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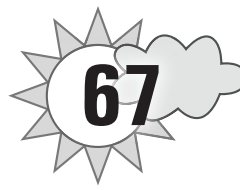
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## THE WIRE

### STATE

#### CHP: At least 3 dead in Soledad bus crash

SOLEDAD — At least three people are dead and dozens injured in a tour bus crash on a Central California highway overpass, authorities said Tuesday. The crash occurred shortly before 3:30 p.m. on U.S. 101 in Soledad, according to the California Highway Patrol. Officials say at least 40 people were on board when the vehicle overturned.

— Associated Press

### NATIONAL

#### Officials say US deaths expected from swine flu

NEW YORK — The global swine flu outbreak worsened Tuesday as authorities said hundreds of students at a New York school have fallen ill and federal officials said they expected to see U.S. deaths from the virus. Cuba suspended flights to and from Mexico, becoming the first country to impose a travel ban to the epicenter of the epidemic. The mayor of the capital cracked down further on public life, closing gyms and swimming pools and ordering restaurants to limit service to takeout.

#### Specter switches to Dems; 60-vote majority

WASHINGTON — Veteran Republican Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania switched parties Tuesday with a suddenness that seemed to stun the Senate, a moderate's defection that pushed Democrats to within a vote of the 60 needed to overcome filibusters and enact President Barack Obama's top legislative priorities. Democrat Al Franken is ahead in a marathon recount in Minnesota, and if he wins, he would become the party's 60th vote.

— Associated Press

### INTERNATIONAL

#### Pakistani jets pound militants close to capital

ISLAMABAD, Islamabad Capital Territory Pakistan — Pakistani jets and attack helicopters struck Taliban positions in mountains close to the capital Tuesday as part of a widening offensive against militants spreading out from the lawless region along the border with Afghanistan, the military said.

— Associated Press

### SCIENCE

## Meteorology future is mostly cloudy

### Budget woes slash incoming enrollment

RALPH WARNER  
Staff Writer

Despite averaging about 40 applicants each year, the meteorology department will be one of the SJSU programs to limit fall enrollment to students within Santa Clara County.

The SJSU meteorology department is the only department of its kind in the California State University system and one of three meteorology departments in the state — the others are located at UC Davis and UCLA.

Shawn Padrick, a junior meteorology major, said since he is originally from Hollister, the limit on enrollment would have affected him, and he sees no point in impacting such a specialized department.

"It's illogical and not practical, as the department is already so small, as it is the only one in the CSU system," Padrick said. "It would hurt students who would look to stay in California because of cost issues or location convenience."

Alison Bridger, chair of the meteorology department, said limitations on enrollment would affect the vast majority of applicants, since very few meteorology majors at SJSU are from Santa Clara County.

"We were horrified," Bridger said. "In a typical year, we get maybe one or two applicants from Santa Clara County. We might get 40 applicants a year, so in theory the impaction would mean that 38 people are out of luck."

Accepting fewer students into the program may lead to some class sections being cancelled for enrolled meteorology majors because of failure to reach enrollment minimums.

Katie Pitts, a meteorology graduate student, said she can see meteorology majors taking longer to graduate as a result of fewer sections being offered.

"It's a bad idea, because when you have class sizes that only have five students to begin with, we'll have even less and have an even harder time getting those classes to be available," Pitts said.

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### COMMUNITY

## Violence workshop provides power through literacy

### Panelists discuss roots of domestic violence

BRETT GIFFORD  
Staff Writer

About 150 people attended the Domestic Violence Information and Resources Workshop at San Jose City Hall on Monday night.

The workshop was sponsored by the office of Councilwoman Nora Campos in partnership with the Domestic Violence Information and Resources Collaborative and SJSU. It offered information on forms of domestic violence as well as resources that provide help and legal guidance.

"Everything's here tonight," said Esther Peralez-Dieckmann, director of the office of women's

policy for Santa Clara County. "So you're basically looking at a domestic violence one-stop center where people in a situation of abuse can connect with help."

The event, which is held on a quarterly basis, had 33 resource tables with information.

Some agencies and resources available included the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, San Jose Family Violence Center and the LGBT Resource Center at SJSU.

"We started this about three years ago when I was doing the criminal domestic violence assignment," said Erica Yew, Santa Clara County Superior Court judge. "I realized that victims and perpetrators don't know how to connect to resources in

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Daniel Rodriguez (above), representing the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, Lorena Collins, from Inn Vision (left) and Judge Sharon Chatman at the Domestic Violence Information and Resource Collaborative Workshop in the San Jose City Hall Rotunda on Monday. MICHELLE GACHET / Spartan Daily

### LITERATURE

## Reed magazine delivers 'Goosebumps'

MICHAEL LE ROY  
Staff Writer

More than 50 students and faculty members munched on cheese steaks, ate ice cream and listened to the band PolyLuv as they celebrated the launch of the 62nd issue of Reed Maga-

zine on Monday at the Spartan Memorial.

