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### **Students** prepare for midterm elections

#### JAIMIE COLLINS Staff Writer

Monday, November 1, 2010

Halloween is over and Nov. 2 is rapidly approaching, bringing with it California's 2010 midterm elections and a ballot containing a variety of issues.

'This election is really about California, not the nation," said political science Professor Terry Christensen. "And its outcome will shape the future for our state."

The ballot includes nine propositions which cover the budget, the environment and alterations to legislative policies, according to the official voter information guide for the California General Election.

Junior business major Matthew Droden said this election has several issues that create hard decisions for voters.

"There are so many arguments for and against most of the measures," he said. "It's confusing and frustrating because I don't want to make the wrong decision."

Proposition 19 is one of the issues that has received the most attention, proposing that people 21 years and older should be permitted to possess, cultivate or transport marijuana for personal use, the voter guide stated.

If passed, this proposition will create tax and fee revenues equaling millions of dollars as well as save the state money on funds needed for correctional facilities, the guide stated.

"My guess is that this one will fail due to voter confusion and

### Day of the Dead marches through downtown

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higher turnout among older voters who are more likely to oppose it," Christensen said. "But this measure will be back (if not passed) and legalization is probably inevitable."

Jessica Hall, a senior graphic design major, said she thinks Proposition 19 will be a positive addition to the state's legislative policy.

"The legalization will bring much-needed funds to California and help lower the unemployment rate," she said. "Of course there are some negative outcomes that may happen but that's true of almost any decision. I think the good outweighs the bad for the marijuana issue."

Also gaining student attention is Proposition 23, which aims to suspend Assembly Bill 32, an air pollution control law that requires companies to report and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that are suspected of contributing to global warming, according to the voter guide.

However, the guide stated the repeal would last only until the rate of unemployment drops to 5.5 percent or less for a full year.

"The Texas oil companies are only concerned about getting more money and aren't considering the negative effect this measure will have on the environment," said Tess Collins, a

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### Bumgarner blanks Rangers; Giants a win away from Series crown

#### MATT GELB

The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

ARLINGTON, Texas — Madison Bumgarner stood behind the mound as the delay during Game 4 of the World Series lengthened. First, ballpark officials had to wait for TV to begin "God Bless America." Then, after an elongated rendition, troops were honored behind home plate.

Bumgarner took off his glove and clapped as the ceremonies ended. The San Francisco lefthander was six shutout innings into the most important start of his young life and it was proof that nothing was derailing the 21-year-old rookie's night.

He allowed a Texas runner to reach second base in the seventh inning for the

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# DORIAN SILVA

A dancer performs during Day of the Dead Procession in downtown San Jose on Sunday.

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### SPECIAL REPORT

### Stewart and Colbert rally against media sensationalism

### MATT SANTOLLA

Copy Editor

WASHINGTON — After weeks of anticipation, Jon Stewart rallied and railed against the 24-hour media news cycle in front of the National Mall.

The "Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear" was the brainchild of Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert, and was an attempt to

promote civility in political discourse.

"The country's 24-hour politico-pundit-perpetual-panicconflictonator did not cause our problems," Stewart said. "But its existence makes solving them that much harder."

He talked about the role of the press and said his problem with the mainstream media is that they constantly focus on negative soundbites just to get

ratings.

"If we amplify everything we hear nothing," Stewart said.

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During the rally, he played examples of talking heads acting without reason, respect or civility.

"The press is our immune system," Stewart said. "If it overreacts to everything --- we actually get sicker."

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### **PR** experts host ethics symposium

#### **KENNY MARTIN**

Staff Writer

"It's very easy to take the unethical path," said one of the speakers at a media ethics symposium Thursday in the Engineering building.

During the third annual Spuler Media Ethics Symposium, speakers Jonathan Hirshon, Marie Domingo, Shel Holtz and Ellen Leanse gave attendees information about what is ethically permissible and what is not.

"The minute the end justifies the means, all hell breaks loose," Hirshon said. "No amount of money is worth not being able to look yourself in the mirror."

Hirshon is a high-tech public relations professional from the Silicon Valley, according to a pamphlet given out at the symposium.

Domingo, who is vice president of public relations for media relations company Stage Two, echoed Hirshon's sentiment when she said one should always protect his or her reputation.

