

## Chaos erupts in Egypt

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CAIRO — Screaming, enraged mobs — both hoisting Egyptian flags and professing love of country — clashed Wednesday at Tahrir Square with rocks, sticks and Molotov cocktails.

Three deaths were reported and hundreds of people were injured, government officials said.

Soldiers stood passively by as the pitched battle between supporters of President Hosni Mubarak and those seeking to immediately oust him threatened one of the nation's most treasured landmarks, the Egyptian Museum.

The periphery of the square took on the look of a city of zombies as stunned anti-government demonstrators poured out of the plaza with bandaged, blood-smearing faces.

One man, walking alone, had thick white gauze wrapped around his head and chin. He slumped his shoulders and spoke in a hollow voice.

"I couldn't run away," said the man, who wouldn't give his name. "I acknowledged their right to say yes to Mubarak. They should acknowledge ours."

Gunshots occasionally cracked out, and it appeared that the military was exploding sound grenades in an attempt to get the combatants to retreat.

As the front line moved up and down the promenade and each side advanced and retreated, one or two combatants would invariably fall behind and be caught by the other side. When anti-government protesters captured one such Mubarak supporter, they dragged him off to side road and pummeled him. A woman beat him with a two-by-four.



Photo: McClatchy Tribune

*Fighting and clashes broke out in Tahrir Square on Wednesday, Feb. 2, between Mubarak supporters and detractors in Cairo, Egypt. A pro-Mubarak supporter is set upon after being captured by those favoring regime change.*

Finally, other anti-government protesters stepped in and dragged him to the military to protect his life.

In the heat of the rock-throwing volleys, one anti-Mubarak protester stood atop an overturned container, just behind the front line, waving an Egyptian flag and refusing to stop even as stones fell down upon him.

Throughout the fighting, the small military contingent stationed at the square stood by watching. Tanks positioned 100 yards from the fighting did not move. Even checkpoints to

the area, which were manned by soldiers, were left open, allowing hundreds of additional pro-Mubarak supporters to flood into the already-volatile plaza.

At one point, the mobs moved within a few yards of each other, engaging in a brief brawl.

Finally the military positioned large green trucks in the middle of the road to create a buffer zone between the two sides. But two hours later, those trucks had been destroyed by rocks and fire, caused by the pro-Mubarak force's Molotov

cocktails.

By dusk, pro-Mubarak protesters had positioned themselves on rooftops of office and residential buildings, hurling rocks and Molotov cocktails on anti-government protesters below. Not long afterward, anti-government protesters occupied their own rooftops, and hurled their own fire bombs at their foes.

Shortly before midnight, anti-Mubarak protesters had gained the momentum, cir-

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## SJSU students react to unfolding events in Cairo

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A week of protests all across Egypt continues as thousands of citizens fight to overturn the political regime of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who has been in office since 1981, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

"I've been so busy getting geared up for the semester that I haven't really talked about it much (with my friends)," said Julie Kasomo, a senior political science major. "We've talked more about Sudan than Egypt."

The resource-rich southern region of Sudan voted 99.57 percent in favor of secession from the military-centered and capital-rich north, according to the Christian Science Monitor.

"There's always been unrest in Africa," Kasomo said. "Africa is a high resources area and a lot of conflict is due to resources."

In the past two weeks, other parts of northern Africa and the Middle East have also seen conflict according to the Los Angeles Times. From the collapse of the Tunisian government, to the similarly violent tumult in Jordan, Yemen and Lebanon, the region is a place of unrest.

"We put up a banner (Tuesday) after we heard about a food shortage (in Egypt) with links to sites with information," said Sadika Sulaiman, interim director of the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center. "It's important that people's voices are heard and their needs are met."

Sulaiman said she is concerned about the situation, but the center has no plans to discuss these recent events. The center would support a discussion if someone wanted to lead one, and Sulaiman said that

students should want to know what is happening around the world.

"Being busy doesn't absolve the responsibility to know about what happens internationally," she said. "Often times it affects our neighbors and those in our community."

In San Jose, the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum has housed Egyptian artifacts and replicas since the 1920s.

"We haven't a lot of contact with our friends in Egypt right now," said museum executive director Julie Scott.

According to reports by the Associated Press and Egyptian government, the military has been deployed to protect monuments and museums such as the Pyramids of Giza, which provide much of the national revenue for Egypt.

Mubarak has announced that he will not run for reelection, but refuses to step down, according to the New York Times. Egyptian activists say they will continue protesting until he steps down.

"The uprising is a good thing," said Bashir Ali, a senior civil engineering major. "Anyone that gets rid of dictators is doing a good thing. But you need a transition."

Ali, originally a native of Somalia, fled the country with his family in 1992 after a civil war. He said that Somalia isn't strong today because it lacked transition after its revolution.

It is speculated that Nobel Peace laureate Mohamed El-Baradei will soon become the president of Egypt, but Ali has serious doubts.

"He hasn't (lived in) Egypt for 20 years," Ali said. "Let Hosni (Mubarak) finish his term and then transition to something new."

## CSU inundated by applicants despite expected budget shortfalls

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The California State University system recently released figures showing a record number of applicants for Fall 2011 with the future of the state budget remaining largely unknown.

