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# Library art collection looks to provoke curiosity

Editor's note: This is the second of six sto ries the Spartan Daily will publish to profile the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. - F.B.

#### **By Alexandra Proca** Daily Staff Writer

SJSU students Katie Boissicat rush-es toward the blue wall next to the philosophy section on the 7th floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. Smiling, she points to a sculpted beige owl hidden in a corru-gated crack in the wall. Her friend, Sylvia Tran, looks amused.

amused.

Boissicat and Tran, both sociology Boissicat and Iran, both sociology graduate students, have just discov-ered the Owl of Minerva, one of the 33 pieces of art that make up the "Recolecciones" public art collection in the new library. Boissicat said that she had been strolling in the library for about a weak but the compared the code

strolling in the library for about a week, but she never noticed the owl until she overheard a tour guide. "I think this is cool" Boissicat said. Few minutes later, Tran and Boissicat headed toward the Wise

Cracks, another piece of art on the library's 7th floor.

Tran remembered that she had just spotted some strange white lines on a

window while passing a corridor. "I don't know if it's art or scratches", Tran said. "It's too early to be vandal-

Tran said. "It's too early to be vandal-ized". "There are probably just scratches", Boissicat said", but her words froze in the air, once she started reading loud the wisdom lines quoted from world wide literature painted on the big window in the corridor. "I didn't even notice they put art in the library," Tran said, "I took this place for granted." Xadani Ramos, a senior majoring in aviation, is trying to find a puzzle

Addani Ramos, a senior majoring in aviation, is trying to find a puzzle behind the Vessel on the 3rd floor. The Vessel is a vase whose sides unveil the profile of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the dark area next to it. When Ramos discovers the optical illusion, he goes around the vase to make sure he can see it from all sides. "I should show it to friends." Ramos

"I should show it to friends," Ramos said, slowly walking away. Mel Chin created the installations together with Hann Saussy, the chair of Asian language department, and Robert Batchleor, professor at the history department, both at Stanford University. Chin said that he intended to create something that would provoke curiosity.

"There are no signs about the art," said Nancy Cardinet, a volunteer guide with the library. "It makes you discover." Anne Simonson, program coordina-

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tor in the art history department of SJSU appreciated the imaginative character of the art collection in the library. "The locations were cleverly designed and there is a great sense of humor to the overall package," Simonson said.

Simonson said. Cardinet said that the name of the art collection, "Recolecciones," stands not only for its pure meaning in Spanish ("memories"), but also for gathering people and remembering them who they are. According to a library flyer, the Latin root "lect" — the base for the Spanish "recollec-ciones" — means both "to gather' and "to read". to read"

Bob McDermand, outreach coordibob McDermand, outreach coordi-nator at King Library, has been super-vising the art project throughout its development. McDermand said Chin's proposal stood out from other candidates because rather than mak-ing one large moupmental installaing one large monumental installa-tion, he divided it into many smaller

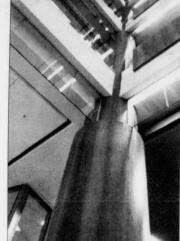
"Besides," McDermand said, "the kind of work that he [Chin] had to commission in North Carolina is literally not as expensive as it is here in California."

Chin lives and works in North Carolina and commissioned the work in the Kin library in his home state.

in the Kin library in his home state. Chin said that he designed 33 items because that is how far they got into the project. He said he still has money to design other items for the library, too. According to McDermand, one percent of the money invested in city projects need to go to public work of art. Therefore, \$700, 000 out of the \$70 million that came from the city was assigned to the art collection.

vas assigned to the art collection. Chin said he wanted his artwork to compliment the collections of books. The artist looks at his creation as "a

Puzzle with an answer," he said. "You can make your stories up, but the real story is in the books. Eventually, you'll discover what inspired the art," Chin said.



os by Yvonne Pingue / Dail Above: Mirrors are placed in between shelves of the Self-Help Section in the new Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. The mirrors are a part of the 33-item "Recolecciones" art collection by artist Mel Chin.

Left: "True and Through" is a pillar that extends through the eighth floor of the library. This pillar is clad in veneers milled from an old redwood tree that used to grow where the library is situated today. Due to its unique appearance the pillar is easily separated from the other three main pillars.

Unique art pieces part of \$700,000 collection

#### **By Alexandra Proca** Daily Staff Writer

True and Through. One of the four main pillars of the building visible from the Koret Atrium looks different than the others. That is because it is actually clad in veneers milled from an old redwood tree that used to grow where the library is sitting today, docent Nancy Cardinet said. The pillar goes all the way to the eighth floor and Cardinet said that it serves as an orientation point throughout the an orientation point throughout the building.

#### The Hearth

Placed in the corner reading area on the second floor, the hearth was intended as a place of meditation, said artist Mel Chin. The bricks that usual-ly make the interior of the hearth have been shaped to look like books. The project is a homage to the books that have been burnt throughout history ... a lamentation for the books that we lost," Chin said.

#### Golden Gate

Polished golden carburetors sitting on glass shelves make up the portal sur-rounding one of the doors to the spe-cial collection department on the fifth clai collection department on the fifth floor. The inspiration for this piece of art was drawn from a three Bay Area community sources: a Buddhist tem-ple, the Golden Gate and cars, Cardinet said. The carburetors were collected from damp sites and then restored, McDermand said.

restored, McDermand said. Skeptacle In a bright corner at the 5th floor, a dome-shaped, high-ceiling shelf is holding master's thesis. "It is made to resemble a beehive," McDermand said. In old English, "skep" means "beehive" and skeptacle was made up to resemble the word "spectacle," Cardinet said. McDermand said that the reason behind this analogy is that "thesis-writing is such an intensive process and writing is such an intensive process and covers all area of knowledge that it resembles the bustle in a beehive."

#### **Tectonic** Tables

Not all tables in the Grand Reading Room on the eighth floor stay put. Although heavy, five of them move now and then in front of the glass wall that look downtown San Jose. The five tables together stand for the continents before they stood apart, McDermand said. Rolling the tables around the room represents the tectonic move-ments that eventually divided the continents, Cardinet said. Either gray or reddish, the tables are made out of stones brought from the continents they each represent, McDermand said.

