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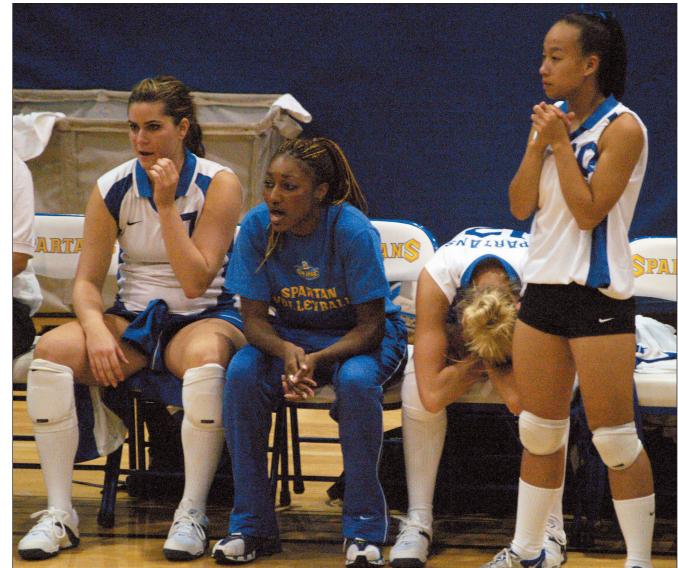


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GAVIN MCCHESNEY / DAILY SENIOR STAF

# Sickness cited in campus tree removal

# Same reason given for tree that fell on a professor of philosphy last December, breaking his leg

By Teresa Hou

From left, San Jose State

University volleyball play-

ers Dyana Thompson, Nia

and Thao Pham sit on the

Freeman, Amber Biddle

bench Tuesday during

a match against Santa

Clara University at the

Spartan Gym.

campus," Seto said. "All I saw were stumps being left and wondered if they were going to be replaced." Seto questioned whether or not the reason why they cut down the trees was because of an accident last year in which a tree fell on philosophy professor Thomas Leddy.

about the incident. "It was a somewhat windy and rainy day. I heard this great cracking sound (when) a very large section of an oak tree fell on me.'

trees were being cut down on chapel," Leddy wrote in an e-mail porary cast," Leddy wrote. "Two days later at Kaiser Santa Theresa I had surgery to repair the leg. I was back to work grading papers in a week." Leddy said his scalp has fully recovered and he has regained 90 percent use of his right leg. Although Leddy's accident might have sparked reason to check and cut down certain trees, Dennis Suit, facility services man-

**Professors work** Sept. 11 events into curricula

# Some add references to court cases, war

#### By Mary Beth Hislop Daily Staff Writer

Although professors at San Jose State University cannot change the fundamental core of their courses, some instructors' curriculums have been affected by Sept. 11, offering a different insight into politics, whether global or domestic.

In his fourth edition of "Comparative Politics: Domestic responses to Global Challenges," author Charles Hauss prefaces that the book was written "in the shadow of the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon." The book went to press in February 2002.

"American government texts try to incorporate the latest events, and virtually all of them market the fact that they have post-9/11 content," said San Jose State University political science chair James Brent.

Political science associate professor Frances Edwards teaches graduate courses in public administration.

"The emergency management textbooks have all had large sections on emergency management and homeland security added," Edwards said. "(Sept. 11) provides new material for discussions of the role of government and the role of government employees." Although the events were horrible, Brent said, he doesn't dwell on Sept. 11, but he said many debates were created, stemming from that day.

Quill teaches courses in political thought. Of the 18th century political philosopher Immanuel Kant, Quill said Kant would "be surprised by the phenomenon of international terrorism," but the events of Sept. 11 have not changed his lecture format or curriculum.

"Though I do know that the subject of academic freedom after 9/11 is a major cause for concern among faculty in some parts of the U.S.," Quill said.

In questions of freedom, Brent said his Supreme Court class simulated Hamdi v. Rumsfeld last year, a case that questioned the ability to indefinitely detain U.S. citizens by labeling them as enemy combatants.

Edwards said she lost two friends in the World Trade Center that day.

She has written several articles, textbook chapters and co-authored two books that "grew out of 9/11." Edwards said she is not convinced that people are better informed about international relations than they were before that date.

"According to surveys that I take in my political science and public

Senior Staff Writer

From the mulberry trees by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library to the palm trees that line Paseo de Cesar Chavez, the campus of San Jose State University is abundantly covered with foliage.

However, this past summer, Elena Seto, a periodical specialist for the King Library noticed that some of the trees around campus were being chopped down.

"I was curious as to why the

"I was walking to my office at about 2 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2005, and was on the sidewalk on the south side of the central quad near the

According to Leddy, the branch that fell on him caused him to break his right leg and tore off part of his scalp.

"I was taken by ambulance to Valley Medical Center where my scalp was stapled back together and my leg was put into a tem-

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# Sign campaign attempts to preserve foliage

# By Phil Bennett

Daily Staff Writer As you walk along the concrete walkway between Washington Square Hall and Dwight Bentel Hall, you'll catch glimpses of paintings of grasshoppers and ladybugs lining nearby lawns.

The signs were painted by local sixth-grade students to fur-

ther a campaign called "Think versity President Robert Caret. Clean and Green for Today and Tomorrow."

"I see the purpose behind them, but I don't think students really care," said Samie Hartley, a journalism major.

The project was created in 1999 at a staff planning session with former San Jose State UniThe goal was "to emphasize keeping the campus clean by increasing recycling and reducing litter on campus," said Dennis Suit, grounds recycling manager at Facilities Development and Operations.

"There were several large dirt paths through the grass — most

would continue to get wider, especially during the rainy season as the paths would become muddy and the students would then walk around the mud on the grass, making the paths even wider," Suit said. "Some could get as wide as 15 feet; students were

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# Conspiracy theories swirl around 9/11 terrorist attacks

# Professors say some people concoct stories to explain events they don't fully understand

# By Kris Anderson

Daily Staff Writer Five years following the events that held citizens captive to their televisions on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, questions concerning the perpetrators of the attacks sparked some to form various explanatory conspiracy theories.

One such theory, from the film "Loose Change, 2nd Edition" on www.loosechange911.com, posed the idea that the collapse of the World Trade Centers was due to a pre-planned, controlled demolition. "Loose Change" quotes a fire-

fighter who told People Weekly that he thought he heard bombs erupting within the building. "I don't think there were explo-

sives (in the towers)," said Akthem Al-Manaseer, chair of San Jose State University's civil and environmental engineering department.

He said the hollow steel columns in the higher levels of the structure failed because of intense heat, causing the concrete slabs from the upper heights of the building to fall onto the floors below.

the columns in the building failed, causing a sandwich slab failure of the concrete," he said.

The slabs, Al-Manaseer said, were designed with specific safety guidelines, outlining weight-sustaining requirements of 140 percent for dead loads and 170 percent for live loads.

Dead loads refer to slabs built without the intention of sustaining human foot traffic, he said. Live loads are designed for people to walk on.