Applications to the 23 state universities across California reached 611,000, surpassing the previous year's record of 609,000, according to figures released by the CSU.

Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations for SJSU, said the university has received about 35,600 applications.

Within these applications to SJSU, 23,000 are first-time freshmen and 12,600 are undergraduate transfers, Harris said.

While the number of freshman applicants has increased by a bit more than 1,166 since 2009, the number of transfer applicants has increased by 5,230 in the same time period, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

SJSU publications Coordinator Dea Nelson said one reason for the increase in transfer applicants was that in Spring 2010, CSUs across the state, including SJSU, closed enrollment to students in response to the budget deficit.

This created a bottleneck of students who were ready to transfer, but did not have the opportunity, she said.

Despite these applications, SJSU has decreased its student body from 32,746 during Fall 2008 to 29,076 in the Fall 2010, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

Harris said the CSU has been facing a budget shortfall since 2008 and one of SJSU's main strategies to combat this has been to cut enrollment.

"If you're seeing the rate of admissions decreasing over time, we've had to decrease admission to balance our budget," she said. "Although we have received an increasing number of applications, we have raised our admission standard."

The strategy of SJSU in dealing with budget problems has been to decrease enrollment and move those enrolled toward graduation, Harris said.

This pattern has been visible at SJSU across various colleges as the College of Applied Sciences and Arts has reduced enrollment of new students by at least 300 for each of the last two years and the College of Business has reduced enrollment of incoming students by 1,036 from Fall 2007 to Fall 2010, according to the Office of Institutional Research.

With Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed cuts, SJSU may have to further reduce the number of students admitted and the number of part-time instructors contracted, Harris said.

Emily Allen, associate dean of the College of Engineering, said the future of part-time instructors and the courses offered is largely dependent upon the 2011-12 budget, which California law

Headcount	Fall 2006		Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	Applicants	Enrolled	Applicants	Enrolled	Applicants	Enrolled
First-time Freshmen	20,484	2,725	21,575	3,276	24,093	3,597
Undergrad Transfer	9,174	2,655	9,423	3,205	8,982	2,571
Headcount	Fall 2009		Fall 2010		Fall 2011	
	Applicants	Enrolled	Applicants	Enrolled	Applicants	Enrolled
First-time Freshmen	21,836	2,761	23,002	2,761	N/A	N/A
Undergrad Transfer	7,993	2,088	13,223	2,804	N/A	N/A

Illustration: Brian O'Malley

*The chart shows the progression of applicants to SJSU as compared to students enrolled. SJSU has received about 35,600 applications.*

mandates must be passed by June 15.

"Unfortunately, (the instructors') situation is extremely subject to the budget," Allen said. "We don't know what we will have to reduce, if anything."

Ariya Behjat, a student who transferred in this semester, said that his experience in applying to various CSUs was complicated, confusing and frustrating.

Having applied and received a letter of acceptance from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, he attended orientation there, showed his professors some of his work and familiarized himself with the mate-

rials he would need to buy.

"Two weeks before they took me in, they sent me a letter saying 'Oh, we should not have you.'"

After being recommended to SJSU and interacting with administration, he ended up in SJSU, despite his major being closed to transfer applicants. He began this semester after missing Fall 2010 because of his undetermined enrollment.

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# TV, radio, film test merger with animation and illustration

Theatre department consolidation awaits vote in March

**Whitney Ellard**  
Staff Writer

The television, radio, film and theatre department site states "Welcome to the Department of Television, Radio, Film, Theatre, Animation & Illustration at San Jose State University."

However, the experimental union between the programs still needs a final approval, said Ed Harris, interim chair of the television, radio, film and theatre department who oversees the music, dance, animation and illustration programs.

Come March, faculty in each program will have the opportunity to vote whether to make official the trial merger of the music, dance, animation and illustration and television, radio, film and theatre.

Last summer, Karl Toepfer, dean of the College of Humanities and the Arts, spoke of interest in merging the school of music and dance with the television, radio, film and theatre department, according to an Academic Senate meeting last September.

After the two programs were integrated, the dean decided to include animation and illustration program in the trial merger.

Darlene Garcia, a junior television, radio, film and theatre major, said the merger can open opportunities for the departments to come together and produce animated films.

"Actors, special sets, cameras and crew capture the movement then computer graphics artists come in and work their magic," she said. "We may not have the facilities to actually do visuals seen in 'Avatar' but what if a student wrote an animated screenplay?"

Toepfer stated he believes this union will "build a more interdisciplinary approach to

the idea of the performing arts."

To his knowledge, he said the past merger within the College of Humanities and the Arts consisted of dance leaving theater and combining with music thus creating the school of music and dance.

With nearby companies such as DreamWorks and Pixar Animation, the trial merger seems to be an ideal combination, or better yet, a "perfect marriage," Harris said.

Harris talked about many different aspects and changes as of a result of the trial merger.

"It's more of an administrative change," Harris said. "The animation and illustration programs felt a sense of not being heard as departments."

He said he trusts this merger will allow all of the participating programs improved methods of collaboration as well as communication.

"It means easier access to curriculum and prepared students in all aspects of other arts," Toepfer said.

Regardless of the move, facilities will remain separate for now and changes to degree requirements will not currently be made, Toepfer said.

