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## **Candidate endorsed** for education stance

## By John Kim Daily Staff Writer

Ted Lempert, Democratic candidate for District 11 of the state Senate, addressed a small group of reporters outside Willow Glen High School in San Jose on Thursday to announce education endorsements for his candidacy.

Smiling and appearing relaxed, the 42-year-old former California state assemblyman, who arrived a few minutes late, joked that education is always timely, but the trains are not. He turned serious a moment later, proclaiming, "Education has been and will be my highest priority."

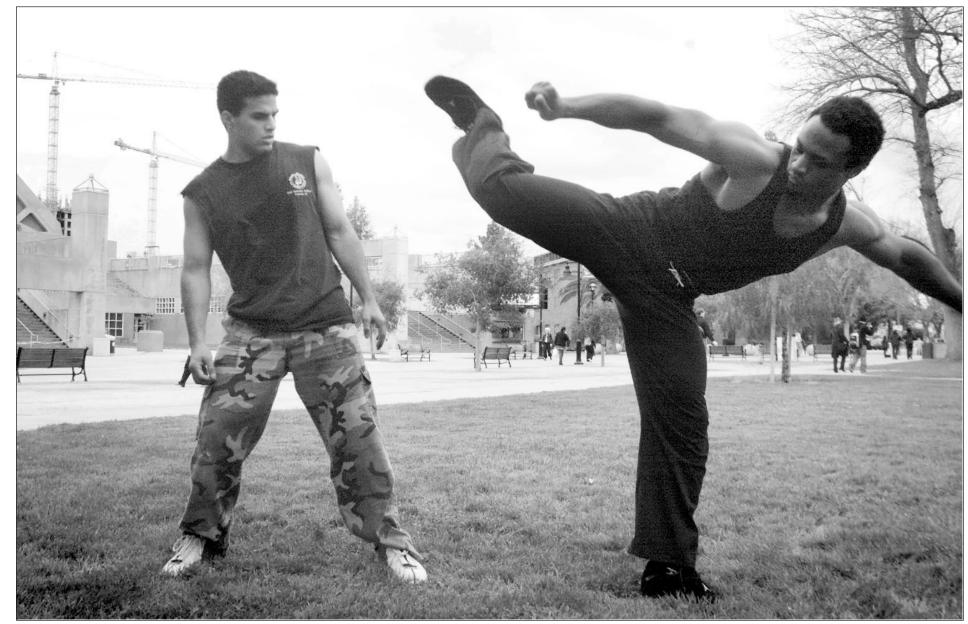
In his campaign literature as well as his personal appearances, Lempert has stressed the importance of education funding. He has won the endorsement of the California Faculty Association, which represents professors in the California State University Program.

Lempert is from the peninsula and graduated from Stanford Law School. In addition to serving two terms in the state assembly, he served on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. He is the CEO and a co-founder of EdVoice, a Sacramento-based grassroots organization for education reform.

Lempert is running against a fellow Democrat, Joe Simitian, for the seat being vacated by Byron Sher, also a Democrat. Senate District 11 contains parts of San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. There are 27 cities in the district, including San Carlos, Palo Alto, Cupertino, Campbell and parts of San Jose.

Jack O'Connell, the state superintendent of see LEMPERT, page 4

# Everybody was Kung Fu fighting...



Carien Veldpape / Daily Staff

Jesus Mireles, left, and Marquis Reynolds are teaching each other "long fist." Long fist (Changquan) is said to be the original Kung Fu system. Changquan has high kicks, jumping kicks and low stances as well, but during combat most of the kicks are below the waist. Besides theology and kinesiology, they also study martial arts. According to Mireles, martial art is an art of life. "You are never finished with learning. There's always something that you have to keep working on," he said.

# Remainders from 1970s solar energy project to be removed

'We're planning on taking them off his room in Joe West Hall.

conomics, said he likes the idea of hav- Hansen said. ing solar panels on top of Royce Hall.

fordinator for University nousing Services, said the idea of the solar panels was to heat water for the residence halls.

## **By Elizabeth Nguyen** Daily Staff Writer

The solar panels that sit on top of San Jose State University's Hoover, Royce and Washburn residence halls — once hoped to be a gateway to a new source of energy — are going to be torn down, said Susan Hansen, the director of University Housing Services.

in the summer," Hansen said.

Although the three residence halls are to be torn down during Phase II of the Campus Village project, no date has been set for that yet.

Many students said they would prefer to keep the solar panels on the residence halls.

William Harnack, a senior majoring in history, said he often sees them from

"I don't know what they do or if they do anything," Harnack said.

He said he thinks the panels should be repaired.

"They're up there, might as well put them to use," Harnack said. "It might keep the water from changing (to cold) when you're in the shower and someone flushes the toilet."

Eric Pratt, a freshman majoring in

"It's not a good idea (to take them down)," Pratt said.

"They should try to fix it and get it working," he said. "It'll save money for utilities.

Pratt said he pays a lot for the dorms and every bit would help.

The panels are older than many of the students that attend the university,

According to an article from the Spartan Daily from 1980, the "solar dorms project" comprised many panels, two-thirds of which were made from

heavy steel, one-sixth made from copper with aluminum fins, and one-sixth made of thinner rolled steel.

"They're really old," Hansen said, referring to the weather-beaten panels. Diana Tran, community relations

"They were installed as a pilot program with a professor back in the 1970s," she said.

Crystal Silva, a freshman majoring in theatre arts, said working solar panels would be good on the residence halls.

see SOLAR PROJECT, page 5

## Springtime pollen provokes allergic reactions Inventions became part of daily life



African Americans made significant contributions to science

> **By Alexandra Proca** Daily Staff Writer

When you indulge in a traditional American peanut butter-and-jelly sandwich, wait at a stoplight or get permed hair, you are actually using just three of numerous inventions of African Americans.

Steven Millner, a professor with the African American studies department, said however it is much more valuable to look into the motivation of black inventors than at the inventions themselves.

"It is important to remember their willingness to commit to improving the human condition," Millner said.

Ruth Wilson, a professor in the African American studies department, said she often talks to her students about black inventors.

"It is important for America to remember that African Americans made tremendous contributions to science," Wilson said.

Millner said another reason black inventors in general and early inventors in particular should be honored is their selfless pursuit to improve lives despite the racial obstacles.

'It should inspire everyone to believe that despite the obstacles that they face, they can overcome personal circumstances. If you got that drive and ambition, you can improve the human condition," Millner said.

