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NIGHT



# Students to perform 6 hours of Beethoven

Marathon will have no breaks

By Teresa Hou

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The alluringly melodic sounds of Beethoven can be heard in a six-hour music marathon at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library today, performed by 16 piano majors from San Jose State University.

In celebration of the Beethoven Center's 20th Anniversary, the "Beethoven Marathon Concert" will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Fifth Floor Program Room and will feature 17 of music composer Ludwig van

Beethoven's 32 sonatas.

The Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies was established in 1983 when Arizona real estate developer, Ira F. Brilliant donated his collection of 75 first editions of Beethoven's music to SJSU to create a library and study center completely devoted to Beethoven's music and humanitarian accomplishments, according to the Beethoven Center's Web site

"There'll be 17 pianists total. Sixteen are for solo pieces while one is for a cello and piano," said Gwendolyn Mok, pianist and head of keyboard at SJSU

According to Mok, students can come in at any time every hour on the hour.

"There'll be no break (in between). That's why it's called a marathon," Mok said, "People should come and support their fellow students. I think they'll have fun.

Aera Joo, a piano major who is performing Sonata No. 90, Opus 110, said she has been practicing since last semester.

"It's going to be an interesting performance," Joo said. "Whether there's an audience there or not, we're just

The marathon will also feature guest appearances by director of the Beethoven Center Professor William Meredith, library curator Patricia Stroh, Mok and Thalia Moore, a cellist from the San Francisco Opera Orchestra, according to the press release from the library's Web site.

"Dr. Meredith from the Beethoven Center will start off (the event) with a talk about the Beethoven Center,' said Kathy Fox, administrative assistant for the Beethoven Center. "Dr. Mok and Moore will be featured (in Sonata for piano and cello Opus 69), and of course the famous

Moonlight Sonata will be played."

On Thursday, there will be a continuation of the Beethoven marathon during the weekly Listening Hour that will feature six sonatas. The concert will be held at the concert hall in the Music building from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

# SJSU hit again by power loss



Students gathered outside the Central Classroom Building in the rain following a power outtage that lasted about 10 minutes Monday afternoon.

## Students forced out of classes, wait in the rain during blackout

By Greg Lydon and Janet Marcelo

DAILY STAFF WRITERS

Late Monday afternoon, San Jose State University fell under dark ness following a brief campus-wide blackout

The power went down at around 4:20 p.m. and remained off for about 10 minutes. As of press time, there was no official word on the cause of

This was the second time this semester that the power went down. On Feb. 13, three separate late-night outages left the campus blanketed in darkness, which disrupted campus phone and Internet networks.

While some students rejoiced at getting out of class Monday, others were left scrambling trying to remember if they saved their papers on their

computers. Chris Cunnington, a senior majoring in aerospace engineering, was working on his senior project in the Dr. Martin Luther King Joint Library when the lights went out.

"I was lucky I just saved my data," Cunnington said.

Senior sociology major Nancy Ta said the story was the same for her as

she had been typing her essay in the library and was thankful that it wasn't due that day

"I would have been pissed if it had been due today," Ta said. "I waited for a couple minutes for the computers to start back up again, but it didn't so I'm hoping I saved some of it somewhere."

Several SJSU students had to cut workouts and classes short as they stood waiting out the power outage in

Martin Zanoni was working out in the sports club in the Event Center

when the power went down. 'Everyone just stopped," Zanoni "I'm mad I didn't get to finish

Freshman physiology major Luke Viet Nguyen said his zoology class had just begun when the power went out and they were forced to head outside.

'It has been cold," Nguyen said. "I would rather be inside in class or at

Lisa Reyes, a public health graduate student, was taking a midterm in her environmental studies class. "I thought it was lightning," Reyes said. We had heard thunder outside and thought it knocked the power out.

University Police Department did not report any serious problems or injuries caused by the blackout.

## Campaign season ...



## Sorority to explore relationships within the black community

By Tandrea Madison

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The sisters of Delta Sigma Theta will be sponsoring a roundtable discussion entitled "Why Can't We All Just Get Along?" Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Ohlone room of the Student Union.

According to Delta sister Nicole Sonkur, the discussion is about how blacks interact with each other in today's society. Sonkur said that she thinks the turnout will be good, but also said the weather might be an issue for people.