Harris said budget cuts have made merging a challenge.

"If the funding is severe we may be looking at program elimination," he said.

Danielle Dangerfield, a senior television, radio, film and theatre, has already seen the mixing of animation students in film courses.

"Some are in Barnaby's screenwriting class and I think that is beneficial for them," she said. "I think it opens us up for more opportunities and things we didn't know about that they have access to can benefit us."

Harris said he acknowledges the departments are in need of new equipment and renovations and hopes more donations will be given to the departments.

**"Actors, special sets, cameras and crew capture the movement then computer graphics artists come in and work their magic,"**

**Darlene Garcia**  
Junior TRFT major

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## CSU

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Behjat said he was disappointed that he was judged largely on geography and GPA rather than the quality of his work. "It definitely slowed me down from finishing school," he said. "I didn't think (numbers) would be that important."

While the 2011 budget is un-

known, Nelson said SJSU will continue moving through the same process of enrollment it has been using. In February, incoming students will be informed of their admission status and admissions will not be withdrawn.

The amount of students departments feel they can handle and the number of students applying for graduation go into deciding how many students will be admitted, she said.

In deciding who is admitted,

though, Nelson said that the criteria for SJSU is clear.

"We are always going to be committed to taking local students," she said.

Harris also said that financial limitations have forced CSUs across the state to move away from its mission of providing an affordable education.

"The original idea (of the CSU) is that everyone should have access to education, and it should be free," she said.

## EGYPT

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cling around alleyways to attack the pro-presidential forces from the right flank. They dug up steel fence posts and other sheets of metal, which they used as shields against rocks and fire.

Then they pounded on the metal sheeting in unison in a threatening din as they drove their foes toward the edge of the square. At one point, they appeared to be singing, their voices reverberating through the Cairo streets, punctuated by the sound of the sporadic gunfire.

The day of combat had begun peacefully, with the first mass rally of Mubarak supporters held in the posh shopping district of Mohandiseen.

Many who gathered there said they were saddened by Mubarak's Tuesday night announcement that he would relinquish power after three decades. Calling for a return to stability, some expressed fear that an immediate resignation by Mubarak would throw Egypt into chaos. They said they were tired of the government-imposed curfew, the closure of banks and other businesses, and having to protect their own homes with the help of vigilante squads since police walked off the job Saturday.

"No one can run this country like Mubarak," said Hossem Foda, 34, a Cairo taxi driver. "It's like Saddam in Iraq. When Saddam was gone, no one else could run the country. We don't want our country destroyed."

At first, the crowd's mood was festive, though tense. People waved flags, kissed photos of Mubarak and even paraded down the street on camels costumed like those usually seen at the Giza pyramids. Most

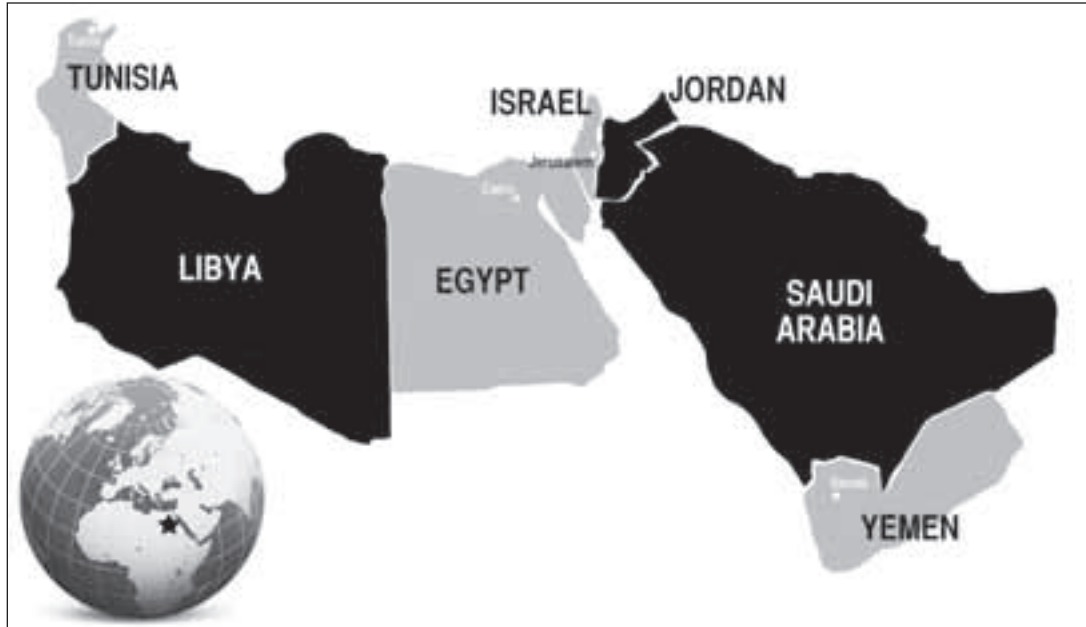


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*As violence erupts in Cairo, Egypt, neighboring countries are bracing for the possibility of unrest spreading throughout the region. McClatchy Tribune reports that Israel's defense forces are experiencing upheaval after the dismissal of the incoming chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Yoav Galant, while Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh announced plans to step down before elections in 2013, ahead of protests planned in the capital, Sanaa.*

said it was probably one of the largest pro-Mubarak rallies ever held.