Millner referred to George Washington Carver, a black inventor known for his revolutionizing crop system, to illustrate how selfless dedication contributed to enriching people's lives.

"His innovations were done to try and help exslaves and poor whites to improve their economic circumstances," Millner said.

Wilson said "he is important in the American history mostly for the number of patents he held,'

According to National Inventors Hall of Fame Web site, Carver, who lived between 1860 and 1943, is known for introducing the rotating crop system to farmers, and he is credited with developing 325 uses for peanuts, including peanut butter, and a lot of products from the sweet potato.

Carver's lack of interest in making a fortune out of his innovations was illustrated by several selfless acts. During his life, he refused to work for a great salary at Ford's factory and donated part of his money to Simpson College in Iowa, at that time a white academic institution that admitted him among its students at a time when others turned black people down, Millner said. Another significant chunk of his money went to the Tuskegee Institute, where Carver had been working for more than four decades, Millner said.

Another name that pops out of history class is that of Garrett A. Morgan.

"Not only was he technically a brilliant inventor, he was a selfless person," Millner said.

He said Morgan, who lived and worked dur-

see INVENTIONS, page 4

Nine percent of visits to Student Health Center last year were allergy-related

## By Nami Yasue Daily Staff Writer

Yellow pollen dropping from large Monterey Cypress trees on campus announces the arrival of allergy season at San Jose State University.

"I have itchy eyes, sneezing and runny nose," said Karen Martinez a computer science student.

Martinez said she can't even open her eyes when she has severe allergy reactions during the spring.

Rodney Myatt, an SJSU biological sciences professor said the main trees producing pollen on campus are pine trees, redwoods and cypresses, and these trees create pollen from the middle of February and up until summertime.

Myatt said Monterey Cypress is a protected species in the Monterey Peninsula because of its rare native habitat. It is an example of a conifer, which is a cone-bearing tree, and the cones disperse the pollen by wind.

Myatt said some of the flowering plants disperse pollen by using insects and birds, but those don't get into the air and cause allergy problems.

Myatt said people can also have allergy problems from grass pollen. But grass on campus does not produce pollen because it is mowed before the flowers are formed. Off-campus, grass will begin to produce pollen in March or April.

According to the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, a professional medical organization specializing in allergy and immunology, one out of six Americans is affected by allergies and has a hard time dealing with it at school and work. Also, allergies cost millions of dollars for medications and physicians nationwide.

Steven Harris, director of the SJSU Student Health Center, said see POLLEN, page 4



Susan D. Reno/Daily Staff

This Monterey Cypress, located near the Spartan Memorial, is one of the many trees that help make San Jose State University a beautiful campus. However, at this time of year, the pollen from this tree wreaks havoc on people with certain allergies.

# Hurting others is never a solution for people in pain

**RON PANGRAC** 

It's been more than two decades since I heard the statistic, but it's still unfathomable to me.

I was in a sociology class and the professor said that something like 95 or 98 percent of all people consider suicide — to some extent — at some point in their lives.

I couldn't believe it, because I had never once thought about killing myself.

The thing was, if I was having a major problem (well, major as far as I was concerned) with another person, I fantasized about killing them.

First, let me say that I'm talking 20-plus years ago. I don't think like that anymore.

Second, not once did I ever take it past the level of brief daydream to the point of actually thinking how I might go through with it.

Third, I was a bit hesitant to admit this, because it is something that people generally don't admit or even talk about publicly.

On the other hand, I think it is relevant because of a story that hit the news last Friday.

You may have heard about the students at Cupertino Middle School in Sunnyvale who were arrested. According to the San Jose Mercury News, a dozen boys were formulating plans to burn down their school. Two of them told officials at the school and nine others were subsequently arrested.

It was yet another in a long line of stories about planned or completed acts of violence in America's schools — and it came on the heels of a Saratoga High

School student being arrested and accused of planning to build a bomb to set off on his campus.

When these types of incidents happen, the media asks questions such as, "What does this say about our \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank with: youth, community, society,

what-have-you)?" and "How could matters have reached such a state?"

And it's understandable, given that people want to make sense of things.

Those aren't the questions I ask, though. My main question is, "Who wasn't listening to them?"

Looking back at my teenaged self, I see immaturity. I see impulsiveness. And I see a sense of powerlessness.

In a paradoxically human way, it was that owerlessness which led to the fantasies of killing someone else. I hadn't yet developed all the social

interaction skills needed to resolve conflict with another person by looking at the different sides of a conflict, identifying various alternatives and negotiating to a solution.

Instead, an impulsive thought would pop into my head, and my frustration would lead me to play with an unrealistic option — "I have a problem with this person. If they were gone, I would no longer have a problem. So take them out of the picture."

Similarly, I believe that impulsiveness and feelings of

I THOUGHT YOU WERE SICK, BILL! I THOUGHT YOU WERE SICK, TWISTED, NASTY, AND CRUEL! BUT DAMN IT, BILL, YOU JUST HAVE TOO MUCH INNER BEAUTY! IT SO WRONG LIKE FLOWERS AND PUPPIES ?!

STUPID PILLS | AIDAN CASSERLY

## 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.

powerlessness and frustration are common factors behind blame and punishment afterward). the never-ending series of attacks - completed or not - at Columbine High School, De Anza College and so many other schools.

How else does one explain someone resorting to such an extreme tactic?

Rather than being in control of themselves, these people are trying to force some semblance of control over a situation.

> As I said, I never acted on my fantasies. In that regard, I too have a hard time understanding what is going on in those people's heads.

> One thing that bugs me when I see news reports about these occurrences, though, is how so many people vilify the perpetrators.

> I don't see villains as much as I see people — usually children — who are hurting

I believe that when these things happen, matters might have been different if ... .. if these kids had learned to control

their impulses.

... if these kids had acquired the ability to assert themselves in productive ways.

... if someone (a parent, a teacher, a friend) had paid a little more attention to them.

... if they had received help beforehand (rather than

Another element that I can't comprehend when I hear these stories (and a factor that does not fit with my fantasies) is - how much are self-destructive drives contributing to the outburst?

Before Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris set foot at Columbine High on April 20, 1999, did either one think that they might get out alive? Or did they have a kamikaze mindset from the beginning?

In the recent Saratoga High and Cupertino Middle School instances, I would not think the students were suicidal, but could there have been some subconscious self-destructive drives at work? Or were they just too immature to think about the possibility that they might get caught?

