## A.S. Election Results

**President**Alberto Gutierrez, Stand Up

Vice President Sarah Stillman, Spartan Party

Alex Ramos, Stand Up

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**Programming Affairs** Emily Molino, Stand Up

**Student Fee Affairs** 

Student Resources Affairs Joseph Estrada, Stand Up

Student Rights, Responsibilities Joel Bridgeman, Stand Up

**Total number of voters:** 1,647

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# Stand Up dominates elections

# **Gutierrez** wins by 427

By Sarah Holcomb Daily Staff Writer

The Stand Up Party won all contested positions of the Associated Students elections and will hold 14 out of 16 positions on the board of

Alberto Gutierrez was elected A.S. president. He received 967 votes, 427 more than Spartan Party candidate

Andrew Weiglein ran independently and received 109 votes.

Despite efforts of the election board and candidates running, voter turnout was lower this year than last.

Election board adviser Greg Wolcott said 1,647 students voted this year, which is 284 less students than last year, according to the numbers released from the election board.

'I'm overwhelmed with excitement," Gutierrez said. "It's time for a change. The students wanted a

Weiglein said he was pleased with the results.

"I'm actually happy about it," Weiglein said. "I decided a long time ago that if Alberto wins, I'll be happy because he's a good candidate and he'll do a good job."

Nguyen could not be reached for comment.

Spartan Party members Sarah Stillman, who ran for vice president, and Marcus Recchioni, who ran for director of legislative affairs, won their uncontested positions.

Stand Up Party candidate Alex Ramos was elected A.S. controller and won by 530 votes.

Gutierrez said the Stand Up Party candidates had a lot of outside sup-



Alberto Gutierrez, A.S. president-elect, celebrates his victory with Adriana Garcia and members of the Stand Up Party. The Stand Up Party won all the contested positions.

'We definitely had the support from the students, but that's only the first step," Gutierrez said. "We were trying to mobilize our support and that was our strength."

Huy Tran, a Stand Up Party supporter, said the low turnout didn't take away from the vic-

"The turnout reflects the turnout of the last four years, so I'm not disappointed." Tran

After the candidates celebrated, Tran gave an impromptu speech.

"The students' voices have been stifled, but no more," Tran said. "Now our campus has

After his speech, Tran, who ran for A.S. president last year, described the victory as

Gutierrez said he is ambitious to take office

in the Fall semester. There are so many things that I'd like to clean up about A.S.," Gutierrez said. "I definitely want to make it more student oriented. We want to make ourselves more visible to students and listen to students' concerns.

Gutierrez said he also wants A.S to take a stand on budget cuts and oppose any unneces-

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# Students work, study during break

By Mayra Flores Daily Staff Writer

Palm trees speckled over white sandy beaches, ultramarine oceans and a cool margarita are all part of the spring break experience, just not at San Jose State University.

This year, many students are staying home for the break. Financial issues, ill planning and work are some of the causes behind the lack of travel.

"I was planning to put together a trip to Reno or Vegas or go snow-boarding," said Calvin Wong, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, "but some of my friends go to San Francisco State University and

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# Professor designs mural collage in Art building

Editor's Note: Every Thursday in March, the Spartan Daily will profile a faculty member.

> By Rachel Hill Daily Staff Writer

Art Professor Leroy Parker's influence on the San Jose State University campus goes far beyond his

After 36 years with the university, Parker has left a lasting impression on his department and the campus as a whole. Even if students have not taken

a class taught by Parker, they have still come into contact with Parker's artistic creations in one way or another on campus. Throughout the years, Parker has used his talents and creativity to dress up the university.

After 9/11, Parker created a large 45-foot mural that covered the length of the Art building's hallway. Parker said he used his best handmade paper and rose paintings to construct the collage that made up the mural. Students were able to write their reactions on the collage, allowing students to voice their thoughts, feelings and opinions on the

see PARKER, page 4

# KSJS graduates children from crash course in radio

By Ashley Johnson Daily Staff Writer

Students from Castro Middle School came together Wednesday one last time to celebrate the end to a four-week apprentice program and add the finishing touches to their public service announcements.

The student-run radio station at San Jose State University, KSJS 90.5, has teamed up with Citizen Schools to offer students at Castro Middle School a crash course in what it means to be part of a radio station.

Citizen Schools is a national organization designed to prepare students for leadership roles and offers 12-week programs where people from the community teach kids different vocations, said Ramon Johnson, public affairs director for KSJS

Students participating in the four-week

program at KSJS, which began Feb. 23, come to SJSU every Wednesday from 4

The idea for the program began to take shape after Veronica Salenda, program director for Citizen Schools, approached Johnson with the idea.

'I thought it would be great at this institution of higher learning to have some sort of buddy or mentoring program, Johnson said.

Salenda came to Johnson on Feb. 21 to discuss a potential monthlong program.

"I wrote it out, sent it to her and, over the course of a week and a half, we put that together and she sent me a list of the names," Johnson said.

Before the six children could come to SJSU to participate, concerns regarding

see KSJS, page 4



Shaminder Dulai / Daily Staff

Ghazaleh Fakhrabadi, left, and Isabella Gigliello, both sixth-graders at Castro Middle School, record a public service announcement promoting Citizen Schools, an extracurricular program that has partnered with Castro Middle School to give students the opportunity to apprentice in areas that interest them. Wednesday was the last day for Fakhrabadi and Gigliello's apprenticeship at KSJS 90.5.

