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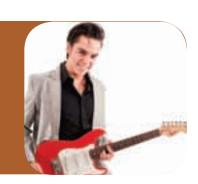
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Students perform for cancer funds

ALEXANDRA RUIZ-HUIDOBRO

Staff Writer

Breast cancer month is over but the cancer continues to spread.

More than 200,000 new cases of breast cancer will occur in women in 2010, according to the Susan G. Komen

This may happen to your co-worker, your professor, members of your family, friends or even the girl sitting next to you in class.

Alicia Lopez, a sophomore business administration major, said her mother was recently diagnosed with breast cancer on Oct. 16 and said she has been spending all of her time with her.

"I haven't told people so people don't really understand why I do the things I do," Lopez said. "Like why I always go home and why I always hang out with

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity hosted a concert Friday night, with all proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation (for breast cancer research).

Lopez went to the fraternity house Friday evening to support the cause, support the event and support her brother, who is also a Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity member.

Iunior finance major Todd Mortensen said he has been an active member for a year and helped put together the "Love Pike" T-shirts that were sold as a way to raise money.

Although he has not been directly affected, he said he was there the day his fraternity brother Martin Lopez found out about his mom's diagnosis.

"I was next to him when he found out that same day," Mortensen said. "It motivated me to get out there more and push to raise money towards this cause."

He said although it hasn't happened



Senior finance major Rodve Lewis performs at PIKE's Giving Back Concert held by the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity Friday night.

to his immediate family, the fraternity is his family while at school and so if one of them is affected, he's affected.

the cause.

"It's a way to get our name out there

and to promote the concert," he said. Senior kinesiology major Ryan Fontillas is the philanthropy chair for the fraternity and the mastermind behind

He said he came up with the idea of a semester-long philanthropy that includ-Mortensen said 250 T-shirts were ed a barbecue, car wash, pledge auction, sold, bringing in a total of \$650 toward a pay-per-view night and the concert all proceeds went to the charity.

"We raised an estimated \$13,400 and we're donating to Susan G. Komen Center for the Cure," Fontillas said. "It means a lot to us to get involved with the school and get involved with charity as much as we can."

He said the concert was a great way to give back to the community in a fun way that people could participate in.

The concert performers were King of Hearts, Aaron Miles, Vé 317 and the Starting 6, all of whom are students at SJSU with exception of the last, Fontil-

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Social networking can have a negative effect on health, productivity

High: 65° Low: 47° POTENTIAL **PROBLEMS CAUSED BY**

NETWORKING

- Blurred vision • Dry eyes

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- Fatigue
- Sleep disturbance
- Concentration problems
- Poor academic performance

Two SJSU psychologists discussed the physical and psychological side effects that social networking sites such as Facebook can have on students.

REBECCA HENDERSON

Staff Writer

William Boyd, a freshman animation/illustration major, said the workshop helped him find ways to limit his online usage, get more sleep and finish the things he needs to get

"I'm not so much addicted to Facebook, but I find myself quite often staying up late on the Internet," Boyd said.

The college student population

especially vulnerable right now.

> NEDA KHARRAZI Counselor for counseling services

According to the Power-Point presentation, some of the physical and functional problems that may occur because of social networking sites are blurred vision, dry eyes, fatigue, sleep disturbance, concentration problems and poor academic performance.

Neda Kharrazi, a counselor for counseling services, said the main point of the presentation was to increase awareness of how these issues can affect students and how personal use can affect others.

"Technology is something that all of us are

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Appeals court judges debate California's **Proposition 8**

SUSAN FERRISS

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

SAN FRANCISCO — Three federal judges took on the historic clash over California's Proposition 8 on Monday, asking probing questions as they weighed arguments about whether voters acted rationally when they banned gays from marrying in 2008.

Proposition 8 supporters are appealing a ruling this August by U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker that the measure violated the federal constitutional rights of gay people. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals proceeding, broadcast around the world, was another legal step in what many believe is an inevitable finale before the

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FINALS ARE STRESSFUL ENOUGH



Obama, GOP reach deal to extend tax cuts, unemployment insurance

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McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama reached agreement Monday with congressional Republicans to extend and deepen tax cuts temporarily — and extend unemployment insurance in hopes of stirring the economy and creating jobs.

Obama pointedly refused to drag out the debate any longer over his quest to let taxes increase for wealthier Americans, bowing to the political reality that he couldn't get the Republicans to agree to extend middle-class tax cuts or jobless benefits unless he also agreed to extend tax breaks for everyone.