## AmeriCorps offers students job experience

By Janet Pak Daily Staff Writer A campus program aimed at provid-

that involves San Jose State University students in service to immigrant communities in San Jose according to Carlee Howie, project

Howie was in the AmeriCorps Vista program which involved indirect serv-ice-learning where she worked at the center helping them building capacity

Students are required to commit 10-12 hours a week for a year in the pro-gram, said Howie. They also are not allowed to have jobs outside of the

#### **By Tony Burchyns** Daily Senior Staff Writer

Staff members at the Office of Student Life and Leadership say they want students to know that education can, and does, extend beyond the classroom at San Jose State University.

According to a few of the center's coordinators, who oversee a range of campus activities, starting or joining a campus club or participating in a student leadership program is a great way to hone what likely could become life skills to pay the bills.

"There's a direct correlation between our leadership programs and the skills students will need to succeed in whatever employment atmosphere they choose to enter," said Nam Nguyen, the center's leadership

development coordinator. Team building, public speaking and active listening are just a few of the handy talents Nguyen said SJSU students can sharpen in an upcoming program called Leadership U, slated to begin Thursday, Oct. 2.

"Any student can jump into (Leadership U)," Nguyen said. "There's no screening of applicants, and the deadline to sign up is Sept.

Nguyen said the six-part workshop series emphasizes fun and includes a spine-tingling ropes course adventure at City Beach in Fremont.

Despite the lack of prerequisites to enroll, only 25 spots exist in Leadership U, according to Student Life and Leadership information.

Another way SJSU students can get involved on campus is by joining or starting a campus club or organiza-tion, said Gregory Wolcott, associate director of student life and leadership. Wolcott said SJSU usually recog nizes about 200 organizations at any one time.

Each group, he said, attains official SJSU status by registering and/or renewing its charter at the Office of Student Life and Leadership, which is located in the Old Cafeteria Building.

"It takes eight people to start an official club," Wolcott said. "Plus, you need to be able to show how your idea is original and benefits the campus community.

It wouldn't make sense to have 20 clubs doing the same thing, he said. John Travis, an administrative assistant in the center, said the number of registered organizations rises as the year goes on.

say we have about 180 core "Ľď groups, including the fraternities and sororities, that are always in place. and about 30 to 40 others that sign up and then vanish," Travis said.

By the end of last year, 214 clubs and organizations had registered, Travis said.

"There are a lot of groups that form temporarily, like 'the Graduation Committee,' and things like that," he said.

A new directory of student organizations will be available Oct. 1 in Office of Student Life and Leadership, according to the center's

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ing students job experience performing

community service projects is hiring. Debra David, director of the Center for Service-Learning, an organization that sets up service learning projects with community organizations and the school.

the school. This is the first year of the program called Bridging Borders AmeriCorps. The center is building on a small program from last year. Students serve as fiaisons between the community and in classes as service learning according to David.

The program that offers the job is the Bridging Borders AmeriCorps

coordinator for the Center for Service-Learning. "The community said they couldn't

have done it without them. The facul-ty said it made the experience much ty said it made the experience much better for them. AmeriCorps mem-bers said they grew a lot personally and professionally," David said. "The program is hiring 42 to 60 stu-dents to serve in the program," said David, "And they will serve a required one year term."

one year term

David said her goal is to increase the number of students who are helping the community especially connected to classes and within.

## Maze of meditation

#### **By JaShong King** Daily Staff Writer

A string of students wait in front of an elaborate design stretched across a large conference room floor. The first one takes off his shoes as

"Do you have a reflective question?" asks SJSpirit chaplain Roger Wharton. John Henderson pauses for a moment, then answers that he does. His loose jeans curled around his ankles, Henderson steps off with bare

ankies, Flenderson steps off with bare socks onto the patterned canvas and begins walking. Every semester, students of the create a meaningful life class, as well as any-body else intrigued by the designs laid on the floor of the Student Union

Barrett Ballroom, walk the twisting barrett Ballroom, walk the twisting paths of the labyrinth as they search for answers to any questions they might have as part of their lecture for the day. "The labyrinths have been around for 4,000 years," said Wharton, chaplain of organization that brings the labyrinth to campus. "They come in different

to campus. "They come in different shapes, designs and patterns and they're found in just about every culture." Labyrinths have been used through

out the ages for meditation and reflec SJSpirit labyrinth is based on a design embedded on the floor of the Chartres Cathedral in France, Wharton said.

SJSpirit is a 125-year-old, cross-religious campus organization that does

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and meet the community needs.

Students interested in the program a series of interviews and background checks before they are selected for the program according to Howie. The program is funded through

grant from the governor's office, which helps to pay for the stipends, according to Dana Lapham, student development specialist who handles

A \$250 monthly stipend is given to students in the program and a \$1, 250 scholarship after completion of the program.

gram. Howie said students once selected for the program are put in teams of two or more based on their interests, skills and strengths with local community based organizations and help-ing children of immigrant families to obtain heath, social and educational

services. Other direct service-learning pro ects students can participate in includ-ing peer leaders for university servicelearning, service advocates and com-munity tutors, according to Howie.





ean Brongersma / Daily :

Students in Gonzaga da Gama's creating a meaningful life class paused to meditate as they walked through a labyrinth in the Student Union Ballroom Tuesday.

# opposingviews:

# Should instructors in the CSU system receive a YES | Losing teachers as a result cost of living adjustment in their salary? of living costs harms students

With budget cuts looming in the air, the last thing San Jose State University students need to worry about is losing professors because of low salaries and high-priced housing.

Apparently, "finding and keeping faculty" was considered a criti-cal issue by the campus and was revealed in "A Document of the SJSU Academic Senate" in spring 2001.

According to the document ,"SJSU is located in one of the highest cost-of-living areas in the country. An assistant professor's salary of \$47,000 in Los Angeles would need to be \$53,000 in San Jose to provide an equivalent standard

everyone.

able areas

income potential.

price of \$565,000.

"Teachers are essential in helping mold the future of America doing what is necessary to help them do their job is essential."



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members at this fall's faculty orientation — a drop from 60 in the past three years. If we lose professors then it is the school's responsibility to find replacements. But then again, low pay and high-living expenses is hardly attractive to potential candidates.

"A Document of the SJSU Academic Senate" stated that "the inability to hire faculty can lead to impaction in certain programs which then limits access for students and creates funding difficulties for the entire campu

Many professors on the campus not only take on the responsibil-ity of teaching three or more classes, but they also take on duties within their department. When there are no professors handling those jobs, then the students and the whole department suffer. It takes a special kind of person to be a teacher.