For some reason, I have always had a strong sense of being. No matter how frustrated I was, I never turned my anger inward to the point that I would want to intentionally take my life. That is why the statistic on rates of suicidal thoughts surprised me so much.

I am not trying to claim any special insight into the mind of a potential killer. But I do know that as a teen, I had my hurts, and they affected how I handled some situations. And I believe my experiences share things in common with others who are hurting as well.

Ron Pangrac is the Spartan Daily copy editor. "Reloading" appears every Friday.

## **FLOWER CHILD Dean's failed campaign** ends in disappointment

Maybe I just don't know how to react to a man from the uth who tips his head and says a cool, "Yes, ma'am." his use of the Internet in his campaign. Now Dean, who is completely different from Kerry South who tips his head and says a cool, "Yes, ma'am.' Blush, call me shallow.

Especially after he lands on a giant aircraft carrier in a big jet with his helmet in hand and adds, "I want to be your president, again."

Then he combs his hair back with his fingers, looks up at the camera with a furrowed brow and wipes the sweat from his forehead with his forearm.

Who could compete with that?

Maybe Senator Kerry's war experience in the Vietnam War back in the 1960s was the reason why Dean jumped ship.

A January 2004 Pew Research survey called the "Top Public's Policy" concerns shows that 5 percent of the population were concerned about foreign affairs before Sept. 11, 2001, and 37 percent are concerned about it today.

The economy and jobs add up to a close second with 35 percent in public concern.

Clearly, these are the two big issues for candidates who want to show that they have the ability to lead the country for the next four years.

Now, what leadership qualities are we really looking for in a president?

Recent news reports described Dean during a previous campaign gathering of student volunteers as a raving rant, but he says it was just a regular pep rally.

The observation would be that a president who gets wound up easily might not have the wherewithal to keep

on most everything from war to words, is no longer a contender because Dean didn't master the advertising concept of image and the medium as the message. Maybe we just don't want to hear that.

But does all this even touch on the leadership skills

that we look for in a president? This is the first time I have heard that the way a can-

didate winds up a crowd has ever won or lost a campaign for president.

Cheerleading might be an important conceptualiza-

We haven't even discussed content, yet.

Bill Clinton's leadership qualities did win him a second term.

His wife was fantastic.

I still think Hillary is great.

President Clinton was an attractive president.

The news about his affairs and one with an intern constantly distracted the public from his leadership.

Now we hear that Kerry had an affair with an intern.

She said it isn't true, but so did Monica for a while.

(Now all my friends will be mad at me.) Perhaps we are voting for the one who looks best wearing a flight jacket and Levi

401 jeans. Now who do we have here with good leadership qualities?

**JANINE STANHOPE** 

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## TODAY

## Prevention Education Center

Applications for a \$1,000 Alcohol Drug Awareness Prevention Committee mini-grant are due today in the Health building, room 220. For more information, call Kell Fujimoto at 924-5910.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Daily mass is offered at the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel located on the corner of Tenth and San Salvador streets at 12:10 p.m. For more information, call Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

### Associated Students

A.S. government candidate applications are now avail-able at the A.S. House and Office of Student Life and Leadership. Applications are due on Monday at 5 p.m. at the Office of Student Life and Leadership. For more information, call 924-5955.

## **SUNDAY**

## SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Sunday mass will be held at noon and 5 p.m. at the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel located on the corner of Tenth and San Salvador streets. For more information, call Sister Marcia Krause at 938-1610.

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## Pride of the Pacific Islands

Polynesian dance practice will take place from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in SPX 75. For more information, call 924-2221.

## School of Art and Design

Art exhibitions featuring student galleries will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call 924-4330.

## TUESDAY

Tau Delta Phi A meeting will be held in the conference room in Tower Hall at 5:30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend. For more information, call Jolene at 507-8301.

#### Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society A book sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside of Dudley Moorehead Hall.

his head.

The thought reminds me a poem from Rudyard Kipling called "If" about manhood.

The important thing about the poem is to keep your head "when all about you are losing theirs."

Attributing that as a quality to becoming a man in the process of developing the strength of character is a confusing idea. "Is that all there is?"

Peggy Lee said that in another

song. But I don't think it's easy to keep your temper when in a leadership position.

We do have a horrific war on terrorism going on.

It's not a time for fooling around or going postal.

I believe, however, that the medium is and continues to be the message.

Maybe this is a perfect example. Marshall McLuhan wrote "The Medium is the Message" and was the master of the global village concept about the impact of the medium back in the 1970s.

The fascinating thing to me is that Dean did well with

# "Recent news

Well, let's look at San Francisco. (Now my mother is going to be mad at me. We strongly believe in the Roman Catholic church.)

Our new San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom recently took a civil disobedience position against California law to issue licenses for gay and lesbian marriages.

Will that solve anything, except make a leadership statement?

If he is really sincere, he will walk himself to jail, sit right down and have himself arrested.

Now that would be a leadership statement.

Maybe it always will be all about what's cool, such as Snoopy with sunglasses.

Yes, ma'am," said G.W. after he debated with the former Texas Gov. Ann Richards.

Gosh, he could do it again.

Janine Stanhope is the Spartan Daily online editor. "Flower Child" appears every other Friday.

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## Calendar

<u>Music</u>

## Keb Mo'

Tonight, 8 p.m. at the Luther Burbank Center in Santa Rosa. Advance ticket price is \$35. Available at tickets.com.

## Enrique Iglesias

Feb. 24 at the Paramount Theater in Oakland. Advance ticket prices are \$35 to \$65. Available at Ticketmaster.

## Britney Spears and Kelis

coming to the Oakland Arena March 9, 8 p.m. Advance tickets range from \$40.50 to \$76. Tickets available at tickets.com.

The Caravan in downtown San Jose will present a variety of live bands this weekend. Shows starts at 10 p.m. No cover charge. For more information, call (408) 995-6220.

The Espresso Garden and Cafe is presenting musicians Eleni Kelakos and Dana Robinson tonight at 814 So. Bascom Ave. Tickets are \$14. For more information, call (408) 298-0808.

## Misc.

San Jose Planned Parenthood is hosting a dance party fundraiser. Feb. 27 at Waves Smokehouse, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. \$10 per person.

San Jose Poetry Slam at Waves Smokehouse every Tuesday gives poets a chance to share their work with an audience. Students pay \$5. 18-yearsold and over are invited. For more infomation, visit www.sanjoseslam.com.

