Monks create sacred art for message of world peace

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In conjunction with the Dalai Lama’s visit to SJSU today, Tibetan monks have embarked on a tour of the west coast of the U.S. to spread message of universal peace, according to the translator for the monks.

The monks, who are at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, across from On Fourth Cafe, have been involved in the creation of a sand mandala, a piece of sacred art made from sand.

“The traditional artwork, so basically we create a mandala for the universal compassion to give a message for people to be more compassionate,” said translator Tenzin Sherdu.

The monks have been working since Oct. 9, according to the library’s website.

“A lot of it is impermanence because they create this mandala for 5 days and after everything is done, they dis- dissolve,” Sherdu said. “Just to give a message to people that whatever you see is not for long-lasting time. It’s like life is impermanent — it’s not forever.”

Undated junior Ajean-dro Barragan said he didn’t know it was there and the only reason he knew about it was because he saw all the people gathered outside while he was inside On Fourth Cafe.

“I would have never even seen that,” Barragan said.

A monk uses a funnel to create a Mandala, a sacred design made entirely from sand. Mandalas typically take five days to complete.

Bowling event helps fund breast cancer research

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Almost 40,000 women in the United States are expected to die this year because of breast cancer, according to breastcancer.org.

The Student Union Bowling Center at SJSU is doing its part to participate in October’s Breast Cancer Awareness month by donating half of its proceeds to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The foundation is a nonprofit organization that donates all funds to finding a cure to breast cancer.

Manager Sharyn Deaver of the Student Union Bowling Center said she has been working with SJSU for 30 years and this first time the bowling center has participated in Bowling for Boobs.

“We are doing it as part of a national campaign through the Bowling Proprietors Associa- tion of America,” Deaver said.

Over 200,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the United States this year, according to the website.

According to the Young Surviv- al Coalition website, breast cancer is the leading cause of death in young women between the ages of 15-34 and young women’s cancers are generally more aggressive and result in lower survival rates.

Jenna Gordon, a senior busi- ness management major said she has been working for the center since her freshman year.

Gordon said it has taken a little while to spread the word of the donation but she said she sees enthusiasm in students coming into the center.

“I feel like students think this is easy,” Gordon said. “They’re enjoying themselves and having fun and yet they are supporting a cause.”

Deaver said students can come into the center and donate at any time — it is not limited to just Tuesdays and Thursdays.

“We opened it up because a lot of students wanted to be朝廷,” Deaver said.

Students learn their strengths in workshop

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Eager and motivated stu- dents filled every available seat in a room in Clark Hall on Tuesday to find their per- sonal strengths.

The workshop was taught in CH118 by Deanna Peck, SJSU coordinator for edu- cational programs, who had to turn away many students who wanted to attend because they were not signed up for the class in advance.

“I didn’t know you had to sign up to get into the work- shop,” said freshman En- glish major Phillip Davis.

Peck said he would be the last student allowed in the classroom that was not signed up already.

The workshop began when Peck handed out worksheets with questions that asked students ques- tions such as when they felt they were at their best, what they enjoy doing most and their most fulfilling experi- ences.

She then asked them to share their answers with other students they did not know.

“The questions were pretty deep and it forced me to be very personal with someone I don’t know,” Da- vid said.

Peck then asked the stu- dents to name their weak- nesses, which everyone agreed was much easier to identify.

“It’s ingrained in many of us to look at our weak- nesses before our strengths,” Peck said.

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The small pumpkins are being sold for $20 and the big pumpkins are going for $40. Lauren O’Connor-Korb, a senior spatial arts major, said making the pumpkins is a collaborative effort. "We do it as a team, someone paints all the color on the pumpkin, someone blows it into the mold that creates it, someone brings the shape so it’s a collaborative thing," said O’Connor-Korb, the Glass Guild President.

Only glass artists are able to make them and they have had two or three seasons of experience beforehand, but anyone from the beginning class can come help, said Valerie Pohorsky, an SJSU alumna and glass guild volunteer. "You have to be enamored in the class to work with the equipment and be trained on everything," she said. Pohorsky said the program has been going on since 1973 and it is one of the oldest programs on the West Coast.

"I like the shape, a lot of people look at the color first, but I think the real architecture behind the pumpkin in the shapes," said Mychal Williams, a senior visual, film and media major. "The stems too, adds a little flavor to the stem in the same that it also makes it more unique."

The pumpkins are available in several different colors—pink, purple, blue, white and the traditional orange. "We try to do not just traditional, but some color combinations less traditional, more fall like," O’Connor-Korb said.

Pohorsky said the glass pumpkins are a good seasonal item, but have been a popular fall item for a long time. "Halloween is my favorite month, we’re sold out and we usually buy one if I ever had cash on me to buy one," said senior biochemistry major Shelby Bass.