At some point, however, the professed desire for a return to normalcy gave way to anger, taunts and violence.

Some Mubarak loyalists marched toward Tahrir, cross-

ing the Nile and gaining numbers along the way.

By three o'clock, the two sides faced off along on a promenade next the vaunted museum, hurling rocks and pieces of pavement stones dug up from the road.

It resembled an old-fash-

ioned turf war. First the pro-Mubarak supporters, screaming in unison, rushed forward along a promenade, forcing their foe back with an avalanche of rocks. Then the anti-Mubarak picked up the same rocks and hurled them, forcing the Mubarak supporters to retreat.



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# Super Bowl XLV: Steelers vs. Packers

**Ron Gleeson**  
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Two of the most storied franchises in the NFL will face each other Sunday for the most coveted trophy in all of American sports, the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

The game features the Green Bay Packers, who won the first two Super Bowls in 1966-1967, and the Pittsburgh Steelers, the franchise that has won the most Super Bowls in football history.

It's hard not to root for the Green Bay Packers, as they have many connections to Bay Area sports.

Their star quarterback, Aaron Rodgers, went to the University of California-Berkeley, and one of his top targets at wide receiver, James Jones, is a 2007 SJSU graduate.

**Wesley Dugle**  
Staff Writer

This Sunday's Super Bowl features two of the most storied franchises in NFL history, the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers, and will likely be a tight game to the finish.

It's an intriguing matchup of two blue-collar towns with great playmakers on both sides.

But which team has the edge? In my view, the key players in the game play defense.

The Steelers feature the No. 2 defense in the league and might have the best front seven in football led by outside linebacker James Harrison, a former defensive player of the year.

But perhaps the biggest game-changer on their team is Troy Polamalu, the man leading Pittsburgh's secondary.

He is one of the most multitasking strong safeties to ever play football. He can defend the pass, the run, put pressure on the quarterback and make game-changing plays when they count.

**Marlon Maloney**  
Copy Editor

Listening to all the major media pundits, you would think that it's a lock for the Green Bay Packers to win the Super Bowl.

To be honest, all signs point to it. This year's game is being played in the massive Dallas Cowboys stadium — an indoor stadium.

In 12 career dome games, including the playoffs, Rodgers has a 111.5 passer rating and a 68.6 completion percentage and has averaged 286.2 yards a game. He has also thrown 31 touchdowns (six rushing) to only six interceptions.

In addition, the Pittsburgh Steelers suffered a third injury to their starting offensive line and the Packers offense just isn't a good matchup for the Steelers defense.

It's not that the Pittsburgh defense is particularly weak in any category, but the one thing that they're best at — stopping the run — is a non-factor. The Packers have gotten this far without any semblance of a running game for the entire season after starting running back Ryan Grant went down in Week 1.

This is probably why the Packers have arguably the best group of wide receivers in the

Mike McCarthy, Green Bay's head coach, is a former offensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers.

Despite my emotional connections to the Green Bay Packers, the team that will be holding up the Lombardi Trophy at the end of Sunday's Super Bowl will be the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Steelers will be making their third Super Bowl appearance within the last six years, and they have won the game six of the seven times that they have played in it.

Simply put, the franchise knows how to win.

One aspect that reveals the Packers to be a slightly weaker team is the rushing game.

The Packers have struggled to run the ball this season. The team normally balances on the shoulders of Rodgers on the

offensive side of the ball, and when the Steelers' defense sets up to defend the pass, the Packers will be in trouble.

Packers' running back James Starks has done an efficient job running the ball this postseason, but will find trouble doing so against Pro Bowl defensive players such as James Farrior, James Harrison and Troy Polamalu.

This Super Bowl features two teams that were among those expected to reach the pinnacle as well as the two best defenses in total points allowed throughout the regular season. Not many things separate these two teams, but the one thing that will become prominent is experience. The Steelers will take the silverware back home to Pittsburgh.

**Steelers-24, Packers-17.**

The Packers, however, feature two excellent defensive playmakers as well in outside linebacker Clay Matthews Jr. and cornerback Charles Woodson. Matthews has been an absolute nightmare for opposing quarterbacks this season, compiling 13.5 sacks in 15 games, while Charles Woodson has been equally terrifying, shutting down opposing receivers all season and leading the team to a No. 5 overall rank against the pass.

Ultimately my edge goes to Pittsburgh in this matchup, because as great as it would be to see Aaron Rodgers and the Packers finally move past all the Favre hoopla of the last three years, the Steelers are tougher and more experienced and hold a slight edge on defense.

Although I wouldn't be surprised if the Packers find a way to win, I just don't think Rodgers has faced a defense quite as talented as Pittsburgh's all season. That alone should be able to lift the Steelers past Green Bay for their seventh Vince Lombardi Trophy.

**Steelers-20, Packers-14**

league, including SJSU alum James Jones. The Packers run a spread offense, which has given the Steelers problems in the past, nullifying the strong amount of pressure they're able to put on opposing quarterbacks.

However, watching this year's postseason has shown me the Packers playoff inexperience.

In two of their games they struggled to put teams away after strong starts, making several mental errors enroute to victory.