# OPINION

WASTED DAYS AND WASTED NIGHTS

# Meat eaters unite to keep veggies out of sight

**ELIZABETH NGUYEN** 

The scent of a smoky mesquite radiates from a glowing grill on a slow Sunday afternoon as a small crowd gathers to salivate over the lingering wafts of corn on the cob.

'What? No meat?" I began to protest, "This

"Well, Paul McCartney said, 'If slaughterhouses had glass walls, everyone would be a vegetarian.' And I'd like to think that he's right," said a die-hard vegetarian

Eww. Well, thank you fake Upton Sinclair, I appreciate the hype. But like Axl Rose said, "You know where you are / You're in the jungle baby / You're gonna die ..." It's just inescapable.

Like my friend online editor Mark Cornejo said, "You can't enjoy a meal unless you know it cried for its life.

Let me enjoy the tantalizing texture of a huge tender slab of meat as it melts in my mouth - I let you eat ketchup and canned peaches in peace without ever explaining the hidden dangers of the food industry.

Some vegetarians claim they've saved 95 animal lives a year and they've done their part to save the environment. But the same arguments can be used for both sides.

Vegetarians may even be responsible in doing more to harm the rest of the world then once presumed.

At five to nine recommended servings of fruits and vegetables a day, each person would have eaten be-

tween 1,825 to 3,285 servings within a year - easily decimating entire ecosystems by supporting monoculture or single-crop fields.

These clusters of similar plants packed into a small area create a situation perfect for the spreading of disease and insect infestations.

Agribusinesses exploit vast stretches of land

forests, wetlands, other natural ecosystems and wildlife habitats have been decimated and turned into crops and grazing land.

These industrialized farms destroy natural ecosystems that usually have alternative sources of food available, whereas when the rice or corn crop fails in a monoculture field, we're not necessarily left with wheat and potatoes.

So why go vegetarian when you can just eat meat?

The problem is it's not part of our biology to be carnivores. We don't have the claws and fangs needed - much less the hunting

And it's not in our nature to be herbivores either it explains the lack of cud and second stomach.

We are omnivores, not vegetarians. Stop fighting the fact.

Regardless of how many times people have said that Jane Goodall has observed that 80 percent of apes

are vegan, extreme diets as such are rare in nature.

Even our closest primate cousins, the chimpanzee, at meat. Fruits, leaves, palm nuts, seeds, and stems flavored with ants, birds eggs, fish and termites make up their daily menu. Sometimes they even dabble on the occasional wild pig or baboon.

Although ill equipped without its razor-sharp eagle talons and flesh-tearing beak, even the

chicken sometimes gets its worm.

And where evolution made us omnivores, revolution allowed us to be carni-

Americans have the luxury to choose what they can eat, as opposed to other countries — and Alaska. Be grateful that there are meat and vegetables on your plate every day.

And for those who say tofu is a great substitute for meat, Asians invented it not even all of them like it.

As with the genetically engineered and hormone-injected milk and meats, hidden dangers can be said of all products — even of soybean milk.

Even the all mighty soybean can carry human carcinogens called 3-MCPD, created during the manufacture of soy sauce. It's also present in products such as soy sausages and other imitation foods.

The amounts of petro-chemical solvents used to isolate soy proteins and the amounts of methanol,

**GUEST COLUMN** 

ethanol and formaldehyde used to preserve soybean milk can turn any health-conscious student back to the ormone-injected cow's milk.

That's OK though. Soybean milk made by manufacturers such as Silk and Vitasoy are actually processed by the dairy manufacturer and dairy equipment anyway. It all goes into the same happy pocket.

Those who argue that vegetarianism is great because it's an increasing trend, I have one word to counter - Atkins.

Apparently meat has been an increasing trend too. Instead of worrying your little heads about animal cruelty toward farm animals, worry about animal cruelty in everyday life.

Keeping a dog from its meat and making this carnivore eat dry dog food pellets made of rice and beef

flavoring can constitute as animal cruelty. Keeping a person, an omnivore, from eating meat?

Yes, that's right, animal cruelty. Destroying countless of natural ecosystems and displacing indigenous tribes, fauna and flora? That's vegetable cruelty.

So don't eat vegetables - it destroys the environment resulting in the suffering of the human population. Eat meat - it only destroys lives.

Elizabeth Nguyen is the Spartan Daily A&E editor. Wasted Days and Wasted Nights" appears every

# 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

#### School of Art and Design

An art exhibition featuring student galleries will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building.

#### Counseling Services

An eating disorders group meeting will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. An AAAPI group meeting will take place from noon to 1:20 p.m. Both events will be in Counseling Services of the Student Services Center.

#### Career Center

An interview discussion group targeted for students with a disability will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Mock interview sessions will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Both events will take place in Building F.

## SJSU Faculty Christian Fellowship

"Why Believe?" will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in room 247 of the Engineering building. This is part three of the PBS series, "The Question of God," which compares the worldviews of Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis.

