By Navin Krishnan

On Sunday, Israel formally declared war on militant and political organization Hamas, after it was attacked by the group on Saturday which has the de facto governed the Gaza Strip since 2007, according to a Monday Al Jazeera article.

This is the latest in a nearly century-long conflict. The conflict began when the British government committed the establishment of the Mandate of Palestine as land for a Jewish state in 1947, according to a Monday article by Al Jazeera detailing the history of the conflict.

The conflict escalated further in 1967, again from the ground the State of Israel on May 14, 1948, according to the same article. In response to the attack from Hamas, the Israeli military bombed the Gaza Strip area, killing 300 Palestinians.

More casualties have been reported, with 900 Israelis and 700 Palestinians being killed, including 4,000 Palestinians and 2,000 Israelis injured in the latest escalation, according to live updates from Al Jazeera.

Israelis proceeded to mobilize troops ordering a “complete siege” of the Gaza Strip, signaling a major ground invasion of the area, according to a Monday New York Times article.

The newly announced siege on Gaza cuts off food, electricity and water supplies, according to a Monday NBC News article.

Arthur Zárate, SJSU Assistant Professor of Global Humanities, said the blockade has been going on for years.

“Gaza has been under blockade by the Israeli government for a decade and a half. Human Rights Watch describes Gaza as an “open-air prison.” Zárate said.

SJSU alumnus Qais Hamadi said he acknowledged that while the conflict has lasted almost a century, the blockade was installed 16 years ago.

“I am very saddened that innocent civilians are going to casualties in two countries. The result of the tension has resulted in the attack on Hamas,” Hamadi said.

Zárate said decisions the government makes deeply affect the lives of many citizens in the Middle East, and Palestinians and Israelis are no exception.

“Palestinians need to be able to live with peace and dignity and have sovereignty over their lives,” he said.

Zárate said most of his students are U.S. citizens and it behooves them to learn about a region that the government has played such an important role in “Israelis deserve to live in a viable, functioning state and to live in peace, and security, and to do Palestinians,” Zárate said.

By Angel Santiago

The 9th Annual Conference for Engineering and Diversity was hosted at Los Altos University, the Student Union ballroom on Saturday morning.

Mechanical engineering junior Anna Varitan said when she heard about the event she reached out to Steven Stowe, the director of the Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement and Student Programs (MESA), and asked if she could be the co-chair for the conference, thus making her one events organizers.

MESA is the college of career preparation which provides student diversity, achievement and opportunity for STEM students to develop team-building and communication skills according to its website.

“And I said, ‘Tell me, I want to do more than just volunteer, what can I do?’ Varitan said. ‘And he’s like, ‘You know, if you want to co-chair the event...’ We’re always looking to have new people.”

Varitan said her engineering background in Iran motivated her to follow in his footsteps.

Varitan said she was fortunate to have women participate in the conference, as it predominantly drawn attendance from men.

Ashraf Habibullah, the president and CEO of Computers and Structures Inc. said the economic structure cannot grow because without it the economy comes to a halt.

Habibullah said he was on campus a few months ago and it was a women’s conference that brought him back to speak to engineering students.

“I was here earlier. A few months ago, I was here. I think it was the Women’s Conference I attended,” Habibullah said.

“Are you the reason there is even an economic infrastructure?” Habibullah said. “If you stopped working, the whole economy would come to a screeching halt. It’s a profession that represents happiness.”

Habibullah also said when he began working with computers in the late 70s, he was always working in the engineering ladder.

“I basically get an opportunity to learn some sort of starting at the ground floor, and that was extremely exciting,” he said. “I just kept with that and it was something that I just enjoyed.”

Computer engineering senior Eugene Chan said he found the event through a Canvas announcement from his engineering professor.

Chan said he wanted to study mechanical engineering because he enjoyed building and worked in a “construction with his dad.”

“I do construction with my dad, so I like building. I actually built a house with my dad,” Chan said. “It was really cool.”

Chan said he advised anyone to show their identity, their love and passion about engineering and to celebrate diversity.

“Celebrating everyone’s authentic self, their personality, and character, wanting to build a supportive community (list) your peers and why it is critical to do so,” Chan said. “It actually goes on the engineering side of engineering major students.”

Chan said he would like to work with everyone who has the engineering principle in their mind, who loves to learn, and improving their skills.

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Santa Clara County approves low income housing

By Alina Ta
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Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved the construction of a low-income housing by Coyote Creek in a 10-2 unanimous vote.

“We (the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority’s (VTA) board) have an opportunity and obligation, I think, to invest in our community and that is what we’re doing tonight,” said Cindy Chavez, supervisor of District Two in Santa Clara County.

On Sept. 7, the board agreed to lease the land, and also to have another meeting on Thursday to approve construction.

Chavez said the 200 units will be built at Cerone Yard, a yard with around 7.2 acres of land located next to one of VTA’s stations by Coyote Creek.