Armenian Film Festival will show 32 films at 131 Tenth St. in San Francisco. Tickets for single screenings are \$10, \$60 for full festival pass. Running Feb. 20 to 22. For more information, visit www.armenainfilm festival.org.

# Lame teen comedy barely worth the trip

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### By Erik Lacayo Daily Staff Writer

Nudity, bad language and alcohol mixed together equals an R rating and a mediocre teen comedy. Add some wacky Europeans to that mix, and you have "Eurotrip," released today nationwide by DreamWorks Pictures.

DreamWorks' ad campaign boasts highly of the film's comedic pedigree. From the same people who produced "Old School" and "Road Trip," this film does have its funny moments but is nowhere near the laugh-out-loud masterpiece that is "Old School."

It seems that the producers decided to combine aspects of "Old School" and "Road Trip" to create a fairly funny but unmemorable flick.

The premise is unoriginal and the plot is highly unrealistic, but those are not the reasons why people would go see this type of movie anyway. Hot chicks and slapstick comedy are what attract fans to this genre.

Like in "Old School," one of the main characters, Scotty Thomas (Scott Mechlowicz), is dumped by his girlfriend in humiliating fashion at the beginning of the movie. Scotty's carefree and horny best friend, Cooper Harris (Jacob Pitts), convinces him to go to Europe in hopes of meeting his hot German pen pal.

The beginning of the movie also features a cameo appearance by a punk-rock, lip-synching Matt Damon. Damon's character steals Scotty's girlfriend and adds insult to injury by writing a song about it.

The chorus "Scotty doesn't know, Scotty doesn't know" haunts him throughout the movie. This song will also haunt moviegoers for days when it gets stuck in their heads too.

Scotty and Cooper conveniently meet up with their two other friends who are coincidentally vacationing in France. Jamie beverage called absinth, which in reality happens to be illegal in **opens nationwide today**. the United States.

Jamie is the geeky character whom the rest of the group makes fun of. Like in all other teen comedies, he learns to loosen up as the film progresses.

Jenny, the only girl of the group, is considered just one of the guys by the others, despite being drop dead gorgeous.

As the foursome travels through cities like London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin and Rome, they encounter characters like a French robot man, English soccer hooligans who open beer bottles with their eyelids and a touchy-feely Italian train passenger.

While these characters are based on stereotypes and are downright silly, they are what make this movie. One of the best moments of the picture is a fight scene between Scotty and the



Photo courtesy of DreamWorks Pictures

(Travis Wester) and Jenny (Michelle Trachtenberg) are twins who Left to right: Jamie (Travis Wester), Scotty (Scott Mechlowicz) and Cooper (Jacob Pitts) bare all on a nude beach while in end up getting a little too close after drinking a highly alcoholic France in DreamWorks Pictures' comedy "Eurotrip." From the same producers as "Old School" and "Road Trip," this comedy

French robot man in Paris.

Consisting of a young cast of relatively unknown actors, this movie was missing that one character who steals the show, like "Frank the Tank" in "Old School" or Stifler in the "American Pie" movies

The Cooper character had potential to be that outrageously funny show stealer but didn't quite take control of the movie. Some of his funnier moments include a sadomasochism experience in Amsterdam gone bad. This scene includes a cameo appearance by Lucy Lawless, from "Xena Warrior Princess" fame.

One of his other better moments is when he refers to a disappointing trip to a French nude beach as a "sausage fest."

This movie also displays a lot of cursing, almost as much as Billy Bob Thornton's "Bad Santa." For some reason, a drunk Englishman using the F-word in repetition is always good for some cheap laughs.

While the climax is very predictable, this movie is worth a look for those who feel like seeing a dumb comedy. Many of the jokes were either hit or miss. Some of the attempts to be shocking just fell flat.

The main characters do run into some wacky Euros, which keeps the movie entertaining.

Do not come into this movie with high expectations, just sit back and hope to find some laughter.

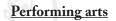




### Comedy

The San Jose Improv presents Yale School of Drama graduate Lewis Black through Feb. 22. For tickets, call (408) 280-7475.

Disney on Ice - Princess Classic will be performed at the HP Pavilion through Feb. 22. Tickets are \$14 to \$50. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com.



Multi-Ethnic theater in San Francisco playing "Dutchman," an award-winning portrayal of conflict leading to violence at 8 p.m. through Feb. 21. Call (415) 333-6389.

A Midsummer Night's Dream will be performed at the San Jose Repertory Theatre through Feb. 22. Tickets are \$18 to \$52. Call (408) 367-7255.

The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie will be performed by the Northside Theatre Company through March 7. Tickets are \$10 for students. Call (408) 288-7820.

## **Museums**

## The Japanese American

Museum of San Jose is displaying an exhibition exploring what Japanese-Americans from San Jose took to the internment camps during WWII. For more information, call (408) 294-3138.

## By Theresa Smith Daily Staff Writer

Sick of the average cosmopolitan served at every bar in town? If so, try the Cherry Cosmopolitan featured at Mac's Club. Between calm blended drinks, such as strawberry daiquiris and Bahama Mamas and the more robust drinks, amber-colored like Hennessey and Jack Daniels, somewhere in the middle the two meet and bring enjoyment where the taste buds are pleased. That place is the world of cosmopolitans.

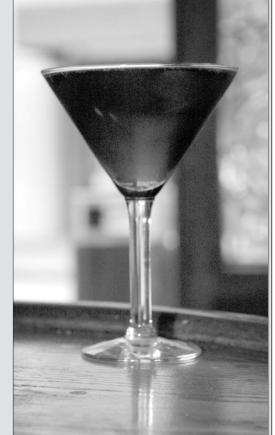
The Cherry Cosmopolitan is a drink made with a cherry-flavored vodka, triple sec, lime juice and cranberry juice. Vodka has a slew of flavors, and cosmos are becoming more popular on the nightlife and dining scenes. There are several other drinks you can make with the flavor, but the cosmos are the most trendy.

Ken McCarthy, bartender at Mac's, serves the drink and has received good feedback from club goers.

"People seem to like it. It's an alternative to a regular cosmopolitan." McCarthy said.

Unlike apple martinis or an average cosmopolitan, the cherry red drink doesn't give you a bitter taste. It's actually one of those drinks that together and packs the place on the sneaks up on you because it goes down like Kool-Aid.

This revitalizing tang doesn't give off that "I've been drinking" reek on the breath. You would almost forget you're consuming alcohol when Jose.