Despite their heavy workloads, a lot of professors at SJSU do what they can to help their students. It would be a shame to lose such caring professors because they

could not afford to stay in the area.

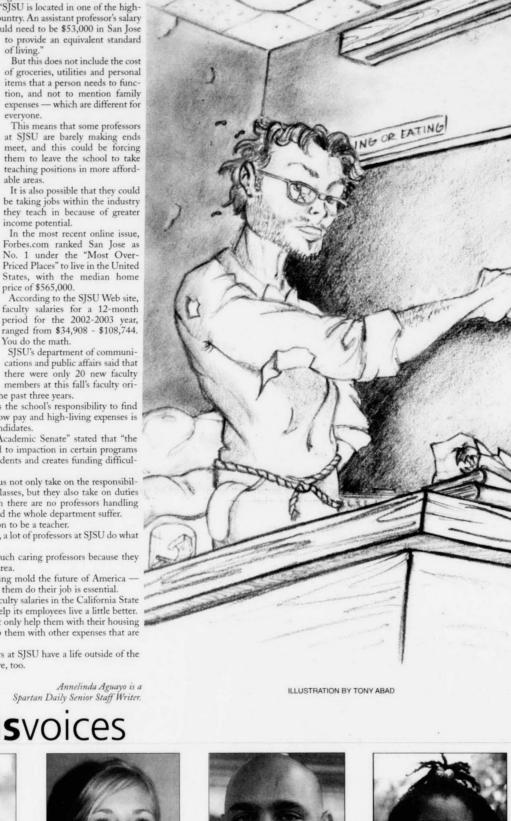
Teachers are essential in helping mold the future of America doing what is necessary to help them do their job is essential. It is not too much to adjust faculty salaries in the California State

University system in order to help its employees live a little better. The increase in pay would not only help them with their housing situation, but it would also help them with other expenses that are

a part of everyday life. Let's not forget that professors at SJSU have a life outside of the campus and they need to survive, too

> Annelinda Aguayo is a Spartan Daily Senior Staff Writer.

**campus**voices



## NO | Professors should tough out the high living expenses

Teaching is not the career to turn to if you want to become rich. As professors get frustrated with their low salaries and high rent, there is ck of funding throughout all of the California State Universities.

Nearly \$304 million, after fee revenues, was cut from the 2004 budget. Instead of giving money to the professors, it should be redirected toward recruiting new students.

Nearly 30,000 students will not be admis-sible into 13 CSU campuses, according to San Jose State University interim President Joe Crowley.

If students are not flowing into the university, how can revenue expect to increase? The potential money given to increase current professors salaries should be focused on students and making the institution successful.

Crowley suggests looking for financial support from the 140,000 living alums. Currently, he raises the issue that the "... institution is not structurally designed to improve the potential dollars it has." If efforts are made towards improving

potential revenues at state, this can help all aspects of the institution, not just the professors.

SJSU is a communion of subjects, not just individuals. The institution as a whole should work toward improving the overall status of the state.

The professors should not expect to receive "living expense" checks while the CSU — specifically SJSU — struggles with its own financial problems.

If the professors can hang tight for a couple of years as both the state of California and SJSU refocus their financial directions. perhaps they can work with the system and deal with the salaries they have now. Before entering into the teaching profes-

sion, professors must consider several aspects of their future career While it is unfortunate that the educational field is not paid well, it is not a popular sought out job because of the money. It is, however, a noble, positive and encouraging career.

Professors should acknowledge this early in the career and either pursue other professions around their expertise or accept the responsibilities, downfalls and salaries associated with being a professor.

Professors do have advantages with their career. Generally, the vacations are the same as students. If professors want an increase in salaries to com-pensate for high rent, they should consider working a full year instead of wo-thirds of a year.

While the rent may be more expensive in the bustling metropolis of Northern California, the Bay Area offers location, location, location

Working in the Bay Area, professors also have the pleasure of living in the culturally diverse, historically rich and bustling metropolis. Diversity, activities and weather are all incentives to move and be a part of

Northern California.

SJSU, unlike Humboldt State, Sonoma State or Fresno State, is part of an immediate and larger community. This area encourages learning, multiculturalism and constant development.

While SJSU may have a difficult time recruiting professors to teach because of the cost of living, there are other living alternatives. Nearby cities such as Gilroy, Livermore and Tracy offer cheaper housing.

Though the median price of a single-family home may be \$545,000 in Santa Clara Valley, the median price in Gilroy is \$425,000 and in Tracy it is \$260,000, according to the Web sites of the East Bay Times and "Preferred Beal Fester Convert Real Estate Group.

While professors are a necessity to SJSU, they are just one aspect of the institution. Students do not get subsidized to go to school here. Professors shouldn't either.

Jennifer McLain is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



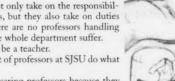




"The potential money given to increase current professors salaries should be focused on students and making the institution successful."



faculty salaries for a 12-month period for the 2002-2003 year, ranged from \$34,908 - \$108,744. You do the math. SJSU's department of communications and public affairs said that there were only 20 new faculty





"Yes, a lot of other industries have a cost of living allowance.'



"Yes, they should. I commute an hour-anda-half from Modesto just to go to school here because the cost of living in San Jose is way too expensive." **Hayley Henderson** junior, advertising

υ,



"If it is an outrageous amount of money, then I don't think students should have to pay for that."

**Ninad Bhave** aerospace engineering

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Lashante Harris junior, nursing

"They should get paid

more. It's like financial

aid. If the cost of living

goes up, students get

more aid. It should be

the same for teachers."



"Yes, it's really expensive to live here. I think the teachers do a good job, and I think they really care about the students."

> **Mary Rosentel** graduate student, political science



"I think there should be an adjustment because it would seem more fair. Different areas have different expenses and that should be considered."

> **Noel Aung** junior, electrical engineering

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#### **OUT OF THE SHELL**

# Two decades later, AIDS is still a worthwhile cause

If you'd been asleep since 1984 and woke up today, you might not realize that any time has passed. After all, the fashion is back, Gary

Coleman is in the spotlight and Demi Moore is dating one of the hottest young actors in Hollywood.

And, nationwide, the number of HIV infections is up.

According to Pat Duffy, the executive director of the Santa Clara County AIDS Coalition, there is significant rise in HIV cases among people younger than 25-years-old and minori-ties. The rise in HIV, he said, will lead to a rise in AIDS cases.