"If you wanted to design a 1,000 pound slab of concrete, you build it to withstand 1,400 pounds for dead loads," he said.

Al-Manaseer said that in the "It is my understanding that previous example, a 1,000 pound slab of concrete would need to sustain 1,700 pounds if people were to walk on it.

"When the top floors collapsed, it created a dead load above the safety barrier," Al-Manaseer said.

The documentary continues to theorize that a passenger airliner did not strike the Pentagon, and that, in fact, a missile struck the outer wall.

The film asks questions about the missing debris from the plane, why the lawn immediately in front of the building is spotless and why office workers claim to distinctly smell cordite, a chemical the documentary says is typically involved

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"In my judicial politics course, I spend more time than I once did on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court," Brent said. "In constitutional law, I've expanded the discussion of presidential powers."

Assistant professor Lawrence

administration classes, few students regularly read any newspaper or listen to any news programs on TV or radio, and most claim to get their news from Internet sites," Edwards said. "This is highly editorialized, as someone else has selected the story to feature, and that selection may be based on what sells rather than on what people need to know to make informed decisions."

Edwards said college students need to start caring about what the

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# Urine the Art building



Raymond Yeung, a senior majoring in photography, observes jars of urine lining the walls of gallery 2 in the Art building Tuesday. The installation was a part of Bryan Nash Yerian's exhibit titled "Urine Analysis."

JORDAN MCKONE / DAILY STAFF



# OPINION

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true. - Leon J. Suenas

#### PRESS CORPSE

# Bush impairs democracy by challenging the media

Be careful what you read in this newspaper, because what the press reports might be deemed "disgraceful" or do "great harm" to the United States, as President George W. Bush was quoted as saying in a June 27 Washington Post article.

At the time Bush made those comments, newspapers around the country had been reporting on the administration's monitoring of bank accounts as a counter-terrorism technique.

Bush had said the press was damaging the government's ability to keep its people safe, and the job that the media were doing might even help evildoers. In this post-Sept. 11 world, the administration needs its domestic wiretapping and bank surveillance in order to keep all of us safe.

My immediate question when reading about Bush's tantrum was, what exactly are defending when we say "freedom"?

I would hate to impose rhetoric on our troops, who give everything they have on the frontlines of the "global war on terror" or "struggle against extremism," I hope that for at least a few of them, a free press is a part of the vague notion of defending freedom.

I hope that, for at least some of the men and women serving in combat zones in Iraq and Afghanistan or stationed throughout the world as peacekeepers, an important right worth defending is the freedom to discuss their struggles; I hope they want to serve a

> country that allows their families to openly discuss the conflict and the issues they face in everyday life.



information vital to the public at large, to help inform the voters, who should be the ones dictating policy in a democracy. Without this flow of information, voters

will have a much more difficult time educating themselves in order to make rational decisions on Election Day.

When government officials step in and discourage the press from doing its job, they prevent voters from obtaining information they need to effectively govern the country. This act seems horribly contradictory to

the administration's rhetoric of fighting wars overseas in the hopes of emboldening freedom.

According to the Supreme Court of the United States, however, the media do not have a carte blanche to tactlessly report any and all facts regardless of the consequences. Libel laws help prevent negligence that might damage another person's reputation, and speech that could clearly cause physical danger to the public is not protected under the First Amendment.

In turn, however, the government is not given a divine right to do anything it wants in the name of national security. The government exists to serve the people and make sure each of its constituents is afford all the rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

If it is the government's job to make sure the media do not abuse their right to free speech, then it must be the media's job to monitor the government's actions. This balance is what helps prevent one administration or one organization from exerting too much control over the voters.

The newspapers that reported on the Bush administration's bank account surveillance and domestic

wiretapping programs were helping establish this balance, and the government should be grateful. A more informed general public can better understand and participate in governmental procedure. That active participation is the lifeblood of the democratic process, which the administration damages when it unjustly disparages the press.

But, of course, the media need to understand that the right to free speech works both ways. Government officials have the obligation to make sure that the press not only is doing its job, but that it is doing its job correctly.

Criticism of the media's work is one thing, but attacking their commitment to the country's democratic process is something else entirely. But it's only the media's job to present the facts in this debate. It's the people's job to decide which point of view is in the right.

John Myers is a Spartan Daily copy editor. "Press Corpse" appears every other Wednesday.

# SPARTA GUIDE

Write letters to the editor and submit Sparta Guide information online. Visit our Web site at www.thespartandaily.com. You may also submit information in writing to DBH 209.

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. Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

#### TODAY

#### *Tuesday Night Lecture Series*

Attend a lecture presented by Patricia Moore titled "The Inclusive Design Agenda: A Global Challenge" from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Art building room 133. For more information, contact Jo Farb Hernandez at (408) 924-4328.

#### Associated Students

The Associated Students Board of Directors encouraged students and staff to attend meetings at 3 p.m. in the Ohlone room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Jessica Hernandez at (408) 924-6410 or e-mail jhernandez@as.sjsu.edu.

#### Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development

The Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development will host Socrates Café from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Elizabeth Ugarte at Grilione Lecture Seminar Series

The fourth Peter J. and Edna L. Grilione lecture seminar given by visiting faculty members from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library room 255. For more information, contact Stacy Corelis at (408) 924-4905.

#### *Poetry Cafe*

The library invites poets and poetry lovers, both published and non-published to read, listen and enjoy from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. For more information, call (408) 808-2397.

#### THURSDAY

Campus Crusade for Christ Nightlife is a time for fellowship, worship and hearing from the world of God at 8 p.m. in the

Spartan Memorial. For more information, contact Mark Depold at (408) 421-9281.

# Disc Golf Club

The Disc Golf Club will hold its second meeting from 7 p.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Cody at (831) 588-4295.

## **GUEST COLUMN**

# Our loss of focus leaves us vulnerable to future attacks

As confusing and downright annoying it is that MTV is not playing music anymore, rolls in the equally perplexing rhetoric coming out of our nation's commander and chief.

President George W. Bush, or "W" as I like to call him, continues to connect the war in Iraq with the war or terrorism.

This reach of a statement gets my blood boiling and according to a recent poll baffles the American public.

According to a USA Today article, President Bush's approval rating has slumped to 31 percent in a new USA Today/Gallup Poll, the lowest

of his presidency and a warning sign

elections. The survey of 1,013 adults,

taken Friday through Sunday, shows

Bush's standing down by 3 percent-

In a nationwide address Monday

age points in a single week. His

disapproval rating also reached a

for Republicans in the November



our manpower, the terrorists are plotting more attacks around the world.

The president admitted that although Iraq did not possess weapons of mass destruction as the Bush administration once believed as rationale for entering into Iraq, he called the threat of weapons "a risk the world could not afford to take."

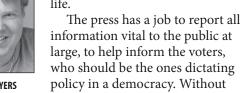
According to The Associated Press, Congress has approved \$432 billion for Iraq and the war on terrorism.

While money is pouring into the war in Iraq, we are dangerously spreading ourselves out too far.