In the bargain, he risked rebellion from his own party. Congressional Democrats refused to jump onboard immediately, continuing to question tax cuts for wealthy Americans. They planned to discuss the tax deal at closeddoor meetings on Tuesday, and still could kill the plan.

Obama acknowledged that many in his own party wanted him to fight rather than compromise. He said, however, that it's critical to settle the tax debate now to help the economy. He also stressed that it would last only two years, opening the way for an intense tax debate in 2012 — the year he and Congress face re-election.

"We have arrived at a years, every American family cal price he has to pay to win day. Among their objecwill keep their tax cuts," he said Monday evening.

"Not just the Bush tax cuts, but those that have been put in place over the last couple of years that are helping parents and students and other folks manage their bills."

The key elements:

•Extending for two years all of the Bush-era tax cuts set to expire on Dec. 31. They will be extended for all

•Cutting the payroll tax paid by all workers from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent for a year, replacing and doubling the expiring Making Work Pay tax credit.

•Extending Obama-era tax cuts from last year's stimulus bill, including the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Credit and American Opportunity Tax Credit increases from the Recovery Act.

•Extending recently expired unemployment insurance benefits for 13 months.

•A 35 percent tax on estates of more than \$5 million.

•Allowing business to write off investments entirely

•Keeping the middle class from paying the Alternative Minimum Tax — designed to keep the wealthy from escaping taxes — through 2011.

The plan would total about \$900 billion over two years — adding that to the projected federal deficit and the federal debt. Extending the Bush-era tax cuts would cost the Treasury \$3.7 trillion over 10 years, including \$3 trillion in taxes on annual incomes below \$250,000 and \$700 billion on incomes higher than that.

Obama said he really doesn't want to extend the tax cuts for the wealthy, arguing that the price tag is too framework for a bipartisan high. But he said a tempo- weren't sure they could sell agreement. For the next two rary extension is the politi- it to their members Tues-Republican agreement to tions: extending the tax cuts extend the lower-income tax for incomes of more than cuts, as well as to extend unemployment compensation.

"I know there's some people in my own party and in the other party who would rather prolong this battle,

even if we can't reach a compromise," he said.

"But I'm not willing to let working families across this country become collateral damage for political warfare here in Washington. And I'm not willing to let our economy slip backwards just as we're pulling ourselves out of this devastating recession."

Republican leaders welcomed the deal.

"I appreciate the determined efforts of the president and vice president in working with Republicans on a bipartisan plan to prevent a tax hike on any American and in creating incentives for economic growth," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the GOP leader in the Senate.

"It's encouraging that the White House is now willing to stop all of the job-killing tax hikes scheduled for Jan. 1. We look forward to discussing this proposal with House Republican Members and the American people," said Michael Steel, a spokesman for Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, who will become House speaker in January.

"This framework will allow us to extend all current tax rates and give economic recovery and job creation a chance," said Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., the top Republican on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

Although congressional aides said their Democratic leaders like much of the proposed package, they still \$250,000 a year and letting the estate tax revert to a lower rate, aides said.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., his party's leader in the Senate, reacted coolly to the plan.

"Now that the president has outlined his proposal, Senator Reid plans on discussing it with his caucus tomorrow," his spokesman said in a statement.

In the Senate, liberals led by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., have been adamant that they don't want to extend tax cuts for the rich. Though they fell short of blocking such an extension Saturday, they have more than enough votes to launch a filibuster to block the new deal.

The numbers are easier in the House — Democrats control 255 of the 435 seats. But the House tends to be a more liberal-dominated chamber, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., doesn't want cuts extended for the wealthy.

The proposed deal also would restore checks to outof-work people whose ben-

efits ran out on Dec. 1. White House aides said the plan would extend the benefits for 13 months, covering the two million outof-work Americans whose checks run out this month and another seven million who would run out of benefits over the next year.

They also predicted that the extended benefits would create 600,000 jobs as the out-of-work quickly spend their checks, sending that cash percolating through the economy.

The average family receives \$290 a week in unemployment benefits. Normally, benefits can last up to 99 weeks, depending on state's jobless rate.

x cuts had reduced the tax, has been adamant that she then eliminated it altogether for this year.

