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San José State University students look at clubs and organizations tabling on Seventh Street Plaza in celebration of National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday.

Students are encouraged to vote

By Israel Archie
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Disclaimer: Israel Archie is a member of BridgeSJSU, which is featured in this story.

Seventh Street Plaza was chosen as the spot for the San José State's Votes Festival on Tuesday.

This festival was an opportunity for students to learn more about voting and how they can register to vote in preparation for the upcoming election in

November.

SJSU Votes is a nonpartisan organization that advocates for campus voting and civic engagement, according to its webpage.

Mary Currin-Percival, a political science professor and a director of SJSU Vote, said she organized the event.

"A lot of the students here are just grateful to get all of this information," Currin-Percival said. "Not just about the election, but information about opportunities in the

community to be civically engaged."

Various clubs and organizations tabled, encouraging students to register to vote while providing students chances to win prizes.

Leanna Yanes, the president for the Pi Sigma Alpha – National Political Science Honor Society was impressed with the turnout.

"A lot of students are participating and going from table to table," Yanes said. National Voter

Registration Day is devoted to helping registered voters to go out and vote, according to a webpage from the California Secretary of State.

Yanes said she wanted to use this opportunity to talk to people who came to her table about the importance of voting.

"I'm very big on urging students to register to vote," Yanes said. "I think everybody's vote counts and it is important to be informed about what is going on in your community, and your

country in general because that is what's going to affect you."

Though the event was encouraging students to register to vote, there were also career resources such as local government campaign team offers, proposition campaign teams offers, etc.

"There are so many ways to get involved, so our hope is that people will talk to all of our various partners," Currin-Percival said. "Maybe they will find an internship or a volunteer opportunity or some other

way to get involved in their community."

BridgeSJSU Outreach Director Samantha Sternstein said she is looking forward to expressing her right to vote this election season.

"I plan on voting in this election because it will be huge in determining the future of our country," Sternstein said.

BridgeSJSU is a nonpartisan political science club that focuses on bringing different affiliated parties together to talk about social issues in hopes of diminishing the political divide in this country, according to its Instagram page.

Khan Ganzorig, an outreach committee member for BridgeSJSU, recently registered to vote and will be voting for the first time.

"I'm really excited to vote for the first time," Ganzorig said. "I'd love to think that it's going to be the first time for a lot of people."

Students can register to vote online or reach out to SJSU Votes to see if there are any locations on campus that hold in-person voting registration.

"I think it will be very interesting seeing where we go, where people align politically and where our country aligns politically," Sternstein said. "Because it will make a huge difference for our generation and generations to come."



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A San José State University student approaches the SJSU Votes volunteers and takes a peek at the voter registration information packet.

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Where are the best tacos in San José?

California Wet Burrito has underrated tacos in San José.

La Victoria Taqueria cracked the code with orange sauce.



Charity Spicer
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San José has a taqueria on nearly every corner of every street when you set foot off campus.

Typically, the popular choices for students are La Victoria Taqueria, Antojitos El Burrito Crazy and Spartan Taco Truck.

Out of all the seven taquerias and Mexican restaurants that I tried, California Wet Burrito surprisingly topped them all and reigned superior.

California Wet Burrito is a small patio restaurant on East William Street that has been open since 2017.

It is best known for its California burritos smothered in sauce and the tacos are undeniably the best in the area.

At the restaurant, there are people bustling throughout the patio in group settings and the servers were incredibly friendly.

La Victoria Taqueria, however, was

the customer service was not up to par with my expectations.

I ordered carne asada and al pastor tacos with a side of rice and their “Original 911” salsa verde.

The carne asada sarandero and al pastor street taco bursts with juicy savoriness and is topped plentifully with onions, cilantro, avocado, sour cream and cheese.

Though the tacos are more on the expensive side – averaging to about \$10 for the entire meal – the flavor and toppings were unbeatable.

While I enjoyed La Victoria Taqueria’s famous orange sauce, everything else in the carne asada taco and burrito I ordered was dry and flavorless.

The portions were quite large, but the price was not worth the quality of food provided.

California Wet Burrito’s prices are completely reasonable for the amount of food you get and the welcoming environment.

The “Original 911” salsa verde has a smooth and creamy texture blended with avocado and a strong undertone of heat.