"There is a percep-tion that AIDS is over," Duffy said. Other reasons for the rise might be

financial. Because of the current economy, government funding for all non-profit organizations have been cut, Duffy said. In addition, corporate and individual donations are also down

According to information from the Santa Clara County AIDS Coalition, as of February 2003, there are 1,451 individuals currently living with HIV in Santa Clara County. From June through December of

2002, there were 508 new HIV cases in the county, but because health care providers are only required to report AIDS diagnoses, HIV rates are like-ly to be three to four times higher than reported, according to information from the coalition.

Early misconceptions that AIDS is a disease that affects only gay men and drug users should have been abandoned long ago. AIDS affects everyone. All races,

countries, sexes and ages. In Santa Clara County there are even 14 pediatric cases. According to information from

AIDS, Resources, Information and Services of Santa Clara County, a local nonprofit agency, 10 percent of

AIDS cases are among women and, in 2001, 50 percent of cases were attributed to heterosexual sex.

In an age of information, there is no reason and no excuse for this. According to the Centers for Disease Control, as of December

2002, there are an estimated 42 million people living with HIV or AIDS world-

wide What's frustrating about these statistics is that AIDS is preventable

With programs that offer free condoms and needle exchanges,

it is hard to believe that numbers contin-TAMMY KRIKORIAN ue to rise.

Celebrities including Bono and Carlos Santana have joined the fight against AIDS, but it's not enough. Everyone should get involved -

this disease affects more than the

people carrying it. The easiest place to start is at home and if you have no money to give,

you can donate your time. For the 14th consecutive year, the Santa Clara County AIDS Coalition has organized the Walk for AIDS Silicon Valley.

The event, scheduled for Oct. 19, The event, scheduled for Oct. Dy, directly benefits seven local agencies including AIDS Legal Services, AIDS Resources, Information and Services, Bill Wilson Center Services, Bill Wilson Center HIV/AIDS Youth Project, The Centre for Living With Dying, ProLatino of San Jose, Health Connections AIDS Services and ProLatino of San Health Education and Training Center - El Pueblo Against AIDS. These agencies reach more than 30,000 people annually with preven-

tion education and more than 5,000 people through direct services. The 10K walk begins at 8:30 a.m. and starts at Discovery Meadow in

San Jose. There is no minimum amount of money that participants need to raise, but prizes such as Tshirts and sweatshirts are given away

based on dollars raised. Out of shape and worn out from work and school, I participated in the

walk last year. I've never felt better about anything else I've done in my entire life.

As a new resident of San Jose, I didn't have anyone to walk with but I took comfort knowing that my cousin and my best friend were walking at the same time, on the same day in the AIDS Walk Los Angeles. And, I had an angel riding on my

shoulder. In 2000, my Uncle Mickey lost a and hard-fought battle with AIDS.

He was a beautiful person who cared deeply for his family and had a special place in his heart for his

nieces and nephews. I remember as a small child accom-panying him on walks on the beach, on shopping sprees at Toys "R" Us and going out for breakfast at his favorite place – the Wooden Shoe. Uncle Mickey was infected with HIV before he knew it existed. Years

later, he announced to his family that he had AIDS. We were devastated.

It was an awful summer, and we didn't think he'd live much longer. But Uncle Mickey was stubborn and stronger than any of us knew. It was another seven years until he

lost his battle. I treasure each and every minute I spent with my uncle before he died and I'd give anything to see him one

I walk in his memory and hope that somehow I can give someone a few more days, hours, or years with someone they love. I hope you will,

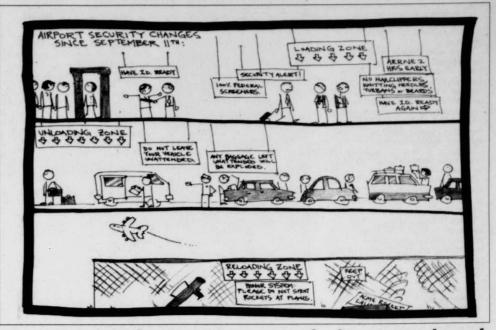
Remember, there is still no cure.

Tammy Krikorian is the

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'Out of the Shell' appears every other Wednesday.

#### ANOTHER DIMENTIAN | JONAH PTAK



## Letter | Schwarzenegger's 'true colors'

On Wednesday, Sept. 3, we had a chance to watch the debate among five of the main candidates running for governor.

However, there should have been six, because Arnold Schwarzenegger is also considered one of the main candidates. He decided not to participate because he felt that the debates are boring and that the audience does not care about what the candidates have to say. I do not believe that Arnold can be taken seriously. He now has demonstrated his true colors. He is still an actor who believes that his character is playing the role of a candidate and who eventually will become elected only because the script calls for that. He pretends to reach the people, but he then treats them like common spectators who had come just to watch the movie. Arnold believes that once again, he is playing the hero and that he is coming to save the day.

Remember, however, that he actually agreed to participate in only one debate, but this one will be like taking a test with an open book. The participants will have a chance to study the questions by receiving them two or three days before the actual debate. This is absurd! Once again, it comes into view that he is just a simple actor who is getting a script. He will study it and then he will know what to say, convincing only those that are participating in the same

> Juan Carlos Gonzales sophomore political science

## Letter | Skateboarding 'discrimination'

I am a student here at San Jose State University, and I use a skateboard as a mode of transportation to and from my classes

Today, I was stopped and warned that the use of skate-boards and other similar devices on campus were restricted 24 hours a day and every day of the year. Yet, bicycles and unicycles are only restricted from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Also, during these restricted hours, bicycles and unicycles are permitted to be ridden along the Seventh Street Plaza, Ninth Street Plaza and Eighth Street Plaza. Why is there a double standard for skateboarding and bicycles? I understand that SJSU has a right to restrict the use of vehicles on campus in order to protect itself because the school can be held responsible for injuries incurred by visitors while on their property. So why are bicycles allowed but not skate-boards? I feel that people who use skateboards are being discriminated against due to the bad image placed on

skateboarding. SJSU claims not to discriminate, yet it classifies bicycle riders in one group and people who use skateboards in another. I feel violated due to the fact that I have to walk are larger, can reach speeds up to 35 miles per hour and are more likely to cause injuries. More people die riding bikes than skateboards.

Either ban the use of bikes on campus 24 hours or allow the same restricted policy for skateboards and other similar (Non-motorized) transportation. I hate to see any form of discrimination on campus. I just want to get to class on time. It's not fair that policies regarding bikes and skateboards are different.