Students who were featured in the magazine were also at the event to read their stories to the audience.

"It was really cool to have some of the contributors come up and talk about their work," said senior English major Sara Verches.



Reed contributor Joe Barajas (left) with his mother during the Reed Magazine Launch Party. Barajas contributed two pieces of art titled "Truth" and "Amour Mia." SANDRA SANTOS / Spartan Daily

### GREEK LIFE

## Cheesy Gamma Burrito unwrapped for anniversary

JUSTIN PERRY  
Staff Writer

Members of the SJSU chapter of the Gamma Zeta Alpha fraternity celebrated its 20th anniversary with the unveiling of the new Gamma Burrito at Taqueria Los Gallos de Villa on Monday evening.

While the sounds of live mariachi music blared, fraternity members and their friends feasted on their new namesake burrito, which is stuffed with grilled chicken or carne asada, beans, rice, salsa, nacho cheese and French fries.

"It's real hearty, real meaty," said Frank Escobar, a senior aviation operations major and member of the fraternity. "It's a good combination of meat and all the other condiments that normally come with a burrito, but the nacho cheese and the French fries kind of add a little

difference to it that most other spots don't have."

Juan Preciado, a senior Spanish major and chapter president, said the fraternity has held many fundraisers and other events with the taqueria, which is located across from the Fourth Street garage, so the owner was very excited to help create a dish named after the fraternity.

Preciado said he and several other fraternity members exchanged ideas around for about two months before they decided on the final recipe for the Gamma Burrito.

"La Victoria has their sauce and Iguanas has their Burritozilla," he said. "So we wanted to create something special for Los Gallos, you know, help them out."

The event also featured a raffle where guests had the chance to

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### NEWS

Audio Slideshow: See an audio slideshow of Reed Magazine Launch Party at Spartan Memorial on Monday.

Video: Watch a video of the hundreds of participants in 'Walk a Mile in Her Shoes,' an event in support of sexual assault awareness.

### PHOTO BLOG

Check out the photos of the week by Spartan Daily photographers.

### SPORTS

Derby Fever: Sports Editor Matthew Kimel gives his Kentucky Derby predictions and analysis.



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# SPARTA GUIDE

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**Associated Students Lobby Corps Letter Writing Campaign**  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Building BB, second floor conference room.

**Conflict Free Living**  
Find out some tools you can use to bring more peace into your relationships. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 118. For more information, contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu

**EOP Honors Ceremony**  
A celebration of the 2009 EOP graduating seniors and honor students. 6 to 8:30 p.m. in King Library, Room 229.

**Radio Debates**  
Topics range from CSU sustainability, zero population growth, legalization of marijuana and gay marriage. 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on 90.5 KSJS.

**Weekly Discussion**  
Hangout with globally-minded people, discuss international issues and find out internship opportunities. 6:15 p.m. in the Pacheco Room of the Student Union. Contact Ryan Wu at GSC.SJSU@gmail.com

**30** Tomorrow

**Brass Concert**  
Featuring the trumpet studio of Kathryn Adduci. 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Music Building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at 924-4673 or jstubbe@email.sjsu.edu

**Farhat Ali**  
President and CEO of Fujitsu America gives a presentation Noon in the Engineering building, Room 189.

**Vietnam History Remembrance Day**  
Ceremony remembering Vietnamese-American veterans featuring the photographs of Nguyen Ngoc Hanh 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Engineering building, Room 189

**Akbayan of SJSU**  
General meeting. 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Almaden Room of the Student Union. Contact Justin Lacap at j\_lacap@yahoo.com

**01** Friday

**Help Me! I Have Test Anxiety!**  
Noon to 1 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 118. For more information, contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu

**07** Thursday

**Harry Potter Parody Reading**  
Join author Valerie Estelle Frankel for a reading of "Henry Potty and the Deathly Paper Shortage: An Unauthorized Harry Potter Parody." Noon to 1:30 p.m. in King Library, Room 255. For more information, contact Valerie Frankel at valerie.frankel@sjsu.edu

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 submission. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received. Submit entries online at thespartandaily.com or in writing at DBH 209.

# WORKSHOP

## The connection between literacy, domestic violence

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the community, so I approached the community and asked if we could have a resource fair."

Yew said the first event, held in August 2006, was very successful and the resource agencies were serving an underserved portion of the population.