"It's definitely going to be a good program," she said. "But with the weather the way it is, I'm not sure. We usually have a pretty good turnout with our events. So, yeah, I think it'll be good.'

Delta sister Tamika Greer explained that day-to-day relationships within the black community can be complicated, which was the inspiration for the

"Within the African-American com-

munity, there were a lot of issues about how we interact with each other," she said. "We wanted to address that

She went on to say that sorority members asked people within the black community if they felt that communication and interchange with each other was truly an issue.

'People felt it was," Greer said. "So we decided to have this roundtable discussion so that people could talk about it. We want to start out small and then eventually branch out into the community.

This event is one of several that the women of Delta Sigma Theta sponsor throughout the school year. They also hosted an annual soul food night in February, in honor of Black History Month, and during the first week of May, they have "May Week." During that week, there are several events planned including a self-defense class,

date-rape program and bowling night. "I haven't heard anything about it," said Iota Phi Theta fraternity member Abel Habtegeorgis. "But I'm sure it'll

A person walks by a Stand Up Party campaign sign on Monday. Associated Students elections begin today.

# OPINION=

ERIN OUT THE DETAILS

## Milosevic is dead, so is justice for thousands of victims

The recent death of former Serbian leader and war criminal Slobodan Milosevic has made me wonder whether justice could ever be served in cases of crimes against humanity. Can the "Butcher of the Balkans" and his faithful foot soldiers ever be held accountable

for the atrocities they have committed?

Milosevic died in prison at the International Criminal Court in the Netherlands, never to answer for the people he was responsible for having murdered, raped, tortured and displaced in the Balkans While people can argue over whether he died of natural causes or was poisoned, one thing is for sure: He died a far more humane death than did his vic-tims. According to the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia report, 45 Albanians were slaughtered in what became known as the "Racak Massacre."

And this was just one incident, one atrocity for which the victims will never receive justice. To this

Even though we can't go after Milosevic anymore, there are still those evading justice from the terrible conflict, such as former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic. He needs to be found, arrested and dragged to the International Criminal Court to face justice. We need to have an international memorial day, one on which both sides can not only mourn the loss of their loved ones, but pray for a peaceful and prosperous future

There is a Holocaust Memorial Day, why
not one for the victims of the Balkans con
We should've learned a valuable lesson

The 250,000 dead cannot speak for themselves, so it is up to us to speak for them and not allow justice to stop for even a moment because Milosevic died. The Holocaust didn't just happen one time — it has been happening repeatedly throughout modern his-tory, from the Kurds in Northern Iraq to the Darfur region in Sudan. Ethnic cleansing on

such a massive scale has been a tragic real ity of the 20th century, but every time it happens, the world is completely shocked and sobs crocodile tears of disbelief and outrage, saying, "It'll never happen again."

It keeps happening, however, so con-demning Milosevic and his evil deeds with-out real action behind the strong words is nothing more than an insult to the victims

with Hitler. When you see a despot start making trouble, it's time to send in some snipers to take him out. The ideal solution would've been to prevent these travesties from ever happening. The essence of hu-man nature, however, is to only learn things in hind-

the hell has been unleashed.

The death of Milosevic has only brought more questions, but perhaps that will always be the case. We may never know the full extent of his crimes, and we cannot undo the damage that has been done. All we can do now is keep trying to understand what hap-pened and remember the victims. If we do this, then we can assure that their memories will not be con-fined to clandestine mass graves, but live on in our

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Beethoven Marathon

The SJSU School of Music will be performing a Beethoven Marathon Concert from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Program Room 550 on the 5th floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Library. For more information, contact Patricia Stroh at 808-2059.

School of Art and Design

Come listen to artist Karen Ford discuss the history and influence of the Arts and Crafts movement. From 5-6 p.m. in the Art building. Room 133. For more info, contact Jo Farb Hernandez at 924-4328.

RTVF Department

A casting call for extras and actors. From 6-8 p.m. in HGH, first floor. For more information, contact Charmaine Williams at (415) 577-3077

Every Nation Campus Ministries
"The Source" — Held every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial. For more information, contact Thai at (510) 773-9392.

Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice Come learn about thoughtfully fighting prejudice in the Student Union Constanoan Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail Dwayne Ludwig at dwayneludwig@gmail.com

General meeting in the Student Union Pacheco Room from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information, contact Dave Manson at 386-5073

Spartan Memorial Chapel

Come worship with Victoria Rue, Roman Catholic Womanpriest. From 1-2 p.m. For more information, e-mail victoria@victoriarue.com.

SJSU Cheer Team Open Gym

Males and females are wanted for SJSU CHEER. Bring clean shoes. From 8-10 p.m. in the physical education recreation building SPX 218. For more information, e-mail Heidi Bobeda at hbobeda@as.ssjsu.edu

## WEDNESDAY

Engineering Undergraduate Advising Mon. Wed., and Fri. from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. in the Engineering 242. For more information, e-mail Evelyn Crosby at coe.advising@sjsu.edu.

Voices of Patriots: Why are we in Iraq: Watch the documentary by Valerie Mih and Don Richards. From 8-9:30 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Joint Library, rooms 255 and 257. Free. For more information, call 808-2636.

Red Pin Plus Bowling

Win free games when you strike on red, yellow or a green head pin. In the Student Union Bowling Center from 7-10 p.m. For more information, call 924-6400.

The Career Center will be holding a "Mock Interview

Workshop" from 1-4 p.m. in the Career Center Modular F. For more information, contact Evelyn Castillo at

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Study Abroad

Professors Dennis Jaehne and Bill Shaw will host an information meeting on the study abroad program in Bath, England, for the 2007 Spring Semester. From 10:30-11:30 p.m. in Dudley Morehead Hall, room 135. For more information, e-mail wshaw@email.sjsu.edu.

Is beauty in the eye of the beholder, or is some art just ugly? Come discuss it in the Student Union Pacifica Room from 3-4 p.m. For more information, contact Janet Stemwedel at 924 4521.

Come read "The Book" with the Asian Baptist Student Koinonia in the Student Union Guadalupe Room at p.m. For more info, e-mail Diane Kim at jfoon131@ comcast net.

Nightlife is a time for praising, hearing God's word and a place to connect with believers. 8:00 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial. For more information, email sjsucrusade@

Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineer

Meeting on the upcoming NSBE National Conference Student Union Ohlone Room from at 7 p.m. For more information, e-mail basemembership@yahoo.com.

SJSU Linux User's Group
A presentation on "SSH: A important replacement for FTP and telnet." At 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union Pacifica Room. For more information, contact Jeffrey Thompson at Jeffrey@staticbag.homelinux.org

3 For 3 Bowling Special Bowl 3 games for \$3 In the Student Union Bowling Center. From 9-11:30 a.m. For more information, call

The Career Center will be holding an "Interview Discussion Group" from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Career Center Modular F. For more information, contact Julie Sedlemeyer at 924-6031

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Sunday Mass from at 12 p.m. and from 7-8 p.m. at the corner of 10th and San Carlos. For more information, contact Kay Polintan at 938-1610.

## Manners matter; heed them or face my courteous wrath

Remember the "good old days" when it was totally common to hear such sweet phrases as "thank you, "excuse me," "please," "you're welcome" and "I'm

Where in the heck did those days go?

So, I was at the bookstore one day and this girl. who was standing very much in my personal space had her back to me and was talking to her boyfriend At one point, she took a step backward and pushed a 50-pound backpack right into me

No "excuse me," no nothing.

The icing on the cake? You want the ic

She then flicked her long, multi-colored hair in my face. Now see ... Here's the thing: If I had snatched her up by her hair, I'd have been wrong. If I had said something rude to her, I'd have been wrong.
So what course of action was I sup-

osed to take? Well I'll tell you what I did.

I refrained from smacking her silly and just took a couple of steps back. Then I cleared my throat very loudly and said,

equally loudly, "The words are: I'm sorry, excuse me." Her boyfriend shot me a look and I abstained from slapping him as well. I should be getting awards for my self-control. A couple of days later, I was standing in line at the

Jazzland cafe by the Boccardo Busines Complex waiting to order my soda, fruit snacks and water. Since I believe in personal space, I wasn't crowding the per son before me This girl walked right in front of me on her cell

phone, bumping her gums, and I was forced to step back so she wouldn't mow me down. I gave her the dirtiest look I could muster, but kept quiet. It was first thing in the morning and I know I'm cranky, so I said

You want the icing on this cake too? It's delicious really. She walked by and did it again!