> Scott Kawaguchi political science

#### SPARTA GUIDE

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, room 209. Entries can also be e-mailed to spartandaily@casa.sjsu.edu titled "Sparta Guide." Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

#### TODAY

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER CAUCUS The Asian Pacific Islander Fall welcome reception will take place from 12 to 2 p.m. on Sept. 11 in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Joint Library on the second floor in the lecture room. A tour of the Library's Cultural Heritage Center and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Dawn Lee at 924-6562.

STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP Leadership U workshop series will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on October 2 in the Guadalupe room in the Student Union. Registration is limited to 25 students. To register or for more information, call 924-5950.

#### **CENTER FOR SERVICE LEARNING**

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

A car wash will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the Wienerschnitzel Restaurant at 845 Branham Lane, San Jose, CA 95136. For more information, see www.cob.sjsu.edu/fma.

## GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER ALLIES

A general group meeting will take place from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 in the Almaden room in the Student Union. For more information, e-mail glbta\_sjsu@yahoo.com

#### ISLAMIC STUDIES GROUP

Jummah prayer will take place every Friday at 1:15 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, call Yasir Rao at 286-1217 or e-mail at msaliaison\_SJSU@hotmail.com.

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 10 and on Sept. 11 at the Ninth Street Plaza. For more information, call the Career Center at 924-6031

#### CAREER CENTER

A membership drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 10 and on Sept 11, both at the Seventh Street Plaza. For more information, call the Career Center at 924-6031.

## LAMBDA THETA ALPHA LATIN SORORITY INC.

General information will be available at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10 in the Ohlone room in the Student Union. For more information, call Christina Villagrana at 221-0484.

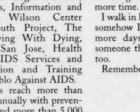
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## **King Library** Dear Editor,

As we celebrate the opening of our new library, we might pause to reflect that we require only two things of a good university library: first, that it have the books and journals we need; second, that it furnish a clean and quiet place in which to read them. Years of misplaced spending (this year, for example, less than two mil-lion from state funds for library materials, nearly six million from state funds for athletics) have made it

hard to find the first in our library. Misguided policies ranging from the oxymoronic (quiet group study) to the simply moronic (bring your own picnic) have made it impossible to find the second. Enclosing these Cilume are wildling down and in a new hui ling do ingto redress them.





The CSL will have a barbecue and games at their open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 9 in the barbecue pit, across from the Event Center. To learn more about AmeriCorps job opportunities, call Dan Larmour at 924-6963.

#### PRIDE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

The first meeting for the fall semester will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sept. 9 in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, call 924-2221.

NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Community time will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 9 in the Pacheco room in the Student Union. For more information, call Diane at 269-3853.

NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Community time will take place at 3 p.m. on Sept. 12 in the Pacheco room. For more information, call Diane at 269-3853.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL Fraternity recruitment and rush tables will be available from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m. at the Seventh Street Plaza. For more information, call Roger Pries at 839-1485.

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

An orientation will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, call Lawrence Lee at (415) 218-7044.

#### CAREER CENTER

Work IV drop-in for students with disabilities will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 in building F. For more informa-tion, call the Career Center at 924-6031.

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Employer tables, Comcast and the container store, will take place

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Li-Sync and an ice cream rush social will take place at 7 p.m. on Sept. 11. For location and more information, call Mayra Aguilera at (510) 396-2616.

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Perspectives from around the world and a live video conference via Russia will take place from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 in Morris Daily Auditorium. For more information, call Liz Harding at 924-5550

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## STUDENTS

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brochure. While students are, of course, free while students are, of course, free to associate with one another and form whatever private clubs they want in their free time, the perks of seeking official recognition on cam-pus, Wolcott said, include funding opportunities, a campus mailing address and mailbox and free access to Student Union to Student Union facilities for meet-

When it comes to applying for Associated Students funds, "you must be registered," Wolcott said. Both Wolcott and Nguyen said reaching out to freshmen is a priority at the Office of Student Life and Leaderbin

at the Office of Student Life and Leadership. While fledgling Spartans might, for the moment, feel overwhelmed by the bustling pace of this 30,000-student institution, "there's no time like the present to get involved with student life," Nguyen said. To attract incoming students to leadership opportunities on campus

leadership opportunities on campus, Nguyen said she attended freshman orientation meetings over the sum-mer and has already visited groups of new students in residence halls.

Wolcott said he attended orienta-tion as well and his office shares information about student activities with residential advisors.

In addition, Wolcott said nearly 2,000 students took part in a brand new overnight orientation program organ-ized by Student Life and Leadership and offered over the summer.

"The entering students had a chance to relax, feel connected and

learn about opportunities to get involved with clubs and programs,"

he said. Older SISU students who return to school after years of pursuing jobs and/or families can stay connected through specialized Student Life and Leadership orientation programs and activities, said Jane Boyd, the center's re-entry and commuter help program

re-entry and commuter help program coordinator. The Brown Bag Lunch Series, for instance, provides the perfect setting for older, commuting students to meet and discuss issues relevant to their SJSU experiences, Boyd said. When it comes to starting up clubs and getting involved on campus, Boyd said older SJSU students aren't shv.

shy. "Mom's on a Mission," a student club for single moms, is one example of older students connecting through the Office of Student Life and Leadership, Boyd said. According to Boyd, the average age of an SJSU student is 29. "We also have several hundred stu-dents in our over-60 programs," she said.

In fact, the woman who was student body president when former SJSU President Robert Caret took office was actually older than Caret, Boyd said

"I remember him cracking jokes about that when he got here," Boyd said. Nguyen said she encourages stu-dents of all ages to enroll in the cen-

ter's leadership programs. "We look for a diversity of students, all ages and backgrounds, to get involved," she said. "Meeting new students is the best part of my job."

