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## Voters turn out, elect Schwarzenegger

Davis recalled, Terminator takes office

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Californians banished Gov. Gray Davis just 11 months into his second term and elected action hero Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace him

Tuesday — a Hollywood ending to one of the most extraordinary political melodramas in the nation's history.

Voters traded a career Democratic politician who became one of the state's most despised chief executives for a moderate Republican megastar who had never before run for office. Davis became the first California governor pried from office and only the ernor pried from office and only the second nationwide to be recalled.

Early tallies showed the recall favored by 1,019,874 voters, or 57.5 percent, and opposed by 755,375, or 42.6 percent.

Other early returns had Schwarzenegger ahead with 951,437 votes; Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante with 548,069; Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock with 225,799; and Green Party candidate Peter Camejo with 32,334.

"This is a great day for California."

"This is a great day for California. In response to a common danger, the people of California rose to their duties and ordered a new direction for our state," McClintock said in conceding.

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Interest increased still low in downtown

> By Robert Hong Daily Staff Writer

Bright signs and big arrows pointed out the First Immanuel Lutheran Church on Third Street, where both San Jose State University students and city residents turned out Tuesday to

cast their votes in Californias nignly anticipated recall election.

With a flag hanging outside on a column, and bicycles and assistance scooters lining the walkway, the church projected the ambiance of a state building.

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state building.
(Voter turnout) has been very busy today," election officer Millie Hsu said. "It is a little bit busier than the national elections were."
Hsu and fellow election officers Ernest Chaidez and Don Fadd have worked managing election booths in

"A lot of people that have come through here weren't registered in this district," Fadd said. "I think there was a lot of confusion."

Fadd said that he had seen a greater number of students voting this election than he had in previous years, but that the turnout was still

"It's too bad," he said. "They are not using the power they have."

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## Students help FBI alter image

Program looks to recruit minorities, women to government office

> By Jennifer McLain Daily Staff Writer

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is trying to change its image and diversify its staff by working with 10 marketing students at San Jose State University.

Richard Werbel, a marketing professor at SJSU, said the FBI is working with students at SJSU and seven other schools around the nation allowing them to get real-life experience. These include surveying, recruiting, interviewexperience. These include surveying, recruiting, interviewing and brainstorming to create a working marketing strategy, Werbel said.

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In addition to giving students an internship opportunity, the FBI is working hard to improve its image by recruiting minorities and women, Werbel said.

"My first inclination was not to work with the FBI. I went to school in the 1960s .... My impression was not very positive."

itive," Werbel said.

He realized, however, that the FBI is trying to change.

"The FBI has a more diverse operation and their role after 9-11 changed," Werbel said.

Werbel, who teaches the internship marketing class for the FBI, called Diverse Promotions, has taught this type of

internship for the past seven years.

In the past, however, the class worked on recruitment for General Motors.

The opportunity to work with the FBI arose after the president of EdVenture Partners, an education marketing company based in Berkeley that provides industry-education partnerships at more than 300 campuses across the United States, asked Werbel if he wanted his students to work with the FBI.

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work with the FBI.

Werbel thought it was excellent timing and a good opportunity for students especially after GM chose not to continue its work with SJSU and EdVenture, Werbel said.

The students are given a \$2,500 budget, sponsored by the FBI Collegiate Marketing and Recruitment Program, according to Diverse Promotions information.

Olga Safronova, who is public relations head for the SJSU marketing research team, is one of the 10 students selected for the FBI internship class out of 19 applicants, she said.

she said.

The marketing team is targeting minorities, women and people at least 23 years old or older who have studied either accounting, finance, foreign languages, architecture, science, computers, engineering, biology or life science, according to official Diverse Promotions information.

The FBI expects a minimum of 10 recruits but the goal is

20, Safronova said.
One of the marketing strategies used so far by the class is

to explain to minority students how important their roles are as citizens in this country, Pereda said.

Jimmy Pereda, a public relations worker for Diverse Promotions, has gone after members in campus clubs, alumni and organizations.
"We are trying to get minorities to be more patriotic.

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## Village a fresh look at campus housing

By Ron Pangrac Daily Staff Writer

Spartan Village is a popular residence choice for many San Jose State University athletes, said Diana Tran, community relations coordinator with University Housing Services.

The Village, a complex with 58 two-bedroom apartments, is situated on the same block as the Spartan football practice field, athletic department workout facilities

and Spartan Stadium. Its location is a mile and a half from the main campus in the area known as South Campus. Christy Taylor, one of four resident advisers for the Village, said that makes it a "stepping stone" for students who want to move away from the on-campus residence halls.

The apartments are more independent living," Taylor

Taylor, a graduate student majoring in sports psychology, said the residence halls can be useful for the first year or two because many freshman students are adjusting to living away from home for the first time. After that, she said, students may want to be more responsible for themselves.

"I think for sophomores and juniors this is an excellent environment," she said. "It's a good stepping stone to living on your own."

Tran said the residence halls are designed to help

Tran said the residence halls are designed to help freshmen get used to college life.

"Programs in the residence halls are more geared to first-time students — study skills, getting to know others, getting hooked into the campus," Tran said.

While people can benefit from a dorm setting early in their college careers, Tran said they often want more independence and privacy later.

Samantha Arense a freshman mathematics major said.

Samantha Arenas, a freshman mathematics major, said she asked to be placed in Spartan Village. She said she had seen her brother's dorm room at UC Santa Barbara

and did not want something similar.

"His room was really small," Arenas said. "I wanted some space. (My apartment) is pretty big."

Built in 1987, Spartan Village was designed to house two students per bedroom. Tran said that has changed in recent years

"In the last couple years, because of the high demand for housing around here, we have been putting three people in some bedrooms," Tran said.

One reason that having six students in one apartment can work, Tran said, is because of the extra space, which

can work, Iran said, is because of the extra space, which is not available in a residence hall dorm room.

"Spartan Village is not a bad place to have three in a bedroom, because you also have the private kitchen and living room," she said.

Tran added that because of people's schedules, roommates are often not around.

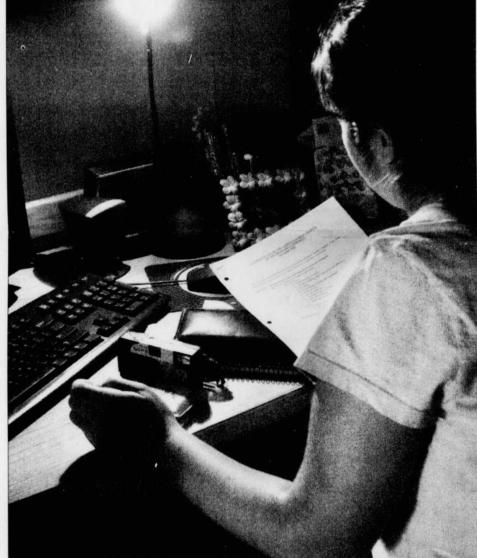
Arenas said she has a total of five roommates, including two girls she has been friends with since 8th grade, twins Rosana and Christina Martinez. All three started at SJSU this fall.

Arenas said she doesn't mind so many roommates

because she enjoys some benefits from being in an apart-

"I have class at (9 a.m.), so I get up and take a shower without waiting," Arenas said. "If I was in the dorms, there would be that many more people wanting to use the showers early."

Josh Aigner, a sophomore majoring in kinesiology, said he has found a number of benefits to life in the Village.



Selina Gaitan, a junior majoring in interior design, sits at her desk in her bedroom looking over her schoolwork. Gaitan shares the two-bedroom apartment at Spartan Village with three roommates.

A linebacker for the SJSU football team, Aigner said, "I wanted to be around the other athletes, so I figured this would be the place."

Aigner said he appreciates being in an apartment on

"It makes more sense to live here," he said. "The practice field is right here. The weight room where we work out every morning at 5:30 is right here. The Simpkins

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Bring it on ...