Andrew Hendershot/Daily Staff

This cherry cosmopolitan, consisting of cherry vodka, triple sec, cranberry juice and lime juice, is featured at Mac's Club at 39 Post St.

#### drinking.

The club usually serves beer and coffee in the daytime, while Friday nights are usually when cosmopolitans are in high demand.

The mixed clientele at the club, which is straight, gay and a little bit of everything, has guests from the mid-20s to 65.

This friendly atmosphere comes weekends with a live DJ on Fridays.

The Cherry Cosmopolitan is \$5 and is a great start right before going hard with the brown juice. Mac's Club is located at 39 Post St. in San

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## FRIDAY

# Heavenly music ...



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Kristal Schwartz practices a Pescetti sonata in the Music building on Monday afternoon. She says that harps have been connected with angels since ancient time. Schwartz says the first compliment she always gets when playing the harp is, "You look like an angel." She is a junior majoring in harp performance.

## **INVENTIONS** | Engineer met racial biases

NEWS

schools, was on hand today to announce his endorsement. Describing Lempert as someone who understands funding for education, he strongly criticized the current state administration.

"Under the current legislature today, we're dropping in terms of per capita funding for education. In fact, today we're 43rd, and we're going in the wrong direction under the current education leadership in the state Capitol," O'Connell said.

O'Connell praised Lempert's support of Proposition 55, which is on the ballot for the March 2 primary election

"Prop. 55 is a \$12.3 billion bond for kindergarten through university. It's important that the measure pass. It will help modernize our schools, build new school buildings, help us with community colleges, help us with our CSU system," he said.

Leonard Bonilla, a senior labor-relations representative for the California School Employees Association, which

represents more than 200,000 public employees, asserted the union's support "Prop. 55 is a \$12.3 of Lempert, calling him a "good friend" to their organization. Susan Mayer, president of the billion bond for Campbell School Board, also announced kindergarten through her endorsement for Lempert. university. ... It will "He's taken the time to get to know the issues in our district," she said. help modernize our In his concluding remarks, Lempert schools, build new

us with community

colleges, help us with

our CSU system."

- Jack O'Connell,

California state

superintendent of schools

addressed the proposed budget cuts facing CSU schools. school buildings, help "It's wrong. The governor always talks about overspending. I don't think we're overspending on higher education," he said. He added that he was opposed to increasing fees and eliminating outreach programs.

Lempert stated that any cutbacks would represent a move in the wrong direction.

"I'm not going back to Sacramento to watch our higher ed system, which has been a model for the world, go downhill. We need to be strong in support of ensuring access to everyone who's eligible," he said.

## **POLLEN** | *Most patients treated successfully*

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81 patients were seen by the allergy specialist at the center last year and 30 patients took allergy shots.

Harris said 2,187 visits, which make about 9 percent of all visits last year, were allergy-related visits, since many diagnoses overlap and can be related to allergies.

Maricel Manibo, a physician at the Student Health Center, said allergy symptoms are often similar to cold symptoms. "The typical symptoms are sneezing, a runny nose, itchy

eyes, head congestion and sometimes fatigue," Manibo said.

Manibo, who specializes in family practice, said although most family practice and internal medicine physicians can treat allergies, the health center must refer to allergists when the symptoms are not responding to medication or when the patients have unusual symptoms.

Manibo said allergies happen when a body gets sensitized to the allergen. The immune system does not like these foreign substances, and it overreacts. This causes the body to release a chemical called histamine, which initiates the allergic symptoms.

"It's kind of a protective mechanism," Manibo said.

Manibo said those who recognize typical allergy symptoms can buy over-the-counter medications for allergies, and these medications are relatively safe. She also said many treatments and medications for allergies are available at the Student Health Center.

Antihistamine pills limit the chemical from being released by the body, thereby minimizing allergic symptoms, and steroid nasal sprays treat congestion and a runny nose.

"The medications do not cure it, just control the symptoms," Manibo said.

Harris said most patients are treated successfully with oral antihistamine or decongestant medications, which dry the mucus, relieve congestion and provide good relief for patients. Some require steroid inhalers or oral steroids, which are potent anti-inflammatory medications that stop the immune reaction to pollen.

Manibo said in general the number of people afflicted with allergies may be increasing. She said a theory is that people in developed countries are more likely to react to allergies because they are less exposed to unsanitary conditions.

A few people have already visited the health center for allergies this semester, and the end of this semester will be the peak for allergy-related visits, Manibo said.

## SF sues state over gay marriages

### Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — After sanctioning more than 2,800 gay marriages in the past week, the city sued the state of California on Thursday, challenging its ban on same-sex marriages on constitutional grounds.

Two judges already are considering challenges from conservative groups seeking to halt the marriage spree that began last Thursday. The city's lawsuit, filed late Thursday afternoon, asks that

now in the courts.

"I think what we have done is affirm marriage here in San Francisco," Newsom said. "We affirmed it because we are celebrating people coming together in their unions. I feel affirmed as a married man by what's happened here in San Francisco."

A lawyer for a group trying to halt the gay marriages described the city's move as a delaying tactic.

"This is as much a maneuver to keep this in court and keep the issue alive as it is anything else," said Benjamin Bull,

unconstitutional three sections of the California Family Code that define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

City officials want the judge to determine if barring same-sex couples from marrying violates the equal protection and due process clauses of the state constitution.

On Tuesday, Warren gave the city the choice of ending the same-sex wedding march or returning to court in late March to show why the process has not been halted. The city said it would continue issuing such licenses until forced to stop. Judge Ronald Quidachay is considering a lawsuit filed by another conservative group, the Campaign for California Families. He said Tuesday he was not prepared to issue a ruling, and scheduled another hearing for Friday.

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ing the first half of the 20th century, developed a prototype of a gas mask for the firefighters working in Cleveland, Ohio.

"He wasn't trying to invent a device for personal accumulation," Millner said.

Although Morgan couldn't patent his invention because of racial prejudice, firefighters nowadays wear a device similar to Morgan's invention, according to about.com.

Morgan is also known for perfecting what is today the modern traffic light, Millner said.

Lewis Latimer might be another name that rings a bell for the public at large.

As part of the group of scientists led by inventor Thomas Edison, he perfected the electric light filament, a part "nearly as important as other components of the light bulb," Millner said.

Millner said Latimer was greatly appreciated in Canada where he helped to install the electric streetlight system of the city of Toronto.