That time, I snatched her by the backpack, spun her around and let her have it, verbally that is. She stood there, mouth agape, phone still attached to the side of her head. I will abstain from repeating that verbal assault to you guys. It's not exactly PG stuff.

Fast forward to a few hours later, same day. I was leaving Jamba Juice, slurping happily away on some peach concoction, and thinking all was right with the

world. The earlier transgression had been forgiven and, for the most part, forgotten.

However, it all went awry when I was walking out the door behind another guy. He just dropped the door on me and he was almost wearing that juice, I swear. I mean, come on, a girl could only take so much!

To give the other side of the coin, I have had some experiences that were really positive. I was at Eminem's "Anger

TANDREA MADISON Management" concert last year, and I was on my way up some stairs, hands full of

food and soda. I missed a step and tripped, right in front of a group of cuties. To say I was mortified was putting it lightly. However, one of the guys stopped, grabbed my arm to stabilize me and then made sure that I was all right.

He asked me several times, quirking his eyebrows at me seductively, but I digress. He was really well-mannered and that, above anything else, is what impressed me. For the rest of the

night, he kept an eye on clumsy me. So here's my point. It takes precious few seconds to be courteous. It shouldn't even be a conscious thing to show the manners that were taught to you. I know it isn't for me. My mom drilled that stuff into my head

at a very young age. Those few words can really make someone's day. Not saying them could get your ass kicked.

Tandria Madison is a Spartan Daily staff writer. Guest columns appear every other Tuesday.

## LETTER TO THE EDITIOR

## After so many lies, Bush and Cheney should step down

George W. Bush must relinquish his power and step down as the President of the United States of America. The people of the United States must voice their unhappiness and request — no, demand — his resignation. I also believe that Vice President Dick Cheney should resign his position.

The people of this great country have been fooled, the election process has been made a mockery, and the freedoms that we all hold so dear have been stripped

Since Bush has taken power, he has managed to take us from a surplus to a deficit, turn a safe, friendly country into one that is suspicious of everything and everyone. And to make matters worse, Bush has been lying to each and every one of us

I ask you this: if Saddam Hussein had agreed to Bush's demands and stepped down as the President of Iraq and the country had its first democratic election, would the Bush administration have been satisfied?

Ever since presidential candidate Al Gore was robbed of his victory, the situation has gone from bad to worse. The one freedom that allows me to this article, freedom of speech, is now in jeopardy of being stripped away.

allowed to speak her mind. She was arrested before Political Science

she could give her speech. During a speech given who was within his rights as an American to protest. I guess the Secret Service doesn't believe that the freedom of speech applies to everyone Bush is turning a country that many people have

turned to for help in the past, and run to (for protection from) the oppression that they faced at home, into the very thing that they have run away from. The more he lies, the worse it gets. Yes, there are bad people in this world, but using

them to scare the people of the United States into go ing along with a dangerous domestic and international agenda is wrong. This is the land of the free and the home of the

brave, so I urge the American people to insure that this country stays free, and that our bravery is shown in our kindness toward others and our ability to re-main strong in the face of our fears, not by bullying the world because we fear what "might" happen in the future

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# SPORTS—

## SJSU sports news in brief

## **Swimming and Diving**

San Jose State University junior swimmer Brie Marhenke competed in the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships last week in Athens, Ga.

During the 50 meter freestyle on Thursday, Markenke finished 17th in the preliminaries, missing the cutoff time to the finals by .01 seconds

On Saturday at the 100 meter freestyle, she finished 35th in the pre-liminaries. Markenke swam a 50.30 during the event, breaking her own school record time from a previous race

### Women's gymnastics

The SJSU women's gymnastics team lost its final match of the regular season to California on Saturday in Berkeley

The Golden Bears defeated the Spartans 194.275-193.350. This was the team's third best team score of the season.