"One of the social workers at the first event said that a family of three generations, a mom, a grandma and her child, were able to do in one night what it would have taken them one year to do, because all the resources were in one room for that one night," Yew said.

The workshop also featured a panel of experts that included judges Frank Bondono, Kurt Kumli and Sharon Chatman, who spent about 90 minutes answering questions from the audience.

Questions included information about restraining orders, alimony, the definition of domestic violence and how victims who are in the country illegally can find help.

"Victims of violence, regardless of their immigration status, are entitled to services and protection under U.S. law," Perez-Dieckmann said.

Catherine Navarro, a literacy program specialist for Partners in Reading at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, spoke about illiteracy and its connection with domestic violence.

"We offer free one-on-one tutoring for adults who are reading or writing below the ninth grade level in English," Navarro said. "I know that domestic violence, a lot of times, goes hand in hand with a lack of education. We're hoping to alleviate some of those fears that women might have by giving them more power through literacy."

Perez-Dieckmann said that whenever victims need help, these agencies are available to aid them.

Navarro said she hoped the resource providers could learn something from the workshop.

"I just hope that they (the public) really come away with some valuable information, and that the people who are here who are actually providers also come away with maybe more insight into the causes and what they can do to help," Navarro said.

The next domestic violence information and resources workshop is scheduled for June 27 at Georgia Travis Center in San Jose.

## REED | Large number of submissions made selection process difficult



Tanja Nathanael, a fiction editor for **SANDRA SANTOS** / Spartan Daily the latest issue of Reed Magazine, reads an excerpt from the latest issue during the Reed Magazine Launch Party at the Spartan Memorial on Monday afternoon. Reed Magazine is a literary journal published by SJSU once every year.

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editor. "It was a good thing we had a large staff, because we all had to pitch in and read submissions."

With all the submissions, Nathanael said it was a difficult for the staff to choose which stories would make it into the magazine.

"We had to turn down a lot of stories that were just excellent, but there was no room," said Teri Carter, the fiction co-editor of the magazine. "It was hard to choose."

Even with worldwide competition, SJSU students and local artists are featured in the magazine. John Steinbeck Award finalist Peter Gambrell's story, "A Bad Scorese Movie," and Anthony Y. Wai's interview with the writer of the Goosebumps series, R.L. Stine, are in this year's issue.

"I feel honored to be in the magazine," said artist Joe Barajas, whose old paintings are featured in the magazine. "To get chosen out of so many people — it makes you feel like you are doing something right. As an artist, you want that kind of validation."

The magazine is co-funded by the Applied Materials Excellence in the Arts grant and the family of Ruth MacLean McGee.

With the magazine finished, Liz MacDonald, the managing editor and a fine arts graduate student, said she is happy with how the magazine turned out.

"It was a great experience to work on," she said.

"I feel relieved," Carter said. "The whole team both last semester in the class and the spring semester were all just very professional. We are just students, but everybody came together and acted very professionally and did the jobs they were assigned. It all worked great."

Reed Magazine is named after James Frazier Reed and his family, who donated Washington Square to the university to build SJSU after an unsuccessful attempt to make San Jose the capital of California.

Reed Magazine is on sale for \$5.00 at the Spartan Bookstore, Roberts Bookstore on 10th street, Reedmag.com (2007 and 2008 back issues).



Taqueria Los Gallos de Villa invites members of Gamma Zeta Alpha fraternity to the unveiling of a new burrito called the "Gamma Burrito" in its honor on Monday. **MICHELLE TERRIS** / Spartan Daily

## BURRITO | Fraternity excited that members are still giving to community

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win tickets to the upcoming Fiesta Caliente event, a benefit party for the Chicano Commencement ceremony on May 24.

Preciado said the fraternity is involved with a variety of fundraising activities, many of which raise cultural awareness and benefit local elementary schools.

"We do a lot of community service on campus," he said. "We like to get involved in the community."

Noe Orosco, a senior political science major and fraternity member, said Gamma Zeta Alpha often works with other campus organizations.

"We also get involved with San Jose State itself," he said. "The Day of Service event that's going to happen on the eighth, we're going to partake in that and we also partake in MESA Day. So it's not just limited to our own events."

MESA Day Competition is an annual event hosted by SJSU MESA Schools Program, an academic and enrichment program that helps pre-college students excel in math and science. The competition involved students competing in math and science projects.

Leo Cortez, an alumnus and a founder of the fraternity's SJSU chapter, said he is proud of how the fraternity has progressed over the years.