"Sadly, he was under appreciated in the United States because of the prevailing racism in the early 1900s," Millner said.

Wilson said people should also honor Sarah Breedlove McWilliams Walker, aka Madame Walker. According to about.com, Madame Walker, together with Marjore Joyner, marketed revolutionizing hair products. As a matter of fact, Joyner, one of Walker's many employees, came up with a device that permed women's hair for a long period of time.

Wilson said Walker will be remembered through generations not only because of her innovative hairstyle products and practices but for her entrepreneurial habits. Walker was a businesswoman who at a certain point employed over 3,000 people, according to about.com.

"She redefined women's world in business. She emerged in a time when women still defined themselves as predominantly wives," Wilson said.

Ebonnie Hopkins, a black social

work senior, said she knew about Madame Walker from various classes as "the first woman to have a hair salon for African Americans."

"A lot of African Americans don't know much about history," she said. "And it is not right to get (this kind of information) only in college."

Hopkins might know Madame Walker as the cosmetics black queen, but more people might be familiar with "the real McCoy" phrase.

The saying might come from Elijah McCoy's inventions - some new kinds of industrial lubricators and a

## "It should inspire everyone to believe that despite the obstacles that they face, they can overcome personal circumstances. If you got that drive and ambition, you can improve the human condition."

## - Steven Millner, Professor, African American studies

new system of lubricating, according to about.com. Rumors have it that workers used to refer to "the real McCoy" to tell his products from other lubricators.

Wilson said she personally met Frank Crossley, an African American inventor and now a retired engineer living in Massachusetts who lived in Palo Alto and worked for the Lockheed Palo Alto Research Laboratories for 21 vears

He graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a doctorate degree and received patents for eight inventions, he said during a phone interview from his home. He said he was the first African American to get

a doctorate degree in metallurgical engineering.

His most important invention is a new class of titanium alloys intended for use in aircraft engines, Crossley said.

"It was patented in 1970," Crossley said, but added "the alloys have never been used."

He said he believes his material was never used because of a "first-use phobia," which translates into fear of unexpected side effects in new products.

Crossley said during his work life he met only two black peers.

Crossley said he encountered some racial biases throughout his career, and the most notable one was when he had to be hired by the Illinois Institute of Technology research lab.

"I discovered later that at the executive level my application was turned down because of concerns because the industry was not ready by that time for an African American salesman and research development person," he said.

Crossley added he was later hired when complaints were addressed to the president of the university.

Students can get a very good insight into African American contributions to science and culture from the time they arrived as slaves up to the 21st century in introductory African American studies classes, Wilson said.

Ann Marie Inbrunone, a Caucasian senior majoring in industrial systems engineering, said she took an African American class two semesters ago and she identified George Washington Carver as "a black man who invented a lot of things.

Inbrunone said she had taken the African American studies class because it seemed the most interesting extra curricular choice.

Thomas Moynahan, a Caucasian undeclared sophomore, said he was familiar with George Washington Carver's name and his contributions from basic U.S. history high school classes. He said he also heard about Charles Drew, who discovered that blood cells could be preserved by separating them from plasma, from the TV series "M\*A\*S\*H."

those cases be consolidated into one.

"The city and county of San Francisco is going on the offensive today to protect the mayor's action" allowing gay marriage, City Attorney Dennis Herrera said.

Mayor Gavin Newsom said he doesn't regret giving out marriage licenses before the city filed a legal challenge to the state's marriage laws, but added that he's glad the question is

an attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said San Francisco's same-sex marriage licenses "fail to meet legal standards."

"The attorney general has assured me that he will vigorously defend the constitutionality of the law" barring gay marriage, Schwarzenegger said.

The city is asking Superior Court Judge James Warren to declare

Like the city, conservatives want the two cases consolidated into one, but they want Quidachay to hear it instead

## FBI logo to appear on warning labels

## Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The FBI said Thursday it is giving Hollywood film studios, music companies and software makers permission to use its name and logo on their DVDs, CDs and other digital media in hopes the labels will deter consumers from making illegal copies

FBI officials said the idea was conceived jointly by the agency's cyber crime division and representatives of the entertainment and software industries, who claim they've lost billions of dollars due to digital piracy.

"This anti-piracy seal should serve

as a warning to those who contemplate the theft of intellectual property, that the FBI will actively investigate cyber crimes and will bring the perpetrators f these criminal acts to justice," said ana Monroe, assistant director of the FBI's cyber division.

Like the warning messages that have appeared on VHS tapes and DVDs for years, the new labels spell out that unauthorized copying and distribution of digital content is punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

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to display the new FBI warnings. Representatives of the various trade groups for the film, software and music industries said Thursday their members were studying whether to affix the warnings on packaging or directly on the CDs and DVDs, so it's unknown how soon they may begin to appear in the marketplace.



**LEMPERT** | Opposed to education fee increases continued from page 1

Californians oppose Bush,

propositions, poll says

Associated Press

voters appear doubtful over all four

measures on the March 2 ballot, in-

cluding Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's

\$15 billion bond and another \$12.3

billion for schools, according to a new

The Public Policy Institute of

California found that Democrats have

joined the bandwagon of Massachusetts

Sen. John Kerry, taking him from

fourth to first among contenders in

the Democratic presidential primary.

Also, California seems to have moved

solidly in the Democratic category for

the November presidential election, as

a majority of voters favor an unnamed

interviews conducted between Feb.

8-16, also found a majority, 56 percent,

of likely voters do not approve of the

way Bush is handling the situation in

Iraq, while 67 percent say the federal

government is run by a few big interests

billion bond measure, has support of

38 percent of the voters, up just three

percentage points since the group's

January poll. Forty-one percent say they

would vote no on the bonds, while 21

Proposition 55, which would pro-

vide \$12.3 billion in bond money for

improving school facilities, is favored by

49 percent of the voters, down slightly

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# NEWS

## SOLAR PROJECT |

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"It would be more useful to fix them up than tearing them down," Silva said. Monique Hart, a freshman major-

ing in liberal studies, said they're an eyesore

Tearing them down would "be Only Proposition 58, a constitutional amendment that would restrict future fine if they are borrowing by the state, has majority support: 52 percent are in favor - but not in use," Hart said. this measure could not become law un-It would also less voters also approve Proposition 57, be fine if they as they are companion initiatives. kept them up "There's a lot for voters to sort out on the roofs, she in this election and clearly many are said skeptical," said Mark Baldassare, poll director for the Public Policy Institute. to "Nothing is really resonating with them and it saves us yet. There's confusion about what is the

best thing to do." Schwarzenegger needs voters to approve the bond so that he can pay off short-term loans that come due in June and help close next year's budget gap. Without the bond money, the governor has said that deep cuts would have to be imposed.

state budget to be adopted with just 55

percent of lawmaker support, Proposi-

tion 56, is favored by just 41 percent of

voters — unchanged in the last month

despite a statewide TV ad campaign.