> tax would have returned to 55 percent of all estates of more than \$1 million. Under Republican pressure, it will be set for two years at 35 per-

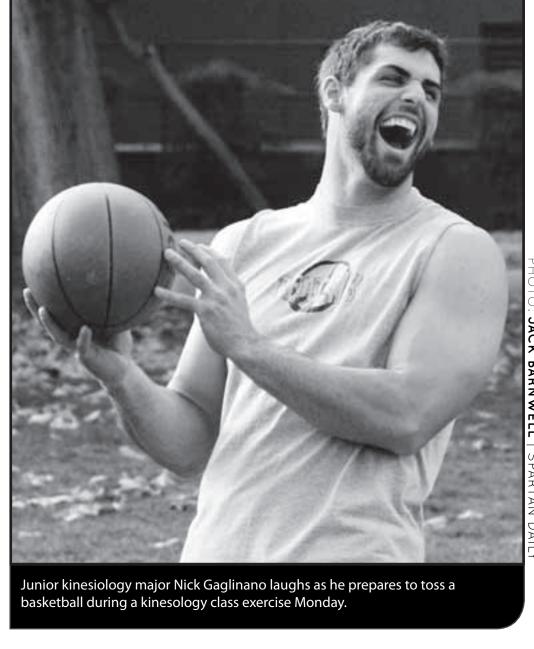
cent on estates of more than \$5 million.

At least one prominent liberal said he doesn't like the deal, but called it the best that Obama could get now.

"The Republicans got tax cuts for the best-off two percent and lower estate taxes for the very wealthiest families, neither of which will do much if anything to create jobs," said Lawrence Mishel, the president of the Economic Policy Institute. "President Obama won policies that will put or keep money in the pockets of the families of the unemployed and middleand low-income families, which will increase spending On the estate tax, the Bush and create jobs."

As that law expired, the (McClatchy Washington Bureau staff writer Kevin G. Hall contributed to this article.)

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U.S. Supreme Court.

For more than two hours, the panel of judges asked pointedly whether the voters could legally take from gay people the right to marry that had been briefly granted them by the California Supreme Court.

When an attorney representing Proposition 8 supporters repeated claims that society — and voters — had an interest in banning gay marriage because of children's welfare, Judge Stephen Reinhardt fired back: "That sounds like a good argument for prohibiting divorce."

Judge N. Randy Smith, considered more socially conservative than the two judges appointed by Democrats — Reinhardt and Michael Daly Hawkins — also demanded to know why it made sense to bar gay marriage given that California already recognizes many domestic partnership rights.

"We're left with a word: marriage," Smith said, adding that "I'm trying to find the rational basis in this situation when California has gone as far it can."

Hawkins asked the Proposition 8 attorneys, "Could the people of California reinstate school segregation?"

Attorney Charles Cooper conceded that voters could not because the U.S. Supreme Court has clearly prohibited it. In contrast, Cooper argued, the nation's high court has not clearly defined gays' rights, and lower courts in other states have upheld other state restrictions on allowing gays to marry.

Theodore Olson, attorney for the gay plaintiffs, told the judges that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that homosexual intimate relations are constitutionally protected. The high court has also ruled, in separate cases he said, that marriage is a fundamental right. Olson said gays are only seeking what should be theirs under the U.S. Constitution.

Reinhardt interrupted to ask Olson if he was suggesting that the U.S. Constitution required allowing gay marriage.

"I'm trying to find out how far we have to go if we are to accept your view of this case," Reinhardt said, adding that circuit courts are advised not to reach into constitutional questions unless judges conclude it is necessary. He asked if the panel was "free" to rule in a narrow or broad fashion, suggesting that the panel might consider how it could restrict its ruling to California.

Smith also challenged Olson's arguments, wondering if it was "really irrational" to try to promote marriage as a word reserved for heterosexuals as a "vehicle" to promote responsible procreation.

Olson said it was, arguing that Proposition 8 attorneys had failed to prove that barring gays from marrying has any benefit other than to enshrine prejudice in the state constitu-

The judges also probed the consequences of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Attorney General Jerry Brown — the governor-elect — declining to defend Proposition 8.



First Floor in the Student Union

The appellate judges must also decide if Proposition 8 ballot organizers — or Imperial County — have the federal legal standing to defend the measure after Schwarzenegger and Brown declined to.

While the judges seemed sympathetic to ballot initiative supporters on the question, they scolded Robert Tyler, who represented Imperial County, because his brief named a deputy clerk — not even the elected county clerk — as an official seeking standing.

Neither side predicted how quickly the judges might return with a ruling.

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communicating through but not exactly aware of how it's affecting us," she said. "The college student population is especially vulnerable right now — that's one of the reasons why I wanted to do this presentation today."

The presentation cited a news release from the Jed Foundation stating that technology functions as a critical lifeline for college students, with 90 percent saying they've visited a social networking site in the last week and about four in 10 having over 500 friends on those sites. Yet, one in seven say that social networking sites increase feelings of isolation.

According to the PowerPoint presentation social networking sites can have an impact on relationships, work, sleep and can cause stress — online stressors include cyberbullying, tracking and pressure for immediate response.