“VTA will then be able to house a maximum of 200 individuals and will have supportive services, including drug and alcohol rehabilitation services, case management and transportation services,” said Engdol.

This proposal will be used as a low-income housing site for five years until VTA will use the land to further expand its transportation services.

Lydia Engdol, lifelong resident of San José, said she believes this proposal will work and has been working with severe mental disabilities for a place to get medication, food, shelter, caseworkers, and other resources.

Lydia Engdol said she came to the meeting to put a face to the problems of homelessness.

“I have a son who’s 54 years old, living on the streets for the last 20 years, the schizophrenia paradigm,” Engdol said.

She said her son has not been able to find a place to house him and to give him medication.

Engdol said he is usually picked up by Valley Medical Center staff and is given medication until he is forced to leave.

“I asked them, ‘Why, why don’t you just keep him and they say, ‘Well, it’s not a crime to live here,’” Engdol said.

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Otto Lee, District Three representative and vice president of the Board of Supervisors, said he wants to make sure the committee working on the proposal in the future will work on developing a shuttle service for residents living at Cerone Yard.

“This is a game changer for providing them with a well run, managed program,” Cartwright said. “It has happened and peoples are leaving those kinds of homes because they don’t have the ways to get anywhere particularly, people who are older and disabled.”

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Students connect over stuffing plushies

#1: Students enter the Student Union Ballroom to grab plushie-making necessities on Thursday.

#2: Attendees stuff their plushies at the "Make a Plushie" event.

#3: Students craft their plushies in groups.

#4: Attendees gather in the Student Union Ballroom to make plushies.

#5: Students select stuffed animals to make for the event.

#6: Attendees interact with each other while making plushies together.

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FRIDAY THE 13TH

"Fari So Narda"
Rob Zombie
(hard rock)
Selected by Matthew Gonzales
Executive Editor

"Murder Movies"
Unforward
(jam rock)
Selected by Alicia Federico
ASB Editor

"Season Of The Witch"
Lana Del Rey
(soul pop)
Selected by Anna Alvarez
Production Editor

"Mary In A Crowd"
Oasis
(hard rock)
Selected by Jillian Gamell
Managing Editor

"Vice哥 Vack"
The Coup
(gorge rock)
Selected by Kyoko Corpse
Social Media Editor

"My Own Monsters"
R.A.M. Ambassadors
(soul pop)
Selected by Alicia Ta
Assistant News Editor

"Romper Room"
Bobby "Bum" Poomer and the Chiky Babies
(rock)
Selected by Matt Beggins
Sports Editor

"Crazy Harry"
Loren Domen (rock)
Selected by Tricia Wulz
News Editor

"Feed me Frankenstein"
Mike Corpse
(rock)
Selected by Mike Corpse
Production Chief
Drake releases album for the dogs

by Maya Bennmokhtar

Staff Writer

Drake released his eighth studio album titled "For All The Dogs" on Oct. 6. This newly-released album has already proven to be a refuge from all the mediocre album releases 2023 has brought.

Drake is one of the two most streamed artists on Spotify of the decade, according to an article by The Guardian. The Canadian artist has made a name for himself after starring as Jimmy Brooks in the teen drama series Degrassi from 2001-2009.

Drake's music career kicked off in 2009 with the release of the mixtape "So Far Gone" and his hit single "Best I Ever Had." His hits and vocals are always immediate whether he’s rapping or singing. While there are songs that feature top rap artists like Chief Keef, PARTYNEXTDOOR and SZA, Drake never lets them outshine him, which is to me a true talent.

I believe "All The Parties" is repetitive and fast-paced, but SZA and Drake managed to calm the flow down. However, I won’t lie, I’m not sure if I would rank this song so highly if Sexyy Red was not featured.

Red’s lyrics will make Drake fans feel confident, especially if they’re in their 20’s and trying to make a name for themselves.

Drake is a no-nonsense, ambitious and driven artist. He’s willing to do whatever it takes to make his music career to focus on his health as he has been vocal about his ongoing stomach problems, according to an article by The Guardian, posted hours before the release of the album.

According to the same article, his career break could take up to a year. At least Drake fans were left with an awesome album to hold onto before this hiatus. According to a No Jumper article, Drake’s solo song was away from its&amp;mdash;err rap. Sexyy Red proved once again that she knows how to make a song extremely perfect Spanish.

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Israel’s isn’t the victim, Palestine is

Bojanica Vujic

Mai 3, 2023

West Bank: The only victims are us

Palestinians and 400 were arrested after a protest of 1,200 people praying at the site during the convergence of the holy holidays of Passover, Easter and Easter, according to an Apr. 3 BBC News article. In May 2021, there were illegal attacks by Israeli settlers who invaded the compound, one of the places where the Nakba led to the establishment of the state of Israel, according to the Norwegian Refugee Council. According to the Norwegian Refugee Council, the Israeli regime is responsible for the ongoing violence.