Janean Brongersma / Daily Staff

Jeremia Chuck, a junior majoring in industrial technology, jousts against Chris Smith, a sophomore majoring in chemistry on an inflatable jousting ring in front of the Event Center Tuesday. The jousting was one of the activities held by Associated Students to promote the Homecoming football game on Saturday.

## A.S. Board to announce artist

Meeting will finalize sculptor for statue of 1968 Olympians

> By JaShong King Daily Staff Writer

After months of deliberation, the artist

After months of deliberation, the artist for the upcoming Tommie Smith/John Carlos memorial statue will be announced at today's Associated Students meeting.

The artist will be finalized once voted upon by the A.S. Board of Directors and passed to the president for approval, Vice-President Alice Lee said.

Tommie Smith and John Carlos were two San Jose State University sprinters who raised their fists in political protest of the civil rights situation in America during the 1968 Mexico City Olympics.

The statue is intended to celebrate the

The statue is intended to celebrate the pair as activists and alumni, and as a symbol of what students can do for SJSU and themselves, A.S. Controller Greathouse

Greathouse also said the board plans on going ahead with contract negotiations with the artist as soon as everything is

approved.
There will also be a report on the yearly audit of A.S. finances during the 2002-2003 fiscal cycle. The audit is constitute accounting agency. ducted by an outside accounting agency, according to A.S. President Arash

Shokouh Shokouh will make three appointment recommendations. Scott Marsh to the Athletics Board, Dennis Emmett to the Assessment Committee and Greathouse to the Academic Senate.

The Athletics Board makes policy recommendations with regards to the various athletic programs on campus, including rules and regulations and discussion of SJSU's Division I-A status.

The Assessment Committee is in charge of evaluating how and the charge of evaluating how and the committee is the charge of evaluating how and the committee is the charge of evaluating how and the committee is the charge of evaluating how and the committee is the charge of evaluating how and the committee is the charge of evaluating how and the committee is the charge of evaluating how and the committee is the charge of evaluating how and the committee is the charge of the committee in the charge of the committee is the charge of the charg

charge of evaluating how students respond to the current curriculum, and making recommendations to the Academic Senate's Program Planning committee.

The Academic Senate is the main poli cy making organization on campus. They handle campus policies, from smoking rules to late drop deadlines. There are seven student representatives on the Academic Senate out of 45 academic senators which also include the university president, faculty members and other

campus administrators.
A.S. Executive Director and adviser Alfonso De Alba will report on the status of negotiations between the upcoming Valley Transportation Authority contract. De Alba said university governmental affairs are now involved with the

He also said he will update the board on the status of priority usage of campus recreational facilities.

On previous occasions, A.S. related programs were bumped out of their facil-ities when in conflict with another campus program of a higher priority. He said he has been communicating with the university so that if A.S. programs are moved from one area because of priority conflicts, there will be another location available, rather than being forced out altogether.

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## opposingviews:

# Should we fight to keep Outreach free at the YES | It is worth losing free VTA to possible expense of losing free VTA? fight for equal transportation rights NO | More students need to use

The VTA wants to remove the Paratransit Outreach program from the free transportation services offered to San Jose State University students. By doing that, they will be taking a free service away from those

who need it the most and discriminating against disabled students.

If VTA service is free for regular students, they can't make disabled students pay for a similar service. Forcing Outreach students to pay \$3 per trip while other students can ride public transportation for free is

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires that any serv-

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IAN ROSS

ice provided to the general public also be provided to the disabled. In other words, if students can all ride VTA for free, the disabled students at SJSU must be able to do the same

The Outreach program enables dis-abled students to continue their education by offering them transportation when buses and the light rail cannot accommodate their needs.

The current VTA Transit Access program contract with SJSU provides free transportation for all students on buses and the light rail. It also provides the Outreach program free of charge to disabled students.

Outreach is worth keeping free because it is a necessity for the people who use it.

There aren't too many affordable alternative options for blind students or students who require motorized wheelchairs to get around

Buses won't come to their door and pick them up and the light rail isn't even capable of doing that. Taking a taxi to school and back will set a student back much more than paying for light rail would.

The Paratransit Outreach program is the only form of affordable transportation that really serves all their needs. While it would still be cheap-

er than the alternatives, charging some students \$1.50 for every one

way trip while others ride for free would set a dangerous precedent.

If we allow the free Outreach program to be taken away from disabled students, it opens up the possibilities of other segments of students

being singled out on other issues.

The VTA and A.S. need to come to terms on some type of agreement to keep free Outreach service as a part of SJSU's Transit Access pro-

If SJSU has to pay a little more to keep the Outreach service, it would be a worthwhile investment. They can send a message to all students that they are equally as important and SJSU will go to battle for them.

Eyedin Zonobi, the Transportation Solutions Manager for A.S., said that a major sticking point is the price discrimination involved in vari-ous packages VTA has offered to large companies when compared to

Zonobi said that VTA is charging companies like Lockheed Martin \$30 per employee, while they want to charge SJSU \$40 per student. The bottom line is that the free transportation contract for SJSU is

important to keep, but not at the expensive of one segment of the stu-If some students receive the benefits, all students should receive the benefits. The VTA and A.S. need to work together on a compromise in

order to make that happen.

It may come to pass that all students would have to pay a small fee to use the VTA services if the VTA can't afford having free Outreach. While that may not be ideal, at least then all students would continue to be treated on equal terms.

Ian Ross is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



## Outreach to risk losing free VTA

Valley Transportation Authority's budget woes have gotten worse, and they can't continue to provide the Outreach Paratransit program for free to disabled students.

A.S. and VTA are in a negotiation stalemate on whether to continue providing the outreach service in their new contract at the expense of the entire VTA serv-

The outreach program would still be available, but at a cost of \$3 per trip to dis-

If negotiations fall through, the entire VTA program would be eliminated from being free of cost to San Jose State University students.

Sophia Santos, administrative assistant to the director at the Disability Resource

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Center, said the department serves about 900 students with disabilities on campus.

Santos said about 23 disabled students are using the program.

The service is for elderly and disabled residents in Santa Clara County who are unable to take regular public transportation.

pay for the There are not enough students using it to rea-

sonably justify continuing the service. SJSU serves about 30,000 students; about 930 of those students are disabled and registered with the Disability Resource Center Santos

Disabled students should pay for the service to

save the rest of the VTA program.

There are still large numbers of disabled students not utilizing this service. They are either using other forms of transportation to arrive to school or they may not be benefiting from the

It costs VTA \$150,000 for 20 students to use

Unless more students are using the service, it's not a fiscally sound idea to continue running it. It's worth eliminating this program as a free transportation service to save the rest of the VTA program.

Everyone is experiencing hard economic times and students shouldn't have to bear the burden if transportation doesn't work out.

There are 3,500 students who have used VTA's light rail and bus service from Fall 2002, according to a university-wide commute survey conducted by Associated Students Transportation Solutions.

Putting VTA's transportation program in jeopardy would be a disaster. Eyedin Zonobi, A.S. Transportation Solutions manager, said the university would "have a big mess on our campus," because a lot of students would be driv-

Adding 3,500 extra students on the road would be a traffic and parking night-

Disabled students have other alternatives if the program isn't going to remain Light rail and bus service are accessible and offer solutions for students with dis-

abilities, though limited According to the VTA Web site, 100 percent of the organization's fixed route bus

ervice is accessible to persons with disabilities.

All buses are equipped with passenger lifts or ramps available for riders who use wheelchairs, walkers or other mobile aids, according to the site. There are also lift-equipped vans available to pickup passengers with disabilities

if the bus they want to board has a lift or ramp that's inoperable, according to VTA's Web site. In the Web site, it is also stated that lifts and ramps are located at the front of the

station platform for light rail service.