## College of Engineering

'Shattering the Past: A New Era in Technology will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in room 189 of the Engineering building. The talk is part of the Silicon Valley Leaders Symposium and will feature Jeanette Horan, vice president and general manager of the Silicon Valley Laboratory.

## **Catholic Campus Ministry**

Daily Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass will take place at 5:30 p.m. "Faith Formation" will take place at 6 p.m. Scripture reflection will take place at 7 p.m. The Alpha Omega Student Fellowship will meet at 8 p.m. in the lounge. All events will take place in the Catholic Campus Ministry chapel.

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"The Listening Hour" concert series will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music

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building Concert Hall. The concert will feature a faculty vocal recital.

#### Chinese Mandarin Bible Fellowship

A meeting will take place from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union.

#### **Hip Hop Congress**

A meeting will take place from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union.

#### San Jose State Handball Club

Handball games will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at handball court 1 of the Event Center

Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists A meeting will take place at 6 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union.

## **Entrepreneurial Society**

"Alternative Sources of Financing for Start-Ups" will take place from 6:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. in room four of the Boccardo Business Complex. It will feature speakers C.J. Cornell, CEO of Chaos Media Networks, and Sanjay Sunbhedar, general partner of Storm Ventures on investment.

## **International Youth Fellowship**

A Bible study and meeting will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Ohlone room of the Student Union.

#### **Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers** A meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the

Guadalupe room of the Student Union.

# Kappa Delta Sorority

"Shamrock Showcase" will take place at 7 p.m. in the Morris Dailey Auditorium. It will be a lip sync and dance competition. All proceeds benefit Child Quest International and Prevent Child Abuse America, Tickets are \$5.

## **Campus Crusade for Christ**

"Nightlife." a time for worship, prayer, fellowship and hearing the word will take place at 8 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial.

# Records not kept under wraps

Textbooks on Amazon — \$120. An iPod on eBay \$220. Beers during spring break — \$300. Feeling secure about you credit card purchases - priceless.

That was the hook line, now here's the sinker. Your personal information isn't priceless at all. In fact, it's a dirt-cheap commodity, bought and sold by corporations in order to better serve you, the custom-Social Security numbers, marital status, shopping habits, number of children - all of these, along with hundreds of billions of files on other Americans, are compiled in enormous databases by companies such as ChoicePoint, LexisNexis, Acxiom and Seisint,

which was acquired by LexisNexis last year. In the name of customer service, these mega-brokers of information wield a surveillance capability of which Orwell's Big Brother in "1984" would be jeal-

And since 9/11, the dream of a Big Brother may be a little closer.

Justifiably, the Patriot Act usually gets the blame for this. Indeed, this legislation is unprecedented in scope. It bypasses due process for suspected terrorists, allows the FBI to obtain Internet and library files through secret warrants and vigorously expands domestic surveillance. In 2002, more than 1,000 noncitizens were detained without charge and thousands of Muslims were put under surveillance.

None of the Patriot Act's muscles could flex, however, without the massive injection of information given to the federal government within weeks of 9/11 by companies such as ChoicePoint or Seisint.

Take Seisint, for example. In the book "No Place to Hide," Hank Asher, former owner of Seisint, told author Robert O'Harrow Jr. how, in the weeks after 9/11, his mega-computer sifted through 20 billion files and created a list of 1,200 people who ranked as the highest terrorist threats in the country. Unbeknownst to Asher, five of the actual hijackers appeared on this

This marked the first date of a long-term relationship in which the private sector would supply the information and technology, while the government would pursue its agenda of protecting the American people. One of the reasons the FBI failed so miserably in detecting the 9/11 attacks stemmed from an antiquated, decentralized computer network, which was three decades old in some bureaus

Because the government is restricted by the Constitution, it could never compile databases of this size and nature without getting hauled into court. Private power on the other hand, lies outside of constitutional scope. In fact, information brokers have consistently lobbied for less regulation of their industries, citing a First Amendment right for the unrestricted exchange and free flow of customer information.

One might ask, "What's wrong with catching the bad guys?" Of course, the answer is "absolutely nothing." But the devil is in the details. The key to managing this information is narrowing the definition of how the information is used. As files move from agency to agency, the line of definition becomes blurred and the door to corruption opens.

The FBI regularly monitors anti-war demonstrations, for example. At what point does the government

cross the line in matching photographs to Department of Motor Vehicles records to credit reports to shopping habits?

Make no mistake; this is not a suggestion that the federal government is compiling lists of Noam Chomsky and Karl Marx fans.

But what if we are experiencing the precursor to a surveillance society based on retina scans and face recognition, used by corporations to sell us products and by the government to supposedly protect us?

Sure it's far-fetched, but so was the fact that COINTELPRO, a branch of the FBI, was monitoring civil rights activists and Vietnam War protestors in the '60s and '70s.

Luckily, the Patriot Act expires late this year and needs majority support in both branches of congress for renewal. Of course, the Bush administration is lobbying for this, so whether congress takes a stand remains to be seen.

Meanwhile, the gathering of information in the private sector continues. And lately, the incompetence of these companies is front-page news. ChoicePoint admitted to releasing some 120,000 files on Americans to fraudulent buyers and LexisNexis just acknowledged a security breach of nearly 32,000 personal files. Throw in the Department of Justice and the FBI and we should be feeling safer already.