"This topic is very important for college students, especially because our generation is extremely dependent on the Internet." Boyd said. "And there's so many things we can do with it and it's really easy to fall into the temptation of staying on it late at night and not getting the things done that we need to."

Karisman Roberts-Douglass, a counselor for counseling services, said the Internet and social networking sites are new domains for developing an identity.

"There's a lot you can test out over the Internet and receive feedback on from other people that you don't necessarily have to do in person," he said. "So I think that's really important to look at how we're developing our identity in college through some of these social networking sites."

During the presentation a two-minute clip was shown from the "I have Digital Drama" episode of the MTV series "True Life."

The clip showed two couples who were having problems in their relationships because they were too involved with social networking sites, causing anger and jealousy between them.

After the clip, students were urged to comment and one student said miscommunication often occurs because people's body language cannot be read through the Internet.

The presentation listed ways to deal with problems relating to the use of social networking sites, starting with changing thoughts and

One student said deleting people you don't talk to from your friends list would help.

Freshman aviation major Jacob Guerrero said people need to be more focused on talking to one another face-to-face instead of on the Internet.

"What's going to help you in your job career is face-to-face interactions and learning people's body language if you're helping them or offending them," he said. "Over social networking you can't do that."

CAMPUS VOICES •



RUIZ-HUIDOBRO

WHAT DO YOU DO TO KEEP **WARM THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?**

VASHTI HAYES



Nutritional Science

Lots of layers lots. And warm socks. Usually a sweater - I don't have one on today and I always have a beanie on usually. Today is not a warm day for me.

chocolate. And a

warm jacket. And

Drink hot

cuddling

DARYLL GEMPIS



Biology

I use my SJSU sweater. That thing is so warm, it actually makes me fall asleep. I've had it since my freshman year orientation so I kind of need a new one, but it's good. It keeps me warm.

CHRISTINE NAZARIO



Spanish

STEFANITA AZEVEDO



Freshman Undeclared

KRISTI

I love warm clothes. If I could I would bring a blanket but it's probably a little tacky. And also I don't like to sit outside during the winter. I'll find a place inside – anywhere where I can keep warm.



Freshman Undeclared

HYNDING put three blankets on me.



Senior Kinesiology

I have a portable heater with me because my apartment doesn't have a heater. (I take it with me) everywhere I go in the apartment and here I bundle up with at least three layers on

and my Uggs.

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Senior finance major Rodve Lewis said he heard of the concert through a Facebook message sent out by the fraternity and that he was eager to participate.

"Music is my passion,"

Lewis said. "I didn't really have to go out there, but I know I have the ability to make people smile and have ready passed, so ... people that fun, so I want to help.

He said the crowd's energy was contagious and it looked like people were having fun.

Lewis said the event had a good turnout and he thinks it

had to do with the way they

kept pushing to get donations and get help all semester long. "Breast cancer month al-

aren't affected by it personally forget about it," he said. "It's December now and it's been going on all semester. It kind of stays fresh in people's minds to want to help and help change people's lives."

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



The Empire of Japan attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, which served as the headquarters for the U.S. Pacific Fleet (above).

- On Dec. 8, the Spartan Daily reported that San Jose State college officials had received no word from the college football team, which had traveled to Honolulu to play games against the University of Hawaii and Willamette University. They expressed no immediate concern for the team's well-being.
- Though Dr. T.W. MacQuarrie, the president of San Jose State college at the time, said he expected both games to be played, it would be impossible to relay the results of the game because the broadcast of all amateur radio was banned in the wake of the attack.
- On Dec. 9, more than 3,000 students gathered in the San Jose State college quad to hear President MacQuarrie pledge his wholehearted support of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's declaration of war against Japan.
- Unconfirmed reports indicated that the San Jose State college football team had been assigned to the Honolulu police force to patrol the downtown area.
- College Director of Athletics Glenn "Tiny" Hartranft said he expected the players to arrive home Dec. 24 via steam ship.



Aviation student moonlights as boxing star

KELSEY LYNNE LESTER-PERRY

Staff Writer

A visit to a boxing club practice at Police Activities League on South 34th St. might lead one to believe that its president's attitude toward the sport is a little more "Million Dollar Baby" than "Rocky."

But he said he can assure you that as student athletes, they train just as hard, or harder, than any other athlete on campus.

"There are so many different people," senior aviation operations major Luc Mai said. "Everybody comes here for a reason. Everybody has a goal — whether it's to take a title or just make some friends."

When I grew up I was picked on a lot ... I would have to defend myself when I was younger, but now I'm just more skilled.

