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## 33 dead after shooting on Virginia Tech campus

### SJSU students react to tragedy

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Yesterday's shootings at Virginia Tech University had students of San Jose State University shocked, upset and worried about their safety on a college campus.

"I feel protected at this school, but obviously those people at Virginia Tech did too," said Leo Cortez, a senior majoring in justice studies. "It can happen anywhere."

SJSU University Police Sgt. John Laws said university police departments don't expect shootings on

college campuses, and that they can only work to stop a shooting once it has begun.

"This kind of incident has so many variables that it's almost impossible to prevent it," Laws said, "much less stop it once it happens."

Several students were bothered by the two-hour interval between shootings, questioning why the gunman was not caught, why the university didn't notify people faster, and why the university was not immediately shut down.

"I was pissed off because apparently the first shoot-

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### Attacks took place two hours apart

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BLACKSBURG, Va. — A gunman massacred 32 people at Virginia Tech in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history Monday, cutting down his victims in two attacks two hours apart before the university could grasp what was happening and warn students.

The bloodbath ended with the gunman committing suicide, bringing the death toll to 33 and stamping the campus in the picturesque Blue Ridge Moun-

tains with unspeakable tragedy, perhaps forever.

Investigators gave no motive for the attack. The gunman's name was not immediately released, and it was not known whether he was a student.

"Today the university was struck with a tragedy that we consider of monumental proportions," Virginia Tech President Charles Steger said. "The university is shocked and indeed horrified."

But he was also faced with difficult questions about the university's handling of the emergency and whether it did enough to warn students and pro-

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## Study shows voter concern with president

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The majority of Californians believe President Bush lies.

According to a recent study done by the Survey and Policy Research Institute at San Jose State University, about 65 percent of adults and voters in California feel that the president is not telling the American people the truth.

"If the truth came out, who knows what would happen," said Tim Leong, Jr., a junior majoring in kinesiology. "He just has this unsure way of doing things."

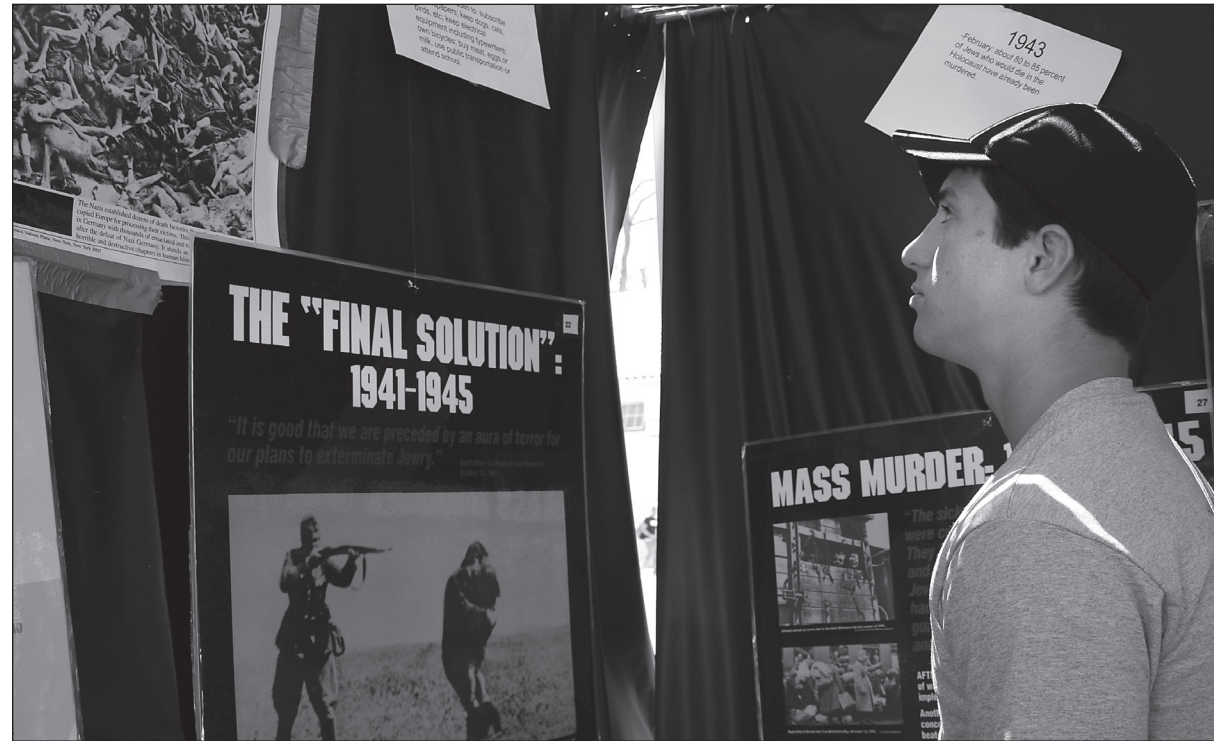
Christina Delavar, a sophomore majoring in music, said that she feels the president cannot be trusted.

