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Growing up, I was constantly told that I could watch whatever brought me joy or peaked my interest. For me, it was basketball.

In middle school, I still remember when my dad took me to my first Golden State Warriors game.

He bought me a brand new Stephen Curry jersey, miraculously found amazing last minute tickets and explained every rule of the game to me.

I was in awe. Seeing the players sprinting back and forth on the court in real life, hearing the squeaking of their sneakers and listening to the echoing thud of the basketball left me starstruck, with my eyes wide and my heart full.

From that day forward, I became a die-hard fan of the gold-and-blue team.

Every time the game was on, I would drop everything, sprint to the TV and sit next to my dad on our blue leather sofa, which was slowly peeling after living in our home for seven years.

We would share mixed snacks, drinks and even dinner in the evening to accompany the game.

My mom would complain that we weren't focused on our meals and that we needed our eyes off the screen, but we simply did not care.

My dad has a rule —'no electronics at the table.' Basketball on the big screen is the only exception.

I truly believe I owe quite a bit of my close relationship with my dad to basketball and the Warriors.

Our shared love and



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enthusiasm is what gave us the chance to spend time with one another, which made me incredibly happy.

Our yells still echo and bounce off the walls of my house when a player scores a 3-pointer.

Yes, my mom rolls her eyes in annoyance at our increased volume, but again, we really don't care.

I have fallen in love with the adrenaline that the game gives me, and the excitement I feel when someone makes a basket.

Since the day I attended my first game, I knew basketball was something that I would constantly be drawn to.

I never considered myself to be a tomboy, which is what many thought of when

they heard that I watched basketball.

That was the issue — I was convinced that basketball was purely reserved for male audiences.

While I am someone who cheers for an NBA team, I know the WNBA does not receive as much attention as it deserves. The NBA makes a revenue of \$10 billion, while the WNBA makes one of \$60 million, according to World Sports Network.

Such a statistic has led me to believe that basketball has been carefully curated to celebrate males, which makes me upset.

Growing up, my male friends would question my knowledge when it came to the game of basketball,

which frustrated me.

Was it because I was a girl that they did not think I was capable of understanding anything?

I knew that coming to college, I would have to get used to fighting this battle of gender on my own, as I would be watching games by myself.

As I played games on the TV downstairs at the International House, I immediately missed my dad's company.

Guys would walk by and ask, "you watch basketball?" It was their pure confusion of a female watching the sport that left me hurt.

I remember one day I was watching the game, completely surrounded by a

group of guys living at the house.

My friend told me that when she walked by the room, she could barely see me, as I looked minuscule next to them.

I had a wonderful time cheering with them, but I couldn't help but feel slightly out of place. Here I was, a girl watching a sport with not a single other girl by my side.

Only 10% of avid NBA fans were female in 2023, according to Statista.

It was that conception of basketball being a sport for males that remained a planted seed in the back of my mind.

As a member of the Spartan Daily these past two semesters, I was given the

chance to attend San José State basketball games, take photos and even write profile pieces on the players.

I cannot even explain how excited these experiences made me feel.

I thought of middle-school me, with big bulging eyes glued to the screen watching post-game interviews of journalists with big mics talking to star players.

Now, here I am doing the same thing.

I am genuinely proud of the work I have created, and now know for a fact that I want to pursue a career in sports journalism. What scares me is that the industry is male dominated.

Today, 20.9% of sports journalists are women, while 79.1% of sports journalists are men, according to Zippia.

This is exactly what frightens me about the career I want.

Despite such a reality, I know that I am someone who does not back down when faced with challenge or adversity. Rather, I am someone who continues to do what I love despite what others say.

Yes, I am a girl who wants to pursue sports writing.

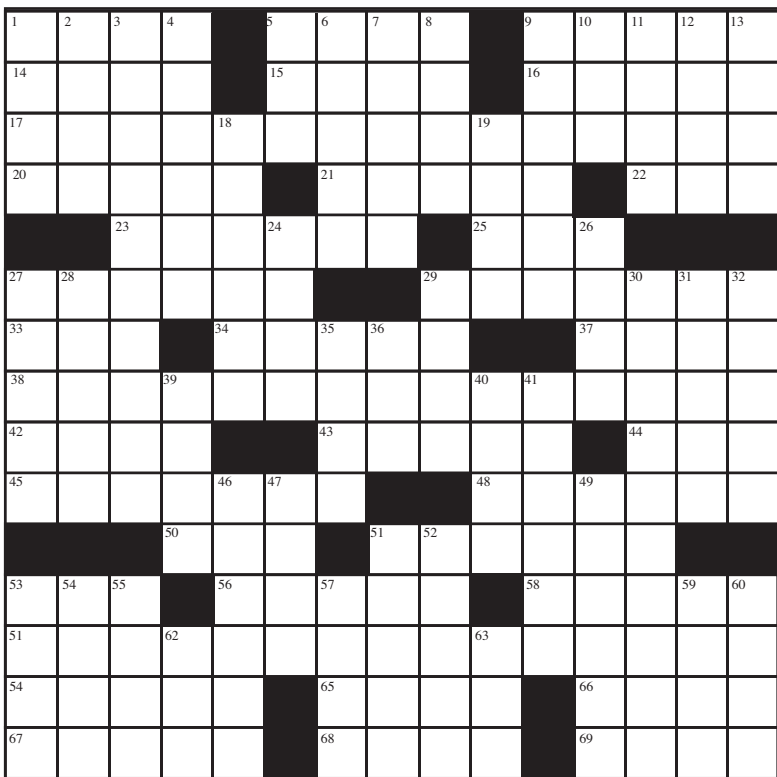
Yes, I am someone who thoroughly enjoys watching basketball.