The board game "Risk," known from the T.V. show "Seinfeld" as the game of world domination, is basically a quest to gain control of the world.

Anyone who plays "Risk" knows if you spread yourself out too far, your vulnerable for a counter attack. While we stack more and more troops into the endless mess in Iraq we are losing more and more soldiers each day.

With a conflict with Iran a possibility in the future, and some of our troops still in Afghanistan still stationed from the removal of the Taliban regime, we've lost focus on what the war on terror really is. Planned attacks in London were foiled this summer when terrorists tried to use carry-on items to mix together to make a bomb. This attack should be a warning to everyone that the terrorists aren't in the desert of Iraq fighting with U.S. soldiers. They're hiding and plotting more attacks on major cities around the world. Having Yosemite Sam as our president, always ready to fire off his guns, hasn't been a good thing for this country, as our Homeland Security has suffered. I was a freshman on this campus in 2001 when Sept. 11 occurred, watching on the TVs set up in the Student Union and staring in horror of the tragic events that took place.



(408) 924-5985.

Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development

The Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development will host a faculty only student information panel at noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Elizabeth Ugarte at (408) 924-5985.

Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development

The Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development will host a student workshop on "How to minimize the risk of plagiarism" from noon to 1 p.m. in the Ohlone room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Elizabeth Ugarte at (408) 924-5985.

Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development

The Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development will host a student workshop on "How to write an academic scholarly paper" from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Ohlone room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Elizabeth Ugarte at (408) 924-5985.

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The Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development will host an academic resource faire from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the corridor between the Student Union and the Art building. For more information, contact Elizabeth Ugarte at (408) 924-5985.

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2006 Employee Service Fair

The fair will focus on healthy lifestyles including nutrition, stress reduction, ergonomics and excercise from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union. For more information, contact Marie Garcia at (408) 924-2260.

2001, attacks, our esteemed leader said Saddam Hussein was not responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

evening, on the five-year anniversary of the Sept. 11,

record: 65 percent.

But Bush couldn't get away from his underlying message throughout the past months connecting Iraq with the war on terror.

"Whatever mistakes that have been made in Iraq, the worst mistake would be to think, if we pulled out, the terrorists would leave us alone," the president said. "They will not leave us alone. They will follow us."

The stubborn decision making of good old "W" is costing our nation billions in a war that we should have never started.

The landscape of a pre-war Iraq didn't have anything to do with Osama bin Laden's worldwide international terrorist organization al-Qaida, it was ruled by a dictator that didn't want anyone around who was even remotely as powerful as himself.

By going into Iraq, we've turned a once dictatorruled nation into a war zone for various rebel groups that were held down by Saddam's forces.

Bush called Iraq the central front on the war on terror Monday evening.

"The war is not over and it will not be over until either we or the extremists emerge victorious," Bush said.

While the so-called "war on terror" continues to cost our country money, resources and spreads out

I don't want to see that happen again.

The war on terror is a worldwide threat centering on major cities with major world powers as targets. Iraq isn't where the terrorists are — wake up "W."

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# **GRASS**-Local schools helped design campus signs

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choosing to cut the corners and walk on the grass."

Originally, Suit's boss asked the art department to make signs for this campaign, but the art department declined, so Suit himself approached his neighbor, who was a sixth-grade teacher at a local middle school.

The juvenile signs were set up around campus, and "it worked," Suit said. "People would just see the signs and go around - students stopped cutting across the corners."

"If signs are necessary, then they should be professionally printed signs with a clear message, not something that depicts what I think may be an old-school hightop Nike squishing a bug," said Ann Grabowski, Associated Students director of community affairs.

Signs were made by local schools each year for four years: two years at Burnett Academy, and one year a piece at Willow Glen and Hoover Middle Schools.

"I had thought an over-zealous environmental student club had painted them when I first saw them," said Elizabeth McColm, a graduate student in mass communications. "I walk on the grass when I am in a hurry, I will admit, but I get a feeling that I am going against the norm — if I am walking on the grass, I am the only student doing so."

Suit said he enjoyed talking about the paintings the kids came up with. "Some of the signs had South Park characters," he said.

Suit explained that students are not restricted from enjoying or using the grass, just from creating new paths.

"If 1,000 students walk through the grass in the same area, they will create a dirt path — but if hundreds of students play Frisbee on a big open grass area, you will not know they had been there," Suit said.

Suit and his co-workers present

must have been done by Arabs.

"Americans have a hard time believing that they have been hated so much that people would do these sorts of things," he said. "They don't understand it."

Peter said it was his belief that our country has in its possession a tape of Osama bin Laden taking ownership of the attacks.

"It's my understanding that we have tapes of him saying he planned the attack and took credit for it," Peter said.

He said he had no reason to believe the tape was fake.

Rick Propas, a lecturer of history for SJSU, said conspiracy theories are no more than attempts to explain the inexplicable. "It's part of human desire," Pro-

**THEORIES**- Some are attempts to explain, profs say

pas said. "We try to give it some sort of agency so the world doesn't seem so chaotic."

Propas also pointed to the administration itself, saying it could not have so thoroughly planned to create this conspiracy and still keep it a secret.

"The Bush administration, which is notorious in its penchant for secrecy and its desire to operate outside of public view, has been outed so many times by insiders, I just don't believe that they could have done it," he said.

Propas said the government is a leaky and messy organization and said it isn't smart enough to conspire something of this size.

"It was a simple fact that the Bush administration couldn't find a glass of water if it were on the table," he said.

Peter also found it hard to believe that the U.S. government could be responsible.

"It does seem unlikely that someone else would have done this and then concealed it," he said.

But after all these years, Peter said, he found the government's response to the acts somewhat disappointing.

"I think the obsession with 9/11, which is being fanned now by movies and popular stuff, is a distraction

"Some conspiracies are true. But the vast majority of them are to explain events that people can't accept at face value." -Kenneth Peter, political science professor

from a much deeper conversation we need to have about the sorts of conditions in the world that breed terrorism," he said.

"And yet, we're not having that conversation. We still haven't had that conversation," Peter said.

# Saddam lashes out at witnesses during trial

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein thundered against "agents of Iran and Zionism" Tuesday as Kurdish witnesses described atrocities against them. In a moment of defiance, a witness snapped: "Congratulations, Saddam. You are in a cage."

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have been correct.

with military explosives.

"When people don't understand

He said he was skeptical of all

"Some conspiracies are true,"

conspiracy theories in general, but

he did note that some conspiracies

he said. "But the vast majority of

them are to explain events that

that many Americans would imme-

diately assume that any terrorist event

Peter said he also found it racist

people can't accept at face value."

why something happened, they will

invent conspiracies," said political

science professor Kenneth Peter.

Saddam and the six other defendants in the genocide trial sat silently as witnesses told of Operation Anfal, the 1987-88 campaign to suppress a Kurdish revolt in northern Iraq during which the prosecution says about 180,000 Kurds died.