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# NEWS

# A.S. - Elections officer reports no voting problems



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Serieeann Sajareo, left, a junior majoring in microbiology engineering, votes next to her friend Jeannette Truong, a sophomore majoring in biochemistry, in an Associated Students tent near the Event Center on Wednesday.

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Gutierrez described the election as a battle

There were a lot of incidents that were outrageous," Gutierrez said. We were keeping the integrity of individuals and the slate by not lash ing out at them for things that were inappropriate.

Gutierrez filed a complaint Tuesday against Greathouse, a Spartan Party member, in regards to a batch e-mail she sent out via the A.S. mailing list.

"I am writing this e-mail in the climax of the Associated Students General Elections to dispel some untruths during campaigning and encourage all to become educated voters." Greathouse wrote in the e-mail

Election board adviser Wolcott said Gutierrez's complaint has were also inappropriate."

been forwarded to Veril Phillips, the interim vice president of student affairs.

Wolcott said the election board looked into the situation, but was

that were outrageous."

Alberto Gutierrez.

A.S. president-elect

unable to do anything because the

A.S. election regulation manual

does not give it the power to take

action against someone who's not

a candidate, including the A.S.

addresses was inappropriate,'

Wolcott said. "The references she

made about the Stand Up Party

"I felt that her use of the e-mail

whether the election board should be given jurisdiction over members of the student government Stephanie Lazarowich, A.S.

chief elections officer. "There were a lot of incidents said the final day of elections went smoother than the first.

Yesterday, people didn't know about the elections or didn't have their IDs. They weren't prepared." Lazarowich "We've had a steady flow today."

Lazarowich that there have been no complications with the electronic voting since voting began Tuesday.

For a complete list of elecresults. go to http:// ww.thespartandaily.com.

Executive editor Ken Lotich contributed to this report.

said Eric Mak, a junior majoring in

business administration. "I'm prob-

# Engineering department sponsors robotics competition for high schoolers

By Angela Forte Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University students can watch local high school teams battle it out robotically at the For Inspiration and Recognition Science and Technology Robotics Competition, starting today through Saturday.

The event, co-sponsored by SJSU's College of Engineering, will be held at the Event Center and will feature more than 36 teams, including San Jose High Academy, Pioneer High School and Los Gatos High School.

The teams are able to enter after they raise about \$6,000 for the entry fee, said John Camp, chairman of FIRST Silicon Valley regional and a research scientist at Lockheed Martin.

According to the FIRST Web site, the multinational nonprofit organization, founded in 1989 by Dean Kamen, aspires to transform culture, making science, math, engineering and technology popular

FIRST was founded on partnerships with businesses, educational institutions and government as well as the work of 14,000 volunteer mentors, professional engineers, teachers and other adult

According to its Web site. the FIRST robotics competition has teams of students and their mentors solve a problem in a sixweek time frame using a standard kit of parts and a common set of rules

After the robots are built, teams enter their robots in a series of competitions designed by Kamen and a committee of engineers and other professionals.

Camp said the teams received standard kits, consisting of motors and electronics from FIRST in January

The teams pour all their energy into building these robots, and at the end of six weeks, the teams literally have to box their robots in wooden crates and ship them away to their regional locations,"

John Hodgson, a field super visor for FIRST and an SJSU student majoring in engineering. said the robotics competition gets students experienced in electrical engineering, computer science, building and designing machines by working with professionals from Lockheed Martin, NASA, Raytheon and Equator Innovation.

"The competition gives students hands-on experience by getting them interested in the field of science technology - hopefully this will flourish for future generations, especially female students." Hodgson said.

Hodgson said the teams are divided between two alliances blue and red.

The alliances compete against and 5 p.m.

each other and those teams on the same alliance work excellent together, Hodgson said.

Camp said the event itself is the "Super Bowl of smarts" and has all the elements of a sporting event, including lots of action and

Camp said that each match consist of two teams, with three robots on each team.

In the beginning of the match, the robots control themselves for the first 15 seconds, Camp said.

"After 15 seconds, the team members control the robots on a playing field where nine pyramids are arranged in three rows of three," Camp said.

The robots, Camp said, pick up the smaller pyramids and place them on top of other pyramids.

Each pyramid is worth either three or 10 points and the team that accumulates the most points by the end of the match wins, Camp said.

Hodgson said those teams who receive top place in regionals attend the nationals held in the Georgia Dome in April.

"However, everyone walks away a winner," Hodgson said.

Admission is free and practice rounds will be held on Thursday from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Opening ceremonies followed by matches will take place Friday and Saturday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending between 4 p.m.

# S.J. Wendy's serves woman a finger

SAN JOSE (AP) - A woman's meal at a Wendy's restaurant brought a whole new meaning to the term "finger food." The woman bit into a portion of a human finger while eating a bowl of chili Tuesday night at the San Jose restaurant, Santa Clara County health officials said Wednesday. The woman, who asked officials not to identify her, immediately spit out the finger and warned other diners to stop eating, witnesses said 'Initially she did put this object

in her mouth and did bite down on it and wasn't sure exactly what it was," Santa Clara County Health Officer Martin Fenstersheib said. "She's doing OK. Initially she was a bit grossed out it was described to me, and vomited a number of

Officials said the fingertip was approximately 1 3-8-inches long.