The Steelers seem to always call the right play to clinch a victory, as witnessed in their victory over the New York Jets, and we already know of their extensive playoff experience.

When everybody starts jumping on one team's bandwagon, that's usually when we start hearing, "Nobody believed in us" at the end of the game.

I have to believe that the perennial No. 1 defense in the league and the more balanced of the two teams' offenses will walk away with a record-breaking seventh Lombardi Trophy.

**Steelers-31, Packers-27**

**Lyell Marks**  
Staff Writer

Steel Curtains, Terrible Towels, Cheesheads and Lambeau Leaps will all be on the line Sunday as two storied franchises clash for the pinnacle of professional football in Dallas, Texas.

The Steelers boast their championship-tested quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and a defense that has been the class of the American Football Conference in recent years.

Offensively, the Steelers have an equally savvy group of veterans to surround Roethlisberger, led by the ageless wide receiver Hines Ward who continues to be one of the best route runners and blockers in the league at the age of 35.

The Packers counter with their own gunslinger in Aaron Rodgers who has risen from an overlooked first-round draft pick to one of the elite quarterbacks in the NFL.

Greg Jennings, Donald Driver, Jordy Nelson and SJSU's own James Jones are all talented receivers who give Rodgers plenty of weapons to use in his offensive arsenal.

**Whitney Ellard**  
Staff Writer

Although the lurid sound of music artist Wiz Khalifa's "Black and Yellow" anthem can be heard loudly, I sense a remix in production to fit the Green Bay Packers' green and yellow.

The American Football Conference's No. 2 seed, the Pittsburgh Steelers, will be battling for the Vince Lombardi Trophy against the National Football Conference's No. 6 seed, the Green Bay Packers, this Sunday in Super Bowl XLV.

It is clear defense will play a major factor in the "battle of the yellow" Super Bowl. However, the offenses have to do their part to put points on the board and the Packers are solid when it comes to offense.

Let us begin with quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

Rodgers has a career passer rating of 98.4 — the highest in NFL history.

In total offense the Green Bay Packers rank ninth overall while the Pittsburgh Steelers sit at 14th in the NFL.

The Packers passing offense ranks high above the Steelers at fifth while the black and yellow holds another 14th ranking.

Many may rant and rave how the Steelers' defense ranks sec-

ond in the NFL, but Green Bay isn't too far behind with a fifth ranking in overall defense.

Another stat to note is that the Packers rank fifth in the league in passing defense whereas Pittsburgh's passing defense ranks 12th.

Lastly, let us not forget that former SJSU wide receiver James Jones is on the Green Bay Packers receiving core, which is even more reason to root for the green and yellow.

**Packers-24, Steelers-21**



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FOOTBALL

# Twenty-three players signed to 2011 Spartan football team

Melissa Sabile  
Sports Editor

Yesterday kicked off a new start to the SJSU football team, as 23 new players signed the National Letter of Intent to join head coach Mike MacIntyre and the 2011 Spartan football program.

"Last year, it was mad-paced — we did it in about three weeks," MacIntyre said. "This year we had a full year to do it. We knew a little bit more about our football team and some of the holes we needed to fill. We're excited about the class we put together. We feel like we have a lot of very good football players."

In hopes of building a football team that is more fit to face the other teams across the na-

tion and within the Western Athletic Conference, MacIntyre said he searched for players who would stand on the field like men.

"We've got to get bigger and stronger and we're in the process of doing that," he said. "You've got to recruit for that. We went out and found that."

According to a team news release, 12 of the 23 players who signed are set for defensive positions, while the other 11 are projected to fill offensive slots.

"We've added some very good speed to our football team," MacIntyre said. "We went out and got an excellent young quarterback that we hope will come in and compete for us next fall."

Joe Gray, a 6-foot-2-inch, 190-pound incoming freshman from Dorsey High School,

Los Angeles, is perceived to be the biggest asset to the team, as he is looking to step into the shoes of former quarterback Jordan La Secla.

"I expect Joe to compete for the starting job," MacIntyre said. "We'll go through spring practice and find out who the front runner is and then go from there. If he's ready to go when he gets here, then we'll give him a great shot."

He said Gray's experience and athleticism is what sparked the coaching staff's interest.

"He's got an extremely quick release," he said. "He sees the field really well. He has escape-ability. He played in a very good league down there. The speed of the game, of course, will change some, but it won't be as big of a jump for him as other quarterbacks coming out of high school."

Gray passed for 3,030 yards and 31 touchdowns, according to Lawrence Fan, SJSU's sports information director.

In addition to what Gray will potentially bring to the table, the Spartans signed Travis Lorius and Max Miller, two players who will help fill the position of tight end.

"I felt like we needed to get some bigger

tight ends to go along with Ryan Otten," MacIntyre said. "Last year when he got hurt, that position kind of went out the window and I don't want that to happen."

MacIntyre will now look to the upcoming months to see what challenges his team will face as the next step is spring practice, which will commence in early April.

"Usually, the team you have in the spring is the team that does the bulk of playing in the fall. Last year was a bit of an exception," he said, in reference to the unusual amount of injuries the team suffered in the 2010 season. "If you can have them all spring, have them all summer, they'll be a better football team in the fall."