The beginning of the meeting consisted of the four speakers talking about their thoughts on the field of ethics, followed by a question-and answer session with members of the audience.

Hirshon gave an example of how it can be difficult to be ethical.

Imagine, he said, if your boss tells you to do something that is, in your mind, unethical and not the right thing to do.

If you don't do it, Hirshon said you run a high risk of being fired.

If you do it, then you have acted immorally, he said, and this could lead to you being unable to look at yourself in a mirror again, as he had mentioned earlier.

In that case, Hirshon said he strongly recommends approaching either your boss or a higher-up and going on the record stating you think it is not a good idea.

Holtz, the principal of Holtz Communication + Technology, said he agreed with Hirshon, adding that you have a better chance of escaping from having to do your assignment if you have an alternate solution to propose.

Hirshon offered another example that reflects how different people will have different opinions of what is right and wrong.

What if a medical researcher, he said, came to you, a public relations person, and told you they had discovered a drug that has remedial properties for the symptoms of multiple sclerosis.

However, there is a catch, Hirshon said — the researcher also knows that one person out of every 100,000 will have an adverse reaction, potentially killing them.

He asked how the PR representative should handle this situation should the representative clearly say that one out of 100,000 people will likely die to an adverse reaction and risk losing many sales or even having the drug taken off of the market? Should they state the risk, but relegate it to the fine print? Or should they not even mention it at all?

The discussion later turned to cover the problems the Internet has brought to society.

While the internet makes an incredible breadth of information available, Holtz said that people tend to look only at websites that have views they already agree with.

All of the information is out there, but people are not taking advantage of it, he said.

Leanse, vice president of Eastwick Communications, added that the Internet tempts people away from doing original research because of the reproducibility of the web. "There is the wisdom of the crowds, but there is also the idiocy of the crowds," she said. "You have to do your own research."

### Presentation exposes American media shortcomings

### **REBECCA HENDERSON**

Staff Writer

About 25 people showed up for a Thursday workshop discussing how the media affects how people retain and gain information.

Marc Baker, a diversity advocate intern for the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, asked why important information about things such as natural disasters are getting less time than celebrity news.

When Baker asked how many people could remember what was on the news last week, no one in the room raised a hand.

He said he hopes students can benefit from his event by not relying on just one news source.

"Don't always go to the news channel at night to get your information," said Baker, a junior health science major. "Don't always go to Yahoo because the top stories are constantly changing."

He said it's even harder to rely on the newspaper because the article that is there today may be gone tomorrow and the following days.

"How are we expected to retain the information when we've been trained to have short attention spans?" Baker asked.

Amanda Koppel, a junior hospitality management major, said the workshop really opened her eyes to the media.

"When I stopped hearing news of Katrina I thought it was over until I saw the show 'The Real World' and they were actually going and building homes," she said.

Koppel said it's important for students to learn about this because they are the ones who are going to change things, not the people who are already set in their ways.



Marc Baker, a junior health science major, spoke about the media's influence over people's ability to gain information in a workshop Thursday.

"We are still at that point where we can go out and do something," she said.

In a PowerPoint presentation, clips were shown of Time Magazine's Sept. 2010 issue.

The presentation showed that Europe, Asia and the South Pacific all focused their attention on showing support to Pakistan while the U.S. issue of Time Magazine focused on what makes a school great.

Sadika Sulaiman-Hara, assistant director of Mosaic, said it's important for people to think about the responsibilities we have to each other.

"We here in the U.S. oftentimes think about ourselves in this individual lens where it's about my life, it's my world," she said. "That's a wonderful thing and I think that's a great privilege to have, but at the same time, when there is so much suf-

and do something if we can."

Sulaiman-Hara said people should be mindful because this actually affects our community.

"We have members of our community affected by Hurricane Katrina, who have been affected by the floods in Pakistan, the tsunami that has happened in the Indian ocean, but yet we don't tend to think about that day to day," she said. "And the biggest question is why?"

According to the PowerPoint presentation, more than \$1.2 billion in damage has been done to Pakistan's infrastructure and an estimated 5,000 schools have been destroyed, while two million people are still homeless as a result of the Haiti earthquake and only 10 percent of Haitians have been resettled since the earthquake.