Disabled students wouldn't be completely cut off from access to the school.

All they have to do is pay \$3 per trip or take other transportation.

There are still 15 bus routes that link directly to SJSU if the program starts to charge disabled students.

Paratransit Outreach is a unique program. As VTA spokeswoman Lupe Solis said, in an Oct. 1 Spartan Daily story, "few other schools have a program like this. The program is a luxury and an extra expense for VTA to provide to students.

Janet Pak is a Spartan Daiy staff writer.

## campusvoices



"It's better for disabled people. Other people can drive. If they have to pay, it's not a big deal."

**Harpreet Bansel** junior, microbiology



"If an option is not readily available for it to be free for all students, there should be a discounted rate at least."

**Natalie Graham** graduate student, education



"We need equality. I work with adults who are disabled. Most of them live 10 times better than me. It should be equal across the board."

Lilah Hicks junior, psychology



"I would be in favor of charging disabled students a small fee, not as much as \$3. Maybe charging

regular students a small fee or just keeping it free."

**Eileen Chong** junior, psychology

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"I don't want to deprive people of anything. There must be a way to work things out for both sides."

Michelle Nguyen-Huu senior, MIS



"I think the university should pay for this service. Regular students need VTA to get around and disabled students need the service to get around."

**Christopher McCants** sophomore, occupational therapy

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**OUT OF THE SHELL** 

## Graduating from college isn't always a good thing

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All summer long I dreamt of the day I would walk down that stage, receive my degree and live a "normal"

No homework. No extra jobs. No stress.

Maybe finishing school seemed like a good idea because I had just watched my sister graduate from UC

Did I mention that she's two years younger than me? Yep. The little sister passed me up, graduated in just four years and managed to take a semester off and study for a

Not that I'm jealous. I just always figured I'd be the first one to graduate from college. Well, at least I got my associate's degree

So, now, here I am, 24 years old and still in school. After watching her commencement, I kicked myself into high gear. This would be my last year even if it

Even if it meant I had to take winter session classes.

Even if it meant I wouldn't see my boyfriend for more than five minutes during the next 12 months.

Even if it meant I'd have no social life.

I spent my summer break at an internship while working a second part-time job to get the bills paid.
I couldn't wait until May when I'd actually get paid to

do what I love, have weekends off, extra cash, time to

work out and, maybe someday, take a vacation that does-

n't involve visiting my family.

It seemed like a perfect life.

Except life doesn't always work out the way you plan.

My sister, a political science major with a minor in Middle Eastern studies, can't find a job in the Bay Area. She can't look elsewhere for several months because she signed a one-year lease on because she signed a one-year lease on

Currently, she's working as a bus per-son and still looking for a full-time job related to her degree.

Some friends who graduated from San

her apartment.

Jose State University in May are having similar problems. There just aren't any

A couple of years ago, my stepsister studied in Singapore for a semester after graduating from UC Santa Barbara. She decided to stay for a while and took a job at Hewlett Packard, where she worked for more than a year.

Upon returning to the states in 2002, she found herself working the cash register at Quizno's.

I could go on and on. But the point is this: Graduation

TAMMY KRIKORIAN

And I'll have to start paying off my student loans — not to mention all those retail credit cards that seemed like such a good idea when they were giving 15 percent

But the most stressful thing about graduating:

We finally have to face the real world - and some of

means I can take eight baskets of

laundry with me when I go home to visit

It means most people in my family will

Those checks will stop falling out of the

I'll have to start paying for other people's

pay for my share when we go out to eat. A degree, on the other hand, denotes

some form of responsibility.

I won't be able to ask for money.

Do I want to start working right away?

Christmas cards.

pay the rent.

Should I travel? Join the Peace Corps? Graduate

us have been putting this off for a long time.

Sure, I've supported myself since I was 18 years old, sometimes working two or three jobs. The uncertainty is what's making me crazy. God willing, in seven months I will be an SJSU alum-But I've always had something to fall back on: School.

Being a student means it's okay to ask
my dad for a few extra bucks when I can't

What I'll be doing in eight months I have no idea. That thought is somewhat unsettling. So, for now, I'll just do what I do best: Put everything

off until the last minute.

In an effort to put the graduation panic out of my

In an effort to put the graduation panic out of my mind, I'll try to forget about it.

I'll start putting together my resume and filling out applications sometime in early May — and cross my fingers that I'll have landed a job by June.

In the meantime, I'll enjoy these last few months at SJSU. Forget about the bills for a little while longer and spend some time with my fellow Spartans at football games, basketball games, baseball games and, of course, in the bars in the bars.

I'm sure going to miss this place.

Tammy Krikorian is the Spartan Daily managing editor. 'Out of the Shell' appears every other Wednesday.

### 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

### **DISABLED STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**

Brief business then onto the rally" will take place today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. After a brief business meeting in the Pacheco room, walk or ride to the Homecoming Rally at the barbecue pits to support our candidate Tina Pham. Al students and faculty are welcome. For more information, contact karla@drc.sjsu.edu.

### GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER ALLIES

Coming-out week event planning will take place today from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Almaden room in the Student Union. For more information, contact glbta\_sjsu.com.

### STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE

A meeting will take place today at 4:15 p.m. in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library in the Cultural Heritage Center, on fifth floor in the conference room. For more information visit the Web site http://www.studentsforjustice.net or e-mail webmistress@studentsforjustice.net.

### COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dean's Honor Seminar will be held today at 4:30 p.m. in the Music Concert Hall. Terry Christensen, Jeff Hummel, Phil Wander and Anne Marie Todd, all faculty members, will present perspectives from their respec-tive discipline on the recent recall election. It will be open to the public. Reception follows. For more information, call Linda Garcia-Young at 924-5300.

Meet the CPA Firms, a part of the job fair, will take place today from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the Pacifica Room. For more information, call the Career Center at 924-

### CAREER CENTER

The Fall 2003 Career Fair will take place today from 1:30 to 6 p.m. in the Ballroom. For more information, call the Career Center at 924-6031.

The fair will take place today from 1:30 to 6 p.m. at San Jose State University. For more information, call Laura Marie Johnston at (415) 977-8789.

### **GAY LESBIAN TRANSGENDER ALLIES**

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

### STUDENT OF RECREATION 97

Recess is back today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at

the Seventh Street Plaza. For more information, call Anthony Catafi at 729-1722.

**GENERAL CAREER FAIR**The fair will be held today from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at SJSU. For more information call Laura Marie Johnston at (415) 977-8789 or e-mail ljohnston@peacecorps.gov.

### SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Daily Mass takes place every weekday at 12:10 p.m. in SJSU campus ministry center. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

### SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Sunday Masses take place every Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. in SJSU campus ministry center. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

### SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Scripture reflection on the upcoming Sunday readings takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the chapel on the corner of Tenth and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

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An Alpha Omega meeting takes place from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursdays in the SJSU campus ministry center. For more information, call Kay Polintan at 938-

### Youth For Christ

Weekly meetings take place at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the SJSU Campus Ministry Center. For more information, call Sheryl Hilario at 431-2459.

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AACF meets at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the Costanoan room on the top floor in the Student Union. Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit the Web site www.aacfsjsu.com.

### **THURSDAY**

### BLACK ALLIANCE OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

Teamwork information and discussion will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Ohlone room in the Student Union, which is located on the second floor. Snacks will be provided and everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Nathan Pittman at pnate57@vahoo.com

Human Resource management Association
The first fundraiser of the semester will take place today at 7 p.m. at Chevy's Fresh Mex on Winchester
Boulevard, Twenty percent of the bill will go to
HRMA. Bring family, friends or a date. All majors are welcome. For more information, visit the Web site www.cob.sisu.edu/assoc/hrma.