"Absolutely not," she said. "I think everyone knows that by now."

The survey also shows that while 23 percent of Californians disapprove of Bush's policies, 57 percent of California adults and 62 percent of voters approve of the way Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling state policies.

"He's fighting global warming, he's going around the country talking about post partisanship and how we need to get beyond this partisan bickering, and Californians really like that," said Melinda Jackson, the survey's director and an assistant professor of political science at SJSU. "The Republicans in the state assembly feel like he's not a true Republican or that he's not representing their interests, but everyone else really likes it, his approval is high."

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ABOVE: Elliot Fine, an international student majoring in business, looks at images of the Holocaust on Monday. BELOW: The Jewish Holocaust remembrance booth displays a flag with a swastika and other Nazi paraphernalia.

## Holocaust remembered

### Monday memorial part of week-long event

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As part of Genocide Holocaust Week, the Jewish Student Union teamed up with Hillel of Silicon Valley to create a memorial dedicated to the more than 6.3 million people who died during the Holocaust and to commemorate those who survived it.

Amir Margittai, the president of the Jewish Student Union at San Jose State University, said his grandfather, a survivor of the Holocaust, never speaks about his personal experiences and

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## City releases report on stadium

### Details plans for facility funding

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A new combined soccer and football stadium at San Jose State University's south campus would not use any city or student money to be built, according to a report released yesterday by the city of San Jose.

SJSU President Don Kassing has been in discussions with Oakland Athletics owner Lew Wolff and Mayor Chuck Reed over the past several months regarding the new stadium, however, the report is the first time specific details have officially been released to the public.

Wolff's plan for a new stadium calls for the facility to be built on university property adjacent to the existing Spartan Stadium, which would then be torn down. The new stadium would house both the SJSU football team and a new Major League Soccer team, to be called the Earthquakes.

Paul Krutko, the author of the report and the city's chief development officer, said that having a new stadium would help improve both the city's and the university's images.

"We believe that San Jose State University is the city's other franchise," Krutko said. "We believe

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## Students focus on sustainability

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STAFF WRITER

Climate change, unfair trade and social injustice, are they recycled ideas or inconvenient truths?

San Jose State University's Sustainability Week will host four days of events dedicated to engage students both environmentally and socially.

"Sustainability is about long-term planning and thinking ahead and only using as many resources as our planet can regenerate," said Amie Frisch, the director of the Environmental Resource Center.

Frisch said a sustainable earth would be a place where laborers are paid fairly and food is grown organically. Frisch said food is people's basic connection to earth and encourages students to take part in the cooking lesson using organic food at the dining com-

mons at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Nora Ly, a member of the campus group Sustainable Markets and Responsible Trade Project and an alumna of SJSU, said students could start learning how to support the sustainability of the earth for future generations by attending a speech by former sweatshop worker Carmencita Abad's speech on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Library.

"There is a lack of awareness of a broader world outside of our own," Ly said. "You can make a world of difference, it just takes tiny steps."

Ly said students can take those steps toward change by patronizing small businesses, like a local coffee shop that sells fair trade coffee.

Fair trade activist, Candi Smucker discussed the concept of ethical trade yesterday and a discussion

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## SJSU residents consider housing options

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STAFF WRITER

"It's too expensive for me right now."

Or, "It's super convenient."

Or, "The bathrooms are just gross."

These are a few of the differing opinions offered by some of the 50 on-campus residents who, in a survey, were asked if they will be returning to live at San Jose State University next school year.

Of the 50 polled students, 32 said they will return while the other 18 said they will live off campus.

"I'm staying for safety reasons," said Jacilyn Williams, a junior majoring in animation illustration, "plus my classes are close."

The most attractive features of on-campus housing for some of those returning are convenience and a sense of community.