> **LUC MAI Boxing Club President**

Mai's personal goal is to always stay ambitious and motivated while getting exercise, keeping up his grades and training with the team.

Candy Lopez, one of the volunteer coaches, said Mai is dedicated and disciplined when he is in the gym.

"He has skill and he knows how to use it," Lopez said. "Except with him, he works fulltime, goes to school fulltime — he isn't at his full potential."

He said it is hard for him

because while most of the club tries to train for just a few hours, three days out of the week, Mai is practicing at least 15 hours a week.

"I give a lot of respect to other people that do that," he said. "There is a lot to juggle school, work and a really good workout — it's like a part-time job."

Like any other senior, Mai said he worries about gradu-

Currently he is taking 13 units and continues to box.

"I'm always behind," he said. "I feel like that because I am my worst critic. I try to just go with the flow. I'm handling it one day at a time and just enjoying my life."

Emily Corso, his boxing club colleague, No. 1 fan and girlfriend of two years, said Mai is doing an amazing job as the president of the boxing

Corso is a senior nursing major and has been with the team off and on for a year or

"He has been doing it for a long time, but doesn't have enough confidence," she said. "He doesn't think he is as good as he is."

As a young Vietnamese boy born in Stockton, raised in Los Angeles and the second oldest child out of six, Mai said he knows how to express himself because of his big family.

That doesn't mean that it was always easy for him to do so, he said.

'When I grew up I was picked on a lot," he said. "There was a group of older white kids always calling us chinks. When we were playing, they would pick on us. I would have to defend myself when I was younger, but now I'm just more skilled."

He said boxing is an outlet

"I do it for the sport," he said. "I don't go into the ring looking to hit the guy's head off. I go in for the sport of it."

Mai said that using boxing both as conditioning and as an outlet is how he wants to promote the club to any stu-



Senior aviation operations major Luc Mai spars with a volunteer coach at the Police Activities League practice gym on Nov. 24. Mai trains a minimum of 15 hours per week in addition to the 13 units he carries in school.

dent who might have doubts cause of that." about joining.

Corso said she agrees 100 percent.

We have had champs for the past two years. We need him to be the next one.

> **CANDY LOPEZ** Boxing Coach

"I think the club is really underrated," she said. "I don't think people know how good our coaches are. People think, 'Oh, I don't want to get hit in the face.' For me it started off as a good workout, really good exercise, and then you keep doing it. You always want to go into the ring."

Mai said he and Corso met through a mutual friend and adamantly explained that he was a part of the boxing club

"She has done kung fu for a long time," Mai said about Corso. "She hopes to compete but has a fear to step into the ring. When you step in, you step in 100 percent."

Lopez, said he has similar sentiments regarding Mai's skill in the ring.

For three of the six years that Mai has been boxing, Lopez has been his coach.

Lopez said he is looking for Mai to take the lead and be the club's next national champion.

"We have had champs for the past two years," he said. "We need him to be the next one. The tournament is in April at the University of Nevada in Reno. We have between now and then to train him and get him prepared."

Mai said of course he wants to compete, but it is a lot of work and can be intimidating.

"I'm a bleeder," he said. "My nose bleeds easily. A lot of fights stop prematurely be-

An example of this was during an Oct. 1 match against Mike Brena, he said.

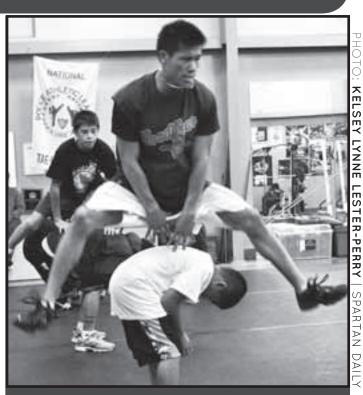
"I woke up that morning with a nosebleed," he said. "I just have a really sensitive nose. Coach was joking around saying, 'It's going to be a bloody fight."

He said the catch weight for that fight was 150 pounds, which means the two people fighting can weigh anywhere from 145 to 155 pounds.

"I weighed 144 and he weighed 156," he said, shrugging. "It's not often that you're in shape for a game

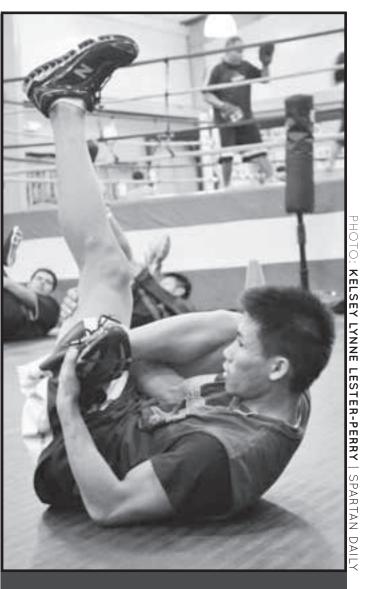
like that, so you go for it." Mai said he was thrilled when he was let back in the ring despite the gruesomelooking nosebleed.