## Letter | Verification needed from church

I am writing in response to your headline article in the Sept. 29 issue on the River Church Community

I think it is great if some people are finding the River to be a fulfilling church to attend, yet some clarification is in order.

They describe themselves as "post-modern." Yet, any honest definition of postmodernism points out that it is a philosophy, which rejects truth-telling sources like the Bible. Therefore, I do not see how any Bible-believing Christian Church like the River could be "postmodern" unless it is so inconsistent as to be like the philosopher Heraclitus' river, which is different each time one steps into it.

All I can conclude is that the use of such disingenuous terms is an attempt by the River to appear as veritable as "sheep in wolves clothing" in order to draw in as many peo-ple as possible to their fold. Clearly this "River" goes with the flow.

They also seem to feel the need to



bash Roman Catholics because they "follow the rules" (I wonder if the Golden Rule is one they are referring to) and imply that they are inhos-

Yet, I attend the Catholic campus Ministry at San Jose State University and find it to be a very warm and welcoming place where Christ is both present and relevant.

Further, it does not try to hide the fact that it stands for the truth of the

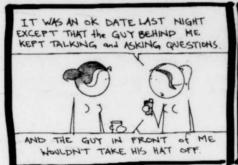
Gospel. So I hope that the River is not just another postmodern Catholic-bash-

and Christian unity. Otherwise, they may just be anoth-

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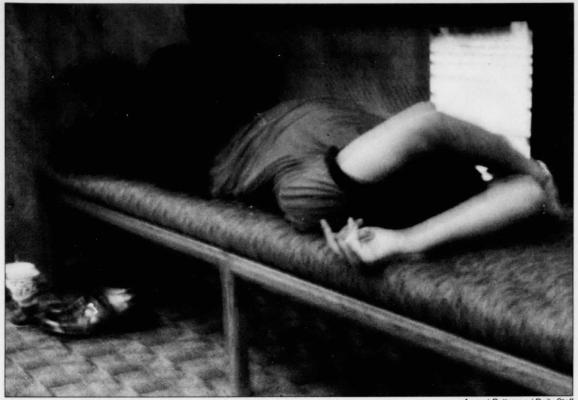
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## Students count sheep in Student Union between classes



Ankat Kagndelwal, a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering, takes a nap during his one-hour break between classes on Tuesday afternoon. "It's a nice place to sleep in here because it's cool as compared to the heat outside,"

Nappers have varied reasons for catching winks in building

> By Alexandra Proca Daily Staff Writer

Tired or bored, some students find comfort on the plush couches on the first and third floor of the Student Union.

Hiding his face under a blue cap, Ryan Richardson, a senior business marketing major, was lying down on a couch on the lower level of the Student Union on Tuesday afternoon.

When he woke up, Richardson said it was the first time he had taken a nap in the Student

There was nowhere to sit upstairs, so I came here," Richardson said.

A pair of shoes rested under a couch next to

Richardson's hub. The owner of the shoes, Ankat Kagndelwal, a

sophomore electrical engineering major, had just lain down to take advantage of his one-hour break between classes.

With temperatures in the upper 70s, Kagndelwal, said he appreciated the room tem-perature in the Student Union.

erature in the Student Union.

"It's a cool place, because it's hot outside. That's why it is a good place to sleep," Kagndelwal said.

Nora Pizano, a senior international business major, said she often takes naps in the Student Union lounge.

"It's comfortable and I can't sleep in the grass,"

Pizano said

On Tuesday afternoon she had a five-hour break between classes, but she couldn't go home to Milpitas because she didn't have a car, Pizano

Dai Dinh, a freshman computer engineering major, was sleeping on a couch next to the entrance facing the industrial studies building. He said he usually takes a nap in the library, but this time, he came to the Student Union lounge.

"I have a girlfriend and she actually sleeps here sometimes. I just copied her," Dinh said.

Renee Piech, a junior nursing major, said she liked that the people are resting in the Student

Tve seen it a lot at other colleges. It's less here,"

She said she had seen students sleeping in the student union or in the library at different universities in California. sities in Cantornia.

Piech said she would likely sleep in the Students' Union if more people did it. But she said she had lain on the grass on campus

Students are generally allowed to sleep in the Student Union lounge, unless other patrons com-plain about it, said Terry Gregory, the Student

on manager. "We don't worry about that," Gregory said. But he added that, because there have been problems with community members sleeping in there, the Student Union staff might identify persons they have reasons to believe are not students.

"If you're not a student, you are welcome to use the building, but you can not sleep in there, Gregory said.

Some out-of-campus people who would sleep in the Student Union would cover themselves in newspaper, said Louis Gutierez, operation assistant with the Student Union.

"When they leave the building, they leave a meen" Chilege said.

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mess, Gutterez said.
With a lot of noises filling the air, the Student
Union might not sound like the ideal place to
sleep. But some students who are taking the rest on a regular basis said the bustle doesn't bother

"I'm so used to it," Pizano said.

## VILLAGE South campus housing attractive to athletes for practice, proximity

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Center where our meetings are, where our lockers are."

Tran said about 260 people live in Spartan Village. She estimated that

close to half play a varsity sport. "Coaches will often tell (their play ers) during the spring to sign up for the Village," Tran said. "Many ath-letes come in a group to request rooms together."

Each apartment in the Village has two bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room and a bathroom. The buildings are two stories. Upstairs units have a small balcony, and downstairs units have a small patio that lets out onto

the lawn.

Taylor said the landscaping between the buildings adds to the atmosphere of the Village.

"We use it for programs," she said.
"People lay out when the weather is warm."

Furniture and kitchen appliances are supplied. Students need to provide their own personal items and small kitchen supplies like plates and utensils, according to the Student Housing License Agreement Rooklet. Booklet.

They also need to provide their own electronic items, such as computers, stereos and televisions. The apartments have wireless connections for computers, according to the booklet.

The price of housing for a full academic year depends on how many people are in the bedroom. According to the booklet, two people sharing a bedroom pay \$4,787.50 apiece; three people in a bedroom each pay \$3,625.

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The price for Spartan Village includes cable TV and standard utilities, except telephone service. Tran said on-campus phones are provided but students need to arrange any other telephone service themselves.

Tran said the apartments have received improvements in recent

years.
"There have been renovations inside the apartments — new carpeting, new flooring, new furniture, new appliances," she said.

An optional feature for Village res-

idents is a campus meal plan. It is different than the mandatory plan

different than the mandatory plan for students in the residence halls.
"There is a meal plan set up by Spartan Shops," Tran said. "(It gives students) five meals a week, which works well when they're on-

Some problems students men-tioned about Spartan Village relate to living away from the main cam-

Taylor said the main frustration for students is relying on the shuttle to get to class.

"It is more of a struggle to get to school," she said. "It's a little easier to

roll out of bed and get to class when you live (on-campus)."

Rosana Martinez, a freshman majoring in interior design, said she often leaves her apartment up to an hour before class to make sure she gets there on time

She added that "I'd rather use the

shuttle than pay for parking."

The shuttle runs from 7 a.m. until about 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, Taylor said,

there is limited service. Arenas said she set up her class

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schedule to have no classes on Friday so that she wouldn't have to rely on the shuttle then.

Some students complained about the quality of the wireless Internet connections in the Village.

"The connections are terrible out here," said Nick Marchini, a fresh-man kinesiology major. "Half the time it doesn't work."

A linebacker for the Spartans foot-ball team, Marchini said he goes to the library if he gets desperate. Spartan Village did not have

Internet connections a few years ago,

The residence halls have Ethernet wiring installed, she said. The Village could not be wired in a similar way, because wires would have to be laid between the campus and the

Tran explained the wiring in the residence halls is managed by the information technology staff of University Housing Services, but the wireless network is managed by cam-

pus network communications. Regarding computers, Tran did point out one advantage that Spartan Village has over the residence halls.