Although SJSU faces changes to the WAC in the coming years — with big named schools such as Boise State leaving — MacIntyre said he focused on recording wins against any competition.

"The obstacle to overcome, of course, is our record," he said. "That's thrown out there, they see it. They have to realize and believe with us and in our future."

## 2011 Letter of Intent Signees

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Sam Boyd	ATH	6-3	240	FR	St. Petersburg, Fla/Roosevet HS
David Catalano	DL	6-4	255	FR	Tuscon, Ariz/Canyon Del Oro HS
Simon Connette	DB	5-11	185	FR	Corona, Calif/Santiago HS
Nick Diaz	OL	6-3	305	FR	Downey, Calif/St. John Bosco HS
Tyler Ervin	DB	5-10	170	FR	Colton, Calif/Colton HS
Nathan Falo	DL	6-1	305	FR	Sacramento, Calif/Inderkum HS
Josh Fasavalu	LB	5-11	215	FR	Long Beach, Calif/Poly HS
Robert Fiscalini	DB	5-11	205	JR	San Jose, Calif/Foothill College
Joe Gray	QB	6-2	190	FR	Inglewood, Calif/Dorsey HS
Christian Hill	DL	6-4	220	FR	Fresno, Calif/Sanger HS
Marced Kelly	ATH	5-10	170	FR	Stockton, Calif/Edison HS
Travis Lorius	TE	6-5	245	JR	San Jose, Calif/Foothill College
Mercy Maston	CB	6-0	190	FR	Bakersfield, Calif/Bakersfield HS
Jon Meyer	OL	6-5	285	JR	San Jose, Calif/Foothill College
Max Miller	TE	6-6	255	JR	Stuart, Iowa/Iowa Western College
K.C. Pearce	WR	6-3	180	FR	Visalia, Calif/Redwood HS
Tony Popovich	DL	6-2	280	FR	Kentfield, Calif/Marin Catholic HS
Hector Roach	LB	6-2	215	FR	Stockton, Calif/Edison HS
Dennis Rufus	DB	6-1	190	FR	Pasadena, Calif/Charter Oak HS
Wes Schweitzer	OL	6-5	270	FR	Scottsdale, Ariz/Chaparral HS
Cedric Simmons	RB	6-1	212	FR	Gilbert, Ariz/Perry HS
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Mike MacIntyre enters his second season as SJSU football head coach.

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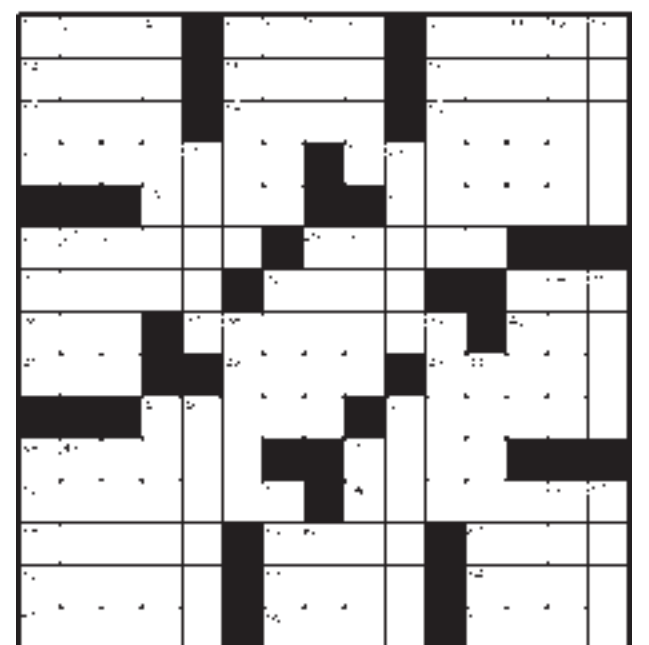
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## Children need natural training



**Jordan Liffengren**  
A&E Editor

Who knew that exposing infants to “Baby Einstein” videos would result in fewer geniuses and more poorly educated toddlers?

A report released Tuesday by the University of Washington revealed that the videos may in fact slow children’s vocabulary learning process during the first two years of development.

Research indicated that for every hour the babies watched one of the movies, they understood an average of six to eight fewer words than babies who did not watch them.

Dr. Dimitri Christakis, co-author of the study, said babies who watched the videos scored 17 percent worse on language-skills assessments than babies who didn’t.

“Baby Einstein” argued that the system was not made for solitary education, but designed for parental involvement along with the videos, seeing as many children were left to their own devices and unaccompanied during viewings.

“The entire ‘Baby Einstein’ DVD collection is specifically designed to promote discovery and inspire new ways for parents and babies to interact — such as clapping, pointing to objects and verbally interacting with their baby,” the company said in a recent statement.

While “Baby Einstein’s” bust may be trivial enough, an underlying issue concerns me more — the fact that parents were relying on the videos alone to teach their children.

Sure, the movies are a distraction, which are also conveniently labeled as “educational,” but it seems to be a parenting shortcut and an unreliable trust in technology to raise children.

Portable DVD players have become standard amenities in SUVs, and one visit to the mall will reveal a sea of toddlers with noses buried in iPhones and iPads.