Others who aren't returning, like Kristen Cardner, a freshman majoring in theater arts, chose not to live on campus again for financial reasons.

"I'm on financial aid, and I don't like having to pull out more loans to live on campus," she said.

Krista Slowikowski, a freshman majoring in hospitality management, said, "I live in the bricks, and they're not worth what you pay."

She said for the more than \$800 dollars per month cost, the amenities such as the shared bathrooms and small living quarters aren't worth her money.

On-campus student housing fees range from \$653 to \$1,445 per month, according to the SJSU housing Web site for fall 2008.

Student choices include the suites offered at Campus Village, the on-campus apartments and the dorms located in the Classics.

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## Housing- Dorm rules, cost of living are among factors students consider in return

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Although cost of living can often be the deciding factor for some students who are weighing whether or not to live at SJSU, the average monthly rent for a one-bedroom residence in the city of San Jose is \$1,116, according to the city's official Web site.

Ashly Vineyard, a freshman majoring in art, said that price is not really an issue because she has been saving money in a college fund since she was a child.

"Also, my friends are here. My boyfriend's here," Vineyard said. "It's nice and convenient, and it's just a beautiful campus."

Students such as John De los Angeles, a freshman majoring in graphic design, said they prefer the freedom and independence that off-campus living offers.

"I'd rather get my own place," De los Angeles said. "Plus the RA's (resident advisors) are kind of strict. You don't even get to keep your doors open in the suites."

Jiro Bantay, a freshman majoring in civil engineering, said, "I'd rather be somewhere else — I'm at school all day."

He added, "It's cheaper to live off campus if you split it with somebody."

The San Jose State University housing office has not yet deter-

mined how many students will live on campus next year, said Kevina Brown, the community relations coordinator for housing.

However, according to the SJSU Web site, 2,100 students were on-campus residents at the beginning of the last academic year. That means about 6 percent of SJSU students chose to live on campus.

"I'm in here for my second year, and I regret it," said Kenya Holloman, a sophomore majoring in business management. "They need to lower their prices or they need to offer more."

*\*This story previously ran online.*

## Panhellenic groups team-up to raise money for cancer

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In a three-day-long series of events called Derby Days, Sigma Chi is teaming up with several Greek Panhellenic organizations to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Research Institute.

A tradition since the '60s, Sigma Chi will host three competitive events, starting today, in hopes to attract more people to their final skit night where all proceeds will go to the cancer research institute with the largest genetic database, said Eric Groza, a senior majoring in graphic design and president of the fraternity.

"All fundraising goes towards Huntsman Cancer Research Institute," Groza said. "It's significant as a cancer research because it has the largest genetic database. ... The scientists have better predictions and remedies to treat cancer."

Adam Sherman, a sophomore majoring in finance, said that the donations that they make to the institute go towards many of the cancer patients that don't have enough money to pay for trails or medications for their treatment.

Javier Randel, a sophomore majoring in liberal studies, said that the event goes into the planning stages a year in advance to raise enough money.

and they have one or two main captains," Randel said.

A collaboration with the captain and the sorority, the fraternity brothers help the members with the skit, the dance and get them excited about the murals and the Olympics, Randel said.

Today the members of the sororities will paint murals following the week-long theme of Hollywood, and tomorrow they will compete against each other in various relay races.

"We have the egg drop, we have a hot-dog eating contest, and a three-legged race," Sherman said.

**"I just think it's fun seeing people who have creativity get to shine ..."**

**-Adam Sherman, finance, senior**

The relay races are done one at a time and on the same day. Each day the sorority that wins the activity gets a certain amount of points, and at the end of the week, the sorority that has the most points will win a trophy and a plaque, Sherman said.

On Thursday, the last day of Derby Days, the sororities will individually perform skits that they have been working on.

Sherman said that the relay races and the skit night is the most fun.

"The skits are usually very creative and well done," Sherman said. "They don't have to be humorous but some of them are. I just think it's fun seeing people who have creativity get to shine and show what they can do for an event like this."

All the organizations participating have their own skit and the skit includes a dance, something funny, and something informational about cancer, so the audience can understand where their money is going, Groza said.

The relay races on Wednesday will take place on campus, while the mural painting will take place at the Sigma Chi house, and the skit night will take place at Le Petit Trainon.