He and several Democratic leaders - including Controller Steve Westly and Sen. Dianne Feinstein - have been campaigning in support of the bonds. The governor is also spending about \$1.5 million a week on TV ads that are playing statewide.

But Baldassare said voters, so far, are not impressed. When the ads began on Feb. 10, the poll found 37 percent in favor, 45 percent opposed with 18 percent undecided. Not much has changed since then, except that the number of undecided voters has increased to 24 percent and voters saying they are opposed has dropped to 38 percent.

"If they decide repair them money, then that would be good, too," Hart said. Laura Alaniz,

"That'll be a Alaniz said. "We need hot water, and solar energy

would be better (than natural gas)." According to an article from the Spartan Daily in 1976, the solar hotwater heater was designed and built by

students, faculty and administrators. The solar panels were slated to be used as an alternative for a shortage in natural gas supplies, the article stated.

According to the article, the idea for

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the heaters was conceived and funded by a private company called Auxiliary Enterprises.

The project was considered by William Schooler, the director of Auxiliary Enterprises, to be the first instance where "the business people got an idea and went to

the academic people for help," the article stated. Even though the

solar panels worked in the beginning, the project could produce sufnot ficient energy, Tran said. Fixing it wasn't

cost-effective, she said.

According to another 1980 article from the Daily, Spartan the university had planned to convert the Student Union and the Dining Commons to solar energy but found through the "solar dorms project" that it would cost too much maintain.

They also planned to build the Clark Library as a "new solar library,' the article stated, but the plan was too costly to build.

Tran said the solar panels "are not in use" and cost too much to maintain.

It was a good idea back in the 1970s, she said, but there were too many problems.



#### Daniel Miranda / Daily Staff

Students exit Hoover Hall on Thursday. Atop Hoover Hall are old solar panels that were part of a student project. The panels are no longer in use and are scheduled to be removed because they are too costly to maintain.

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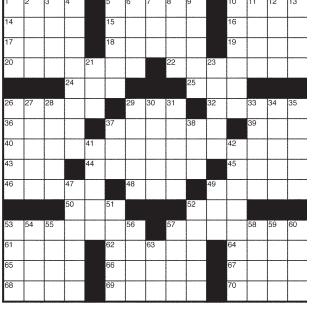
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## Spartan women drop close contest to UTEP, 51-44

## By Elizabeth Nguyen Daily Staff Writer

The Spartans women's basketball team was just a couple of field goals shy of turning around a close contest against the University of Texas - El Paso Thursday night at the Event Center. However, the Spartans couldn't get a shooter's roll when they needed it most.

San Jose State University lost 51-44 to UTEP, despite a hot start that saw the Spartans jump out to an early 10-0 lead.

In the first minute of the game, center Nica Gemo put the Spartans up 2-0 with a hook shot. Five minutes into the game, the Spartans had held UTEP scoreless and had a 10-point advantage.

Forward Tatiana Taylor said the Spartans started the game off with a lot of energy.

"I was just pumped to play," Taylor said. "Last time we were at their house, we didn't have a lot of energy."

With six minutes left in the first half, UTEP managed to catch up and tie the Spartans 16-16.

The Miners took their first lead at 18-16 on a pair of free throws by guard Noni Wharemate.

Spartan guard Lindsay Harris said the Spartans got too comfortable with their ten-point lead.

"We let them in," Harris said. "We relaxed."

SJSU head coach Janice Richard said UTEP's defense strategy threw off the Spartans' game.

"They changed their defense (after the first five minutes)," Richard said. "They started off playing man-to-man and they changed to zone the rest of the night."

The team still needs to work better at attacking the zone at practice, Taylor said.

The Spartans have struggled solving zone defenses without two of their top perimeter players, Richard said.

"I'm playing without two of my best shooters," Richard said, referring to guards Chenne Tuimoloau and Jessica Kellogg.

Tuimoloau is out for the season for

academic reasons. Kellogg's season is over because of a staph infection in one leg.

"It's hard without (Tuimoloau and Kellogg)," Harris said. "I wish I had them out there to play with us. It was tough.'

The Spartans have been trying to adjust to playing without Tuimoloau and Kellogg, Richard said.

"We have Cricket (Williams) play outside and Tatiana (Taylor) on the inside," she said, but UTEP played a 2-3 zone defense to try shut down both players.

With four minutes left to play in the half, the Spartans regained the lead, 21-20, on a two-pointer by forward Lamisha Augustine. However, UTEP ended the first half with an 8-2 run to take a 28-23 lead.

Early in the second half, the Spartans began to lose ground as UTEP took a 32-25 lead on back-to-back free throws.

With about 10 minutes left in the game, UTEP took its biggest lead of the night at 40-32 on a basket by center Marta Dydek.

The Spartans ran off seven straight points, all scored by center Teoma Taylor, to bring them within one point of tying at 40-39.

"I was just trying to pick up the game," Teoma Taylor said. "I'm just trying to do whatever I can."

Wharemate answered back immediately with her third three-pointer of the night to extend the lead back to 43-39.

From then on, UTEP went to the free-throw line often, scoring their final eight points on free throws.

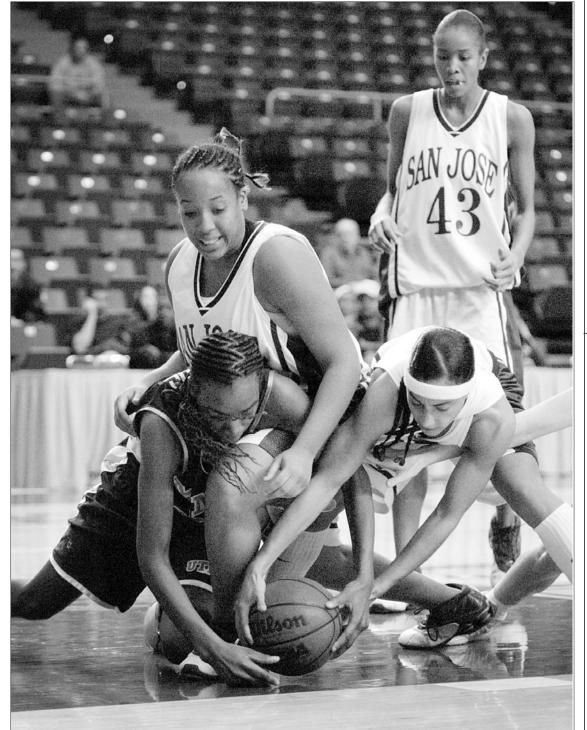
"We're still missing a lot of shots," Richard said. "We didn't execute. We didn't get anything out of our offense."