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Martin, a ju-

nior majoring

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to visit his

They believe it belongs to a woman because of the long, manicured nail. Health investigators believe the finger got into the chili at an earlier stage.

"We have no evidence of any accident within the employees at the facility itself," said Ben Gale of the Santa Clara County Health Department. "We asked everybody to show us they have 10 fingers and everything is OK there.

# **BREAK** - Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, Mexico, Hawaii popular vacation spots for students during spring break

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their break was this week, so that

doesn't help. Poor planning and poor prepa ration don't make things any

easier, he said. Now we only have three days left, so we're probably gonna end

up staying at home," he said. Other reasons students stay at home include trying to catch up on homework and studying for

"There's a lot of work to do and it needs to be done," said Sheryl Pailma, a freshman major-

If the chance had presented itself. Pailma said she'd go to Las

'I haven't been there in a long time. I'm not gonna gamble, but it would still be fun," she said.

Mike Wong, a senior majoring in electrical engineering, echoes

"I would go to Vegas for everything - the drinking, gambling,

haven't decided on a place.

Jerold Aoay, a senior majoring coast, down to southern California," in mechanical engineering, said, "I have a lot of options. A group of my friends are going to Las ably going to stop in Burbank, Charles Brigolin, manager at the this time," he said.

Vegas, another group are going to Tahoe and another is going

to Monterey.' "I'm still thinking about it, but I'll probably do the one that costs the

least," he said Las Vegas is definitely a popular place for the break, but there are other places to consider as

"This year, students are hitting up the amusement parks,' said Lenora Porcella, owner of Computerized Travel on Park Avenue. "Disneyland and Magic Mountain are two popular places. People are staying closer to

This year marks Disneyland's 50th anniversary and the people at Disney have added some good-

Walk-Ins Welcome!

"I would go to Vegas for everything — the drinking, gambling, everything — but my friends are lagging." Mike Wong.

"I'm driving down California's travel agencies are noticing a shift

student

go on the Jay Leno show, go to Disneyland and maybe go across the border for a day.

Students aren't necessarily staying in California though. Some of the exchange rate in Argentina.'

STA Travel office located in Palo Alto. "But students are branching Costa Rica, Belize and Peru. Students are also taking advantage

in preferred spring break locations. "Traditionally, Mexico and Hawaii are popular places," said

> students taking advantage in price. He's using the break

daughter in England.

"My oldest daughter is there, working on her master's degree in English so I'm gonna go over for a

"They are also going to Europe visit," he said.

because spring break falls on the Martin said that he's leaving Thursday because he only has one low season - it's actually cheaper to fly to Europe than to Mexico at

"I already talked to my professor and turned in the paper that's due that day," he said.

'In some ways, I'm kind of kicking myself because it's cold in England right now," he said. "If she wasn't there. I would be going south.

Other students have prior re

"I'm staying home and volunteering to teach swim lessons," said Lauren Stheli, a junior majoring in recreation and leisure studies. "I work at the (YMCA) and we of fer free swim lessons for the whole week of spring break.





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# NEWS

# Kappa Delta hosts eighth annual Shamrock Showcase

By Shannon Barry Daily Staff Writer

During pop princess concerts, lip syncing for audiences has become commonplace for entertainment - but one San Jose State University sorority is not going to charge you outrageous ticket prices to enjoy the fiasco.

Kappa Delta will host its eighth Shamrock Showcase lip sync contest from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. today at Morris Dailey Auditorium. Admission is \$5 at

Miranda Alaniz, a junior majoring in public relations and chair of the Shamrock Showcase, said every Kappa Delta sorority across the nation will produce a shamrock project throughout the month of March.

'This is the only event that gets the whole Greek system together and gives back to the commusaid Cristi Long, a senior majoring in graphic design and a team captain for the showcase.

Along with proceeds by the other shamrock events held by Kappa Delta sororities, 20 percent of the proceeds will benefit Prevent Child Abuse America. The remaining 80 percent will benefit local organization Child

Both of these nonprofit organizations aim at searching for missing children, relocating abused children, and creating educational programs to prevent future situa-

Shamrock Showcase The brings the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council together in a two-part event.

The first is a three-minute lipsynching dance choreographed in a team effort.

"There are 10 teams participating with five members on each team," Alaniz said. "To get extra points they will have their two Kappa Delta captains in their

She added that each house is responsible for selecting its team.

As a team captain, Long said she helped decide what her team was going to perform and practiced with the team members

Before the second part - an impromptu competition raffle will be held during the first intermission of the event. For \$1, Alaniz said, students can buy a raffle ticket with prizes ranging from gym memberships to restaurant gift certificates.

'Almost everyone walks away with something," Long said. Sarah Wright, a senior major-

public relations for Kappa Delta, said each team will be scored by a panel of judges. The judges range from Bobby Strickler, a 104.9 FM disc jockey to alumna Lindsay Brooks from Child Ouest International to Mark Linder, the assistant city manager

of San Jose. Alaniz said prep work for the showcase began in September as a collaborative effort between all 45 sisters in the sorority.

"Each sister raised \$125 in monetary or raffle donations," Wright said. "This could include funds from family and friends or raffle prizes.