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Alice in Chains show a nostalgic trip back in time

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Cigarette smoke, beer and an odd combination of which also made for a curious sound at the SJU’s Event Center on Monday.

It sounded familiar, it smelled like my high school years, it smelled like my friends back then, it smelled like home.

Named after a word from each of the band’s members, Alice in Chains, the DiamondDyne tour featured Alice in Chains, Dethklok and Matroon.

The two-band Matroon opened the show with its brand of powerful grindcore and the Dethklok’s tribute to the silicon valley, bringing the history, culture and heritage to diversity by sharing Jewish traditions and life.

There was a thread running through the movies that showcased the horrors of the Nazi regime, showcased as the characters go through a journey of conflict and much more, each film was selected to exhibit the relevancy of this religion in our society as the characters go through a journey of confronting their identity, religion and ancestry.

“We go from a politically incorrect comedy all the way to the most down-to-earth and everywhere in between,” Becker said.

“We have something for every film lover’s world history.”

At the second day, I had a chance to watch a viewing of “Broken Promise,” a Slovakian feature film following the life of a Jewish family during World War II.

Inspired by a true story, this film documents the lifelong struggles of a Jewish man named Martin Friedman as he evolves from a naïve adolescent into a grief-stricken partisan fighting to survive.

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Friedman journeys through the harsh world of discrimination as he takes chances and experiences the horrors of the Nazi regime, showcased in this poignant and heart-wrenching film.

A lot of people tell us that they learn from the films,” Becker said. “Some people are open to being influenced by it and some people just sit back and enjoy the movie.”

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While Broken Promise only hosted one showing, students can catch screenings of the other films for the price of $9.50 for advanced online purchase and $11 at the door for a student ID. Also, a group of 10 or more gets a special discount.

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A glimpse of a Swastika or the mention of the word “Nazi” is all it takes for most people to remember the Holocaust in early Wehde. Headed by Adolf Hitler, the German Nazi regime swept over Europe afflicting each and every person in its path, and millions of Jews were affected.

When thinking of the Jewish people, the Holocaust is often the only thing people envision. Although this tragedy may be a large part of Jewish ancestry, there is more to this culture than the word “Nazi” is all it takes for most people to remember.

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Film Festival gives moviegoers a look at Jewish culture
HOW HAS THE WEATHER CHANGE AFFECTED YOU?

BY: TYLER DO

I'm not used to the weather in San Jose because I am from Germany, but it's kind of weird that it's always hot and then cold again and then hot.

I believe with the weather fluctuating from hot to cold like it has, I think it's due more to the coastal winds than actual global warming or anything like that.

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Last time I knew it was like, freezing cold in the morning and we had to bust out our Uggs and then now we have to like bundle up in the morning and take off all our jackets during the day.

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I liked it cooler last week and I'm excited for the rain this weekend, but I definitely think it's because of global warming. I'm excited for the cold weather.
Harry Potter to be continued?

J.K. (Jennifer Katheryn) Rowling, in an interview on the Oprah Winfrey Show, stated that she is not yet sure if she will continue the Harry Potter series. She said that it is not a rare thing to do and that the decision will ultimately be up to her. Rowling added that she has been considering the idea of continuing the series, but it has not yet been finalized. She also mentioned that her all-time favorite series of books is the Harry Potter books.

The Harry Potter series has been very popular and has been enjoyed by many people. Rowling has written many books in the series, and the last book in the series was published in 2007. The series has been translated into many languages and has been adapted into several films.

Rowling has an amazing ability to give the gift of life to characters and places. I almost feel as though the characters in the Harry Potter books are a part of my life. Rowling's writing is very exciting. The more I thought about it, the more I began to question whether or not Rowling would continue writing the series. After all, there are countless stories of beloved characters that have ended due to unforeseen circumstances. What I mean by this is that Rowling has written a story that doesn't feel true to the established personalities of the characters from the seven books already read.

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If Rowling does decide to continue the series, I would be very excited. I loved the 'Harry Potter' books and I think that it would be great to see what happens in the future. The 'Harry Potter' books have taught me so much and have been a huge part of my life. They have taught me about friendship, love, and the importance of standing up for what is right.

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S.F. Giants advance toward World Series

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The offense for the Giants tends to run through first baseman Aubrey Huff, rookie catcher Buster Posey and outfielder Pat Burrell. So far, only Posey has consistently shown up, with a .375 batting average in the Division Series. Fortunately for the Giants, they play a lot of close games and all three of their wins against the Braves were one-run affairs. Unfortunately, the Phillies offense is much better than the Braves.

Experience in close games does help the Giants in that they've become resilient. When they're down, they don't panic much and can come back. Unfortunately, if they're down too much they might not be able to recover.

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