SJSU gymnasts Michelle Minotti and Amberly Klein tied for first on the vault and balance beam, respectively. Minotti scored a 9.825, tying her season high on the vault. Klein scored a season high 9.825 on the

Minotti also captured second place in the all-round (38.775) behind

Golden Bear gymnast Britani Pittullo.

The Spartans will travel to Logan, Utah to compete in the Western Athletic Conference championship on March 25

### Figure Skating

The SJSU figure skating team lost to California at the Golden Bears Skate on Saturday

Twenty points separated the two teams. The Spartans had six skaters compete to the Golden Bears' 10.

The Spartans will host the Intercollegiate Figure Skating Team Championships on April 1-2 at the Logitech Ice Center.

## SJSU skating results

Rachel Duran — Junior short program (third place), junior free skate (second place), Solo dance Dutch waltz (fifth place), solo dance swing (fifth place), team maneuvers (first place).

Sandra Schaad - Solo dance rocker foxtrot (first place), solo dance European waltz (second place), team maneuvers (first place).

Megan Murphy — Intermediate short program (first place), solo

dance Dutch waltz (sixth place), team maneuvers (first place).

Megan Mallamace — Pre intermediate A free skate (first place), solo dance Dutch waltz (fourth place), solo dance swing (third place), team maneuvers (second place).

Lidia Cartacai — Intermediate short program (fifth place), intermediate free skate (first place), solo dance swing (fourth place), team maneuvers (second place)

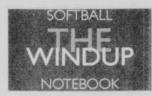
Kristen Hitchman - Pre intermediate A free skate (fourth place). team maneuvers (second place).

## Softball team gears up for WAC opponents

By Greg Lydon

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State University softball team begins Western Athletic Conference play this week end and has its sights set on qualify ing for the WAC tournament



ond season for us," said SJSU coach Dee Dee Omidiji. "Our at-large op portunity ally dwindled in non-confer ence play. Enabenter



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Omidiji said she hopes the team takes advantage of the conference season. She knows the only way for them to make postseason play is to qualify for the WAC tournament.

We need to finish the season strong and give ourselves a chance, Enabenter-Omidiji said.

For the first time since the 1999 season, the WAC will sponsor a softball tournament. The top six teams in conference will advance to the double-elimination tourna ment. The tournament will be held at Bulldog Diamond in Fresno May

"Honestly, I wasn't a fan of the tournament at first." Enabenter-Omidiji said.

The coach didn't feel it was right to reward a team that could have one great weekend with a NCAA tournament bid, instead of a team



Bison outfielder Grete Peterson, right, slides toward second base as Spartan infielder Sarah Taylor, center, makes a leaping catch. San Jose State University split its doubleheader with North Dakota State University Wednesday at the Twin Creeks Sports Complex in Sunnyvale

that proves it's the best throughout - jured shoulder time to rest. the regular season

"I changed my mind cause at this point I wouldn't mind a weekend in ers,' Fresno where we get hot and it gets us a bid," Enabenter-Omidiji said.

A major factor in the Spartans success during conference play with be the health of sophomore pitcher Kelly Harrison, who was injured in a game against the University of Iowa on March 11.

"We're all crossing our fingers that the rest we gave Kelly last week helped," Enabenter-Omidiji said.

The coach didn't pitch Harrison in last week's action to give her in-

"I'm relying on Courtney Lewis more to help out our other pitch-Enabenter-Omidiji said.

The SJSU coach said senior Lewis, sophomore Regina Farfan, and freshmen Nicole Luna-Pickens all could be used in the same game this weekend to pitch if need be.

"I don't worry about how and when I'm used," Luna-Pickens said. "I always just focus on me and the catcher.

The coach also hopes the team's aggressiveness at the plate picks

"When we don't get aggressive

at the plate early, it gets us in holes we have to climb out of," Lewis said.

Lewis's role may have changed a little, but not her coach's confidence in her.

"The plan was for Courtney to have a outstanding offensive year and patrol center field," Enabenter-Omidiji said. "I know she'll battle for us every time she steps on the mound

SJSU is currently 11-16 on the

The team faces off against WAC conference rival New Mexico State





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## Undercover ...