La Victoria Taqueria’s salsa options were extremely limited and lacked any spice that I could taste. The orange sauce was the only thing keeping the food edible.

California Wet Burrito’s rice has a traditional Mexican taste that reminded me of my own mom’s rice at home—not to mention the portion being huge.

I wanted to try the rice at La Victoria Taqueria, but it was too expensive in addition to the food I already ordered.

California Wet Burrito is an underrated location for delicious burritos, tacos and other Mexican favorites.

Although La Victoria may be a popular choice for some, it’s not affordable for students needing a quick bite and does not have the flavor or texture that California Wet Burrito nailed down.



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Downtown San José has no shortage of options for people who want tacos, but La Victoria Taqueria is arguably the best place to choose for delicious food.

The quality of the meat, the ingredients and the speed of the service is great, but their sauce is what changes the game for me.

California Wet Burrito offers similar options, but its tacos aren’t quite the same quality as La Victoria Taqueria.

La Victoria Taqueria on 131 W Santa Clara St. has a lowkey, cozy appearance that makes you feel welcomed the second you step inside.

In comparison, California Wet Burrito has a more outdoorsy feel because all of the seating is outside. The lobby is quite small and you might have to get takeout if you don’t like the weather.

La Victoria Taqueria’s regular tacos traditionally contain a meat of your choice, beans and salsa.

When you sit down to eat, the experience gives you a mouth-watering sensation while you devour the tacos.

California Wet Burrito’s tacos come out piping hot, which gave me enough time to put on the sauce and the lime juice that came in the basket while I waited for the tacos to cool.

The meat of the tacos were the highlight, but they weren’t nearly as filling and I left the restaurant still hungry.

At La Victoria Taqueria, you have a choice between three salsas; the green, red and orange sauce.

Admittedly, it’s based on your own preference, but the orange sauce is

undoubtedly the best one for me.

It has a creamy, yet spicy taste that adds a new element to the taco that other taquerias don’t always have.

Sadly, the sauce at California Wet Burrito did not compare to La Victoria Taqueria, as it was simply just spicy and the taste was mediocre.

Regular tacos at La Victoria Taqueria cost \$4.95 each, so you can expect to leave relatively full for just over \$10 if you get two tacos.

California Wet Burrito’s street tacos come out to \$3.60 each, a little over a dollar less than La Victoria Taqueria.

However, the size of each taqueria’s tacos are not equal.

You would have to order around

California Wet Burrito offers similar options, but its tacos aren’t quite the same quality as La Victoria.

three street tacos at California Wet Burrito to get the same amount of food as two regular tacos at La Victoria Taqueria, making California Wet Burrito a little more expensive.

Some of the restaurants I tried to find the best in Downtown San José included Trés Hermanos Mexican Grill, Iguanas, California Wet Burrito and of course the best one, La Victoria Taqueria.

If you’re ever looking for somewhere to eat, La Victoria Taqueria’s tacos easily beats all other taquerias in downtown San José due to its great flavor, size and its price.

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SJSU student becomes her own boss

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A typical college student might juggle classes and work, but this San José State student does both while running her own fashion magazine to empower herself and others.

Sanjana Solanki is a business administration fourth year student with a concentration in marketing.

From a young age, Solanki said she knew the depth of her creativity but was held back by her lack of self-confidence.

"Back in high school, I was shy and not as confident," she said. "I always felt like I was a creative person and I would be a good leader if I had more confidence."

Solanki longed to showcase her creativity but many people didn't hire her during high school and at the beginning of college.

"I wanted to be a brand ambassador, but no one was hiring me because I didn't have a portfolio," Solanki said. "The lack of creative experience really impacted my potential to go far."

Wanting an outlet for her creativity, she said she founded solucky to express herself and collaborate with other artists.

"It was a very vague idea," Solanki said. "I wanted it to be a blog — of some sort — where I had my creative friends come in to pitch ideas."

The brand launched in August 2020, and became a hub for her to write about organization, decoration, film, fashion and music.

"It was mostly a gem for

my family, friends and maybe even employers, but that was pretty much it," Solanki said.

After realizing the people she collaborated with had small businesses, Solanki turned her blog into a magazine a year or so later.