'It is wireless, so someone can take their laptop out onto their patio area," she said. "The residence halls don't have this with Ethernet wiring, not even in the community rooms

Certain complaints expressed by students are not unique to Spartan

"Occasionally you get the people who like to party all night," Marchini said. "It especially hurts when you have practice at six in the

Marchini also said he and his roommates had to adjust to living ogether. He added, "The only real issue is

who's going to clean the house."
Unlike a residence hall, Spartan
Village consists of many buildings.
Ten buildings each hold four to eight

The layout creates a unique prob-lem for the RAs of the Village. "Our biggest challenge is commu-nicating with our residents," Taylor said. "They get into their apartments and don't need to come out for as and don't need to come out for as

many things."

Taylor said RAs try to set up programs that will get people interacting and build a sense of community.

"We utilize the community room to get people together," Taylor said. "We have educational programs. We have study night one night a

They also plan barbecues and activmany with a sports orienta-

A poster outside the community room advertised a paintball outing scheduled for Saturday, and a sign-



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up sheet to attend a San Jose Sharks game hangs in the RA office. Taylor said a snowboarding trip is being put

Although backed up by the sports complex, Spartan Village is in a downtown neighborhood.

"My parents weren't really happy with the area," Martinez said.

"They were expecting a little nicer area."

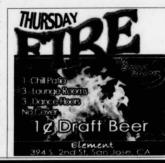
Taylor said that the University Police Department is the first place they call for any issues.

Bruce Lowe, captain of the UPD, said their response time for Spartan Village is less than five minutes. "There are no special concerns for South Campus," Lowe said. "The

problems there are no different than the other residences." After life in the Village, Taylor said

many students go into the Esplanade or into apartments they rent on their own. Arenas said she enjoys her current living arrangements but is not sure she will be back after this year.

"I joined a sorority," she said, "so maybe next year I'll be there."



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My Tran, a senior majoring in business finance, donates blood to the Blood Center of the Pacific Tuesday afternoon in the Almaden room of the Student Union. The blood drive was hosted by Tran's fraternity,

## POLLS | Feelings mixed on Election Day

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Desiree Killman, a junior in public relations showed up at the church to cast her vote for the first time.

"(The process) was pretty easy," she said. "The fact that there were so many candidates was a little bit confusing, because I did not receive a sample ballot."

Killman said that she believes more students will turn out to this election because of Measure 53, which could affect government expenditure on universities.

Fine Arts senior Michael Robinson also

arrived to cast his vote on the Recall.

"There has probably been more media coverage (of an election) in the last two months than there has in the past few years," he said.

Robinson said he believes the media attention will increase student voting, but in general it is

very low.
"Student participation at the booths is sorely lacking," he said. "There are too many apathetic people."

Junior Chris Fabian, who had just come for

his first time to vote at a booth, agreed that student turnout is minimal. "A lot of my friends don't even want to vote,"

said the international business major. Fabian said he thinks that Gov. Gray Davis will be recalled, but the new candidate is diffi-

cult to determine. "Right now, it's all up in the air," he said. As voters made their way to the booths, a few elderly people experienced difficulties walking to the building.

the 135 competitors canvassing to replace Davis for the position of governor. Mara Bennett of San Jose was one of the many city residents who showed up to vote at

"I think Schwarzenegger will take it," she said. "But people want to know what's going to happen when he does."

One woman vocally expressed to other voters that she did not appreciate the length of the

Posted on the walls of the voting area were signs designating the laws, rights and privileges of registered voters.

The postings also laid out the requirements for anyone taking a poll, or campaigning for a certain candidates.

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The ballot offered seven pages that crammed

## RECALL | Davis loses support from Hispanics, unions

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Schwarzenegger prevailed despite a flurry of negative publicity in the campaign's final days, surviving allegations that he had groped women and accusations that as a young man he expressed admiration for Adolf Hitler.

The 56-year-old Austrian immigrant — husband of television journalist Maria Shriver — finds himself in charge of the nation's most populated state with an economy surpassed by only five countries.

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Schwarzenegger promised to return the shine to a Golden State beset by massive budget problems and riven by deep political divisions.

Voters faced two questions — whether to recall Davis, and who among the other candidates should replace him if he was removed. They chose to get rid of the incumbent and put Schwarzenegger in his place.

Schwarzenegger in his place.
Exit polling explained why: Many Hispanics and union members — two key groups in Davis' past electoral successes — deserted him as he suffered extraordinarily low job approval ratings amid widespread voter discontent about the state's economy. the state's economy.

Davis won election in 1998 with 70 percent support from Hispanics and a similar percentage of voters from union households, and he got about 65 percent of both groups in his re-election last year. But in the recall, about half of Hispanics and of voters with union members in their households voted to recall Davis, according to voter surveys conducted for The Associated Press and other news organizations by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International.

Seven in 10 voters disapproved of how Davis

was handling his job. Nearly half of all voters strongly disapproved, and among them, nine in 10 voted for the recall and seven in 10 voted for

Schwarzenegger, the exit poll found.

Long lines were reported at polling places through the day. By late afternoon, Terri Carbaugh, a spokeswoman for the Secretary of State, said a turnout of 60 percent appeared likely, higher than the 50.7 percent who voted in last November's gubernatorial election. It would be the highest percentage to vote in a gubernatorial election since 1982.

Re-elected last year with less than 50 percent of the vote, Davis fell victim to a groundswell of discontent in a state that has struggled with its perilous financial condition.

As colorless as his name, Davis was also known as a canny politician with sharp elbows. Once chief of staff to Gov. Jerry Brown, he rose through the political ranks as a state assembly-man, controller and lieutenant governor, before becoming governor in 1999.

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By contrast, Schwarzenegger's political inexperience seemed a virtue to many voters.

The actor's improbable rise to political power played out before a rapt international audience. He announced his candidacy in August on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" after aides said it was certain he wouldn't run.

Other major candidates seeking to replace Davis were the Democratic lieutenant governor, Cruz Bustamante, conservative Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock and Green Party candidate Peter Camejo.

candidate Peter Camejo.

The campaign included a parade of bit players among the 135 candidates, including Hustler publisher Larry Flynt, former child actor Gary Coleman, a publicity-hungry porn actress who

wanted to tax breast implants and an artist who dressed in all blue and described his candidacy

as the ultimate piece of performance art.

The cast of characters and outsized ballot gave the campaign a carnival-like atmosphere and provided late-night comics with a stream of material. But to many Californians, it was serious busi-

ness.
"I'm horrified at the thought that Schwarzenegger can be our governor," said Gretchen Purser, 25, of Berkeley, who voted against recall. "I'm sick of Republicans trying to take over the state."

Ed Troupe, 69, of Thousand Oaks, voted yes for recall and for Schwarzenegger. "As far as I'm concerned," he said, "Gray Davis is one of the dirtiest politicians I've ever encountered."

Though Schwarzenegger held a commanding lead over his rivals going into the final week, his

lead over his rivals going into the final week, his campaign was shaken by allegations published in the Los Angeles Times just days before the election from six women who said he groped them or made unwanted sexual advances. Allegations continued to surface over the week end, and by election day a total of 16 women had come forward.

had come forward.

Schwarzenegger also was confronted with reports that he had praised Hitler as a young man — accusations he disputed.

Responding to the sexual misconduct charges, Schwarzenegger acknowledged he had "behaved badly sometimes." But he attacked the newspaper and some of his accusers for what he called a last-minute effort to derail his earn lides.

Voters also rejected Proposition 54. They also rejected another proposition dedicating money to public works projects.