Pedestrians hurry to get inside the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library and out of

## Committee to hold forum on learning

By Janet Marcelo

DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Jose State University's Assessment Committee will be holding a campus-wide forum to-day and Wednesday from noon to 1:30 p.m in the Engineering Building room 285. The forums are a response to a National Survey of Student Engagement that identifies what SJSU needs to focus on to enhance learning and services for students.

According to a flyer, there are four small discussion groups with topic areas of developing co-curricular experiences, connecting with students, enhancing the campus community and delivering student services.

These topics were selected because findings from the NSSE data at SJSU suggested that these were areas that could be strength-" said Assistant Professor of Social Work Laurie Drabble.

By having small group dis-cussions, it will allow students, faculty and staff to reflect on the findings and develop recommendations and suggestions, Drabble

The survey began in 1999 with data collected from freshmen and

versities across the country.

The survey measured how student engagement impacted student persistence and graduation rates said Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Studies Robert Cooper

"(The) questions on the survey assess things like participation in class, frequency of discussions with faculty or other students outside of class and participation in projects that affect the surround-

ing community," Cooper said.

Dorothy S. Poole, assistant to the president for institutional planning, said forums would be helpful for SJSU to meet its Vision and Goals 2010 statement, which was passed by the Academic Senate in 2005.

An important element of this entire planning process is open engagement, with opportunities for participation by faculty, staff and students," Poole said.

Cooper said the mission statement is a vision of what the university wants to see itself achieve by 2010.

"It guides the planning process which in turn determines the allocation of resources at the university," Cooper said. "There are always more good activities and

do than there are financial resources to support, so the selection of priorities is crucial to all members of the university community.

The small groups will consist of freshmen and senior students who have participated in the survey in the past three years, Cooper said.

The groups will divide into smaller groups to discuss issues of assessment that interest them," Cooper said. "The underlying notion (is) that if we are to be a learning institution and plan successfully we must use data to guide our planning.'

At the end the groups will re-port what input they received to achieve the vision goal and what kind of planning process needs to take place to get there, Cooper

"I hope students will gain an increased understanding of the range of experiences, successes, failures and challenges experienced by their fellow students," Cooper said. "An increased understanding (of) how the faculty conceptualizes student success and students will reflect on their own view of success.

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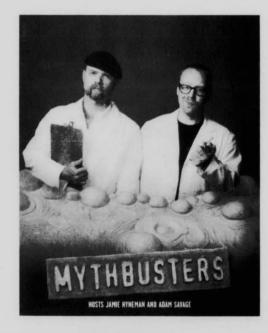
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## 'Vendetta' explores terrorism

By Greg Lydon DAILY STAFF WRITER

Would you fight to bring freedom and justice back to a nation held under a corrupt, evil regime? One man fights back in futuristic Britain in the year 2020 in "V For

## **MOVIE REVIEW**

Based on an 80s graphic novel written by Alan Moore, "V For Vendetta" tells the story of a young girl named Evey (Natalie Portman) who is saved by a man named V from being raped.

The masked, defiant savior at war with a totalitarian regime showcased his flare for the dramatic during the heroic rescue

Ferociously skilled in the art of combat and deception, V (Hugo Weaving) urges his fellow citizens to rise up against tyranny and oppression. After saving young Evey, sets the movie off with a bang, attempting to blow up Parliament. mimicking the famous Gunpowder

V dons a mask similar to the one worn by Guy Fawkes, who attempted to blow up Parliament on November 5, 1605 in the Gunpowder Plot. Guy Fawkes Night is a yearly celebration in England for the failure of the Gunpowder Plot.

The problem with the movie is the V character is portrayed as a savior for rescuing Evey in the opening of the film, which is fine. But he is a glorified terrorist from that point on, making him just as bad as the totalitarian regime he's trying to stop

The terrorist that will do anything for revenge; even use Evey as

Produced by the Wachowski brothers and Joel Silver, the same team behind the "Matrix" franchise, 'V For Vendetta" has Matrix-like fighting scenes, with jaw-dropping visuals of futuristic England, the whispering sounds of the blades V uses to kill the men trying to at-

High Chancellor Adam Sutler (John Hurt) heads up the futuristic fascist regime in the film's Britain. Sutler took power in England after a great disaster occurred, killing over 80,000 citizens. The Chancellor resembles Hitler greatly, even down to his mannerisms.