But when Saddam heard a lawyer describe Kurdish guerrillas, known as peshmergas, as freedom fighters, the deposed president bellowed: "You are agents of Iran and Zionism. We will crush your heads."

Before the judge cut off his microphone, Saddam said the Kurdish guerrillas were rebels and "in any country in the world where there is rebellion, the authorities ask the army to defeat it."

He demanded that the word peshmerga, Kurdish for "those who face death," be stricken from the trial record and complained that the five-judge panel had tolerated "lots of violations" of judicial proceed-

ings during Tuesday's session.

"But if we were to get angry, it would be something else," Saddam said, banging his fist against the podium.

He also insisted that "neutral" experts — not Americans — examine the identities of the witnesses and the bodies allegedly found in mass graves.

The prosecution demanded that Saddam's statement about the Kurdish rebellion be considered a confession. Chief Judge Abdullah al-Amiri rejected the motion, but took note of it when the prosecution threatened to walk out.

If convicted, Saddam and the other defendants could face death by hanging.

Saddam has maintained that the Anfal crackdown was directed against Kurdish guerrillas who were allied with Iran in the 1980-88 war and that loyal Iraqi Kurds were treated fairly.

That claim was disputed by four Kurdish witnesses, who told of ferocious attacks by Iraqi forces against their villages as well as mass arrests and killings of civilians.

The most chilling account came from Ghafour Hassan Abdullah, who said Iraqi

troops attacked his northern village with aircraft and artillery in February 1988.

"At night, I heard the screaming of women and children," said Ghafour Hassan Abdullah.

Abdullah said he fled to neighboring Iran, but that his mother and two sisters disappeared. Years later, their identity cards were found in a mass grave near Hatra, about 120 miles from their home village, he said.

Abdullah, now 29, asked rhetorically why the Kurds, a non-Arab minority comprising 15 to 20 percent of Iraq's population, had been so brutally suppressed under Saddam's regime.

"Why? Because we are Kurds," he said. "Why did all disasters befall us? Because we are Kurds."

Abdullah then turned to Saddam and said: "Congratulations, Saddam. You are in a cage." He demanded compensation for the loss of his family.

Another witness, farmer Mahmoud Hama Aziz, said he lost a brother in fighting with Iraqi forces in 1987, months before their village was razed.

"They (Iraqi forces) stole everything in

the village, then burned it down," he said.

Aziz said he and two friends sought refuge in Iran, leaving behind a sister-in-law and her five children who later dropped from sight. In 2004, he identified four of their bodies in a mass grave.

Omar Khudhir Mohammed Amin, 53, testified that he lost 19 relatives - including his four brothers and sisters and their children — in the offensive.

"The court in Sulaimaniyah asked for me. I went there and was shown their IDs. They showed me six IDs that belonged to my relatives. I told them I want to visit them, but court officials told me they are in a mass grave in Hatra," he said.

Akram Ali Hussein Mahmoud, 41, said he lost 70 relatives in Operation Anfal, including a 5-year-old boy who starved. Residents of his village fled into the mountains when Iraqi troops launched a chemical attack.

"We heard big bangs and later bad smells," he said. "We ran to the mountains. ... We saw a white layer cover the ground. ... The trees turned gray and white, so we knew that a chemical material was used."



By Lisa Leff Associated Press

9 a.m. before some 500 people set out on a remembrance walk, SAN FRANCISCO - For which followed a two-mile cir-

# SJSU 6

ed this Clean and Green Campaign Program and its successes to the Pacific Coast Association of Physical Plant Administra-



SJSU department of Facilities Development and Operations is hosting this year's conference at the San Jose Hilton Hotel.

"I think they're good, in the sense that the grass needs to be preserved as long as possible," said Dane Lentz, a theatre arts major. "But, in posting them, they give students a lot less freedom to roam around campus — it feels almost as if there's always someone watching the grass, waiting for the next person to step on it so that person can go to jail for unintentional grassicide."

Suit recalled a story of how both the students and faculty were so used to creating dirt paths by cutting across the grass, even while landscaping crews were rotor tilling the dirt. In one case, a professor came walking down a path as it was being rotor tilled - "the professor's feet would sink a good few inches into the turned up dirt, and he just kept on walking down the path despite this."

"I am dumbfounded by how well it worked — but I think it is because of the kids," Suit said. "If a path shows up, a sign is added, on an as-needed basis - 10 to 15 signs are on the shelves waiting to go out if the need arises."

Cathie Ong, it seems like only yesterday that her flight attendant sister Betty perished when Los Angeles-bound American Airlines flight 11 slammed into the World Trade Center's north tower.

"Life has moved on for many people," Ong said Monday at a Sept. 11 ceremony at San Francisco International Airport, where the doomed United Airlines flight 93 was bound five years ago. For me, it still feels like it happened only yesterday — there is really no such thing as the first, second, or third remembrance because every day is a remembrance for us."

Some 100 pilots, flight attendants and other airline personnel met at the airport Monday to honor the crews who died in the attacks. It was just one of many ways Californians marked the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks with ceremonies across the state, including a so-called Freedom Walk in San Diego's Balboa Park. Residents also recognized the anniversary with concerts, prayer vigils and film screenings that questioned the Bush administration's response to events that day.

Heather Lauter-Clay, a United Airlines flight attendant who organized the San Francisco airport gathering, said airline industry workers believe their colleagues' heroism on Sept. 11 and their continued role in making commercial travel possible have been overlooked.

"We are all grieving in our own way today," Lauter-Clay said. "Post 9-11, we are the law enforcement up there - and that is really not recognized."

In San Diego's Balboa Park, a moment of silence was held at cuit through the city's largest park. It was one of 125 walks planned across the country, including at least one in every state, said Beth Steinke, chapter president for Operation Homefront, the nonprofit sponsoring the walks.

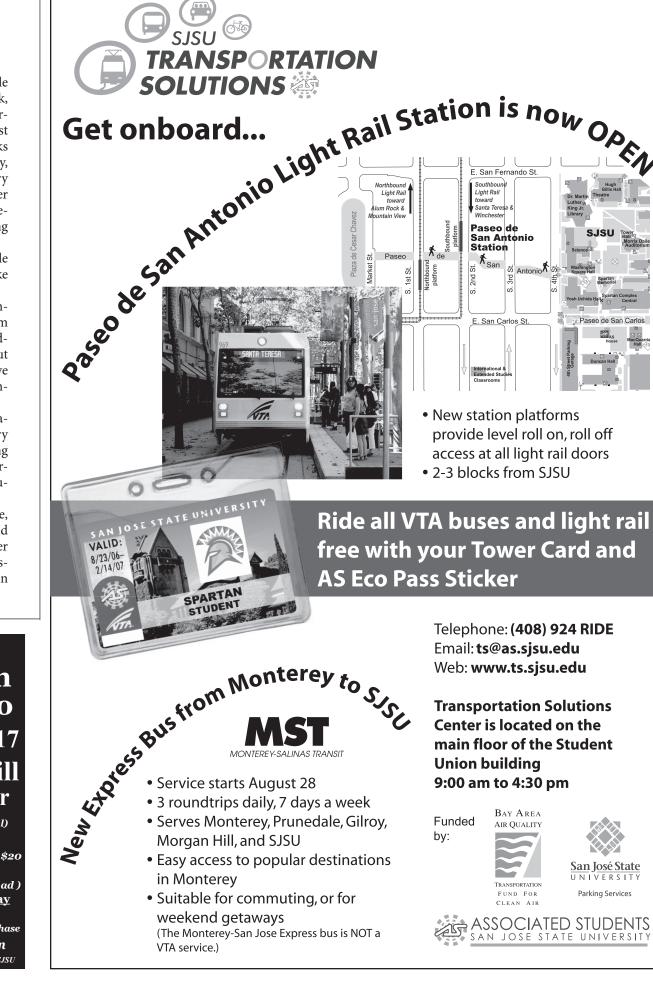
"We wanted to give people a place to remember," Steinke said.