"It's really exciting to see something you started 20 years ago here at San Jose State," he said. "It's got good roots at the university. They're still following the principals of giving back to the community around SJSU. And today, to have a dish named after the organization continues to increase the roots that we have here in the community."

Orosco said he was glad the fraternity decided to celebrate its 20th anniversary with the unveiling of the new Gamma Burrito.

"It's the perfect way to celebrate 20 years," he said. "We're the first organization on campus, in our council to have a dish named after us."

## SCIENCE | Importance of meteorology

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Despite these obstacles, Bridger said the department plans on incorporating climate science and global climate change to attract more students and bring recognition the program.

Joshua Diamond, a meteorology major, said as global warming emerges as a mainstream topic in the media, the CSU system should recognize

the importance of the meteorology program.

"Obviously, climate change is a huge topic nationally and internationally," he said. "If you're limiting access to programs that can teach a subject matter that has a national and international impact, then you're undermining anyone's ability to study or respond to those issues."

Bridger said prospective meteorology majors outside of Santa Clara County who would like to attend SJSU should remain persistent.

"We're willing to work with them to advise them on what classes they can take at their home institutions because in your first year, you take a lot of math and physics to get ready. You could really do that anywhere," she said. "I really wish that when the CSU system had decided to limit enrollment back in the fall that they would have taken a closer look at some of the special programs in the system, as opposed to hitting the nail on the head with a very big hammer."

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# CAMPUS VOICES: "Should people be worried about the swine flu and why?"

Feature and photos by JESSICA AYALA  
Staff Writer

**ELIZABETH UGARTE**  
senior, human resource management



"I do think they should be taking it seriously, but just to be very cautious at first. Don't automatically assume you have it if you suddenly have a fever or have a runny nose. Talk to your doctor first."

**HIMANSHU SHARMA**  
graduate, electrical engineering



"I don't think it's much of a deal for us here, but maybe we should take precaution."

**JUSTIN MA**  
senior, sociology



"I think the health officials should be taking it seriously, but the regular people can relax for a little bit until it really becomes a pandemic one."

**MARIA MEDINA**  
junior, psychology



"I think they should be taking it seriously because many people go to Mexico and they come back and it could spread the disease really quickly and fast. And for people who don't have medical insurance may not be able to get the attention that they need to take care of the disease or the flu-like symptoms."

**NEVEN LOUKANOFF**  
senior, corporate finance



"I think they should take it serious but not panic about it. Anything that could spread and cause that much damage they should definitely be looking into it, but I don't think it should cause a panic. People don't need to worry about one other thing or be scared of something else."

**MARIA EUGENIO**  
senior, corporate finance



"It should be taken seriously because it's all over the news and stuff, so I'm sure they wouldn't be talking about something so much and blowing it up so much for nothing, and I'm sure they're trying to do it for people's safety so it's not to be disregarded. It should at least be taken into consideration."

## CAMPUS IMAGES



Michael Hawk, a photographer from Hawk Photography, takes graduation photographs of Ed Pasalo, a senior health science major who is graduating in May, outside of Dwight Bentel Hall on Tuesday afternoon.

YOUNG-SUNG KWON / Spartan Daily

## Obama administration expands housing aid plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration said Tuesday it is expanding its plan to stem the housing crisis by offering mortgage lenders incentives to lower borrowers' bills on second mortgages.

During the housing boom, lenders readily gave out "piggyback" second loans that allowed consumers to make small down payments or avoid them entirely. While home prices soared, such mortgages were even extended to borrowers with poor credit scores and people who didn't provide proof of their incomes or assets.

But those loans, which are attached to about half of all troubled mortgages, have been an obstacle to efforts to alleviate the housing crisis. That's be-

cause borrowers who are trying to get their primary mortgage modified at a lower monthly payment need the permission of the company holding the second mortgage.

The new plan aims to get rid of that roadblock, administration officials said. "We're offering even more opportunities for borrowers," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said in a statement.

The new incentives are estimated to help up to 1.5 million borrowers with second mortgages, Housing Secretary Shaun Donovan said. While data on how many households have been helped by the Obama administration's housing plans are not available, Donovan told reporters there have been "hundreds of thousands of applications."

The administration's second

mortgage initiative will be funded out of \$50 billion in financial rescue money already allocated. As an incentive to modify second loans at lower interest rates, mortgage companies would get \$500 upfront for each modified loan, plus \$250 a year for three years as long as the borrower doesn't default.

Similarly, borrowers would get up to \$1,000 over five years applied to the principal balance of their primary mortgage, and the government would pick up part of investors' costs as well. Lenders would also be given the ability to remove second mortgages entirely in exchange for larger government payouts.