"We haven't heard any of

He said people are being diverted from the real message because of all of the noise from advertisements and people who don't want the message out.

Freshman kinesiology major Sen Tezeno said he was very surprised about the statistics that were presented.

'There were some events that I had never heard of such as the Kashmir earthquake and the tsunami," he said. "It makes you feel sad because you think you can't do anything, but in reality you can."

Junior communications major Daniel Naranjo said he attends Mosaic events to learn something new and getting involved has made him realize how one person can make a change.

"It's insightful because what you're not getting in class, you learn it here be-

tant for us to recognize that Baker said.

fering globally, it is impor- that because of our media,"

cause it is more researched by students," he said.

### International students face employment complications in U.S.

#### TYLER DO Staff Writer

Senior philosophy major Lauren McKenna said for international students, the first step is getting to America, but the real journey begins when you look for a job.

McKenna, a first semester international student from Ireland, said she struggled to find a job on campus because it took her a month to get one.

"It took ages," she said. "We found out that you're not allowed to get jobs off campus and it's really hard to find a job on campus.

"The only kind of job you can get is either an internship or related to your degree, but that's not necessarily the same as a job so you'll never be able to get a job at a bar or anything that wasn't related in furthering your education."

All international students in F1 status (the immigration category for foreign students) can work on campus from the very first day they get to campus, said Louis Gecenok, student adviser of International Programs and Services.

Gecenok said international students are allowed to work part-time for 20 hours a week on and off campus.

He said when school is not in session, they are allowed to work more than the 20-hour limit.

"Students come here through

a variety of visas (F1 - Student, B2 - Tourist, B-1 - Business, E1 -Treaty Trader, J1 - Exchange Visitors, etc.), which allows them to study here past the 60-day period," Gecenok said. "The vast majority of international students are categorized by F1."

Prior to any off-campus work, international students must be enrolled for at least two terms at SJSU to qualify for any off-campus work and be enrolled fulltime with 12 units (undergraduate) and nine (graduate), he said.

They can work in jobs pertaining to their field of study in varied programs of practical training, Gecenok said.

He said there are several different types of practical training programs: curricular practical training, optional practical training and a program for students with "economic difficulty."

"The immigrations rules, in most cases are pretty firm, so they don't make any exceptions," Gecenok said.

Vanessa Duke, a senior communication studies major, said she lives in the International House and heard from one of the I-House residents that he wasn't able to get a job since he didn't have a work visa even though he is an enrolled SJSU student.

"He has a visa but it doesn't count unless he has a green card or an internship," Duke said.

Jamie Martin, a senior economics major and international student from Scotland, said he has been been looking for jobs online around San Jose and across America.

"Some companies won't take you unless you're American or unless you have work-visa status already in place," he said.

Martin said the issue is only when he wants to work in a field outside his field.

Senior philosophy major McKenna said she currently works for the philosophy department as a tutor but is still encountering problems with payment.

"Once I got the job, it was a mess trying to get my social se-

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curity and paperwork together," she said. "They said I wasn't registered for tax for the U.S. government and I was like 'Oh my god!' and I am still waiting for an interview with the tax and revenue office."

Gecenok said International Programs and Services does help with filing paperwork — Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization - and procedures that must be complied with to meet regulations, but students are informed in workshops to explain the rules and regulations of immigration.

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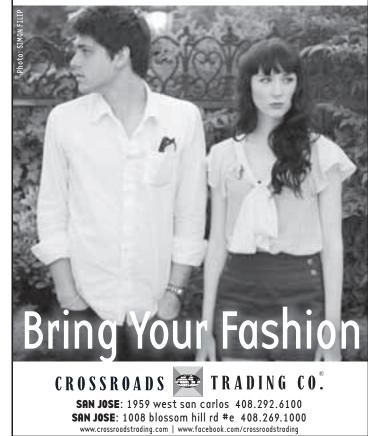
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"San Jose students are quite fortunate with the university location and access to employment because many students at universities where they are in the middle of nowhere and they don't have the chance to get employment," he said.

SJSU is a catalyst to help international students, Gecenok said, and that's the reason they come because of the possibilities of attaining their goals.

"There's a lot of information and if I wasn't living in the International House I would be kind of lost, but because we're here, we kind of discuss it together," McKenna said. "It's more of the community of the house that has made it comfortable, more than it is the university."