"Now we do a bunch of things," Solanki said. "(We) host events, do spotlights for small businesses and other creators and even curate clothes that have been thrifted or picked out from our own closet."

Shayari Saha, creative director and producer of solucky, was recruited by Solanki about a year ago to be a model.

"I think it's a very important skill to be able to start your own business, especially as a woman," Saha said.

Solucky has sub-teams, which include the stylist team, videographer, writer, editor and photoshoot assistant roles.

"It's very time consuming, obviously, because we are trying to create a company at this point," she said. "But it's very fun and it's something that I've always wanted to do."

Every issue contains about three photoshoots spread out in its 70-90 pages and it is posted every two months, each containing its own theme.

"We really want to put out perfected versions of our work," Solanki said. "We're very precise about the things we do."

Solanki said she was resolved to end the publication following her graduation in December of 2024.

"Being a college student



PHOTO COURTESY OF SANJANA SOLANKI

Sanjana Solanki, a fourth year majoring in business administration at SJSU and founder of solucky magazine, sits on the edge of a stool and holds a dog.

and also dedicating time to solucky in really difficult and constantly stressful," Solanki said.

On top of managing her business, Solanki works part-time at Levi Stadium as a strategic and operations intern.

"I am always running around but the fact that I am doing something that I love and is so close to my heart

makes it really easy," she said. Veda Gottumukkala, has been with the brand since March 2024, working on the styling team.

"I think what's so unique about solucky is that it creates an avenue for creatives who have never had that experience," she said.

Gottumukkala became interested in the volunteer opportunity because she

wanted to meet other creatives.

"It has been really inspiring to meet someone so young start a business," she said. "Youth voices are ignored and not taken seriously and it shows that (Solanki) put a lot of effort into solucky."

"I think Sanjana is a very understanding founder," Gottumukkala said. "She does a really good job at

encompassing people's background and culture."

Solanki said she was convinced by her team to not end the publication and sees herself dedicating her free time to solucky after graduation.

"I love solucky with all my heart," she said. "I'm very passionate about it."

Solanki is expanding solucky by creating brand marketing packages and doing photoshoots and campaigns for other companies.

"Solucky is my life," Solanki said. "If I could give young people who want to become entrepreneurs advice, I would say to just do it."

In the near future, solucky hopes to collaborate with other small businesses, create merchandise and also pay her volunteers.

"I would love to be able to pay my team," she said. "Especially the production team because they work so hard."

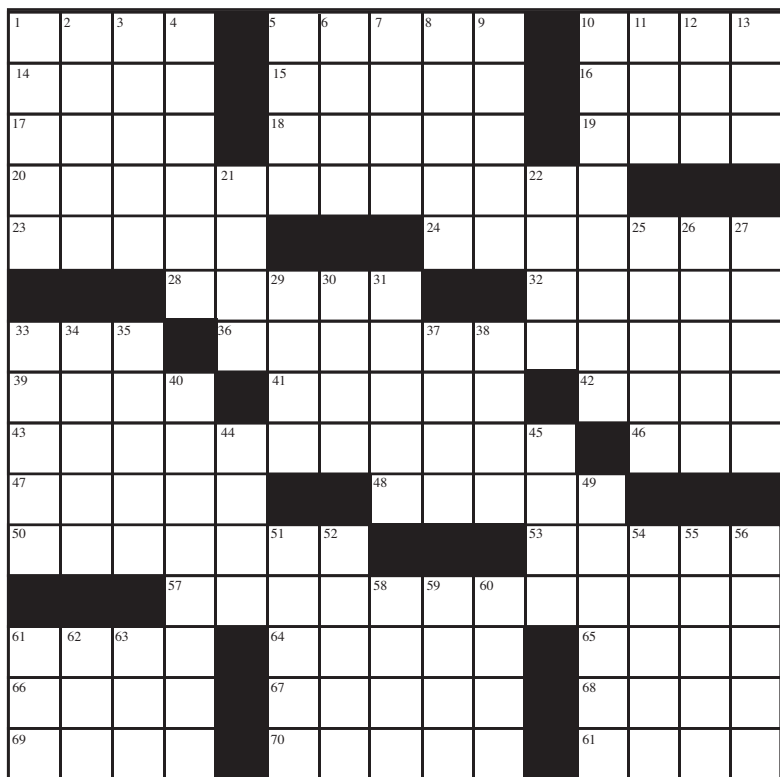
Beginning January 2025, solucky will release an issue every four months.