Although Wright has been a part of the showcase for three years, she said Alaniz is one of the most organized people she has worked with. As vice president of public relations, it is her goal to oversee the showcase.

"Miranda is a strong leader," she said. "The event is locked in

While Shamrock Showcase has been a lot of work getting the event together, Alaniz said she likes to stay busy and constantly needs something to do.

"The event is open to everyone and goes to a good cause,

# Take a peek ...

Omar Alsheikh, left, a senio ajoring in creative arts, and aitlyn Boyle, a junior also majoring in creative arts, work on a class project for a film class



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# 14 dead, more than 100 injured in explosion at Texas oil refinery

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP)

 A thunderous explosion tore through a BP oil refinery Wednesday, shooting flames and billowing smoke into the sky and showering the area with ash and chunks of charred metal. At least 14 were believed dead and more than 100 were injured.

The cause of the explosion was not immediately known.

Workers searched through rubble for survivors or bodies into Wednesday night, several hours after the 1:20 p.m. blast.

An undetermined number of workers were unaccounted for; most of the injured suffered broken bones, cuts, concussions and other injuries.

Refinery manager Don Parus said BP was waiting on an official death toll confirmation from the medical examiner's office, but added, "it's my deep regret that we believe we have 14 losses of

The blast left a gaping hole in the earth, mangled nearby offices, and was so powerful that witnesssaid it rattled homes as far as five miles away. Cars and trucks in an employee parking lot were coated with soot and debris.

"It was real scary. Have you ever heard the thunder real loud? It was like 10 times that," said plant worker Charles Gregory, who was with several co-workers inside a trailer tank when the floor started rumbling.

The explosion occurred in a part of the plant used to boost the octane level of gasoline. BP spokeswoman Annie Smith said terrorism "is not a primary focus of our investigation.

The plant in Texas City, about 35 miles southeast of Houston, sprawls across 1,200 acres. About 433,000 barrels of crude oil are processed a day, producing 3 percent of the U.S. supply. The plant employs about 1,800 people in Texas City, a city of about 40,000

Gasoline prices could rise slightly because of the explosion because the plant is such a large gas producer. Gasoline futures rose nearly 2 cents in late trading

on news of the explosion. It was not immediately clear how production at the plant would be affected by Wednesday's ex-

# **KSJS** - Program hopes to increase interest in college

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liability and risk management had to be considered, said Nick Martinez, general manager for

"Anytime that you have people who are under age and need to be chaperoned on a college campus, there's always concerns," Martinez said.

To ameliorate these concerns, students were chaperoned by Monique Salas, a teaching associate at Citizen Schools. Prior to the program, students had to fax permission slips to Martinez.

"(My public service an-nouncement) is about Citizen Schools and why you should join and we need some volunteers to teach us things like apprenticeships," said Ghazaleh Fakhrabadi, a sixth-grader from Castro Middle School.

The students received a tour during the first week of the program and became honorary members of KSJS.

"I took them in and we did the tour, we gave them T-shirts and made them honorary members of KSJS and then did a basic rundown over radio in general," Johnson said.

The students were introduced to public service announcements in the second week and were asked to prepare a public service announcement for production including choosing music for the music bed.

playing in the background when someone is speaking and can help convey an emotion for the public service announcement, "The standard rule of thumb

in radio is that you don't use

lyrics in a music bed, but that rule is broken all the time because sometimes some of the messages

Johnson said The students began to produce their public service announcements in their third week at KSJS

an actually reinforce your text,

last session in the fourth week "I liked being able to have the chance to go on the air and sending out a message," said Johnny Hartman, a seventh-grader from

and completed them during their

Castro Middle School. Additionally, students learn the terminology and techniques associ-

ated with production. We just learned that it takes a longer time to put the music in when you're recording because they have to fix everything to where it's just music behind it instead of the words," said Kelli Stone, a sixth-grader from Castro Middle School, in reference to the production of her public service announcement.

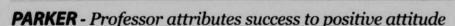
There are four important objectives for students' success at Citizen Schools strengthen academic skills, develop personal leadership skills, facilitate access to resources and build community connections, Salenda said.

Our goal is to prepare students for leadership roles in the 21st century," she said.

The program was also designed to spur excitement in the children

The program was an opportunity to get these kids on college in an afschool program," Martinez said. When I was going through grade school and high school, everything was pushed toward college, so I like to do programs and support programs that support that."

Although the program was just four weeks, there are hopes to either continue the program or build on it so that students can possibly do their own shows. Martinez said.



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incident.

"I invited people to write their comments and feelings," Parker said. "Students and people from outside the department wrote all

Parker created a papermaking course, which he currently teaches, 25 years ago. Students are able to make paper through a process involving cooking plants.

"The course is mostly based upon cooking plants like irises, gladiolas," Parker said. "It's a long process, but we can make paper like they do in the Far East. Students get really excited

Former student Gertrude Turner enjoyed the papermaking course so much that she gave \$500,000 endowment to the School of Art and Design Art department and donated a few

thousand dollars directly to the papermaking class. Parker said his former student attributed her large donation to the good experience she had while taking his papermaking class.

Parker said he receives a lot of positive feedback from students

Bill Emeritt, a senior majoring in animation, has taken classes with Parker since 2001, including papermaking and watercolor

"He works from his soul," Emeritt said. "He tries to bring down students' inhibitions and make it a more comfortable environment to express themselves.