State finance director paints

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campus ministry as well as work with

campus ministry as well as work with individuals who are interested in the different aspects of spirituality, according to Wharton. Meanwhile, the students of the class shuffled around the canvas mat, star-ing down at the twisting path in front of them. Sometimes they would bump into one another. Others would scratch their heads as they tried to

Scratch their heads as they tried to gauge how far they had left to walk or figure out where they were. "It looks kind of trippy," said Pablo Aguirre, an undeclared freshman, as he watched other students wander through the maze. "It's interesting," said freshman art major Crystal DeLuca, who is also in the class. "I just see people walk and I wonder what they're thinking." Speaking to the class, Wharton gave some suggestions to the students before they started their walk. "One of the things to do is come into the labyrinth with a reflective question. Might be a question about a

uestion. Might be a question about a career or a vocation," Wharton said. "You have to play with that question to process it, to create with it," as well

as leave open the possibility of inspira-tion from "a higher source," according to Wharton.

to Wharton. The instructor for the class, Assistant Professor Gonzaga da Gama, explained why he felt it was important for students to experience the labyrinth. "I tried this a few semasters are and

"I tried this a few semesters ago, and I thought it was wonderful for people, students, with busy days and lives, said da Gama. "I wanted them to one by one, walk the labyrinth and experi-



MAZE | Labyrinth takes students on spiritual journey

Joe Shreve, a sophomore journalism major, left, and Justin Paysinger, an undeclared freshman, right,

walked through the labyrinth with classmates on Tuesday as Shakira Khan, an undeclared freshman, sits in the center. worth bringing his class to the labyrinth. ence solitude. "It's an opportunity for them to have 30 minutes of quiet in the midst of the chaos of being a college student," he

Still other students had a more realistic outlook.

"I'm just trying to take this 'journey' so I can get out," said Marc Thomas, a sophomore in marketing. "I know what you're supposed to get out of it, but I don't know, if you sit down and meditate you sit down and meditate.

This really doesn't do it for me. This really doesn't do it for me. But at least one student thought the experience was worthwhile. "I feel a little better," said freshman engineering major Chris Nguyen. It's sort of like a safe point where every-thing seems clear. You just think and mediate "

said. The SJspirit labyrinth will also be open Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Barrett Ballroom on the third floor of the Student Union.

meditate. For da Gama that experience alone is

## AMERICORPS

As leaders, they serve as volunteers to help ensure the SJSU service-learning students are placed in meaningful service, communicating with the students' service-learning professors and representing the community in class-

Service advocates deliver direct health and or social services to the clients their hosting community based organization serves. Some responsibilities involve case management, community outreach and education

Community tutors provide tutoring o adults and or children served by their hosting community based organ-ization. Tutors working with adults could tutors English as a second lan-guage, citizenship and or computer literacy

Howie found her experience to be "The experience far outweigh the

time of the program and what you learned," Howie said.

She said she applied for the program out of her desire to service the com-munity. Hiring won't officially begin until the end of this month according to Howie. At a recruiting event Tuesday, some

students expressed an interest in par-ticipating because of the opportunities

Allen Arcibal, a senior business major, said he was thinking about applying because of his brother's expe-rience. Arcibal said his brother

worked in a company that sponsored the program. "It was cool and you get to meet a lot of kids," Arcibal said.

Other students such as Tahira Vickers are already into her third

week in the program. The senior political science major said she applied for the program because she liked their principles and what they stood for.

what they stood for. "I want to get involved with the community and work with chil-dren," said Vickers. "Im there for the kids." Vickers works at City Year as a community event coordinator. She said she wants to take skills from her experience to do child advo-cacy work helping them in the com-munity.

rosier picture of California deficit which had \$1 billion removed from Associated Press Peace testified at a hearing of the its coffers. The largest state expendi-ture of \$29 billion for K-12 schools

LOS ANGELES - California's finance director told a budget study committee Tuesday that California took in more revenue than it spent in July and August, and said there is a public "misconception" that a \$38.2 billion deficit still exists.

Steve Peace disputed claims in television ads featuring recall guberna-torial candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger that the state deficit continues to grow rapidly. "Contrary to Arnold's statement

that revenue was running behind spending by \$29 million each day, we are actually taking in \$6 million more per day than we are spending right now," Peace said of state rev-enue during the traditionally slow

enue during the traditionally slow summer period. Peace said the revenue shortfall would have a hangover of an esti-mated \$7.9 billion for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004. But if eco-nomic conditions improve the left-over deficit could be as low as \$3.9 billion peace said ont involving the billion, Peace said, not involving the reserve of \$2.2 billion established in the 2003-2004 budget

California Commission on Tax Policy in the New Economy. The two-year-old commission is to make recommendations later this year on steadying California government revenue after periods of unexpected big deficits and surpluses since the early 1990s.

early 1990s. Among recommendations being considered for overhaul of California's budget process is chang-ing from a one-year period to two. "We in essence did a two-year budget this year," Peace said of the plan adopted by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Gray Davis this sum-mer designed to bring the state out of the red.

Peace was questioned by commis-sion member Glen Rossman of San Jose about the amount of spending cuts made in the current budget. Peace said: "I'm the guy who has been putting out the layoff notices." An executive order by Davis in July cut state jobs by 19,000 positions and asked state department heads to find another 20 percent in job elim-inations for the 2004-2005 fiscal

year. Also hit was higher education,

has remained steady for the past five years, he said. Peace and commission member Sean Burton of Los Angeles both noted that California's tax revenue

noted that Californias tax revenue future is troubled by growing per-centages of young and elderly lower-income people, compared to a declining segment of Californians with high earnings. "We're in danger of not meeting our obligations to our poorest citie

our obligations to our poorest citi-zens," said Burton, a Warner Bros. vice president. "I feel there is real anger and real concern." The commission has other hear-

ings Sept. 25 in San Francisco, Oct. 23 in San Diego and Nov. 17 in Sacramento as it nears issuing its recommendations.

Options suggested at eight hear-ings held this year include taxation of Internet sales, expanding sales taxes from products to services, and lowering the two-thirds Legislature requirement for budget approval.

## Some suggested changes could require voter-approved amendments to the California Constitution.

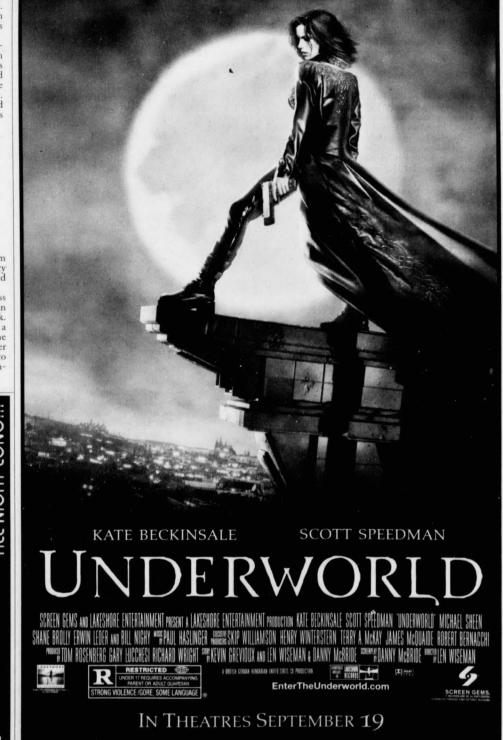
# **Bay Area rents least** affordable in nation

#### Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Apartment rents in San Jose, San Francisco, and Orange County are among the high-est in the nation, making California

National rental rates have spiraled upward, growing by nearly 40 per-cent since 1999, the report said. The limited number of units, low wages, and an increased number of immigrants working in service-ori-ented industries have made California one of the worst places for low increases for of Non-Profit Housing Parts of Los Angeles and Anaheim and Santa Ana in Orange County are "some of the most overcrowded in the country," she said.