Many on the walk had family in the military. For them Sept. 11 is as much about crediting U.S. forces as it is about remembering those killed five years ago. Several service members took part in the walk.

"It's just a day of devastation, but I think the military has done a good job in trying to protect us against the terrorists," said San Diego nurse Susan Moren, 54.

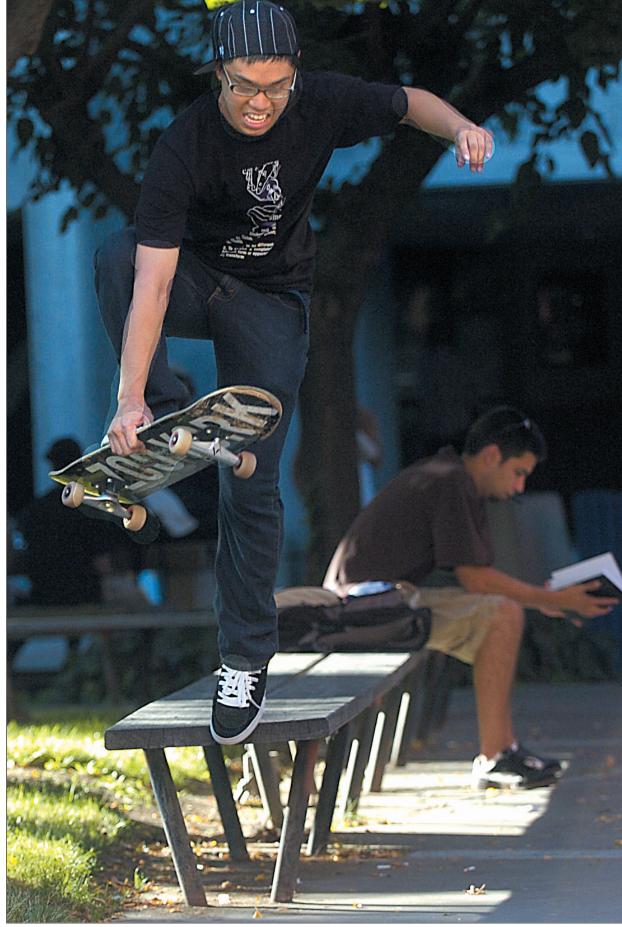
"We are patriotic people, so we wanted to come out and support the troops," said her husband Tom Moren, 55, a restaurateur. The couple has a son in the U.S. Navy.

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# Extreme drop



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Joe Albert, a junior majoring in corporate financing, attempts to do an "acid drop" with his skateboard near the Student Union on Tuesday.

# **COURSES**- Textbooks reflect new era

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government is doing; read mainline newspapers; evaluate what the editorials say, as opposed to what is written in news stories; watch or listen to shows such as "Meet the Press"; and listen to what they consider are the issues of the day.

"I still think that few Americans, including college students, understand the underlying social, economic and cultural issues that led to the development of al-Qaida and other terrorist groups," Edwards said. "Studying international relations in college would assist our students in understanding the issues and points of view in other parts of the world, especially why they hate us and what we, as a nation, might want to do about it."

And until Americans do something about it, they will be vulnerable.

"America isn't immune to history," Brent said. "We should be ready for more suffering, and we should be prepared to sacrifice. But I don't think we are."

Although the events of Sept. 11 may be reflected in textbooks, Quill credits the ending of World War II as the event that "changed the face of education" and allowed more people access to colleges and universities.

Hauss quotes Marcel Proust in the first chapter of "Comparative Politics": "The real voyage of

"We should be ready for more suffering, and we should be prepared to sacrifice. But I don't think we are." -James Brent, political science professor

discovery consists not in seeking new lands but in seeing with new eyes."

"What was once an education for elites only became education for the majority of the population," Quill said. "A good thing, too."

# **TREES**- Many replaced over summer

### Continued from page 1

ager for Facilities Development and Operations said it was just time.

"Most of (the trees) were declining rapidly," Suit said. "Ninety percent of them were dead, hazardous and had major problems."

According to Suit, most of the trees that were cut down were replaced, something that Seto was

"I was very pleased to see the stumps being replaced with younger trees right before school started," Seto said. "I had wondered what would happen to the view every tree on campus. trees that were cut."

Some students, including Mai Nguyen, a sophomore majoring in business, never noticed that trees were being cut down around campus.

"I was (on campus) for summer school and never saw anything different," Nguyen said. "But I also don't really pay attention to the trees when I walk around."

According to Suit, they are in the process of getting a new tree management program called ArborPro, which uses geographic information system technology to locate and

"With ArborPro, you can view aerial photographs of each tree from your computer," Suit said. "It will be more convenient and easier to check on trees."

Despite the fact that they may be rotting or sick, Suit said it's always hard when he has to chop down a tree.

"Trees are like people," Suit said. "They get old. They get weak. They succumb to disease. They succumb to insects. But the safety of the students, faculty and administration comes first and that's why we cut them down."

# Syrian guards thwart U.S. Embassy attack

#### By Sam F. Ghattas Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria – Syrian guards foiled an attempt by suspected al-Qaida-linked militants to blow up the U.S. Embassy on Tuesday, exchanging fire outside the compound's walls with gunmen who shouted "God is great" and tried to storm in with automatic weapons and hand grenades.

The brazen, midmorning assault in a heavily guarded neighborhood of the capital could highlight the Syrian regime's weakening grip on militants, who have battled Syrian security forces repeatedly in recent years. The attack, which left at least 10 civilians and a Chinese diplomat wounded, came amid high tension between Washington and Damascus. The rapid response by Syrian guards won rare praise from the United States, which accuses President Bashar Assad's government of supporting terrorism in its backing of Hezbollah guerrillas and Palestinian militants. "I do think that the Syrians reacted to this attack in a way that helped to secure our people, and we very much appreciate that," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said. No Americans were hurt, and the embassy was not damaged. White House spokesman Tony Snow also thanked Syrian officials and called for Damascus to "become an ally and make the choice of fighting against terrorists." But Syria responded with a sharp criticism of the United States, blaming its policies in Lebanon, Iraq and the Palestinian territories for increasing Islamic militancy.