Parker is also responsible for making over the manhole covers. While walking to work 10 years ago, Parker said he came up with the idea to beautify the street cov-

"When I saw the manhole cov-

ers on the street, I thought how exciting it would be to paint them on our campus," Parker said.

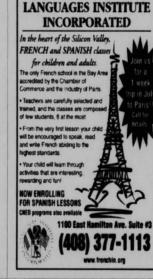
Parker's creative idea was met with opposition from his employer and colleagues when he was told that the Art department would be charged for the damages he had caused by painting the street covers.

They tried to shut me down and charge the Art department for extra money," Parker said "A campus committee was called and I met with them to show them my photos and documents. They unanimously approved what I was

Parker said he has learned to laugh at things. The art professor attributes his success and longev-

ity at SJSU to his optimism. "Overcoming through a positive attitude to me. that's what creative art is about.' Parker said. "Art uplifts the mind and the imagination.







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# **SPORTS**

# Spartan baseball squad showered with accolades

By Amber Sheldon Daily Senior Staff Writer

In this week's ESPN coaches' poll, the San Jose State University baseball team received two votes, essentially placing the Spartans at No. 45 in the nation rank below Western Athletic Conference rival Nebraska University.

It is the Spartans' first national nod in three years, provoked by the team's series

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sweep of nationally ranked Rice University last weekend at Municipal Stadium.

SJSU head coach Sam Piraro said the team was outstanding against the Owls.

"Their pitching is very good," Piraro said. "We had to battle our butts off to manufacture runs any way we could."

Having won six straight WAC games dating back to last season, SJSU currently sits atop the WAC with a 3-0 record, with Louisiana Tech University perched at No. 2 after taking 2-of-3 against the University of Hawai'i last weekend.

SJSU southpaw pitcher Brad Kilby leads the WAC individual pitching stats with a 1.41 ERA. Kilby also holds conference bests in allowing just eight runs and five earned runs in 32 innings of work

This week, Kilby and fellow left-handed pitcher and starter Branden Dewing were two of 42 players named to the

College Baseball Foundation's Division-I "National Honor Roll" following their complete-game performances against the

Both Spartan pitchers allowed only one run and each held No. 7 Rice to less than 10 hits during Sunday's doubleheader to hand the Owls their first three-game sweep in seven years

Kilby said the feeling was unbeliev-

"They're one of the top teams in the country and sweeping them is an accomplishment in itself," Kilby said. "It's a

Dewing said he was extremely excited about the club's recent success.

"I'm proud of Kilby, I'm proud of everybody," Dewing said, "Hopefully we can pick it up and keep on doing it."

Kilby picked up his fourth win of the season, while Dewing earned his third victory in a row.

For his recent efforts. Dewing was named WAC Pitcher of the Week for March 14 to 20 - his career first. It is also the first for a Spartan pitcher this year.

The junior southpaw currently holds a 3.54 ERA and sits at No. 2 in the WAC for striking out 17 batters, following Rice's two-time WAC Pitcher of the Week Josh Geer with 22

Spartan shortstop Anthony Contreras was one of the nominees for WAC "Player

Contreras is 6-for-17 in the Spartans' last four contests, hitting .353 while driving in five runs and stealing two bases.

In the final match against Rice, Contreras registered key RBI singles in the third and fifth innings, going 2-for-4 in the contest.

SJSU second baseman Dave Pierson crossed home plate twice, the first time on a hit by Contreras.

(Contreras) got a hit up the middle and I scored on that with two outs, Pierson said. "Overall, the team executed pretty well. It feels good to come together as a team.

Clutch hits and smart play contributed to Spartan center fielder Travis Becktel becoming one of seven WAC players added on the "Watch List" for the 2005 Brooks Wallace Award, presented to the national college baseball player of the

Becktel authored the longest hitting streak for an SJSU player this year, posting a hit in 11 straight games until facing Rice on March 20, and his 382 batting average places him first amongst teammates and third in the conference.

The junior outfielder also recorded the final out in the SJSU history-making Rice

Pierson said it was an amazing moment witnessing Becktel lock up the last out of final frame by gloving a high fly ball at center field.

"It was like 'yes!' and then to do that fist-pump, it was nice," Pierson said.

Piraro said that hopefully, recent events will be a big push for his team.



Brian Connelly / Daily Staff File Photo

San Jose State University outfielder Travis Becktel slides safely into second base as Brigham Young University shortstop Marcos Villezcas applies a late tag during a game on Feb. 25. The Spartans won 5-4 in 10 innings.

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Because down the road, we have a tough schedule ahead of us." Piraro said.

Due to poor weather conditions, the March 22 home game against Stanford University was postponed, and the two teams hope to reschedule it later in the

Rainouts have also forced SJSU to pen-

cil in additional games in May against San Francisco State and Cal State Sacramento.

The Spartans, now 13-8-1 overall, are scheduled to continue WAC play when they host Louisiana Tech in a three-game series this weekend, the first match being set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Municipal

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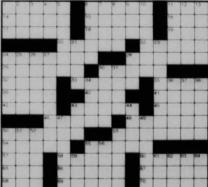
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# A&E

# Sequel a sin to miss, congenial to watch

By Sarah Holcomb Daily Staff Writer

Between a Dolly Parton chase scene and a performance at a drag queen club, "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" takes viewers on another adventure to save Miss

United States — Las Vegas style.