## Mother convicted of assisting son's suicide

Associated Press

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MERIDEN, Conn. - A mother was convicted of contributing to the suicide of her 12-year-old son, a victim of bullying at school, in their filthy home because jurors agreed that she didn't do enough to help him, a

Judith Scruggs, 52, was found guilty Monday of one count of risk of injury to a minor for creating a home that prosecutors said prevented her son, J. Daniel Scruggs, from improving his poor hygiene. Testimony indicated he slept in his closet with knives and a horse heaves he was straid.

slept in his closet with knives and a homemade spear because he was afraid. She faces up to 10 years in prison when she is sentenced next month. The six-member jury, which began deliberating last Wednesday, cleared Scruggs of a charge that accused her of falling to provide her son with proper medical and psychological care and a cruelty charge.

and a cruelty charge.

Daniel hanged himself in his closet with a necktie in January 2002. Legal experts say the case may mark the first time a parent has been convicted of contributing to a child's suicide. The case also spawned a Connecticut law requiring schools to report bullies to authorities

Scruggs refused to comment as she left the courthouse but her lawyer, Reese Norris, called the verdict an injustice.

I hope the public will have an outcry that someone could be convicted of any charge ... in association with the suicide of her child," he said.

Daniel would sometimes have body odor or bad breath and would soil himself to get out of going to school. She said she frequently told Daniel to take showers, but said she could not force him to do so.

Scruggs told police Daniel was afraid of bullies who had kicked and punched him, and he kept knives in his closet out of fear.

"These were not just pocket knives they were talking about. They were pretty big blades," said Thomas Diaz,

Jurors exchanged stories about things that happened to them or their children at school.

"I definitely didn't think she did enough. You just don't let things go," juror Vinny Giardina said. Prosecutors said they took no joy in

charging a grieving mother, but felt a jury should decide whether Scruggs' actions contributed to the boy's death The presented evidence that there was barely room to move around the home because of clutter, the kitchen was full of dirty dishes and the toilet, bath-room sink and tub were soiled. "Parents are responsible for the care and welfare of their children and must

ensure their basic medical, emotional and psychological needs are satisfied, prosecutor James Dinnan said.

Norris, who had called the boy's death a case of "Bullycide," said prosecutors never provided evidence link-ing the condition of the home to the suicide. He portrayed Judith Scruggs as a loving single mother who worked two jobs — full-time as a teacher's

## Props 53 and 54 denied by voters

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California voters rejected both initiatives on Tuesday's ballot, deciding not to ban the government from tracking race in everything from preschools to police work, and not to divert bil-lions of budget dollars to rebuild a

crumbling infrastructure.

Though they were overshadowed by the gubernatorial recall race, both propositions would have made important changes to California law. Backers had heralded Proposition 54 as a break from race-conscious

public policies and a chance to move toward a "colorblind society." It would have been the first ban of its kind in the nation.

kind in the nation.

But voters across the racial spectrum rejected the measure and its promise to stop the state from collecting racial data, according to an exit poll conducted for The Associated Press and other news

organizations.

Despite the defeat, Connerly said Tuesday night that "the day will come when the American people will not be divided into racial categories."
"And we can look back on this period as the beginning of that process," he told supporters in Sacramento as

part of his concession speech.
With 1.3 million absentee votes counted and 11 percent of precincts reporting, Proposition 54 was losing 57-43 percent.

Meanwhile, Proposition 53 was losing 65-35 percent. The measure would have diverted billions of budget dollars to rebuilding a crumbling infrastructure.

Initiatives that allocate chunks of the state budget to specific causes have had mixed success, however, and voters apparently decided that the state's iltibillion dollar budget mess must be

fixed before the government was ham-strung by another spending mandate. The racially charged Proposition 54 was far more ideological than Proposition 53, and generated far more interest.

A well-organized coalition of critics hammered Proposition 54 as a brazen blow against anti-discrimina-tion policies. Their strategy was to kill it by attacking its Achilles heel: language they said would prevent doctors from tracking how diseases disparately afflict different popula-

The proposition's language appeared far less inflammatory. It read that "the state shall not classify any individual by race, ethnicity, color or national origin" or analyze racial information in public education, con-

tracting and employment. Strong majorities of whites, blacks Strong majorities of whites, blacks and Hispanics voted it down, according to the exit poll. About three-quarters of blacks and Hispanics voted against it, joined by about two-thirds of whites, the poll reported. California's past dabblings in direct democracy have seen voters incite anti-tax revolutions and doom bilingual education and affirmative action. Often, precedents

mative action. Often, precedents passed here find their way to other

That has been the model for Ward Connerly, the University California regent who p Proposition 54 on the ballot. polarizing figure since his Proposition 209 banned race-based preferences in 1996, he campaigned on the assertion that public policies

which fit people into racial boxes are outdated and destructive. Although overshadowed by the gubernatorial recall, Proposition 54 managed to attract its share of highprofile opponents. A fusillade of tel-evision ads featured former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and the Rev. Jesse Jackson warning voters that the proposition repre-sented a life-and-death vote.

Connerly decried that attack as both wrong and disingenuous and has said he might refile a future proposition that would make an airtight exemption for medical

Anticipating defeat, he had quipped that Tuesday night's "victory party" was more likely to be a "wake."

Proposition 53 would have steered 3 percent of each year's state budget into a fund to fix roads, bridges and

sewage plants.

Proponents had openly downplayed its chances, suggesting it might get caught up in voters' perception that California's finances need fixing before any new priorities are established.

## Md. Governor's wife takes aim at Britney

Associated Press

BALTIMORE - The wife of Gov. Robert Ehrlich made an "inadvertent figure of speech" when she said she would shoot pop singer Britney Spears if she had the chance, the first lady's spokeswoman said

important for women to get as much education as possible to avoid becoming dependent on anyone else.
"It is incredibly important to get that

influence of pop culture on children.

Jive Records, the New York-based moting violence.

expressing her concerns about the influence of pop culture on children. "shot her own self in the foot by pro-

## "It is incredibly important to get that message to young women. You know, really, if I had an opportunity to shoot Britney Spears, I think I would," Ehrlich said Friday. Her spokeswoman, Meghann Siwinski, said Ehrlich is a working mother raising a young son and she two jobs — full-time as a teacher's aide in Daniel's school and part-time Scruggs acknowledged at a discount store. While speaking at a domestic vio-lence conference at Hood College in

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Convenience store clerk Jamie Brown laughed in

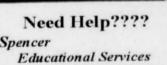
the face of fear - and the face of a would-be robber. Brown was behind an inch of bullet-

resistant glass when an armed robber entered the store. He laughed at the man and flipped a switch which

locked all the doors in the store. Brown also closed the cash register and dialed 911. Brown says the would-be robber

begged to be let out, and kicked at the door. But it wouldn't budge. The bandit eventually found a door

that led to the garage, where he escaped through a window.
Police were still searching for the suspect Tuesday.





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## Event to benefit emergency fund

Daily Staff Writer

The second annual Homecoming benefit for the San Jose State University Student Emergency Fund will be held at the Student Union Ballroom from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

The benefit includes a reception and an auction. Tickets for faculty, staff and students are \$15 and \$25 for administrators, alumni and guests.

Set up through the division of stu-dent affairs, the benefit is organized

by a committee of seven members. Steve Geraci, who co-chairs the amenities and social committee with Sharon Willey, said the group was doing the best that it could to pull the event together.

Willey said the purpose of the fund was to provide financial aid to students when a situation calls for it.

"(The fund) is for any wardent who

"(The fund) is for any student who

faces an emergency or crises situa-tion," Geraci said.
St. Saffold, associate vice president for student affairs, said Student Affairs first established the emergency

fund because of a car accident involv-ing the death of a SJSU student a few years ago.
"It was a major catastrophic event and we put together an emergency fund raising that allowed us to buy a

workable condition car for his family and pay for expenses related to bring-ing closure to his death," Saffold said. ing closure to his death," Saffold said.
Willey said the senior management
team of Student Affairs is in charge of
the distribution of money raised by

the committee. He added they were able to build upon the remaining balance of the

funds raised from past cases. Averaging two cases per year, he said the committee has not been able to

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They need to be responsible and we lay it out for them — it is time to be involved with your country," said Pereda, a senior mechanical engi-

Since the class started at the begin-

ning of the fall semester, the class has surveyed more than 300 students around campus, Pereda said.