"If you don't even step into it and try to push for something that you're passionate about," Solanki said. "You're going to be left with resentment and misery that you haven't done what you're really interested in doing."

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- 10. Latin I word
- 14. It may come in a scoop
- 15. Kind of gas
- 16. Bumper sticker contents, often
- 17. Wedge, of a sort
- 18. Type of sprawl
- 19. Hostile, as a crowd
- 20. Splashy West Indies neighbor
- 23. Old pool denizen
- 24. Quite sure
- 28. Pachacuti's people
- 32. Simpleton
- 33. The ___ Khan
- 36. Splashy North Pole neighbor
- 39. Small town
- 41. Acid type
- 42. Of sound mind
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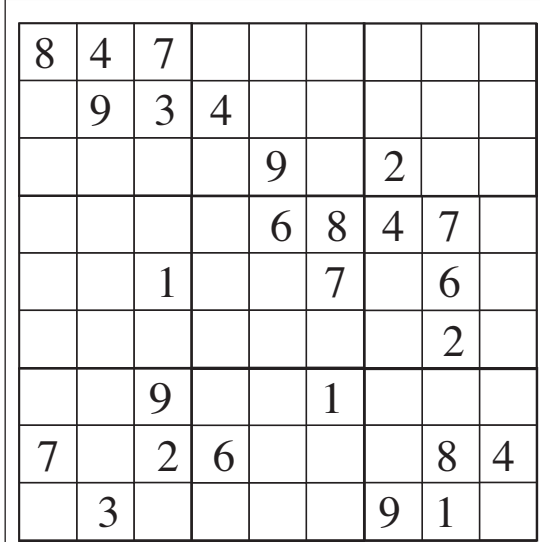
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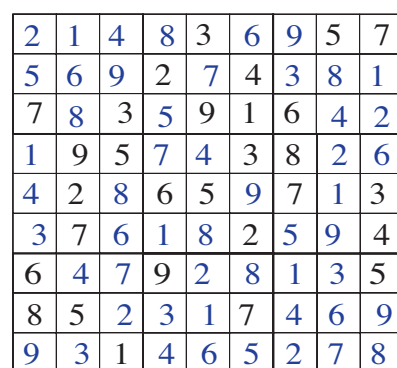
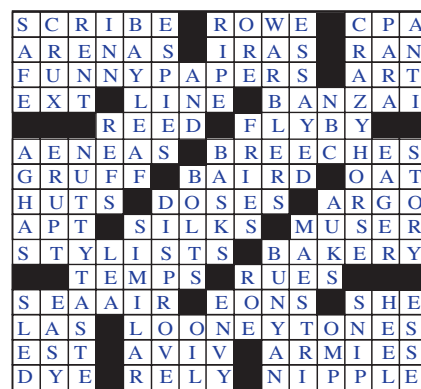
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- 5. Give the cold shoulder to
- 6. Body of traditional knowledge
- 7. "Voulez-Vous" singers
- 8. Bugs Bunny's voice
- 9. "Common ___" (Paine essay)
- 10. Water sports
- 11. Puss
- 12. Feel ill
- 13. "I ___" (classic TV show)
- 21. ___ fide
- 22. Cube inventor Rubik
- 25. Lend ___ (pay close attention)
- 26. Absurd
- 27. Part of a 1997 telecommunications merger
- 29. Grouchy Marylander?
- 30. Vertex
- 31. One-named rocker
- 33. Superior's title
- 34. Rich fertilizer
- 35. Certain Indo-European
- 37. Sheba's conceiver
- 38. Joseph's pride
- 40. Exploding in anger
- 44. Hanover housewife
- 45. Enticement
- 49. Fairies, brownies, etc.
- 51. Sword lilies, for short
- 52. Zimbalist or Zimbalist, Jr.
- 54. Leonardo's birthplace
- 55. One needing parts
- 56. They dive and sound batty
- 58. Silent come-on
- 59. Parking lot sign
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- 62. MGM's Lion
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