Gracie Hart (Sandra Bullock) leads the way and this time she has a reluctant and

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bitter sidekick, Sam Fuller (Regina King). Fuller is a small, angry woman who was just transferred from the Chicago bureau because of anger management problems and quickly begins to hate Hart.

The opposing dynamic has a comedic aspect, but it's been done before.

The movie picks up three weeks after the first movie ends, with the slightly cuter, but still disheveled, Hart whom viewers met at the beginning of the previous film.

The movie is a sequel, but doesn't feel like one. It picks up right where the first film left off, but redundancy isn't an issue.

The situations in the movie are unique and the characters' reactions make them hilarious.

After an undercover field operation is ruined because Hart's cover is blown by a woman who saw the pageant, her supervisor then tells her that her days in the field are over. But, he gives her a choice between a desk job and being the new face of the FBI. She begrudgingly takes on the task of

making the FBI look better. The movie then fast-forwards 10 months

and shows the beauty queen transforma-

She finds out that Cheryl Frasier (Heather Burns), who is still Miss United States and Stan Fields (William Shatner) have been kidnapped in Las Vegas.

Hart's natural field agent instincts soon kick in and she can't keep herself out of the investigation despite being told many times to stay out of it by her supervisors.

Hart, Fuller and Hart's styling team end



Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures

Sandra Bullock stars in "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous."

Among Hart's antics are a chase after Parton, a performance in a drag queen show and dressing up and speaking like and old Jewish woman named Ida

Overall, the movie was funny

There were a lot of funny jokes and one-liners that kept the audience laughing up running around Vegas looking for clues. throughout the movie. The actors did a good

job with their characters, especially Deidrich Bader, who played Hart's stylist Joel. Joel was a hilarious flamboyant gay guy, but not annoyingly so.

King did a great job portraying Fuller as well with her all-telling looks of resentment and annoyance with Hart.

Bullock's performance was as good as the

first, but was so convincing as the madeup beauty queen that she didn't portray the insecurities that Hart felt that when she decided to revamp the FBI's image, and in turn, her own.

The movie was funny with the typical sappy ending, and great for a night out af

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# Film festival celebrates Asian American art

By Shannon Barry Daily Staff Writer

Subtitles, swordplay and cherry blossoms may evoke images from Asian cinematography, but this year the Bay Area offered a new look into the outside world.

The National Asian American Telecommunications Association

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held its 23rd Annual San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival from March 10 to 20.

This is the fifth year the festival has been in San Jose," said Eddie Wong, executive director of the association. "We used to be an eight-day festival, but now it is 11

Wu's humanitarian comedy, "Saving Face," opened the festival following an opening night reception at the San Francisco Asian Art Museum. Movie buffs from everywhere came to celebrate another year of groundbreaking cinema emerging from Asia and the Asian Diaspora, a dispersion of Asian people from their original homeland.

This year's festival offered 131 community together. films of diverse genres, including 12 shorts programs and 25 cause it is occurring in the

the thirteen films presented in the festival's first year.

During the 11-day festival, the AMC Kabuki 8 Theatres and Castro Theatre in San Francisco, the Pacific Film Archive Theater in Berkeley, and Camera 12 Cinema in San Jose welcomed audiences with appreciation.

"What makes us unique, is the stories we tell," said festival director Chi-hui Yang. "Other festivals" missions are to present films and connect them to audiences but we also exist to support Asian Americans.

Wong added that the festival was developed to exclusively show Asian American work, but this year the work spanned from many places around the world like Britain, Germany and Iraq.

Oftentimes, the movies launch their screenings at the festival, Yang said, as there were 15 world premieres, seven North American premieres and three U.S. pre

Wong said more than 100 professionals joined the audiences for the festival in panel discussions and film workshops aimed at bringing the

"This festival is unique be-

(association's) 25th year," Wong said. "We celebrated some of the achievements for work that has been funded and distributed by

Steven Okazaki, best known for his documentary work with a career spanning 25 years, was one of the filmmakers honored during the festival in "An Evening with Steven Okazaki." Screenings of some of his past and newer work included "The Mushroom Club" and "Living on Tokyo Time."

"On one hand we celebrated past work, but we also saw exciting new work from this generation of Asian cinema," Wong said.

The festival wasn't just home to big-name directors and actors, it also showcased many up-andcoming directors and included work by graduate film students.

'I believe that the best way to educate people about others' exthe Asian American experience in this case

able," said Mai Le, sponsorship coordinator of the association. Le added that the festival had its first juried competitions, where films were selected by three judges for each competition.

"I enjoy being a part of something that I can wholeheartedly throw myself into philosophi-cally," Le said.

Following each screening, Q&A sessions with directors, crew and cast members gave the audience an opportunity to voice their reactions to the films and hear directors speak about the process of filmmaking.

"(The association) and the (festival) portray some of the widest variety of the Asian and Asian Diaspora through the lens of film or video cameras," Le said. "Film is both highbrow and lowrow and both academic and dealing with the lowest common



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