From a parent’s point of view, these advancements are perfect for keeping kids busy, and with the promise of a never-ending supply of “my child is an honor student” bumper stickers, how can one turn “Baby Einstein” down?

The days of wooden spoons, pots, action figures and blocks are over.

Americans don’t have time to sit and play with their children and let them learn organically.

From an early age, value is placed on working hard to achieve seemingly unreachable goals, which steers people away from staying in the house.

There just isn’t enough space in busy schedules to spend quality time interacting and giving children the attention they need during the most impressionable period of their lives.

Elena Dorabji, Ph.D., a lecturer at SJSU, explained in her book, “Betrayal,” that two-thirds of women with small children and 55 percent of mothers of infants work full time.

She said that 85 percent of children are without their mothers at least 30 hours a week because they are employed outside the home.

Her point was that the first few years of a child’s life is so important because it is when parents are the most influential, but they are not readily available during this time.

At the moment, society is not conducive to a proper learning environment.

While DVDs and video games may seem like an inventive idea, evidence affirms that technology can never replace the benefits of human interaction.

# Arizona shooter deserves charges

Much of the nation was held captive by the numbing news from the morning of Jan. 8, that a man had opened fire outside of an Arizona supermarket during an open meeting held in the parking lot by Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

The suspect was accused of killing six people, including John Roll, the chief federal judge in Arizona.

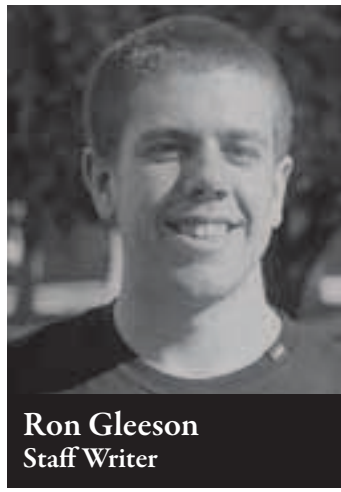
Among the 14 injured is Giffords, who is recovering after surviving a gun shot to the face from point-blank range.

The man who was charged with committing these federal offenses was Jared Loughner, a 22-year-old from Tuscon, Ariz.

Loughner pleaded innocent to federal charges, one count of attempted assassination of a member of Congress, two counts of murdering an employee of the federal government and two counts of attempted murder of a federal employee, in a federal courthouse located in Phoenix, Ariz.

Charges for those people injured and killed who were not involved with the federal government are to follow at a later date.

Debate has risen over the



**Ron Gleeson**  
Staff Writer

mental health of Loughner, and the overlying opinions have split many following the story into two groups. Some believe he is a severely mentally ill person and should be treated as somewhat less than a human being in the courtroom.

Others, such as myself, look at Loughner as a person who rightfully knew what he was doing that morning when he took and endangered the lives of more than a dozen innocent people.

Multiple news reports state that evidence found in Loughner’s room included writings done by Loughner that contained the phrases “I planned

ahead,” and “my assassination,” as well as “Giffords.”

This evidence shows that he premeditated this gruesome act against innocent members of our society.

Loughner also sent messages to his friends containing the phrase “don’t be mad,” which raises concerns that he did in fact know what he was doing was wrong.

He was able to plan his actions out days, possibly weeks, before he decided to carry out his objective.

His mind was stable enough to process his intricate plan.

And although he was deranged enough to execute his plan, his actions should show that he is more of a cruel indi-

vidual than a mentally ill one.

Despite his plea of innocence, he still has the opportunity to pursue an innocent plea by way of insanity.

Although he is a psychotic person, he had no record of previous mental illness beside stories of oddities throughout his life, told by family and friends of Loughner.

All mental illnesses, including psychosis, should never be assumed to signal a risk of violence. Most people who have a mental illness are not violent nor do they express violent behaviors, according to Psychology Today.

When acts of violence and mental illness combine in a situation much like the one in Arizona, many people are quick to associate the two together. This is obviously the case with this incident.

People see Loughner as an insane individual and attribute his actions to someone who should not be held accountable for them.

Sure, Loughner might be as crazed and mentally disordered as they come, but that should not deter justice from being served.

“He was able to plan his actions out days, possibly weeks, before he decided to carry out his objective.”

## Parents: Earning money runs the risk of earning unsatisfactory grades from teachers



**Melissa Sabile**  
The Real Deal

Imagine you’re in your house waiting for your kindergartner to come home and present you with his or her report card.

You take the envelope out of the small child’s hand only to open it and find your name on the report card instead. Your grade: unsatisfactory.

Florida state representative Kelli Stargel recently proposed a bill for parents to be graded along with children up to the third grade.

The law, if put into effect, would make it mandatory for elementary school teachers to grade the parents of the children in their classes in categories such as the child’s punctuality, the

child’s readiness for school, and whether the child showed up to school with a good night’s rest and had eaten a proper breakfast.

Upon being evaluated on these categories, the parents would then receive a grade of satisfactory, unsatisfactory or needs improvement.

When I first heard this idea, I thought it was brilliant — parents being graded on their involvement in a child’s education.

After all, the first couple of years of education are crucial to children’s development and how they will conduct themselves later on in their educations.

Who wouldn’t want to send their child off to school with a hearty breakfast and a full night of sleep?