Bay Area rent prices, despite less crowding, are still much higher than



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the state most inhospitable to low income renters, according to a new national survey published by the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Assuming that renters spend no more than 30 percent of their income on housing, the report released Monday lists San Jose and San Francisco as the nation's least affordable metropolitan areas, where renters must earn at least \$70,000 a year to afford a two-bedroom apartment.

Los Angeles and Orange County residents must earn over \$40,000 a year. The top-ten list of least afford-able cities also includes Oakland and Santa Cruz.

The state's minimum-wage workers, those earning \$6.75 per hour, are hit hardest by the high rents since their take-home pay is only \$14,000

per year. "It is "It is appalling that here in America, the richest country in the world, we have millions of people working full-time ... who cannot afford decent, modest rental housing," said the organization's presi-dent, Sheila Crowley, in a statement.

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"Los Angeles has the largest proportion of low-wage workers of any metro area in the country," said Jan Breidenbach, executive director of the Southern California Association

Los Angeles, Boston, and New York. Part of the reason is that there is a greater number of high-income earners in the Bay Area than in other parts of the state, who are able to afford higher rents and more expensive homes.



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# SJSU volleyball team savors first victory

Editor's note: From The Back Row is the Spartan Daily's Volleyball Notebook. It runs every Wednesday — D.L.

**By Michelle Meier** Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan volleyball team got its first taste of victory this past weekend at the Cowgirl Classic in Laramie, Wyo.

SPARTAN VOLLEYBALL **FROM THE BACK ROW** 

NOTEBOOK

After experiencing defeat in the first two matches to Weber State University and the University of Wyoming, the Spartans came back and defeated Sam Houston State University, 30-22, 30-18, 30-19, upping their record to 1-4 record to 1-4.

"This first win gave us confidence," said setter Allison Dillon. "We just have to stay focused."

As a first-year Spartan, Dillon gave a strong performance in the tournament recording a seasonhigh 68 assists in the match against Weber State.

"I try to keep the team emotionally up," Dillon said. "I try to set at the right time to whoever is on fire." Senior outside hitter Kimberly Noble led the

NOBLE Spartans in the victory

with 16 kills. She's a big-time college hitter," said Craig Choate, the Spartans head coach. Choate said that Noble has the potential of hitting 20-30 more points per game if she would learn to play defense when necessary, rather than just whacking the ball. This, he

The Spartans are now preparing for the SJSU Crown Plaza Invitational scheduled for Friday and Saturday at the Event Center.

"I'm excited because we have the home-court advantage," Noble said. "We just came off of a win and we want to keep winning." Cal State Northridge and Duquesne University will be participating in the tournament.

Choate said that originally two other schools were slated to play. Budget cuts, Choate said, forced the other schools to back out and Duquesne was a last minute addition. On Friday, the Spartans will take on Duquesne at 1 p.m. and Northridge at 7 p.m. The tournament will conclude Saturday with the Spartans facing Duquesne for a second

match at 7 p.m. Last season, Duquesne went 18-12 and enters the tournament with five returning starters and a record of 4-3.

Northridge comes in with a record of 2-3. Choate said that although the Spartans are Five of the players joined the team out of high school. Choate said that there is a huge

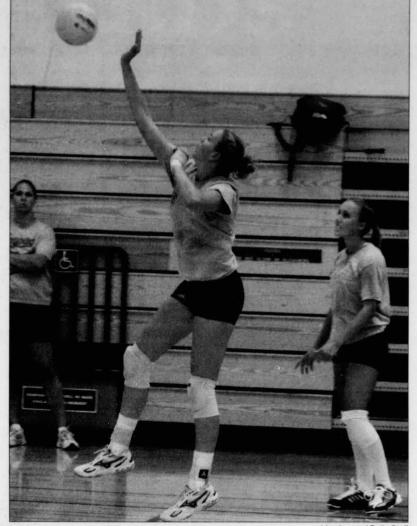
difference between high school and college volleyball. Choate said that freshman libero Jessie

Shull and Dillon have had an impressive start, but they have not yet developed to their full potential.

Choate said that he sees improvement in each practice. "We are trying to reduce mental errors," he

said. Going into this tournament, Dillon said that she feels confident.

"We're the underdogs," Dillon said. "We want to prove people wrong.



Spartan middle blocker Dana Rudd attempts to hit the ball at practice Tuesday in the Spartan Complex. The Spartans are scheduled to host the SJSU Crowne Plaza Invitational this weekend at the Event Center.

## SPARTAN OUTLOOK

WOMEN'S SOCCER Thursday at San Francisco at Negoesco Stadium, 7 p.m. Monday vs. UC Riverside at Spartan Soccer Field, 3 p.m.

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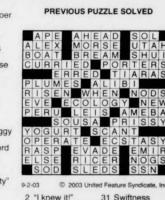
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Liz Hoffman, an undeclared sophomore, looks at jewelry from a vendor in front of the Art Quad on Tuesday afternoon. Numerous venders, ranging from arts and crafts dealers to textile sellers, can be found lining the table areas down the Paseo de San Antonio walk way near the Student Union.

## Students get lesson on design

#### By Robert Hong Daily Staff Writer

The lights were dim in room 133 of the Art building as students and fac-ulty gathered to see the presentation of assistant professor Diana Seah on Tureday.

Tuesday. Seah, who came to San Jose State University in the fall of 2002, is the University in the fail of 2002, is the newest assistant professor in the department. She opened the lecture by discussing her childhood in Singapore, and her growing fascina-

Singapore, and her growing fascina-tion with architecture. "Since I was born in Singapore, I like to do work that involves that cul-ture as well," she said. Seah said the central theme of her work has always revolved around the fusion of East and West. Sha want on to discurs her personal

She went on to discuss her personal involvement and study of interior

director of the gallery in the school of art and design, Seah's presentation is the second in a series of lectures intended to introduce students to dif-

"We hope that it will spark interest in students from different fields," Hernandez said.