The only verdict is vengeance for V, who sets out to free the people of Britain by any means necessary and settle his own vendetta against those in the government who've wronged him.

Portman is the star of the film even in a supporting role, as she dresses in a skirt and pigtails to seduce a priest to get information and has her head shaved in a prison

As Evey uncovers the truth about V's mysterious background, she also discovers the truth about herself and emerges as his unlikely ally in the culmination of his plot to

People should not be afraid of their governments. Governments should be afraid of their people," V proclaims in the film.

The movie also has an eerily familiar man playing the character second-in-command to the High Chancellor, who parallels the role people believe Vice President Dick Cheney plays to President George W. Bush.

The movie is worth seeing for the visual displays alone, but be prepared to watch a terrorist be glorified into a hero, which leaves you almost as confused as when V rattles off 20-plus words all starting with the letter "V" in the beginning

## **Game Developers Conference comes to the** San Jose Convention Center

## By Janet Marcelo

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The 2006 Game Developers Conference will be at the San Jose McEnry Convention Center until Friday and it doesn't come cheap.

A Friday student expo pass goes for \$75 and doesn't include any of the keynote speeches, sessions or networking events, but it does include a career pavilion. \$2,000 can give attendees the VIP pass to attend everything the conference has

"I think it's kind of expensive for the general public to get in," said Tuan Mai, a junior management information system in business major. "There might not be a lot of teenagers into technology (who are) going to be able to afford it."

Mai said the \$75 might be OK for college students, but it's still pretty expensive for one day, considering students aren't even going to get to see or hear everything the conference had to offer.

According to the conference's Web site, the event is put on by developers for other developers of computer, console, mobile, arcade

and online games and location-based entertainment.

The GDC consistently draws the top designers, programmers, artists and composers in the industry. said Senior Conference Manager Meggan Scavio. "They are there to teach, share, learn and master their

Scavio said the conference also brings together executives who relocate their offices to San Jose for the week to make deals and proj-

"We anticipate total attendance to exceed 12,000 this year," Scavio

Mai said he would be interested in attending to see the new graphic cards and game console hardware for PlayStation3 and Xbox.

"It's good to see the new types of technology and hardware that people will get to buy later on in the year or test them out before they go out in the market," Mai said.

A keynote address by Computer Entertainment Worldwide Studios President Phil Harrison will be held Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., according to a press release. Harrison will speak and demonstrate the various developments

and business opportunities that the PlayStation 3 has to offer as a nextgeneration console to increase consumer interest

The highlight event of the week is the Choice Awards," Scavio said. The Game Developers Choice Awards is the premier event that recognizes leaders in the industry Nominess and winners are selected by their peers and the ceremony is hosted by true industry profession-

The Annual Game Developer Choice Awards nominees include "God of War," "Call of Duty 2,"
"Nintendogs," "Resident Evil 4" and "Project Gotham Racing 3

Other conference highlights include a "what's next" panel, a discussion on sex in games and an experimental game-play workshop with keynote speakers such as "Battlestar Galactica" creator and producer Ronald D. Moore and Will Wright, chief designer at Maxis.

Scavio said the conference and attendees will be able to discuss the convergence of film and games, the broadening of the market and the social impact created by games as well as their teaching capabili-

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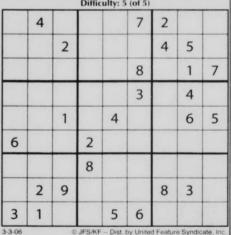
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# SJSU band 5606 releases second album



5606 band members, from left, Anthony Greene, Eric Ventimiglia and Kevin Bligh pose on a couch.

**By lanet Marcelo** 

Local band 5606 has made quite a name for itself by accompanying famous names such Yellowcard, Sugarcult, All-American Rejects, Papa Roach, Alien Ant Farm, Better than Ezra, Slightly Stupid, Bowling for Soup and Rufio.

"This past year we've been getting so much recognition," said Eric Ventimiglia, guitarist and vocalist of 5606 and San Jose State University advertising major. "A year ago this month Joel Madden, the lead singer from Good Charlotte, discovered us on Myspace. We never met him and still have not met him."