The administration also plans to give mortgage companies \$2,500 payments to entice them to participate in the "Hope for Homeowners" program.

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**CD REVIEW: 'FORK IN THE ROAD'**

# Stick a 'Fork' in Canadian rocker Neil Young's new CD - It's done

MICHAEL LE ROY  
Staff Writer

The A&E editors asked if anybody wanted to review what was inside a "mystery package." Being someone who loves to take a chance, I jumped on the assignment. It could be an awesome new indie band or a thought-provoking documentary. I ripped the case out of the package and was instantly disappointed.

a damn Neil Young CD called "Fork In The Road."

Nothing against the ageing Canadian singer, but he was the last guy I expected to release a new CD in 2009. I popped the CD into my computer with an open mind and was hoping it would be a good album.

Well, the A&E editors screwed me again, this album is garbage.

This album is a lazy cash-in attempt by Young that features terrible lyrics and just screams "I was made in a weekend."

Let's look at the jacket cover of the CD. Normally, this would not be something I would focus on, but I feel it's important to prove this album is a lazy effort. Many people who still buy physical CD do so because they enjoy having the case, so it is relevant to complain about the cover.

The cover is a blurry, almost 1998 webcam-quality photo of what I think is Young wearing a hat. I think he has a bird on his shoulder — or, it could be an aged Bigfoot bent over in the

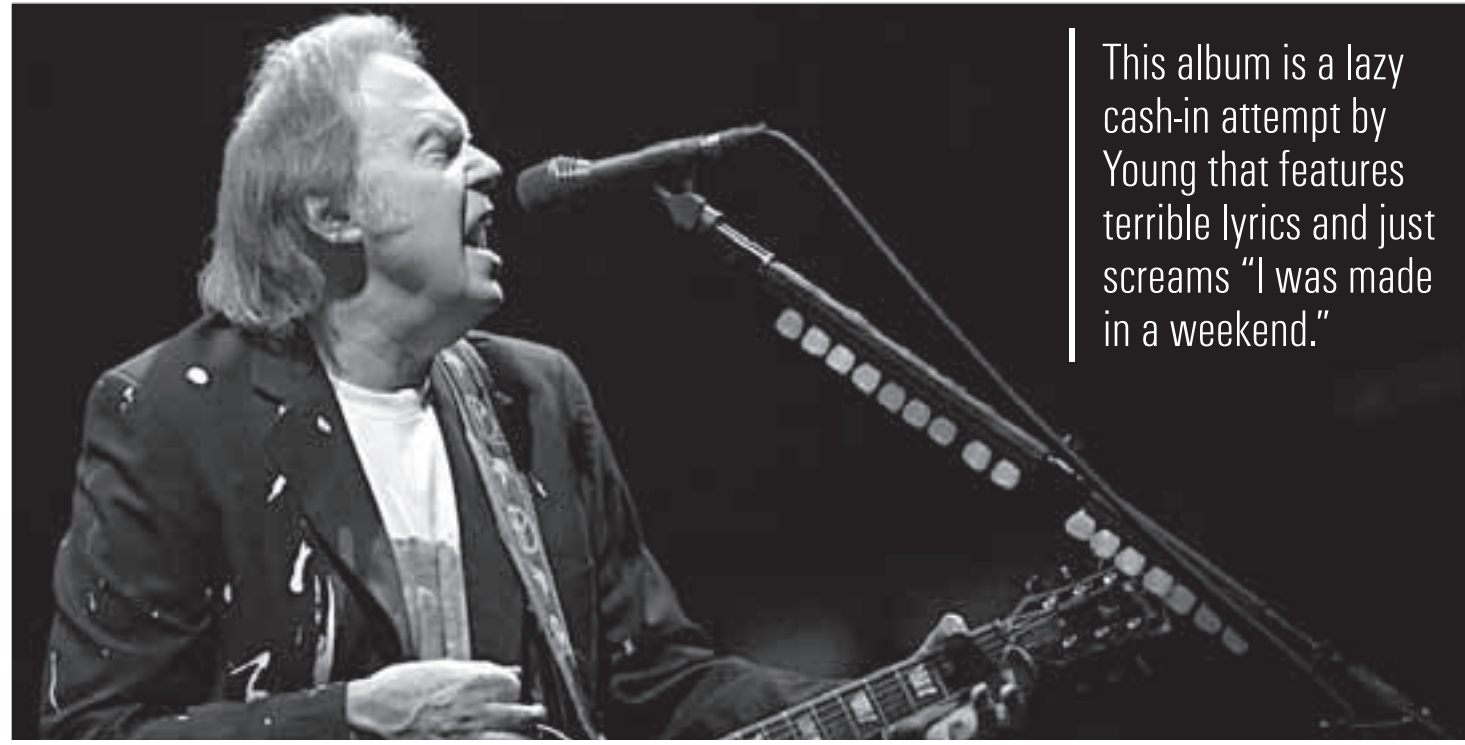
background, I really can't tell. His name and the album title are written with a Sharpie. At first, I thought this was just the pre-production promotional packaging, but I was wrong. Amazon.com shows the exact same cover.