Yes, I will continue to pursue a career where I know I will flourish. With the support of my mom, dad and friends who encourage me no matter what, I know I can achieve the future I am dreaming of.

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CLASSIFIEDS

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1. U2 lead singer
- 5. Post-marathon feeling
- 9. Really bothered
- 14. Shake ____ (hurry)
- 15. Branch headquarters
- 16. "It's done!"
- 17. In great shape
- 20. Carrier
- 21. ____ ballerina
- 22. Beatty in "Network"
- 23. Gift basket contents
- 25. Best-selling author Umberto
- 27. Only perfect World Series pitcher
- 29. Lobsterlike crustacean
- 33. Poem of praise
- 34. Ending for sea
- 37. Zero, in tennis
- 38. Certain high-net-worth individual
- 42. Fraternal fellows
- 43. Really bother
- 44. Baker's need
- 45. Second-hand store transactions
- 48. Tattered state
- 50. Center X

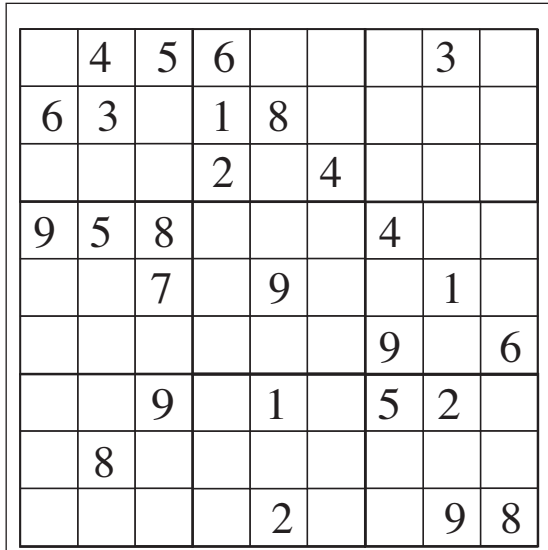
- 51. Uncorked, as champagne
- 53. Mariah Carey's label, once
- 56. Moon stage
- 58. Runs in place?
- 61. Vending machine choice
- 64. Type style
- 65. Analogous
- 66. ____ about (circa)
- 67. Lay down new turf
- 68. Appointment
- 69. Hardy character

DOWN

- 1. Thai money
- 2. Grocery stick
- 3. Orderlies?
- 4. Cousins of Peeping Toms?
- 5. B-ball player, e.g.
- 6. Subterranean chamber
- 7. Picks up some waves?
- 8. "____ Can" (Sammy Davis Jr. autobiography)
- 9. Cornell's locale
- 10. Density symbol
- 11. Change letterspacing
- 12. Gael's language
- 13. Safe deposit box item
- 18. Most faithful
- 19. Part of U.S.A.
- 24. Move gradually
- 26. Fly-by-night critters
- 27. Berth choice
- 28. Dancer Astaire
- 29. Minimal change
- 30. John Hancock place
- 31. Debar
- 32. Bruce and Laura
- 35. Pro side
- 36. ____ mater (brain covering)
- 39. Future DA's exam
- 40. Ming treasure
- 41. Food category
- 46. Got a big lead, in a way
- 47. Off-the-wall response
- 49. Extremely popular
- 51. Honshu port
- 52. Kind of jury
- 53. Still life subject
- 54. Track event not in the Olympics
- 55. Egyptian goddess
- 57. Hardly any
- 59. Grand verses
- 60. Lat. and Ukr., once
- 62. D.D.E.'s command
- 63. Hydrogen's atomic number

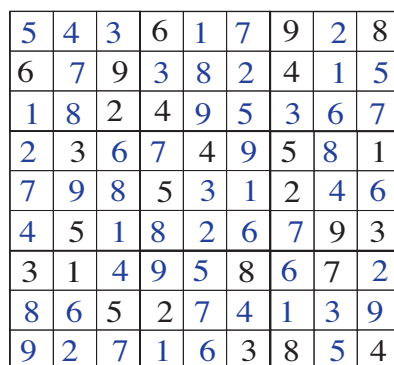
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