"It is regrettable that U.S. policies in the Middle East have fueled extremism, terrorism and anti-U.S. sentiment," the Syrian Embassy in Washington said in a statement. "The U.S. should ... start looking at the root causes of terrorism and broker a comprehensive peace in the Middle East."

It curtly said that Syria "performed its duties" under the Geneva Conventions to protect the embassy.

Anti-American sentiment has to gas canisters - pulled up to been rising across the Middle another gate on the other side of

arrested.

The attackers came in two cars, one of them an explosives-laden pickup truck. The first car pulled up in front of the embassy's entrance and three gunmen burst out. Shouting "Allahu akbar" - "God is great" - they threw hand grenades and fired automatic weapons toward the gate and a Syrian guard post, sparking a 15minute gunbattle.

At the same time, the truck - filled with pipe bombs rigged

glad about.

NEWS IN BRIEF

# Irwin fans might be attacking stingrays

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)- At least 10 stingrays have been killed since "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin was fatally injured by one of the fish, an official said Tuesday, prompting a spokesman for the late TV star's animal charity to urge people not take revenge on the animals.

Irwin died last week after a stingray barb pierced his chest as he recorded a show off the Great Barrier Reef.

Stingray bodies since have been discovered on two beaches in Queensland state on Australia's eastern coast. Two were discovered Tuesday with their tails lopped off, state fisheries department official Wayne Sumpton said.

Sumpton said fishermen who inadvertently catch the diamondshaped rays sometimes cut off their tails to avoid being stung, but the practice was uncommon. Stingrays often are caught in fishing nets by mistake and should be returned to the sea, Sumpton said.

Michael Hornby, the executive director of Irwin's Wildlife Warriors conservation group, said he was concerned the rays were being hunted and killed in retaliation for Irwin's death.

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"It may be some sort of retribution, or it may be fear from certain individuals, or it just may be yet another callous act toward wildlife," he said.

He said killing stingrays was "not what Steve was about."

"We are disgusted and disappointed that people would take this sort of action to hurt wildlife," he said.

Stingrays are usually shy, unobtrusive fish that rummage the sea bottom for food or burrow into the sand.

They have a serrated spine up to 10 inches long on their tails, which they can lash when stepped on or otherwise frightened.

The spines emit toxins that can kill many small creatures and cause excruciating pain in humans. Few people have died from the poison, but the spines can badly tear flesh and the wounds are prone to infections, including tetanus.

Hornby said people should treat stingrays with caution, but "there is still no need to ... kill or mutilate these important animals."

# Former Ramsey suspect transferred to California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - John Mark Karr, who was briefly a suspect in the JonBenet Ramsey slaying, arrived in California to face child pornography charges late Tuesday, authorities said.

Karr, 41, arrived at Oakland International Airport with considerably less fanfare than when he was greeted by a crowd of reporters in Los Angeles last month after he was wined and dined on a flight from Thailand, where he was arrested.

Witnesses said Karr quickly exited a commercial flight, walked down the tarmac and left the airport in a vehicle with tinted windows.

He being held at the Sonoma County jail in Santa Rosa and is scheduled for arraignment at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, jail officials said.

Karr, who had been held in Colorado for several weeks, was released by Boulder County authorities earlier Tuesday.

Karr, a schoolteacher, was arrested Aug. 16 after he made phone calls and wrote e-mails in which he claimed to have killed the 6-yearold beauty queen in her Boulder home in December 1996.

But DNA tests failed to connect Karr to the crime, and investigators had no evidence he was even in Boulder at the time of the slaying.

East since Israel's 34-day blitz of Hezbollah in Lebanon that ended nearly a month ago, on top of turmoil in Iraq that many here blame on the United States.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Tuesday's attack, but suspicion immediately fell on a little-known al-Qaida offshoot called Jund al-Sham, Arabic for Soldiers of Syria.

Syria's ambassador to the U.S., Imad Moustapha, told The Associated Press it was too early to say but "it's logically possible" Jund al-Sham was responsible.

If confirmed, it would be the boldest and most sophisticated attack yet by Jund al-Sham.

At the State Department, deputy spokesman Tom Casey said: "Clearly, it was an organized terrorist attack on our embassy. But exactly who was responsible for it and who they might be affiliated with and what their motives are, are things that we'll just have to look at as the days go on."

Three attackers and a Syrian guard were killed in the attempted bombing of the embassy, located in the same neighborhood as Assad's office and residence. A fourth attacker was wounded and the triangle-shaped compound. But when the shooting erupted, the driver ran away without detonating it. The driver was shot and arrested, and the truck did not explode.

The three attackers tried to throw their grenades over the embassy's white 15-foot-high walls, but none made it over. One blast peppered the wall with pockmarks.

Three Syrian security agents were wounded as well as the 10 civilians and the Chinese diplomat who was watching the gunbattle from the rooftop of the Chinese Embassy across the street.

After the attack, blood was splattered on the sidewalk outside the embassy, along with the burned-out car used by the gunmen.

The U.S. Embassy has about 40 staffers, but no ambassador. The United States withdrew its ambassador several days after the Feb. 14, 2005, assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in a Beirut car bomb — an attack his supporters blamed on Syria. Damascus has denied any role, but the Hariri's killing further soured U.S.-Syrian ties.