"You fight for the sport of it, win or lose, it's amateur," he said.



Luc Mai leaps over one of his training partners

during the conditioning phase of practice.



Luc Mai, president of the San Jose State Boxing

practice at the Police Activities League practice

Club, warms up and stretches his legs during

gym on Nov. 24.





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'Hairspray' holds audiences captive



KRISTEN PEARSON

Managing Editor

I was a little wary when I entered the Montgomery Theater on Saturday to see a Children's Musical Theater production of "Hairspray."

As I sat down with a friend of mine, she gabbed about life and everything and I listened and dreaded the next few hours, knowing what high schoolers performing an adult show could be like.

The announcer came up on stage, telling us that the performance would begin soon and would include not only high school students from ages 14 - 18, but also adults who had been alumni of the program for some 30 years.

My idea of what the play would encompass widened. I immediately thought, "Wow! Maybe it won't be as bad as I've been expecting."

While watching high school-aged kids running and dancing across a stage and belting out music like they're losing part of their guts there have been some musicals I could have gone without seeing. This was not one of them.

The lights dimmed, the music started and a bed was rolled out onto the stage.

The actress playing Tracy Turnblad, Lindsey O'Connell, sang "Good Morning Baltimore" and unfortunately, either the orchestra was too loud or her voice was too

weak, but it didn't really ever break through so we could actually hear the words.

This was the only nitpick I had with the entire produc-

For my 16th birthday I saw an unfortunate rendition of "The Sound of Music" by high school students and was worried this would be the same.

On the upside, after watching "Hairspray," the song "Good Morning Baltimore" has been stuck in my head since I saw it performed.

What an incredible, wellexecuted and well-directed performance. I'd like to see a group of professional actors do better.

Many musicals have taught me what constitutes a good production versus a bad production, what is well written against what is poorly written and what is well directed as opposed to what is poorly directed and this one was done well in every aspect.

Right after that first song, the musical took a turn for the best.

After 17 years of studying music through piano and vocal performance, I've had the opportunity to view many musicals — including high school musicals.

Now, this is not to say I am an expert in any way, but I have enough experience with vocals to know when a musical is good or bad.

Frankie Mulcahy, who played Corny Collins, opened up the Corny Collins show with an incredibly strong, accurate TV talk show singing voice.

Joey Pisacane, who played Link Larkin, played his character well, acting as a typical early '60s rock 'n' roll artist trying to get his big break on

A musical isn't all about the performance, though. It's about the stage as well.

For Christmas last year, I was able to see "Wicked the Musical" in San Francisco and was amazed by the performers and the props.

Although simple, the props in "Hairspray" flowed smoothly and added the feel of a city in the '60s.

One of the things I wouldn't have expected if I hadn't heard the synopsis before watching the musical was a man, Doug Santana, playing the role of Tracy's mother, Edna Turnblad.

It added a unique piece to the musical that others I had seen before this hadn't.

Through my training, I had somehow missed "Hairspray."

I spent my time before leaving for the musical talking to my sister-in-law on the phone finding out what the plot of the musical was.

Other singers who were fantastic additions to the musical were Patrick Ball, who played Seaweed, Adrienne Eller, who played Penny Pingleton, Juanita Harris, who played Motormouth Maybelle and Mark Martinez, who played Wilbur Turnblad.

When Harris belted out a few songs the audience was blown away. They cheered wildly at the end of the song "I Know Where I've Been."

The Dynamites, who sang "Welcome to the '60s," and walked out of the scenery on the stage, were also extremely skilled singers using power and soul to make for a won-



Edna Turnblad (left) is carried across stage by her husband, Wilbur Turnblad (right), during the song "Timeless to Me."

derful blending of voices.

For some fun this weekend, students should make their way to the Montgomery Theater at Market and San Carlos streets to see the closing weekend of "Hairspray."

Tickets can be found online at the Children's Musical Theater San Jose website and are being sold for \$25, but get them quickly because last weekend every show was a full house, according to a post on Facebook by Alexis Ritchey, who plays Lou Ann, a Corny Collins Show councilmember.

The show plays on Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Link Larkin poses with his guitar.