**"All fundraising goes towards Huntsman Cancer Research Institute."**

**-Eric Groza, president of Sigma Chi**

Formal letters are written and sent out to companies to either donate items for the raffles that they hold or donate money to either the philanthropy or to the chapter to fund derby days, Randel said.

Groza said that some of the Greek Panhellenic teams participating are, Alpha Phi, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi and Delta Gamma.

"They each have about five or six guys fund their team

## Fair delves into various 'facets of international education'



PHOTO BY LAUREN SAGAR/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Students look at the study abroad programs that are offered to them at a booth along Paseo De Cesar Chavez on Monday.

**NICK VERONIN AND ANDY CHU**

STAFF WRITERS

San Jose State University continued International Week activities on Monday with a Study Abroad Fair hosted by SJSU International Programs and Services.

Campus organizations such as the International House, Study Abroad Office, Peace Corps and international networking club AIESEC set up booths on Paseo de Cesar Chavez to hand out information and talk to students interested in traveling abroad.

The fair offered students access to more than 223 universities in 40 different countries.

"International Week is a celebration at SJSU of all the international components that we have," said Helen Stevens, director of international programs and services for SJSU.

Stevens said the week will focus on facets of international education at SJSU and will involve the International House, the Study Abroad Program and members of the international scholar community.

"It's getting more evident that students need broader world perspectives," Stevens said.

Stevens said it behooves the modern college graduate to have a wide scope of global understanding since more businesses than ever before are operating on an international scale.

Lisa Baum, an advisor for the SJSU Study Abroad Program, said her program provides students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in intellectual diversity.

"It's an advantage personally as well as professionally," Baum said of the program. "It's an opportunity of a lifetime."

Chet Hansra, a senior majoring in nutrition and immunology, came to SJSU from Roehampton University in London. He has been here since January.

Hansra was working at the Study Abroad Fair to promote the benefits of studying in other countries.

He said everybody who is able to study abroad should take the opportunity to do so, adding that his travels have made him a better person.

"I've actually learned more from studying abroad than I have from studying at home,"

Hansra said. "It's not even what they teach you. It's what you learn on your own. It's seriously the most fulfilling and most rewarding thing ever."

Hansra said he was especially happy with the connections he has made in San Jose and the greater Bay Area because he knows that he will have a place to stay should he decide to come back to California in the future.

Lindsay Culp, a regional recruiter for the Peace Corps, was at the event trying to recruit volunteers for her organization.

She said the Peace Corps serves more than 70 developing countries by sending volunteers on a 27-month tour of service to a given country to offer their expertise in helping that country.

Culp said volunteers may assist a country in fields such as education, agriculture, youth development, health care and many others.

"We were invited to come to International Week because we believe in getting Americans more educated about the rest of the world," Culp said. "We're not a study abroad program but in a lot of ways people are gaining a ton of life experience."

She said the Peace Corps has three main goals: to provide assistance to developing countries, to teach local communities about the United States and to learn about other cultures and bringing that experience back to the U.S.

Senior Dennison Que, an international business major and member of AIESEC, said that his club offers internships on top of traveling opportunities.

"This is the best opportunity to improve your resume with our professional network," Que said. "The world is integrating globally so international experience is what the employers of tomorrow are looking for."

International Week events will continue on Wednesday at noon in Room 202 of the Boccardo Business Center with a workshop for international students entitled Successful Job Search in the USA.

On Thursday at 3 p.m. a discussion will be held in BBC 4 to discuss the possibilities for international students beyond practical training.

The week concludes on Friday at noon with an international quiz game. Teams of four-to-eight players will compete against each other in the University Room answering worldly trivia.

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"If there's magic in boxing, it's the magic of fighting battles beyond endurance, beyond cracked ribs, ruptured kidneys and detached retinas. It's the magic of risking everything for a dream that nobody sees but you."  
—Morgan Freeman, 'Million Dollar Baby,' 2004

# Company One delivers the riches with bags of silver rather than gold

MEGAN WOOD

STAFF WRITER

They say revenge is a dish best served cold. This is exactly how I would describe the first act of Company One's performance, 'Return of the Pirates: The Scorpion's Revenge,' which opened Thursday in Spartan Complex 219. The first act, which the group first showcased last fall, started with a barely audible voice-over that premised the storyline but because no one could hear it, the plot was lost.

## Theater review



During some of the opening songs, the accompaniment overpowered several individual singers, which made the singing altogether difficult to hear.