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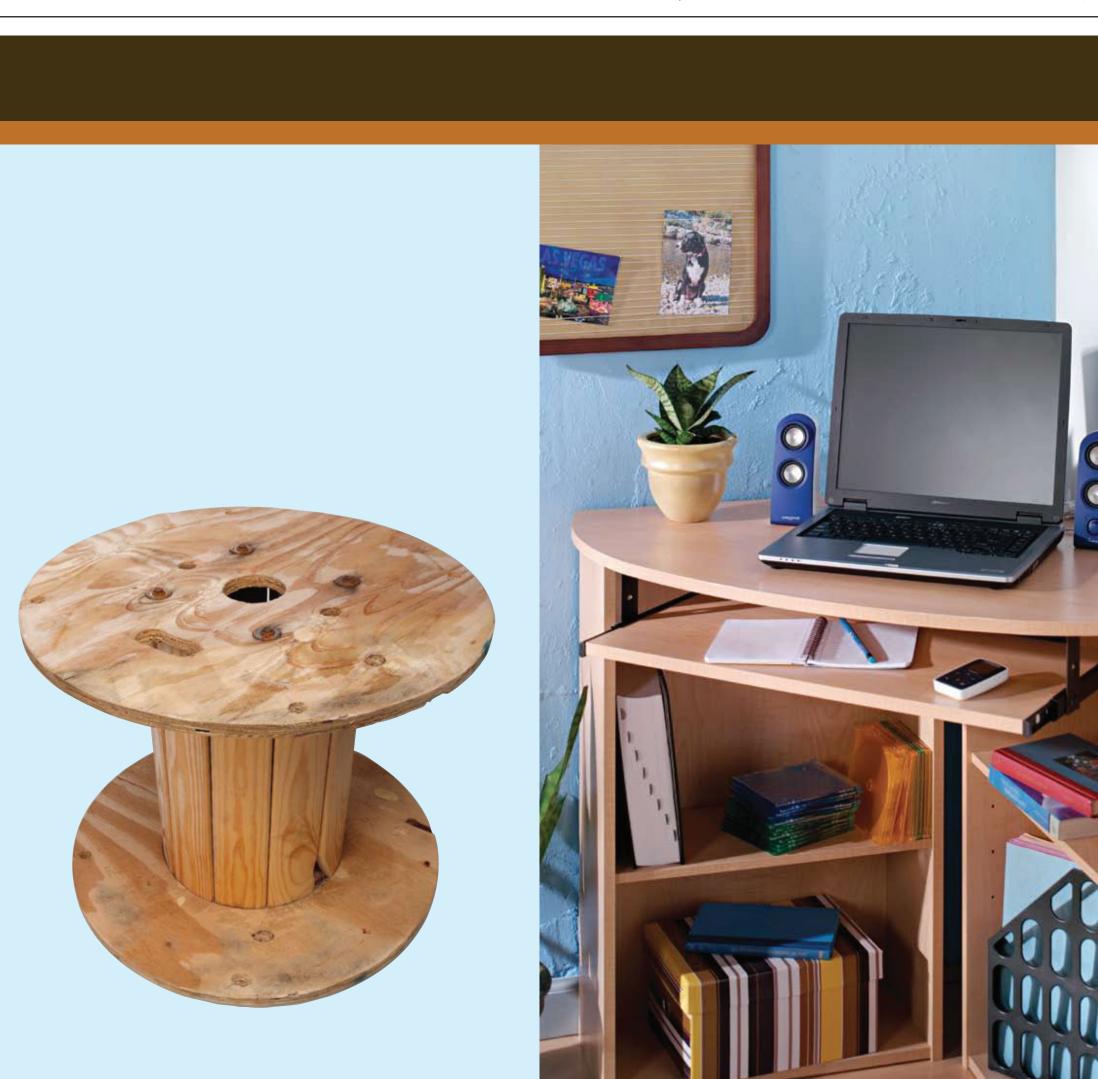
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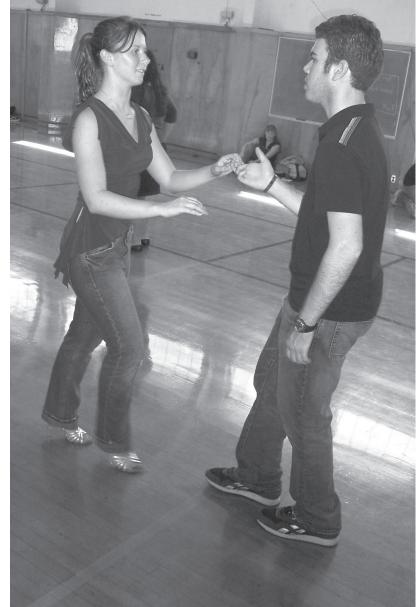


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# Shall we dance

Leslie Lagan, left, a junior majoring in advertising, and Michael J. Langford, a senior majoring in hospitality management, practice the salsa after an intermediate Latin dance class in the Spartan Complex on Wednesday.

# Apple unveils much-awaited movie downloads

Steve Jobs shows off new compact iTV device

By May Wong Associated Press SAN FRANCISCO — Seeking played on TVs, Jobs said.

With iTV, digital content stored on computers could more easily be

# Angelides campaign admits to tape leak

By Laura Kurtzman

Associated Press SACRAMENTO - The campaign of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's Democratic rival on Tuesday acknowledged it downloaded an embarrassing audio recording of the governor bantering with his staff and leaked it to the Los Angeles Times.

But Cathy Calfo, campaign manager for Democrat Phil Angelides, said that although she did not approve of the leak, the campaign had done nothing wrong because the file was available publicly on the governor's Web site.

The governor apologized the day the Times published its story for saying in the recording that a Hispanic female legislator had a "very hot" temperament because she had "black blood" and "Latino blood."

Calfo said her staff downloads information daily and used a computer to access the audio clip on Aug. 29. Staff members downloaded at least four hours of audio from the site, she said.

"It was provided on the Web site - no hacking, no password, no expertise required," she said during an afternoon news conference.

Schwarzenegger campaign manager Steve Schmidt said the Angelides campaign had behaved badly, first in obtaining the audio and then in furnishing it to the newspaper.

"It's wrong, it's unethical, and it's a very big deal," he said.

On Monday, Schwarzenegger's legal affairs secretary, Andrea Lynn Hoch, said the files were

stored "in a password-protected area of the governor's office network computer system."

Hoch said she forwarded the Internet Protocol address used to download the file to the California Highway Patrol, which is investigating how the files became public.

The Sacramento Bee first reported that the Angelides campaignacknowledgeddownloading the audio file in an article Tuesday. The newspaper said Hoch provided what she said was the intruder's Internet Protocol address. The Bee looked up the address on the Web site IP-lookup. net and found that it was linked to the Angelides campaign.

One expert questioned whether it was proper for Hoch to release the IP address, since the governor's Web site pledges not to distribute "electronically collected personal information" such as IP addresses except to improve the content of the Web site or understand how people are using its services.

"At least on first glance, it does appear that the release of this IP address did violate the privacy policy," said Kevin Bankston, a staff attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco.

Adam Mendelsohn, the governor's communications director, said the privacy policy does not apply because those who used the IP address linked to the Angelides camp proceeded beyond the public domain and into an area that was explicitly marked as private and subject to monitoring.

Mendelsohn said the Angelides campaign staffers should have encountered a pop-up warning before downloading the audio file.

Amanda Crumley, communications director for the Angelides campaign, said the researcher who downloaded the file never received such a warning.

"If they have a pop-up window, that's something they've added now," she said.

Calfo said there was no mystery in how the campaign found the recording, in which Schwarzenegger also banters with aides about Republican legislators. She said an Aug. 29 news release about Hurricane Katrina on the governor's Web site linked to a Schwarzenegger audio file. And that, in turn, linked to other audio files from the governor's office.

Mendelsohn said someone would have had to snoop around to find the audio file.

"The file that was leaked to the Los Angeles Times was in a private area of the governor's server not accessible to the public without manipulation of information," he said.

Mendelsohn said the act was analogous to someone piggybacking on a neighbor's unsecured wireless network and accessing private information.

Calfo, Angelides' campaign manager, said she was unhappy that two campaign staffers had passed the audio clip to the Times without her permission or knowledge. She said Angelides, who was on the East Coast Tuesday, also did not know about it.

"We're looking into it now," she

said. "Am I happy? No."

But Calfo said accusations that the Angelides campaign accessed the audio improperly were false and politically motivated.

"They provided access to a press release to files that it appears that they did not want people to see," she said. "Ask them if they're going to release those publicly, if those were on the Web site intentionally. What's the story here?"

