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#1: Students cut paper flowers during Chávez Huerta Itliong Day of Celebration on Seventh Street Plaza on Wednesday afternoon.

#2: Seventh Street Plaza is decorated with colorful yellow, teal, pink and yellow balloons and white activity tents.

#3: Dancers from the Ensamble Folclórico Colibrí perform a Mexican folk dance in pink and white outfits on a stage in front of the Event Center.

#4: A volunteer serves various Mexican desserts, such as sweet bread (conchas), to those attending the event.

#5: A screen printing tent gives event-goers an opportunity to use a stencil to create a blue ombre design of the activists being celebrated.

#6: Pedro Rivas Lopez, a hired volunteer, paints a portrait of César E. Chávez at his live mural tent.
SJSU discusses AI at film festival

By Kaya Henkes-Power

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

people are scared. A lot of promise, but a lot of
overtaking society and it has
wave of AI technology.
San José Mayor Matt Mahan.
ending with a speech from
community members and
with an open discussion with
hosts a variety of discussion
panels.

Jeff Klaben, an adjunct
professor at Santa Clara University, started AI Day and Town Hall.

Jeff Klaben said he sees this
wave of AI technology
on the way according to a PDF
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Foundation.

I bear a little bit of guilt
from plagiarism in art, how
you yourself, your concerns,
your questions," Simpson
said. "But do you have the
creative mindset to be able
to use those tools intentionally
and see what you can build out of it?"
Kramer said that having
improvement tools can help people
to talk to one another and
build on each other's
improvised discussion would
aid in personal development.

Kramer asked the group
to start their reflections with
the statements "I wish," "I liked" or "What if ."
These statements help
to provide feedback in an
organized and constructive way
according to a PDF from the Interaction Design
Foundation.

Many of the audience
members said they wished
they had more time
to continue their discussion,
while others stated their
experiences.

An audience member
told about thinking about
a topic like this, with people of different
ages and in different stages
of their lives, allowed people
to see the impact AI has on
everyone.

"I really liked that a dream
[of] a community can have
a conversation and
cross-pollinate [to] take some
fear and confusion from
AI and has manifested into
something beautiful here," Klaben
said.

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In another disappointing defeat, the San José State men’s basketball team dropped its sixth-straight game against No. 22 Utah State University on Wednesday night at home 90-70.

In the Spartans (9-22, 2-16 MWC) last regular season game, the team struggled massively guarding shots from beyond the arc against the Aggies (25-5, 13-4 MWC). Utah State entered the game in last place for 3-pointers made in conference play, averaging 5.94 per game, but Wednesday night’s match proved much different for the Aggies as they were able to drain nine shots from 3-point range by halftime.

“When Utah State shoots a 3-point shot that well, they’re a tremendous team,” SJSU Head Coach Tim Miles said. “For them to go out tonight and shoot it 16 for 27 was so impressive.”

The Aggies were led offensively by senior guard Darius Brown II as he led the team with 12 points, eight assists and shooting a perfect 4 for 4 from the 3-point line. Brown would ultimately end the night with a career-high seven 3-pointers.

The Spartans would keep the game neck-and-neck in the first half after a second-chance layup by senior forward Trey Anderson, but would once again find themselves in a hole after back-to-back 3-pointers by Aggies Brown to help push their lead 35-28.

“I think that is the story of the game, they played elite offense and we were not able to get them under control,” Miles said. SJSU found itself in its second-straight game down by double digits at halftime staring at a 53-37 deficit.

“Well, it’s been all year we have not guarded the three, “ Miles said. “I think it goes down to … our athleticism and the quality of this league, we just don’t always measure up that way.”

The second half saw the same result as the Spartans’ defense could not stop the second best scoring team in the Mountain West. The Aggies would at one point hold a 21-point lead, 68-47.

A bright spot in yet another tough loss for the Spartans was when junior guard Alvaro Cardenas recorded his fourth double-double of the season, he finished the game with 18 points and 10 assists.

“I think when I get to the paint and find the open guy, (I) get my teammates going,” Cardenas said. The Aggies continued to dominate at guarding the three tonight holding the Spartans to a 7-for-20 night. Cardenas, who sits third best for SJSU in 3-pointers made, struggled from downtown shooting 0-for-4.

“(Utah State) is a good team, they’re lengthy, they contest every shot and they did a good job with that,” Cardenas said. “Since they’re switching (and) they’re not getting into rotation as much and it’s harder to just find the open guy.”

SJSU junior guard Myron Amey Jr. led the Spartans’ offense with 20 points and 7 rebounds while shooting 7-for-14 from the court.

“The Spartans are next scheduled to play in the Mountain West Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Thomas & Mack Center. The time, date and their opponent is still to be determined.

“Next week it starts fresh… that’s what we got to think of it and that’s how we have to approach it,” Amey said. “Like I said, all year it’s been this defense. I mean, we put up 70 points but gave up 90 (points), so it’s just defense, we got to get stops.”

Spartans’ Alvaro Cardenas drives baseline against Utah State’s junior wing Great Osobor of Utah State Aggies.

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SJSU's Diongue towers over competition

By Nikita Bankar

Sports Staff Writer

With his 7-foot stature, glazing under the lights, the team's defense on his back, and his eyes on a Mountain West tournament upset, senior center Adrame Diongue bodes a strong, supportive presence to the San José State basketball team.

While his towering appearance is something many notice about Diongue, it is not all there is to him.

Diongue was born in Rufisque, in the Dakar region of Senegal, and arrived in the U.S. in 2019, according to an article by ESPN. He enrolled at Mount Zion Christian Academy in North Carolina, moved to Arizona for his last three years of high school, and spent his sophomore year at Baller Vins Prep.

He then spent his first two seasons at Arizona Compass, according to the same site.

"The food is really different," he said. "Back home we have rice and pizza."

"I've wanted to make it out since I first started playing," Diongue said. "I just really want to step up and make a difference and an impact."

He said transitioning from Senegal to the United States was not the sport he began with as a child. Up until he started getting taller, he said he played soccer as a midfielder in Senegal.

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Diongue was recruited by SJSU coaches and is currently playing on a scholarship as of Feb. 24. Diongue averages 16.4 points per NCAA game on a 4-star recruit while attending Arizona Compass Prep School.

Amey also said the brotherhood is something many notice about Diongue, and had a lot of fun.

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Diongue said his dad was his biggest influence, who encouraged him to dive into basketball in the first place.

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Diongue said despite the uphill battle that basketball may bring, he definitely wants to pursue a career in professional basketball. He said his favorite part about playing the sport is blocking people shots.

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