Was Young trying to make the album cover look like a self-made Polaroid? I hope he didn't pay a photographer much for that picture. The cover looks worse than something taken with a Hannah Montana-branded digital camera.

The music might have taken less time to write than the album cover did to make. Lyrics like "Cruising down Route 66 / Where the guys and gals / Used to get their kicks/" are so monumentally lazy. Could Young really not think of anything better than a rehash of that song? Bobby Troup, who wrote Route 66, is probably simultaneously spinning and vomiting in his grave, ruining its plush interior. Well maybe not, but I am sure he is pretty pissed.

The album, as you would expect by its title, is filled with endless driving clichés. Yet the album is not good "on the road" music. If this CD got jammed in my car's radio and the knob got stuck on full volume I would be probably forced to ram my car into a brick wall to end my suffering.

In the song "Fork In The Road," Young says, "I'm a big rock star / My sales have tanked / But I still got you / Thanks / Download this / Sounds like shit." I could not agree more, except for the download part.



Neil Young

Courtesy of the Brandt Centre

This album is a lazy cash-in attempt by Young that features terrible lyrics and just screams "I was made in a weekend."

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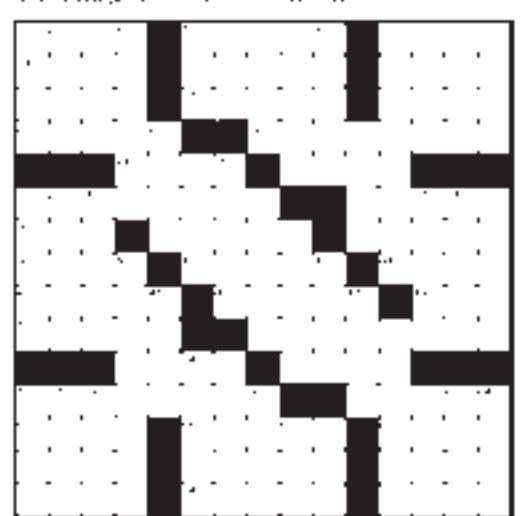
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# The drudgery of life in these economic times



KIMBERLY TSAO  
It's Down to This

How dare you do this to us!

I should shove your head down a toilet for what you've done. How could you cause us such misery and pain?

I'm talking to you, economy. You, who was on a high with us for so long. How could you stand by and let this happen to us?

Us, the hardworking Americans. Don't scoff at us. We work our bottoms off. You're the lazy ass who can't even stand on your own two feet. We do it every day.

We get up, go to work, close our eyes, get up the next day and do it all over again — all on our own two feet.

We're no flamingoes.

We're college students, single parents, veterans, immigrants, ex-convicts and the elderly. We're just trying to make our way and you go ahead and do this to us.

Women, who consciously chose to stay at home, have to enter the workforce now. They have to leave their children with strangers, unable to see them until dinner, if that.

And let's not forget the children because, obviously, you have. You'll be responsible for an entire generation with social and emotional crutches. I hope you're happy.

You have the young and the old fighting each other for jobs. The old should be able to retire with dignity. The young should be able to find a job after college. You're ripping us off. We deserve better.

We certainly don't deserve to be homeless, but that's where some of us are headed. Time magazine revealed that approxi-

mately 1.5 million children in America are already there. The New York Times also informed us that about 1,000 families are living in motel rooms — and that's just in Orange County.

And let's not forget the children because, obviously, you have. You'll be responsible for an entire generation with social and emotional crutches. I hope you're happy.

Are you proud of yourself?

We may end up with unwashed dishes, rotten fields and neglected children. Countless Mexican immigrants have no choice but to go back to their homes because of you. Some may see this as a good thing, but the

only way you should be looking at it is you destroyed the American dream for a lot of people.

I'm not the only one mad at you. Cupid has joined the club since you foiled a lot of his work. Relationships and families are crumbling in your wake. They cave under the financial stress you've caused. Have you no shame?

Thanks to you, more women have resorted to working at gentlemen's clubs and the adult film industry. Newsweek cited several strip clubs that have seen a rise in applicants.

The Foxy Lady only needed 35 employees but found 150 applicants. Every week, Rick's Cabaret clubs count 20 to 30 female candidates, which is twice the number last year.