The class meets once a week and the students work 10 to 15 hours a

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The survey asks about current employers, thoughts on effectiveness of the FBI, if surveyors have ever considered working for the FBI, what the role of the FBI is and asks for the surveyors have the surveyors have the surveyors have the surveyors have the surveyor the surveyor have the surveyor have

for knowledge in a language besides English, Pereda said.

One commonality between many of the surveyors is their dislike with the

"The FBI has a pretty negative image especially post 9-11. Even before that, women and minorities

FBI I

take on more cases because of a lack of

According to the committee, the most recent case was an accident in April that involved five SJSU students who were on their way to a student

conference in Arizona.

"We offered assistance and made it known to students that there were these funds that were assessable on request," Saffold said, "We contacted the five students and notified them of the availability of the fund."

The benefit committee said they

have certain expectations for the event, which includes performances by the Eddie Gale Quartet and Venom, a local hip-hop dance group. "Our goal for this year is to raise \$1,000," Willey said.

Saffold said the benefit event would

Saffold said the benefit event would provide various guests a chance to socialize and mingle with each other.

"It's primarily a social event for a great cause," he said.

Willey said the auction is being made possible by donations from downtown businesses and restaurants such as Bella Mia and Brittania Arms.

The San Lose Sharks has also donated. The San Jose Sharks has also donated a hockey puck signed by one of the

a hockey puck signed by one of the players in the spirit of the auction.

"All proceeds will be going directly to the emergency fund," she said.

Although called the Homecoming benefit, Willey said the auction was only part of Homecoming week and in no way benefited Homecoming.

Geraci, the co-chair of the benefit committee, said Susan Hansen, director of university housing services and Steven Harris, director of the student

health center, would host the auction.

Tickets for the event are available at the door on the day of the event or in advance. Those interested can contact either Sharon Willey at 924-6013 or Steven Geraci at 924-6106 for more

wouldn't want to work with the FBI,"

It is this image the Diverse Promotions class is hoping to trans-

form with its recruitment with at least 10 or more students for the FBI,

The class, which has two men and

eight women, is actually a good representation of the type of diversity the FBI is looking for, Safronova

Safronova, who was born in Russia, said there are students with Vietnamese, Persian, Swedish, Hispanic and Russian backgrounds in the Diverse Promotion class.

Both Safronova and Pereda, however, said they have not really considered joining the FBI.

Diverse Promotions will be at the

Career Fair today from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom at

SJSU. FBI recruiter Martin Mijalski and the 10 students of the class will

be promoting and informing students about a career with the FBI.

said Pereda.

Pereda said.

## One step at a time ...



JaShong King / Daily Staff

Phuc Ly helps his four-year-old daughter, Cathy, down the stairs of the 10th Street parking garage on the walk to campus Thursday. Ly came to pick up his girlfriend who is a business major at San Jose State University. Behind them, senior human resources major Patty Duran who heads to her evening class.

## Credit solutions offered for students

SJSU center among venues for guidance

By Robert Hong Daily Staff Writer

Walking down the narrow passage between the San Jose State University Student Union and the Art building, it is common for students to get approached by aggressive credit card distributors.

With offers of rewards such as free miniature basketballs and decorative school supplies, students may be likely to sign up before weighing out the consequences.

"The prizes are very tempting," said Julia Scotts, a junior engineering

Establishing credit is an aspect of student life that has both bad and

good implications.
"Students should make

informed decision (about credit)," said Oren Milgram, director of marketing and co-founder of college oriented Web site Studentmarket.com
The site was founded at SJSU and

serves to "focus on what students want

"Credit is an important way for students to show that they can manage money," said Milgram. "It is also one of the best indicators of students' responsibility."
Milgram said credit works like a his-

ory book of a person's finances.

Still, students may be prone to problems with balancing their credit.

Milgram said this could be a result of

students getting used to having credit.
"Tve been using my card for a few years now" said Will Redfir, a senior majoring in finance. "I'm just starting to understand to it." to understand to it.

Emanuele Intorella, who works in marketing for the online company Creditcardmall.com, said that once credit is damaged it can take a long time to repair.

"Late payments start to occur due to lack of income, until students can't even get past the interest on the next payment," he said.

Creditcardmall.com offers students a variety of cards targeted specifically to them, with special features that are offered to students.

"If students find that they are getting we suggest."

rejected for a credit card, we suggest they apply for a secure card," Intorella said.

Some credit card Web sites offer stu-

Studentmarket.com has a compre-hensive guide to credit, including tips that they have developed in conjunc-tion with the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Southern New

Creditcardmall.com also offers an

Creditcardmall.com also offers an extensive guide to all aspects of credit that students may find useful.

"It is important for students to know what credit is all about before they start using it," said Milgram.

Milgram said students are lured into problems for credit it.

applying for credit at stands around campus and may not understand

what they are getting into.
"Oftentimes people who work at booths are less concerned if students know what credit is about," he

If students do fall into debt, there is resource on campus that is available to help them.

Kent Mclaughlin, of the SJSU coun-seling center provides students with one-on-one credit counseling and

occasional workshops.

"It is easy for students to get involved in debt and difficult to get out," Mclaughlin said. "One of the best things they can do is come down to the counseling center and talk to someone." meone.

Milgram said that online sites such as Studentmarket.com are also a good place for students to read about cred-it information. The site also gives stu-dents the ability to apply for a card once they have read all the informa-

Credit cards available on Web sites provide different benefits depending what a person is looking for.

"If income is not an issue, you might want to go with a rewards card,"
Milgram said. "Otherwise students
should look for (cards with a) no
annual fee and a low (annual percent-

age rate)."
Students can apply for credit cards online, on campus or at a local bank.

## Peterson attorneys ask to exclude evidence

Associated Press

MODESTO - Lawyers representing Scott Peterson, the Modesto fertilizer salesman accused of killing his wife and unborn child, have asked a judge to exclude evidence, alleging two detectives mishandled

Peterson's attorneys want the judge to keep strands of hair and other pieces of evidence out of the double murder case, according to documents filed late Monday at Stanislaus County Superior Court.

DNA tests have shown that the hair

may belong to Peterson's slain wife, Laci, a source told The Modesto Bee before a sweeping gag order was imposed in the case.

The defense also is seeking to

exclude testimony from a hypnotracker dogs and tracking devices hidden in vehicles Peterson owned, rented or borrowed from family members, according to the defense documents.

Laci Peterson was almost eight months pregnant when she was reported missing Christmas Eve. Her badly decomposed body was found in April along the shore of San Francisco Bay. The body of her unborn son was discovered just over a mile away. Scott Peterson has pleaded innocent

to two counts of murder in the deaths. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for

Police found a single hair in a pair of pliers at the bottom of Peterson's boat during a Dec. 27 search, according to the defense documents.

The pliers were photographed with "one hair and a specific numbered placard in the picture." Multiple police reports refer to a single hair being found, the defense contends.

Detectives Al Brocchini and Dodge Hendee "spontaneously decided to review" the hair Feb. 12, defense attorney Mark Geragos wrote in the documents.

"These two Modesto Police officers supposedly found a second strand of hair while reviewing the evidence alone and without any supervision by criminalist or lab technician, Geragos wrote.

The two hairs were submitted to a state Department of Justice crime lab the next day along with two of Laci Peterson's hairbrushes, according to the documents.

The defense contends that the DNA tests used are unreliable and that the detectives broke "the chain of cus-tody" when they examined the items

Geragos also contends that all tracking evidence is unreliable and should be excluded.