After receiving a degree in design from Ohio State University, Seah said she has accomplished much in her field of work, both in and out of the United States United States.

"My main project so far has been on the Enteos Club in Indonesia," she

The Enteos Club was a large task for Seah, in which she was the head designer on a 72-story structure, which included 4 restaurants and a billiards area.

Before coming to SJSU, Seah' previ-ously taught at Miami University in Ohio, Fresno State and the University of Oklahoma. During her time as an design. According to Jo Hernandez, the architect, she has also done work in

space planning, cost estimation, cor-porate design; construction drawing

porate design; construction drawing and detailing. "(Professor Seah) is a great design-er, not just interior, but in graphic also," said Rence Laput, a junior majoring in interior design. "She always has great ideas for students, and her work is very well rounded." Throughout her lecture, Seah showed slides of her previous work as well as her own concerts. She not only

well as her own concepts. She not only included her work on Enteos, but also the on Pythian Building in Iowa and her work revitalizing the town square

in Eldora, Iowa. Seah said her heritage is a key fac-tor in all of her projects. Much of her work deals with adaptive reuse of his-

"I really feel strongly about the importance of historic buildings," she said. "If you destroy the inside, it destroys the integrity of the building. The inside of a structure retains its bictory and beritage." history and heritage.

## Study: Weak needle exchange efforts leave Calif. addicts at risk

#### Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Public policies on distributing clean needles to prevent the spread of HIV are incon-sistent across California, with the same local governments that fund needle exchange programs charging addicts with possession of drug paraphernalia, according to a report released Tuesday. The situation, which results from political concerns taking precedence over health needs, has undermined a method proven to reduce HIV trans-mission and "amounts to a death sentence" for injection drug users, the New York-based Human Rights Watch said

York-based Human Rights Watch said in its report. The organization's position is that the possession and distribution of needles for HIV-prevention purposes should be decriminalized in California and across the country. Since 1999, California has allowed local elected officials to authorize needle exchange efforts through emergency orders that must be renewed every two weeks. At least eight counties, including Los Angeles and San Francisco, and the city of San Diego have done so. But the state, home to nearly one-

But the state, home to nearly one-eighth of the reported AIDS cases in the United States, is also one of only five

in the nation where syringes can't be bought legally without a prescription. "The hypocrisy in California law, the discrepancy between the need for nee-dle exchange and the restrictions on their use, is striking," said Jonathan Cohen, the report's author. More than two decades into the epi-demic, injection drug use accounts for at least 36 percent of all reported AIDS cases in the U.S. and more than half of the cases among women, according to the cases among women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Included in those figures are patients who shared needles or had

sex with an infected drug user. The report was issued as a bill that would allow residents to buy up to 30 syringes at a pharmacy without a pre-scription awaits Gov. Gray Davis' sigscription awaits Gov. Gray Davis sig-nature. The governor vetoed a similar measure last year, but has not taken a position on the current legislation, according to Davis' office.

In its report, Human Rights Watch focused exclusively on California, but said it chose the state as a case study of what is happening nationally in the United States, where "the ideology of the war on drugs' has trumped both rea-son and reality," according to the group. Although the CDC recommends strelle equipment as the best way to

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keep HIV from reaching drug users and their sex partners, the U.S. gov-ernment since 1988 has banned federal dollars from being used to promote needle exchange programs. Opponents of the programs, including President George Bush, argue that using public dollars to provide addicts with needles amounts to governmentsanctioned drug use. Human Rights Watch gathered tes-

Fuman Rights watch gathered tes-timonials from 67 intravenous drug users. Some of them alleged that they had been repeatedly harassed by police after picking up their supplies from authorized exchange programs, while others said they avoided needle exchange size because they user

afraid of being arrested. A police official in Oakland, Calif. who was interviewed for the report, however, said that while officers did not

however, said that while officers did not target clients of exchange programs, many such programs are located in drug-affected communities they patrol. According to Glenn Backes of the Drug Policy Alliance Network in Sacramento, many large California counties, including Riverside and Sacramento, have not authorized nee-dle exchange programs despite supdle exchange programs despite sup-port for them from local public health officials.

## Assembly approves changes to sex education in public schools parental permission, some of which ask questions about drug use and sex-

#### Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — The state Assembly approved a bill Tuesday that would streamline the process for allowing students to take sex education classes, over Republicans' objections that it would weaken parental say. The bill, by Sen. Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica, would require schools

to send notices to parents at the beginning of the school year alerting them of the dates students will take sex education, HIV/AIDS preven-tion classes and if they will take stu-der bedta

dent health surveys. Kuehl said her bill would gather the Kuteri said ner bill would gather the scattered and sometimes conflicting notification requirements and put them into one place. "The directions for the school districts, parents and teachers will be unified and much more easily followed."

If parents do not want their children to attend those classes or take surveys, they would have to notify the school — the same "opt-out" system schools have nou for each divergent of the school shave now for sex and HIV/AIDS education.

Several Republican Assembly mem-bers objected to the bill, saying it would take the decision away from parents. "What you're saying in this bill is that as a parent, I'm too stupid or too lazy to lend a voice to this argument," said

Assemblywoman Bonnie Garcia, R-

Those opposing the bill also object-ed to allowing the surveys without

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ual behavior The bill's supporters say that the

surveys measure how well schools are teaching sex education, and with the opt-in system, the surveys' return rates were often so low that the results weren't statistically significant.





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Though schools aren't required to teach sex education, 98 percent of them do.

"Even under the current patchwork of the law, you always had to opt your child out of sex ed and HIV/AIDS instruction," Kuehl said.

Instruction, Kuehl said. The programs all have different deadlines and procedures for parental notification, said Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento. Under Kuehl's bill, those would be consolidated and schools would have to send the announcements internet. to send the announcements just once at the beginning of the school year.

Steinberg said parents are more like-ly to be looking for letters from school

at the beginning of the school year. But Assemblywoman Sharon Runner, R-Lancaster, said she worried that "with backpacks full of information" that come home at the beginning of the year,

barents could miss the notice. Steinberg said the law still required teachers to stress that abstinence was the only sure way to prevent pregnan-cy and sexually transmitted diseases.



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