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Previous Solution

Crossword **Puzzle**

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16 Hence

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19 Neighbor of Thailand

20 Stirred up

- Dame 23 Planks

24 Stead 26 Public meeting

29 Leaning toward 33 Wed on the run

34 Earthling 35 Kind of jacket

36 Clowns' getup

37 Two-legged herbivore 38 El -, Texas

39 Festive night 40 Gentleman callers 41 Lung or gill

42 Fetch 44 Has a hunch 45 Lighten up

46 Vinland explorer 48 Gapes open 51 Haul off (2 wds.) Toward shelter

56 Zodiac sign Retina cell 59 Sharp pain 60 Used a crowbar

61 More than bad

62 French fries or cole slaw 63 Buffalo hockey pri 64 Gateway rival

DOWN Table extender 2 Jason's ship

Yul's film realm Blunders Slogan

Hurt - my lips! Preserve food

9 Thunder Bay prov. 10 Upholstery

fabric 11 Latin 101 word 12 1939 Lugosi 13 Be an also-ran

21 1899 gold-rush town 22 Garish sign

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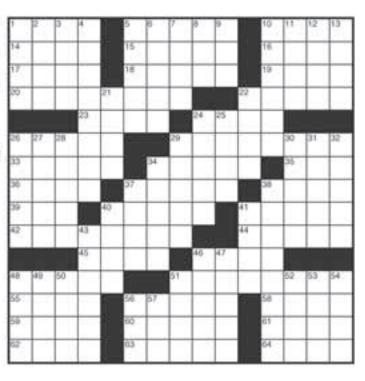
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Previous Solution DASH

Reality TV: Friend or Foe?



Having a hobby is healthy for anybody trying to relax and enjoy life.

To take my mind off of finals I like to exercise, meditate and watch foreign television.

Over the years, I have watched shows like the British version of "The Office" or Japanese television's "Takeshi's Castle" to enjoy my spare

Watching television is my favorite hobby.

European and Asian television is interesting to me because the shows are outrageously entertaining.

Over the decade in which I have enjoyed American and international television entertainment, not once have I ever thought I perpetuated the destruction of human

Last weekend I was watching the German reality show "Wetten Dass?" on my computer.

The show is a live program where contestants perform daredevil-type stunts.

It is an incredibly entertaining and unique show, which I found completely acceptable — until I watched the show this past weekend.

On Saturday's show, 23-year-old contestant Samuel Koch was performing a stunt where he does a frontwhile wearing spring-loaded stilts four times.

The stunt was going perfectly until the final car when Koch crashed head-on into the oncoming vehicle.

Koch laid motionless in front of a live studio audience while suffering from spinal and other traumatic injuries.

It was at this moment in time that I realized that everybody watching the show was partially responsible for this unfortunate man's situation.

According to Huffington Post, Koch suffered multiple back injuries and fractures, underwent surgery Sunday and his condition was initially life threatening.

Reality shows that feed human desire for disaster cross the line because the damage is real.

I always felt shows like Fox's "The Swan" or MTV's "Jersey Shore" were not beneficial to society, but I never blamed the audience for supporting such garbage.

After watching a person like Koch be exploited for my enjoyment I have had a change of heart.

No longer will I spend free time eating fastfood and watching television shows where people are dangerously exploited.

Freedom is a foundation flip over an oncoming car of this country, and I feel tele-

vision should be allowed to push the limits of entertainment.

Shows such as "24," "Fringe" and "The Walking Dead" are all fictional programs with extreme violence. These shows are acceptable and do not harm society because they do not deal with reality.

Reality shows that feed human desire for disaster cross the line because the damage is real.

"Wetten Dass?" opened an ethical and moral conundrum for myself what is the line between television entertainment and social destruction?

There have been many times over American history in which stuntmen have pushed the limits to entertain audiences.

On Dec. 31, 1967, Evel Knievel tried to jump the fountains at Caesars Palace with his motorcycle. In front of thousands of fans, Knievel missed the jump and sustained massive injuries.

Once again, when does the audience go from an innocent bystander to an active participant?

I felt guilty responsible while watching Koch front-flip his way to several serious spinal injuries.

programs Television should be allowed to push the limits of entertainment, but they should not be allowed to push people in to dangerous situations.

People around the world should ask themselves if they want to support television programs that exploit other people.

This is the final appearance of "Tales From The Creek."

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Angelina Jolie film sparks controversy

they will tell you that I'm not particularly a fan of Angelina

Quite frankly, I'm over all the "Brangelina" headlines. Just let them be and stop bringing Jennifer Aniston into it.

However, the most recent headline that involved Jolie caught my eye.

"Angelina Jolie slams the haters" read the headline posted on E! Online's website.