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### GIANTS

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first time Sunday, but stranded him there, merely a prelude to San Francisco's 4-0 victory at Rangers Ballpark.

All Bumgarner did was pitch the game of his life. Now, these Giants are one win away from their first world championship since 1954, when they played at the Polo Grounds in New York. They have shut out the overpowering Rangers offense, the one that dethroned the defending champion Yankees, twice in four games.

On Monday, San Francisco will send its ace, Tim Lincecum, to the mound in Game 5, seeking the Series clincher. He will be opposed by Cliff Lee, the Texas ace acquired midseason to inject more than hope into the only franchise that had yet to win a postseason series. Now, Lee must

win to prolong the ride.

History is against Texas. Of the 42 times a team has gone up by three games to one in the World Series, it has won 37 of those series.

It's the seventh straight World Series that has been three games to one or complete after Game 4. Three of those series ended in sweeps. Two ended in five games, and one — the Phillies-Yankees series in 2009 — ended in six.

And considering the way the Giants' pitching has stymied the Rangers, the odds look even longer. Bumgarner, their fourth starter, pitched eight scoreless innings to win Game 4.

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# Fan sacrifices to witness Giants play

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### ISAIAH GUZMAN

Staff Writer

SJSU junior Jess Knaster said he'd been planning a trip to Las Vegas.

He said he'd saved the money to go from working all summer in a youth camp.

Then he came across tickets for Game One of the World Series at AT&T Park last Wednesday.

The cost was high, he said, but the choice was easy for a lifelong San Francisco Giants fan.

"It was \$650," the radio, television and film major said. "And I pretty much had to sacrifice the trip to Vegas."

Knaster's beloved San Francisco Giants are making a run at history against the Texas Rangers.

The Giants have not won a World Series since moving to San Francisco in 1958, according to MLB.com, and they haven't been in the Fall Classic since 2002, when they lost to the Anaheim Angels.

The franchise's last World Series championship came in 1954, when the Giants, then in New York, beat the Cleveland Indians in six games, also according to MLB.com. The Giants lead the series 3-1 right now. "The atmosphere was unlike anything I've ever seen," Knaster said. "I went to the World Series Game Four in 2002. I almost went to the All-Star Game, but I went to the Home Run Derby." Knaster went to this year's Game One with his parents, Scott and Barbara.

tion 324 along the third-base M side.

Knaster said they bought their tickets from San Francisco-based ticket service StubHub.com.

Tickets to Game Six at AT&T Park are still for sale on the website for between \$623 and more than \$11,000.

"There were lots of tickets available," said Scott Knaster, who is a technical writer. "After we saw them win the pennant we jumped right on. We kind of have this thing every year where we say we'll buy

> All the media portrays them as castoffs, goof offs and just a group of characters. It's easy for people to get behind them.

MLB.com.

"He's been a Giants fan since he was a baby," Scott Knaster said of his son. "It was so much fun."

Jess Knaster said he's never seen so many boats in Mc-Covey Cove, the waterway behind the right field wall at AT&T Park.

"It was like something out of the Bonds era," he said.

When asked how this World Series experience compared with 2002, both father and son said the atmosphere at the ball park was more alive.

"Somehow, it's crazier," Scott said. "I think the '02 team, they were expected to do well. They had Bonds and (Jeff) Kent. They had been winning for years, not the World Series, but they had been winning."

With black beards, nicknames, no superstars and players such as Cody Ross who was not picked up by any other major league clubs this season — and rookie catcher Buster Posey, this year's Giants have been dubbed misfits by Sports Illustrated, the Washington Post and several other media outlets.

### ELECTION

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sophomore environmental studies major. "I'm sure that 23 would be good for unemployment but we would be destroying our already disappearing natural resources. It's not worth it."

The voter guide stated that Proposition 23 would create an increase in economic revenue from the suspension of greenhouse gas regulation, resulting in an influx of state and local revenue.

"Understanding environmental challenges is second nature to young people, but not necessarily to the elders who will outnumber them at the polls," Christensen said. "The outcome on this measure could depend on how many young people actually vote."

Also important is Proposition 25, a bill that will change the voting requirement needed to pass budget-related legislation from twothirds to a simple majority, the guide stated.