These women may end up paying their bills, but they'll also be paying for it for the rest of their lives. A porn film doesn't just go away.

Although, you have no problem sending away families —

their deaths. Since many can't afford to live, shootings and family-on-family murder-suicide rates have escalated.

In November 2008, a laid-off engineer opened fire and killed three co-workers in Santa Clara.

On April 19, William Parante shot his wife and their two daughters in Baltimore before turning the gun on himself.

Even the City of Angels can't count on a higher power. In October 2008, it was Karthik Rajaram, his wife, mother-in-law and three kids. In January, it was Ervin and Ana Lupoe and their five children. Two of them were only 2 years old.

I don't even want to look at you. No matter.

Not only are we hardworking, we are resilient. We will rise — with or without you.

Kimberly Tsoa is a Spartan Daily features editor. "It's Down to This" appears every Wednesday.

# Beware of the dangers of Craigslist



ANDREA MUNIZ  
Staff Writer

Philip Markoff was just like the rest of us college students until a string of Boston area robberies, and most recently a murder, pointed him out.

According to CNN.com, Julissa Brisman of New York was shot three times in her hotel room in Boston on April 14 and left for dead.

Four days earlier, a woman was held at gunpoint, tied up,

and robbed at a hotel. She had made arrangements to meet a man there.

These cases have one thing in common — the victims posted ads on Craigslist.

What saddens me is that the women in these ads are exploiting themselves and putting their lives on the line for extra cash.

Rumors have been swirling that Markoff, who looks eerily similar to the man in the hotel surveillance videos, may have been trying to get some extra cash.

Craigslist, an online community that allows local classified ads, has come under some scrutiny for posting advertisements selling more than just

sporting tickets.

The site boasts nine different categories. You can find a job, a room for rent, even a lover.

And by lover I mean a boyfriend/girlfriend — or a

prostitute.

After the negative media attention, I assumed that people would be concerned with their safety when exposing themselves on this site.

Not so. The San Francisco Bay Area "South Bay" portion of the "erotic" services category contained more than 200 postings

in one day. "South Bay" includes ads from Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Milpitas and Downtown San Jose.

Most posts were advertising women between the ages of 18 to 25, college age. Our age.

What grown adults decide to do in their spare time is none of my business.

What saddens me is that the women in these ads are exploiting themselves and putting their lives on the line for extra cash. Whether it be massage services or sexual encounters, losing your life or dignity shouldn't be worth \$100.

Sometimes the people responsible for the ads aren't the women whose pictures are being shown, but a controlling pimp. Not the kind with big, feathery purple hats whom

people dress up as on Halloween, but the real kind who will beat women who don't do what they tell them.

Precaution should be taken when meeting up with anyone whom you meet from the Internet, even if it's for a new date or a job interview. Presenting yourself as an object or submissive sex slave paints a dangerous picture.

Times are tough. The economy is bad, and everyone would like some extra money.

I don't think robbing prostitutes or soliciting sex is the right way to go about getting that cash.

Andrea Muniz is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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— ABC News

# When politics don't fit



CHRIS CURRY  
For Those About to Read

Politics are supposed to be the great compromise that allows different people, different ideals and different values to coexist.

It helps decide what's best for the majority, gives power to the people and ensures that everyone gets their say. But how do you fit into the machine when you can't pick a side?

Liberal or conservative? An individual's stance on about a dozen key issues often indicate which side someone is on. For most people, their opinions on these issues match, like so many links in a chain and are nearly as unbreakable.

In most people's minds, ideas about gay marriage match their ideas about religion in schools. Ideas about marijuana legalization match ideas about legalized prostitution.

Ideas about gun control match ideas about the death penalty, and so on until you have a nice long chain for your favorite political party to yank.

Alas, my links don't match. I find it foolish to pick a corner and faithfully support every

tenet of a group when I have a mismatched set of opinions and values. There is no semi-conservative or semi-liberal party that appeals to me. I often find myself straddling that imaginary conservative/liberal border.

I believe that our current abortion laws should stand. Reproduction is a decision to be made by people, not government. This is a liberal stance, yet at the same time, I think that immigration laws should be enforced, a conservative stance.

I feel that, as a general rule, if there is no victim, then there is no crime. Marijuana possession "crimes" and prostitution laws need to be changed. This is a popular sentiment among the liberal community.

Then again, from the other side, I feel that our government gives entirely too much money away in Supplemental Security Income, unemployment and welfare.

Far too many times I have witnessed lazy, unworthy people milking these systems. I wish they were curtailed and America's dependency on them was reduced. This is one of my conservative leans.