Teoma Taylor said the Spartans must come together as a team.

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with 12 points. Harris added 11 points, hitting three of her eight

rebounds and six assists.



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University of Texas - El Paso forward Charnette Phelps (left) scrambles for the ball with San Jose State University guards Lindsay Harris (center) and Erica McGlaston (right). In the background, Spartan forward Lamisha Augustine watches on. UTEP defeated SJSU 51-44 at the Event Center on Thursday night.

## SJSU men fall to UTEP

#### Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — Jason Williams scored 16 points Thursday night to lead the University of Texas - El Paso to a 65-52 victory over San Jose State and into first place in the Western Athletic Conference.

UTEP (19-5, 10-4) moved a half game ahead of the University of Hawai'i (9-4).

UTEP's pressing defense proved the difference in the game as the Miners forced 16 San Jose State turnovers. The Spartans (6-17, 1-12) were held to 44 percent shooting from the field.

The Miners trailed 24-22 at the half but used a 15-3 run to start the second half. UTEP led 37-27 with 13:11 left and never trailed again. UTEP shot 61 percent in the second half.

Roy Smallwood and Omar Thomas had 11 points each for UTEP. John Tofi added 10 points and nine rebounds.

San Jose State was led by Marquin Chandler with 23 points, including all five of his 3-point-ers. Brett Lilly added 11 points and five assists.

## Garnett leads Wolves in rout of Sacramento

#### Associated Press

the first round of the playoffs — and beyond.

Kevin Garnett had 22 points and 24 rebounds for the Timberwolves in a 92-75 victory over the Kings on Thursday night in a matchup of the West's top teams.

Sam Cassell added 18 points for Minnesota (39-15), which used a whopping 60-34 rebound advantage to beat Sacramento (38-14) in a surprisingly Eastern Conference-style game.

"We're trying to get that No. 1 seed," Cassell said. "We've got to continue to do what we can to get that seed."

Peja Stojakovic had 15 points for the Kings, who were held to a season low in points.

They were held under 90 points for just the third time this season.

Wally Szczerbiak, out since training camp with a sore left foot caused by a plantar fascia strain, scored six points in 16 minutes in his season debut.

He entered the game early in the second quarter, smiling at a rousing standing ovation from the crowd of 18,667.

Garnett stood up in front of the bench and clapped enthusiastically.

## Spartans earn wild win in bottom of the ninth

## By Mark Cornejo Daily Senior Staff Writer

The San Jose State University baseball team scored four unanswered runs in the final three innings to defeat Brigham Young University 4-3 Thursday night at Municipal Stadium.

Cougar relief pitcher Nick Lemon's wild pitch allowed replacement second

doesn't have to be so fine with his pitches." BYU's Patrick Wells pitched seven

SJSU right fielder Travis Becktel jump-started the Spartans offense and one-third innings, allowing eight in the bottom of the seventh, with hits and struck out three Spartans. his third triple of the season, scoring Cougar right fielder Ben Saylor shortstop Anthony Contreras all the crushed a home run over the center way from first. field wall in the third inning to give

Knell.

Becktel then scored on designated hitter Danny Anderson's single to left. Three batters later, third baseman Ruben Martinez singled through the hole



"On the court, we got to stick Tatiana Taylor led the Spartans

three-point attempts. UTEP held Williams in check, limiting her to just three points for the game. Williams did have nine

baseman David Pierson to score the winning run in the ninth inning, after Pierson knocked the ball out of Lemon's glove, diving over him to reach home plate safely.

Pierson was walked by Lemon to lead off the bottom of the ninth.

Pierson stole second base two pitches later, and as Lemon's pitch got by catcher Casey Cloward, Pierson looked like he was trying to go to third. He hesitated, and then went back to second.

Cloward threw the ball to second, but the throw went over the second baseman's head, advancing Pierson to third, which set up the final play.

"It was a very good ball game," said Spartan head coach Sam Piraro, whose Spartans are now 4-3-1. "It was good for us to show what we can do when we're behind and do what it takes to win."

In the top of the ninth Piraro made several defensive changes to the Spartans, including moving second baseman Kevin Frandsen to left field.

"Once we tied the ball game, I wanted to strengthen our outfield defensively," Piraro said.

With Frandsen in left, Piraro put in Pierson at second base as well as taking starting left fielder Darrell Sales' position in the lineup.

"Pierson is a very strong second baseman defensively." Piraro said. "It also allowed him to lead off the next inning, which paid off for us."

Both starting pitchers dominated the first six inning of the game.

Starting pitcher Matt Durkin threw a complete game win for SJSU, striking out 11 while only walking two.

"It was a good outing for him," Piraro said. "He was much sharper today than in his first two starts."

Durkin said Thursday's game was the kind of performance he is used to having.

"I felt better," said Durkin, who advanced to a 2-1 record this season. "It feels great to get back to pitching like I usually do.

Piraro said BYU's tendency to swing at a lot of pitches played right into Durkin's hands.

"The way BYU plays fits Matt's style," Piraro said.

"They swing the bats, so (Durkin)

ffense going again in the seventh when third baseman Rob Itri smashed a double over Sales' head to score shortstop Brandon Taylor.

The Cougars were able to get their

the Cougars the early 1-0 lead.

BYU extended its lead to 3-0 when Itri scored on a shallow pop-up to right field by Cougar left fielder Kory between the first and second basemen to score Anderson from second to tie the game 3-3.

The series continues at Municipal Stadium Friday at 6 p.m. and on Saturday at 1 p.m.



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Spartan shortstop Kevin Frandsen (3) and infielder Ruben Martinez (8) congratulate infielder David Pierson (1) after he scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning against the BYU Cougars at Municipal Stadium Thursday. Pierson scored on a wild pitch by Cougar Nick Lemon to end the game 4-3.