My curiosity got the best of me. I clicked on the link that would Women International, the women of Bosnia eventually turn what was supposed to be five minutes of reading into 45 minutes.

Apparently, Jolie is making her directorial debut in a movie for which she also wrote the screenplay, according to a Reuter's article.

According to E! Online, Angelina and her production group failed to include the complete script when applying for permits to shoot in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Instead, the production crew only submitted a brief summary of what the film was going to be

Of course rumors will fly, as they always do when they involve celebrities with as much star power as Jolie.

Local Bosnians were abuzz with the story that Jolie's movie was about a Bosnian woman and a Serbian man.

This raised eyebrows mainly because the rumors said the

her captor during the Bosnian War between that residents of other nations will 1992 and 1995.

The local chapter of the organization Women Victims of War Association was outraged by the rumors and pressured the Culture Ministry to revoke Jolie's permit to shoot the film.

I believe that the association has a legitimate right to be upset.

Rape against women during a time of war is a reality most of us here in the United States have had the luxury of living without.



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states, on its website, that violence against women during time of war is not accidental and is used as a weapon of war.

The Rome Statute states that rape and other forms of sexual abuse against women and civilians by soldiers are war crimes and are considered crimes against humanity, according to the Amnesty USA

According to Women to were raped, tortured and thrown into rape concentration camps where they underwent forced impregnation.

This isn't the war that your grandparents lived through.

> Women who have lived through this hell, women who have dedicated their lives to helping other women cope with this aftermath, and the children who suffer from the abuse that their mothers have endured, I believe that they have every single right to be outraged by this movie. However, the plot of the

script is just a rumor.

When dealing such a sensitive issue, Jolie and her production camp should have been more forthcoming.

Just because United Nations are

woman was a rape victim who fell in love with ambassador of goodwill, does not mean automatically trust your goodwill. I doubt that Jolie will intentionally do

anything to hurt or exploit the pain of

She has shown in many ways that she is a citizen of the world.

I think the best way to resolve this issue would be for both parties to meet.

Iolie can then explain her storyline and the Women Victims of War Association can put its concerns to ease.

Be safe — No love without the glove

The temperature's getting low and self-con- In about half of the cases trol is plunging but our sex drives are heating up toward disaster.

Last week a peer of mine told me her neighbor is a major sex addict. As a celibate, I responded with questions and got some interesting answers.

Allegedly, the girl in the bordering room next to my friend, who we'll refer to as Bertha, has male companions come into her room on a nightly basis.

We were bewildered by her continuous sex streak and wondered where she got the energy to do homework, go to class and just do anything at all besides intercourse.

Unfortunately, this young lady has been rumored to not use condoms on a regular basis, choosing to use birth control as the only form of protection instead.

According to a study from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, "about 19 million cases of sexually transmitted diseases are reported in the United States every year."

the STDs were contracted by people between 15 and 24 years of age. The statistics show that one in four teens will contract an STD.

Even worse, a report by the American Social Health Association, "State of the Nation 2005," stated "40 percent of older adolescents surveyed by the Kaiser Family Foundation incorrectly believe that the contraceptive pill and shot protect against STDs and HIV."

Apparently, people love getting it on but are unaware of the risks and repercussions that sex can leave you with.

As one who has not experienced the "euphoric" sensation of sex, someone might criticize me for not being qualified to comment with any authority. But does one need to be qualified to have common sense?



of the youth in America are not "qualified" to have sex.

A majority of these adolescents want their fleshly urges to be satisfied, but tend not to be prepared for the aftereffects.

Sex, from what I have heard, is a beautiful act but can also be detrimental to you at the same time.

Those who forgo preventative measures and thought

regarding sex, such as reckless high school and college students, are just merely asinine.

The American Social Health Association's "State of the Nation 2005" reported that one in two sexually active people will contract an STD by the age of 25.

Can you imagine all the STDs that are crawling around?

for Disease Control and Prevention, there's just too large of an array of STDs available for contraction from the STD candy shop.

Now imagine all the STDs that Bertha and her partners could potentially be carrying.

Based on the list provided by the Centers

From genital herpes, chlamydia to HIV and AIDS, this girl and her multiple partners could have bought and purchased them all in their sex sale.

It makes you question if our promiscuous friend has time to get tested for STDs after her nightly raptures.

The advice I can give to those interested in having sex is to be safe and take as many protective measures as possible before proceeding with sex.

It doesn't mean putting on 20 condoms and having a go at it but definitely think it through if abstinence isn't your cup of tea.

Live your sex life like the Jamba Juice motto because "Your body is a temple, littering is strictly prohibited."

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