## Appeals court reverses FCC decision

Associated Press

SAN JOSE — Cable operators should not be the only companies to provide high-speed Internet access over the cable television system, a federal appeals court said, reversing a Federal Communications Communications Commission regulation.

Commission regulation.

In an opinion issued Monday, a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said the FCC erred when it classified high-speed Internet over cable as just an "information service" - a move that effectively locked out competitors.

The judges, basing their ruling on a decision in an earlier case, said cablebased broadband also is a "telecom-munications service," which would make it subject to the same rules that the phone companies must adhere to such as allowing access to compet-

itive providers. "Giving consumers a choice of

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Internet service providers would open the door to more competition, and let people choose services with better pri-vacy and less spam," said Chris Murray, Consumers Union's legisla-

The FCC voted in March 2002 to exempt cable companies from laws that force phone companies to open their lines to competition. At the time, officials said the move was in high-speed Internet services.

Cable companies have invested bil-lions of dollars in upgrading their networks

The FCC ruling left phone companies, which offer rival digital subscriber lines, at a disadvantage. Though they must pay for upgrades, they're subject to more regulation, including a much-debated rule requiring them to lease their infrastructure to rivals.

"I am disappointed that the court felt that it was bound by its prior deci-

sion and did not address the merits of the commission's classification," FCC Chairman Michael Powell said in a statement. He also said he will direct the FCC's lawyers to appeal.

Cable's control over its wires also hurt independent Internet providers, which saw their subscribers abandon dial-up services for much faster broadband. EarthLink Inc., which was among the petitioners to the court, praised the decision.

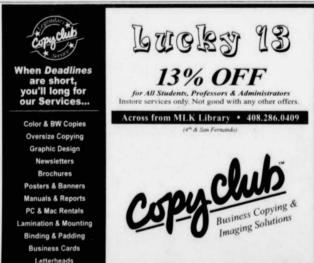
"Cable modem users deserve choice in high-speed Internet providers," said Dave Baker, EarthLink's vice presi-dent of law and public policy. "Today's ruling is a big step toward finally ruling is a big step towa

Consumer groups applauded the decision, saying the court ruling would help protect users.
"Under the FCC's decision, citizens

using the Internet over cable were not protected from content discrimination and they do not benefit from compe-tition among many ISPs," said Cheryl Leanza, spokeswoman for the Media Access Project. "Now there is a chance that citizens will be protected."

Though there are alternatives

high-speed access such as telephone line-based DSL, fixed wireless and satellite, an estimated 60 percent of high-speed Internet users subscribe to their cable company's service, accord-ing to recent studies.



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## Spartans hit the road

By Michelle Meier Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan volleyball team, 1-2 in the Western Athletic Conference, has an opportunity to win two WAC matches as it hits the road this week.

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"Two wins would probably lock us into the WAC tournament," said

Spartan head coach Craig Choate.

Last season, Louisiana Tech
University qualified for the WAC tournament as the eighth and final team,
with a WAC conference record of 4-9. Choate said, however, victory in

upcoming matches isn't guaranteed.
"We're walking into gyms we used to
dominate not knowing if we're even
going to play well," Choate said.
San Jose State University visits the

San Jose State University visits the University of Texas-El Paso (0-4 in the WAC and 5-13 overall) Thursday for a 7 p.m. match. With only one day off, SJSU travels to Boise State University (1-3 in the WAC and 5-13 overall) for a Saturday match. Game time is slated for 2 p.m. for 2 p.m.

Spartan outside hitter Kimberly Noble, who was named the WAC Player of the Week for the week ending Oct. 5, said after playing a strong game against Fresno State Saturday, it's possi-ble for the team to pick up two wins this weekend.
Following the Fresno State match,

Choate gave the team a small break on Monday, calling a short one hour prac-

San Jose State University outside hitter Kimberly Noble strikes the ball past Fresno State University outside hitter Kristen Fenton during Saturday's game at the Event Center. Noble, who was named the Western Athletic Conference volleyball Player of the Week Monday, led the Spartans with 23 kills in the loss to the Bulldogs.

Middle blocker Dana Rudd said it gave the team a chance to relax.

Although there are no serious injuries on the team, Rudd said there are many

"The team is getting a lot of nagging injuries," she said.

Both setter Allison Dillon and outside hitter Jessica Wlodarczyk are having knee problems, Choate said.

Noble said she has a strained muscle in her left calf and is experiencing pain

in her left calf and is experiencing pain in her right knee along with strain in her shoulder.

During Monday's practice, Choate said he had most of the starters take it easy, while the other players got an opportunity to see more game time.

"It's good for them because then I get to stat. them too," Choate said.

This way, he said, the players can see exactly how they are playing and under-

exactly how they are playing and understand why they may or may not be put

into a match. Before Thursday's match, Choate said he wants to focus on two of the team's

areas. "We're not stopping the other team's offensive hitting and we're not passing as well as we were three weeks ago,"

Choate said.
Against Fresno State, the Spartans only posted five team blocks. Reason enough for Noble to agree with Choate. "We need to be pressing over on the block," she said.

Choate said he is working on a new lineup for Thursday's match.

"It will be about our 15th different lineup," he said. The team, Choate said, is short one

passer, making it difficult to have a constent rotation. sistent rotation.

Choate said he has been training Rudd, a middle blocker to play as a right side hitter.

"She's doing OK, but it's not what she's used to," he said.

Rudd said although the right side is

Rudd said atthough the right side is new for her, she is open to wherever Choate puts her.

"If he'll put me on the court, I don't care what position I play," Rudd said.

With two important WAC matches pending, Noble said she thinks the

"I think we're going through the motions right now," she said.

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### Digging the Miners

Although UTEP is winless in the WAC, Choate said his team can't go

into the match overconfident. "UTEP always plays us well at their

place," he said.
SJSU last met up with the Miners on Oct. 3, 2002, at UTEP's Memorial Gym. The Miners defeated the Spartans 3-1 for their second win over CSU is eight pressing.

Spartans 3-1 for their second single SJSU in eight meetings.

Miners head coach Scott Swanson said he is unsure of Thursday's outcome because of the number of injuries on his

"I think it's anybody's match," he said. "Our strategy would be to try to stop

Swanson said he feels his team does have an advantage since they tend to play better at home than on the road. Choate said both UTEP and SJSU are in similar situations with young and

inexperienced players. Choate said Swanson told him he had hoped this would be a breakthrough year for his team.

"He's pretty disappointed," Choate said. "and I'm hoping to make him more disappointed."

### Busting the Broncos

Saturday the Spartans tip-off against

None of the three of us are doing so

None of the three of us are doing so hot," Choate said referring to the Spartans, Miners and Broncos.

Prior to the match against SJSU, the Broncos face the No. 1 University of Hawaii Thursday, following a three match legion street.

match losing streak.
In each of the losses, the Broncos were swept in a short three-game

SJSU's last two meetings with the Broncos on Oct. 26 and Nov. 14 of 2002 resulted in two three-game

2002 resulted in two three-game sweeps for the Spartans. The Broncos ended the 2002 season 0-13 in the WAC and 1-24 overall. Spartan middle blocker Rudd said she

is pumped up going into the two matches this week. "I think we should go in and win three straight games in both matches," Rudd

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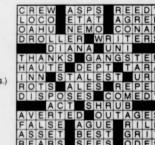
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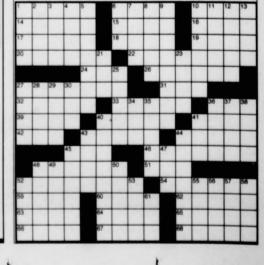
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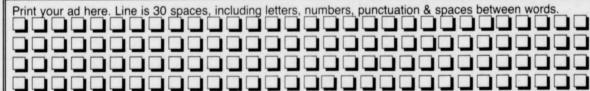
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