Teaching these good habits from an early age would only ensure a more successful educational experience for that child.

But then I got to thinking about it. The parents who care about their children are the ones who are already involved in the classroom and at home.

Those involved parents would be the ones receiving the satisfactory grades, so they aren’t the issue.

The parents who don’t put as much effort into their children’s welfare certainly wouldn’t change their mind because some teacher gave them a poor grade.

We live in an age where often both parents must work to provide for a family, and not every family has the ability to send a parent to help out in the classroom or be fully involved in their children’s school lives.

To place a grade on each parent isn’t necessarily fair, but then again, nothing’s fair in life.

I do believe that parents play a huge role in how a child performs in school.

“To place a grade on each parent isn’t necessarily fair, but then again, nothing’s fair in life.”

Rather than grade the parents on how involved they are in their children’s school lives, a better idea would be to grade them based on how well their child behaves, participates and interacts with other students.

I spent five years teaching gymnastics to preschool-aged children and one of the first things I noticed when a child entered my class was how he or she acted toward me, the parent and the other kids in the class.

If the child was well-behaved, it wasn’t because of a good night’s rest or a full stomach, but because the parent did the correct job of disciplining the kid at home and teaching right from wrong at an early age.

Ultimately, the decision to grade parents and their involvement in their children’s school lives isn’t such a bad idea.

Theoretically, it would make the parents more aware, the children better prepared and in turn, increase their chances of success.

Why not give it a shot? It could make a huge difference in the long run.

“The Real Deal” is a biweekly column appearing on Thursdays. Melissa Sabile is a Spartan Daily Sports Editor.

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MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Blue Valentine' showcases heartbreaking standout performances

## Edgy film depicts tumultuous relationship

Leo Postovoit  
Staff Writer

The film "Blue Valentine" discusses the dichotomy common to many relationships.

Two individuals, one who is "blue" and one who is a "valentine," play in conflict.

Ryan Gosling's character, Dean, marries Michelle Williams's character, Cindy, after he finds out she is pregnant.

It is suggested the child isn't his, but he chooses to marry her anyway.

Their life is a stage, with two characters constantly in combat, yet opposites that fulfill each others needs.

Great tragedy occurs throughout, reminiscent of 2009's equally dark "Precious."

The "blue," Dean, seems to doubt moving forward because of feeling as if he understands the situation, remains somewhat introverted, and staying cynical despite wanting to move forward.

The "valentine," Cindy, is a naïvely obedient character who drives positivity and initiates, yet stays oblivious to major problems.

The incidents in the film are driven by how serious differences in relationships take one of two routes — either split apart like Dean's parents, or suffer through dissatisfaction like Cindy's parents.

It also executes a nonlinear timeline, constantly flashing back to when Cindy is pregnant and to when their daughter Frankie, played by Faith Wladika, is 6 and they've moved to Scranton, Pa.

Frankie is the anchor of their relationship and seems to be the only reason why they don't split.

Ultimately, the last straw seems to break when their dog goes missing and Frankie becomes upset.

Dean attempts to fix this situation, but finds the dog has been hit by a car.

Frankie spends a few days at Cindy's parents' house, and Dean tries to resolve the building tension with Cindy by spending a night in the "Futureland" room at a local sex motel.

"Blue Valentine" feels clunky, messy and raw, but the many mixed signals leave the viewer with several ideas of what happen.

Most suggest that the couple splits and ends, but I believe that because of Frankie, who is a key reason why they married, they will ultimately resolve their differences and try to be the best parents possible.

Through several interesting perspectives, the film describes how relationships often grow cold and how the flaws will creep in and eat at the existence of our lives.

It makes any young heart worry about getting old. Choosing between the utter decay of something beautiful or living in something unpleasant is not easy.

"You always hurt the ones you love, the ones you shouldn't hurt at all," Gosling sings in a song that he wrote in the movie.

Shifting back and forth between sweet and tragic themes, the film is technically brilliant and balanced.

Scored by Brooklyn-based



'Blue Valentine' stars Academy Award Nominees Ryan Gosling (*The Notebook*) and Michelle Williams (*Shutter Island*).

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folk rock band Grizzly Bear, it feels as if you're watching a romantic catastrophe play upon a celluloid stage of New York.

According to an interview with Salon.com, Gosling and Williams gained 15 pounds each for the parent scenes of the film, making them both age from their 20s to their 30s.

It feels as if they gained not only weight but also burdens of life as they aged.

The stressors of Cindy's self destruction and Dean's ineptness bring great wear to any viewer.

"Blue Valentine" is easily the best performance of Gosling's career, who genuinely fulfills the role of father as Dean.

Through a deep-seated series of misunderstandings, the love of Dean and Cindy erodes.

It's one of the most discouraging movies as well as one of the truest I've seen in a long time.

However, it's probably not

the movie of choice for Valentines Day evening, especially if you're going through difficulties in your relationship.

"Blue Valentine" originally received an NC-17 rating by the MPAA because of a scene depicting cunnilingus.

It was downgraded after an appeal to an R rating.

"Blue Valentine" is in limited release playing at the CineArts theater at Santana Row, Camera 7 in Campbell, Aquarius in Palo Alto and AMC in Saratoga.



Michelle Williams plays Cindy, the wife of Dean.

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