The majority of the cast displayed their talent well, while several struggled to warm up to their performance and show they had any talent whatsoever.

For example, the character Wench Jenny spent the entire first act deadpan, resembling a deer in headlights, and I'm sure that was not part of the character.

Another character, Deadeye, who had several singing parts throughout the show, had difficulties finding the right notes.

Despite his less than stellar singing voice, Mr. Killick, singing "My Strongest Suit," from Elton John's "Aida," proved himself as a strong

and impressive "character" actor.

Which brings me to the question, were some of the cast members off key? They were acting like pirates and desperately trying to stay in character, but were some of them just not able to hit a note?

Considering the first act was the most rehearsed, it should have been the most polished. Much of the cast appeared bored and it showed in their performance.

It is surprising that these shortcomings are issues for Company One considering Director Janie Scott so strongly emphasized the fact that each of the performers were trained triple threats, meaning that they were rigorously trained in all aspects of musical theatre: singing, acting and dancing.

I would hardly say that all of the members were triple threats, but the second act certainly separated the triple threats from the non-threatening.

Despite the issues of the first act, the group came back with vengeance for the second half.

Those that stood out in the first act stole the show for the second.

Iron Jane, played by Stephanie Walker claimed ownership of her character in her performance of "I Hate Men" from the musical "Kiss Me Kate," which garnered several laughs from the audience.

Another character that only seemed to get better as the show went on was Mad Dog, played by Annie West, who maintained the intensity of her character without falling out of character or taking it too far.

The dancing ability of the cast presented itself in the beginning of the second act when cast members danced with tin cups and wooden spoons, which added a different level of musicality and originality I hadn't seen performed as well as they did.

The best display of female vocal ability came from Dirty Bet, played by Jill Reasoner, who showed off her expansive range in her performance of "Kiss Me Bet" from the musical "Kiss Me Kate."



The best display of male vocal ability was from Captain Bill, played by Justin Torres who was able to bring his character into the song, but maintain his vocal ability in "Reviewing the Situation" from the musical "Oliver."

By the end of the performance, I am confident in saying that this year's Company One show is by far the most creative and original in the last five years.

Believe me, I've been to all of them.

On that note, though the first act comes up cold, stay through intermission, it definitely heats up towards the end.

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## Bay Area Events — Week of 4/17

Your guide for a week of entertainment.

### TUESDAY 4/17

#### MUSIC

Ricky Martin at the San Jose HP Pavilion  
8 p.m.

Willie Nelson at the Fillmore in San Francisco  
8 p.m.  
Show held through Thursday

The Shins at The Warfield in San Francisco  
8 p.m.  
Show held through Wednesday

#### THEATER

'Nixon's Nixon' at the San Jose Repertory Theatre  
8 p.m.  
Show held through Sunday

### FRIDAY 4/20

#### MUSIC

Mark Hummel at JJ's Blues in San Jose

Tea Leaf Green at the Fillmore in San Francisco  
9 p.m.

#### COMEDY

Shawn Wayans with Bruce Fine at the San Jose Improv Club  
8 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
Show held through Sunday

### SATURDAY 4/21

#### MUSIC

Miggs at San Jose Skate

Maria Muldaur at JJ's Blues in San Jose

Damian Jr. Gong Marley at The Catalyst in Santa Cruz  
9 p.m.

Vinyl at Moe's Alley in Santa Cruz  
9:30 p.m.

#### COMEDY

Greg Proops with Kamau Bell and Rob F. Martinez at Punchline in San Francisco  
8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

### SUNDAY 4/22

#### MUSIC

Planet Reggae featuring DJ Nappy and DJ Jimmy K. at the Agenda Lounge in San Jose

Stephen Marley at the Fillmore in San Francisco  
8 p.m.

#### COMEDY

SF Comedy Showcase at Punchline in San Francisco  
8 p.m.  
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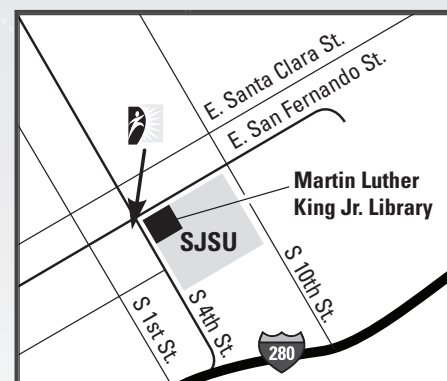
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