Ventimiglia said Madden tell Good Charlotte fans at concerts to check 5606 out, and in one month they added 40 thousand people on to their Myspace page that houses clips of some of the band's songs.

With their second compact disc release party set for March 31 at the Saratoga Recreational Center and the album's coming availability in local Hot Topic stores and on Smartpunk com in mid-April, the band has kept busy filming

their music video and keeping what we do - our own thing their heads afloat.

"(On) the first CD, you can hear who our influences are," said Anthony Greene, 5606's bass player and SJSU journalism ma-"When we got to the second CD, we took what we loved about music and made it into our own. It's like ... our sound is starting to take form from the past couple

Drummer Kevin Bligh said the new release, "Basic Guidelines to Making Enemies," would break them out from being just a local

The band's sound has become more grown up, Bligh said.

Ventimiglia said 5606 has a heavy influence from an oldersounding Green Day that fans just don't get anymore

'We've been said to be the second coming of the people who never got their second Dookie from Green Day," Ventimiglia said. "That sound has been kind of lost 10 years later. We can't bring it back completely, but we remind them of what they miss.

Bligh said it's hard to catego rize the type of sound 5606 has.

"We go out there and we do

San Jose State University stu-dents who grew up in the 1990s

may remember Bob Saget from ABC television's "Full House" "America's Funniest Home Videos," middle-of-the-road television shows that appealed to families sitting at home on Friday nights.

Saget's preferred comedic style veers off that road entirely.

"If I did my comedy I would've been raped and pillaged," Saget said of his eight-year role as the host of "America's Funniest Home

In a phone interview last week, Saget issued a warning to SJSU students thinking of showing up at his performances at the San Jose Improv this weekend.

They should try and not take too much medication, because most of the stuff brings you way up, or way mellow." Saget said. "And if you try to leave in the middle of the show, I'll call you on it.'

Saget will take the stage for one show on Thursday, two on Friday and three on Saturday.

Comedy fans familiar with Saget's unfit-for-prime-time style might not be surprised by what they see at the Improv, but Saget's reputation with "Full House" fans as a fresh-faced nice guy was forever sullied by last year's one-joke mov ie "The Aristocrats."

In the film, more than 100 come dians tell a joke usually told only to fellow comics in the privacy of their dressing rooms. In the long midsection of the joke, the come dians exercise their improvisational chops by stringing together extraordinarily obscene riffs on topics both incestuous and scatological

Saget's turn in the movie is memorable, not just because he tells a more perverted version of the joke than any other comic in the film, but because some moviegoers



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Bob Saget will bring his comedic routine to the Improv. saw Saget's preferred comedic style which Saget and others provide the

'I'm a decent person," Saget said. "I don't go around having sex with my family. I think that's wrong. It might be politically incorrect to say

**Bob Saget to perform at Improv** 

Saget has turned up all over the olitically-incorrect landscape since his Danny Tanner days, whether ap pearing as a recovering cocaine ad ict in te drug-addled movie "Half Baked" or playing a twisted version of himself on an episode of HBO's "Entourage," in which his character does bong hits and makes out with a

"It's not reality," Saget said. "I'm not a good pot smoker. Saget also said he's "never been

with a hooker.

"I talk to hookers," Saget said. Strippers are better than hookers. have better skin - but maybe it's just the light."

Along with the cameo roles, Saget has kept himself busy as the narrator of CBS sitcom "How I Met Your Mother," and he's currently finishing work on "Farce of the Penguins," in

voices for real-life penguins. Saget is producing and directing the penguin movie as well as acting in it

"Stand-up is almost my vacation," Saget said.

Saget, who turns 50 this year, said he started doing stand-up as a 17-year-old high school kid in Philadelphia.

"I took the train to the Improv in New York to do 'open mic' nights,"

Saget said he spent most of his free time at the University of Pennsylvania, doing stand-up at campus events and coffeehouses while courting the woman who would become his wife - and now his ex-

What words of wisdom does Saget have for impressionable young college students?

"Try to be yourself as soon as you can figure out who that is," Saget "I just have fun. I don't know what the hell I'm doing.

Saget's run of six shows lasts from Thursday through Saturday at the Improv. Admission is \$23-\$27.

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