There is a frustration in having to choose a side, to vote for someone who holds some of your beliefs and supports things you're against. This is the typical "lesser of two evils" problem, but for me it's even harder.

Sometimes stances taken by political parties seem to oppose each other. Conservative groups

cry out that abortion is wrong. They are pro-life, yet they are also in favor of the death penalty. Pro-life and pro-death?

There is a frustration in having to choose a side, to vote for someone who holds some of your beliefs and supports things you're against.

As liberal groups rally, asking for the government to stay out of personal issues like marijuana, they ask for more government control over firearms. Take away their assault rifles, but stay away from my packed pipefuls?

Sounds like I'm not the only one who's conflicted. These facets expose what seems, to me, to be one of the most frustrating aspects of political parties and politics in general.

This clustering of values into nice, neat, easy-to-understand packages certainly makes it easier to vote, but harder for true democracy.

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**BASEBALL**

# Spartans cash in on Gaels' mistakes

**JOHN HORNBERG**  
Executive Editor

The power of the bean ball proved decisive for the Spartans on Tuesday night, as Saint Mary's pitchers aided SJSU to a 6-4 victory by hitting four batters.

All three Gaels' pitchers hit a batter, twice to load the bases, including two crucial, back-to-back plunkings in the bottom of the eighth inning to bring in the game-winning run.

"We took some hit-by-pitches," Piraro said. "They were a little painful."

The win served as redemption for SJSU after losing to the Gaels earlier this month in Moraga.

"We played very poorly when we played Saint Mary's over there," said coach Sam Piraro.

The Spartans went on a rally in the eighth inning thanks to Gaels pitcher Alex Schmarzo, who gave up two hits, hit two batters and walked two more after getting the first two Spartan hitters out in the inning.

"It seemed like we all had good at-bats," said center fielder Jason Martin.

Martin was on base four times in the game — three times with singles, another after being hit by an errant pitch — the 18th time he has been hit by a pitch this season.

"I just tried to stay short and hit the ball to right field," he said.

The three-run eighth inning broke a 3-3 tie and helped the Spartans stave off a ninth-inning Gaels rally that brought in a run before reliever Jack Adams retired the final three batters of the game.

After allowing a runner to score on a ground out, Adams struck out the final batter of the game on a slider.

"That last slider I threw, I just gave it everything I had," he said. "My fastball was getting up in the end."

Adams retired 12 of the first 13 Gaels he faced, gathering a career-high eight strikeouts over 6 2/3 innings of relief. He allowed three hits and two walks, earning the win.

The reliever's performance stifled a Saint Mary's offense that victimized starter Steve Connolly early on in his first start of the season for three runs in 2 1/3 innings.

Key to Adams' performance was the first batter he faced — Saint Mary's slugger Troy Channing, who crushed a two-run homer off of Connolly in



SJSU pitcher Jack Adams (34) is congratulated by shortstop John Shaffer (4) after the Spartans' 6-4 victory against St. Mary's on Tuesday at Municipal Stadium. Adams struck out a career-high eight batters.

RYAN BUCHAN / Spartan Daily

the first. Adams struck him out on three pitches in the third inning after entering the game, something coach Piraro said served as a confidence boost for the pitcher.

"That last slider I threw, I just gave it everything I had."

**JACK ADAMS**  
Spartan Pitcher

"Channing is very dangerous," he said. "He's a guess hitter, and he ran into a pitch in the first inning."

Adams held Channing hitless for the rest of the game.

Coach Piraro said his intention was to use more pitchers in the game, but Adams' performance made it

unnecessary.

Gaels starter Taylor Reid held the Spartans to two runs on five hits and three walks allowed in five innings.

His performance allowed the Gaels to jump to an early 3-2 lead.

SJSU would tie the game in the sixth inning when Saint Mary's reliever Markus Melgosa loaded the bases for Jacob Bruns, who entered the game as a pinch hitter.

Josh Silver scored from third on a potential double-play ball that Bruns beat out at first. It ended the inning anyway, when shortstop Kyle Bellows was thrown out attempting to score from second base.

The Spartans are at home again tonight at 6 p.m. against Santa Clara, before opening up a season-high nine-game road trip with a weekend series against conference foe Sacramento State.



SJSU pitcher Jack Adams strikes out eight batters en route to a victory against St. Mary's on Tuesday at Municipal Stadium.

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SJSU Batters	Hits	RBIs	Runs
Martin	3	0	2
Hertler	0	2	1
Shaffer	1	1	0

SJSU Pitchers	Innings	Runs	Strikeouts
Connolly	2.1	3	0
Adams	6.2	1	8

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