The Nakba, or “the disaster” was the destruction of Palestinian society and homeland in 1948, when the state of Israel was established, according to a May 15, 2022 Al Jazeera article. It seems that the disaster continues to happen every year during the Nakba, without being ignored by media outlets.

74,000 people in the Palestinian territories are internally displaced, with over 50,000 children and 8 families, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Israel is not the victim, its financial and military power with the full backing of the U.S. and other Western governments do not make it the victim here, but the aggressors backing an apartheid regime which violently oppresses the Palestinian people on their own land.

Palestinian violence has been happening for over 410 people killed after Israel launched massive retaliatory strikes, according to Al Jazeera's health ministry. Palestinians just马克ably die, while the colonialists in this area are killed. The passive voice is a small yet loud wave of showing the cards are already stacked against Palestinians in new media outlets we all follow. Palestinian organs have been删除ing the brutality the reality sees on a daily basis.

73 years of systemic land seizures, systemic atrocities, blockades... 

It’s time for the media to see attacks for what they are: genocide.
San José State's second-half offense has been the team's Achilles' heel this whole season. In the last three games, the Spartans have scored just 7 second-half points. The last time they scored in the second half was three weeks ago against Toledo. Saturday's 35-27 loss to Boise State was just another example of the Spartans' second-half collapses.

"It's a four quarter game," said SJSU running back Kaaree Robinson after Saturday's loss. "I guess we got complacent. We came out doing our thing in the first half, but in the second half we weren't sticking on all cylinders." SJSU held a 27-7 lead in the second quarter and went into halftime up 27-14. One more scoring drive could have put the game away for SJSU, but the offense faltered.

In the first half, SJSU garnered 313 yards of total offense and 13 first downs which led to 27 points. But the second half was a different story. The Spartan offense totaled just 106 yards, 6 first downs and no points. A big reason for the lack of production has been quarterback Chevan Cordeiro's second-half woes. In the last three second halves, Cordeiro has thrown 3 interceptions and has just a single touchdown.

Against Boise Cordeiro completed 12 of 22 passes for 70 yards and an interception. But in San José State's second half struggles are not all on Cordeiro. Conservative play calling, especially in the third quarter, San José State's defense not being able to produce consistently in the second half.

In SJSU's two drives of the third quarter against Boise State, the Spartans mostly threw the ball over the middle for short gains. They tried to set up bubble screens on the outside which gained little yardage. Over the last three games, SJSU has the second-worst second-half offense in the nation with an average of 2.3 points scored. It's been the team's Achilles' heel in the second half.

"We just have to be on the same page and focus on the little details," Cordeiro said in the same post practice interview. "We were driving and got into field goal range. We just came out doing our thing and focus on New Mexico Saturday."
The San José State women’s soccer team lost a nail biter 1-0 when it hosted Mountain West Conference rival Wyoming on Thursday. This was a rematch of the 2022 MWC semi-final game in which SJSU won 6-5 in a shootout. The Spartans (3-5-5, 1-2-2 MWC) were stunned in the 89th minute as the Cowgirls (5-5-3, 1-4 MWC) midfielder Alyssa Glover assisted defender Keelie Wortmann for her first goal of the season, giving Wyoming the deciding goal.

Spartan’s head coach Tara Estrada said the loss was because of lack of focus on the game plan in the game’s final minutes. "At the start of the game we were doing good but we didn’t execute the end of match tactics and fell apart in the end," Estrada said. Senior midfielder Sabrina Weinman led the Cowgirls’ offense against the Spartans with 4 shots total and 3 shots on goal. "If we could have put some goals away in the first half, we wouldn’t have been in the bind we were in, in the second half," Weinman said. "We wanted to start off with more energy in the second half and felt like we did but the goalies from Wyoming made some good saves.”

The Spartans closest chance at getting on the board came in the 18th minute when junior midfielder Taylor Phillips put one in the back of the net. The goal however, was called back because of an offside penalty. Weinman said the team played with momentum in the first half, being aggressive and pressing up close defensively but being a player down in the second half put them in a tough spot with time winding down. Midfielder Kiana Miyazato was ejected after receiving a red card in the 51st minute causing the Spartans to be down a player for the rest of the match. Thursday’s game presented one of the more physical matchups for the Spartans this season with Wyoming receiving 5 yellow cards in the 90th minute the Spartans were able to get two shots off by Evan House and Iliana Jasso but could not come up with the equalizer.

Sophomore goalkeeper Boutique Pernet ended the game with three saves and one goal allowed. "I’m proud of my team and the way we played tonight, especially being down a player for most of the second half. We handled the counter attacks from Wyoming excellently until the end there," Pernet said.

The Spartans would go on to draw against Colorado State on Sunday 4-4. SJSU is set to face off against Boise State at 6 p.m. PDT Thursday at the Boise State Soccer Complex in Boise.

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SJSU junior midfielder Bella Flocchini dribbles the ball down the pitch against the University of Wyoming in the Spartans’ loss at the Spartan Soccer Complex on Thursday.

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**SJSU @ Boise State**

**Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. PDT**