To ensure that no more private recordings or other information was obtained from the Web, the governor's office took the private portion of its site off-line Thursday night after being contacted by the Los Angeles Times, Mendelsohn said.

The leaked recording was made during a speechwriting session in the governor's office last March. Schwarzenegger and his chief of staff, Susan Kennedy, speculate about whether state Assemblywoman Bonnie Garcia, R-Cathedral City, is Puerto Rican or Cuban.

Schwarzenegger said, "They are all very hot. They have the, you know, part of the black blood in them and part of the Latino blood in them that together makes it."

With Garcia by his side, the governor apologized for his remarks on Friday, saying he cringed when he read them. Garcia said she was not offended.

Schwarzenegger, who was in Los Angeles Tuesday morning to sign a bill raising the minimum wage, declined to talk about the controversy surrounding how the recording became public.

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The iTunes Music Store, however, will initially carry movies only from The Walt Disney Co. studios, where Apple CEO Steve Jobs is a board member. By contrast, Amazon.com Inc.'s movie service launched last week with distribution deals with seven studios — but not Disney.

At a media event Tuesday, Jobs also showed off a compact gadget, dubbed iTV, that will allow consumers to watch movies purchased online — as well as other digital content stored on a computer — on a connected television set. It will sell for \$299 and be available early next year.

He said more than 75 films will be available on iTunes from Walt Disney Pictures, Pixar, Touchstone Pictures and Miramax. New releases will be priced at \$12.99, when pre-ordered and during the first week of sale, or \$14.99 afterward. Library titles will be sold for \$9.99 each.

Other online movie services already exist but haven't attracted many customers. Apple, however, is already being cast as a leading competitor with its entry.

Bringing digital content stored on a computer and playing it back on a television has been a vexing challenge for online movie providers.

And as many expected, Apple is tackling that problem.

"We think it completes the picture here. Now I could download content from iTunes. I could enjoy it on my computer, my iPod and my big-screen television in the living room," he said.

Apple has been forging ahead to make its products the digital media hub for consumers. Its iconic iPod player is designed for music and video on-the-go, its iTunes Music Store is a leading destination for getting digital content, and its Macintosh computers are touted for being able to manage all media.

Jobs also announced a slate of iPods upgrades, including:

- A 24-hour battery life on the iPod Nano, which stores media files on flash memory chips. Models, ranging in capacity from 2 gigabytes to 8 gigabytes will come in five colors and sell for between \$149 and \$249.

- A larger-capacity video-capable iPod that features an 80-gigabyte hard drive for storing digital music, video and other content. It will retail for \$349

- A smaller size for the iPod Shuffle, which also will sport a built-in clip. It will sell for \$79.

The Nano and 80-gigabyte iPods are available immediately. The shuffle will be available in October.

Jobs also debuted downloadable video games such as "Tetris" or "Bejeweled," that have been designed specifically for the latest video-iPod models. They can be purchased at the iTunes online store.

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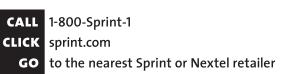
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# **Volleyball team takes Broncos to five games in loss**

#### By Heather Driscoll Daily Staff Writer

Tuesday night, the San Jose State University women's volleyball team started out the annual rivalry series against Santa Clara University by winning the first two games of the match, but the Spartans eventually fell to the Broncos' experience, which led Santa Clara to its five-game victory at the Spartan Gym.

The Spartans started out strong the first two games but fell in the last three to lose 30-28, 30-28, 27-30, 19-30, 6-15.

The two teams battled for most of the first game with neither team taking more than a four-point lead.

Late in the first game, the Spartans found themselves trailing 21-25 after a kill by Bronco All-American Anna Cmaylo.

The Spartans then rallied on a 7-3 run to tie the game 28-28 after setter Kristina Conrad's service ace.

Santa Clara failed to register a kill on its final two attempts of the game, giving the Spartans the win 30-28 in game one.

Game two was fairly similar, with four victory for the Broncos. the Spartans never trailing and having a lead as big as five.

The Spartans hit .385 with 17 kills on 39 attempts to take the second victory on a 30-28 score.

"If we played this way with any other team, we would have won," said head coach Craig Choate. "They played with a lot of heart and on so much emotion. ... It really helped that we had so much support out there. I wish it was like this for every game."

The Spartans started out strong in the third game and eventually tied the match at 22-22.

The Broncos then took the lead for good with Annalisa Muratore responsible for four of the last seven points of the game.

In game four, Santa Clara showed why it is the top-ranked team as it took advantage of Spartan errors.

Bronco All-American Crystal Matich had three of her nine kills in the fourth game to lead the Broncos to a five-point lead at 16-11.

Santa Clara out-blocked the Spartans 3-0, leading to the 30-19 game

In game five, Santa Clara showed its offensive dominance as it hit .529,

as opposed to the Spartans' .125. Bronco Nichole Clark ended the match with the team's eighth service

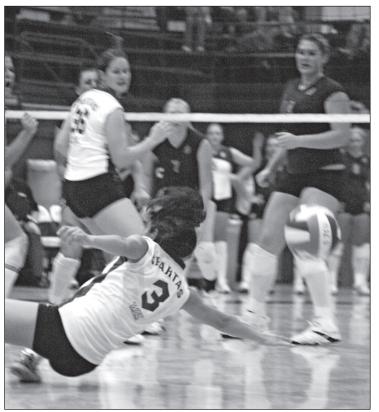
ace, with a score of 15-6. This marks the Spartans' third loss in five games this season.

The Spartans were led by outside hitter Jennifer Senftleben with 18 kills and senior libero Jessie Shull had a match-high 20 digs.

"At the beginning, we were so pumped up," Shull said. "But with a top-ranked team like Santa Clara, we just couldn't hold it up towards the end."

This weekend, the Spartans will host the SJSU Hyatt Invitational, with matches on Sept. 15 and Sept. 26 in the Spartan Gym. Teams scheduled to play include California State University, Northridge; Harvard and Utah Valley State.

"I think as long as we keep playing like we are then we'll do great at this weekend's invitational," Senftleben said.



GAVIN MCCHESNEY / DAILY SENIOR STAFF

San Jose State University freshman Kristal Tsukano dives for the ball Tuesday during a match against the Santa Clara University Broncos in the Spartan Gym.

# Women's golf team finishes strong in third round to end tourney

**Daily Staff Report** The San Jose State University women's golf team finished in third place at the Ptarmigan/Ram Fall Classic in Fort Collins, Colo.

In the final round of the tournament, the Spartans had the best team score out of 17 competitors with a 289 at the Ptarmigan Country Club, which was 1-over-par on the par-72 course.

The Spartans scored an 879 during the three-round tournament.

The University of Colorado won the tournament with an 872 score during three rounds. The Buffaloes held off the Baylor University Bears during the final round on Tuesday to claim first place by one stroke.

Sophomore Sirapa Kasemsamran finished in seventh place with a 1-over-par score of 217. Four other SJSU golfers finished in the top 20 out of the 90 golfers competing.

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