The ballot also contains measures to repeal legislation allowing businesses to lower their tax liability (Proposition 24), allow the state to redistrict congressional districts (Proposition 20) and establish an \$18 annual vehicle license surcharge to help fund state parks and wildlife programs (Proposition 21).

According to the voter guide, Proposition 22 prohibits the state from taking funds used for transportation, redevelopment or local government projects and services.

The guide also stated that Proposition 26 requires certain state and local fees to be approved by a two-thirds vote and Proposition 27 eliminates the state commission on

redistricting.

Apart from the many propositions, one of the biggest issues in this election is the race for a new governor for California.

Running as the Democratic candidate is California Attorney General Jerry Brown, who was governor of California from 1975 to 1983, according to Brown's campaign website.

His opponent, Republican Meg Whitman, is a businesswoman known for her management of the Silicon Valley-based company eBay, according to Whitman's campaign website.

Junior accounting major Steven Phuong said he thinks the candidates have a lot to offer and each will help resolve the state's issues.

"Both candidates have been getting a lot of criticism from the community, but I think they know what they are doing and have good plans for turning the state around," he said. "Being a politician cannot be an easy job, so I think that the candidates deserve more credit than we are giving them."

Junior kinesiology major Rita Shepard said she is unsure about the candidates and has not yet decided how she is going to vote.

"I don't feel like either of them have the skills we need to get our state back on track and I don't want them to put us in an even worse situation than we already are," she said.

Senior chemistry major Jack Foster said he will vote because he thinks every voice counts in making sure that government is fair and representative.

"Whether your voting for or against something, putting your opinion out there is what makes sure that citizens get the political support they need," he said. "I encourage every student to vote because the decisions we make now will affect the government we have in the future."



California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, center, shares the stage with gubernatorial candidates Meg Whitman, left, and Jerry Brown during the 2010 Women's Conference at the Long Beach Convention Center, Oct. 26,

Their \$650 per ticket got them upper-deck seats in sec-



tickets for at least one game if they make the World Series."

Scott Knaster said he and his wife moved to the Bay Area from Denver 27 years ago and immediately adopted the Giants as their team.

They did not have a team in Denver because the Colorado Rockies did not join Major League Baseball until 1993, according to "All the media portrays them as castoffs, goof offs and just a group of characters," Jess Knaster said. "It's 'The Freak,' it's 'The Panda,' it's (Juan) Uribe, it's 'The Beard.' It's easy for people to get behind them."

Asked if he would spend the \$650 again, Knaster answered as quickly as he made the decision to buy the first time around.

"I'm a lifelong Giants fan," he said. "And I would do it again in a second."

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### RALLY From Page 1

The star-studded event featured a variety of musical performances including The Roots, John Legend, Kid Rock, Ozzy Osbourne, Sheryl Crow and Yusuf Islam aka Cat Stevens.

Roughly 215,000 people attended the rally, according to Airphotoslive.com.

Many people of different ages, political backgrounds and ethnicities came from all over the country came to attend the rally.

"I came here because I love what they are doing," said Arianna Huffington, editor-in-chief of the Huffington Post news website. "I love the message of restoring sanity, by which I mean whatever the disagreements we can treat each other with respect."

Huffington, who said she bused in nearly 10,000 people from New York to attend the rally, thinks college students can help restore the political climate by keeping the debate civil.

"We are going through difficult dark times and we won't be able to get through them if we don't come together and stop demonizing each other," she said.

Thousands of college students attended the rally, many with the hopes of fixing what they feel is wrong with political discourse in America.

"Restoring sanity is basically telling people to chill out and be less stupid," said Matthew Sampson, an international affairs sophomore at George Washington University.

Sampson, who attended the rally dressed as a banana, said the rally was a positive way to get students across the country focused on political issues.

"If more college students voted and really put their opinion out there they would be able to understand issues better," he said. "I feel if students really got together we could have a lot of really good reform for students."

During the rally, Stewart handed out awards to people who showed poise and composure during times of insanity.

The award was given to people such as Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga, who missed out on pitching a perfect game because the umpire blew a call on the last out of the game. Galarraga never criticized the umpire in the media in wake of the incident. Stewart spoke directly to Americans living outside of Capitol Hill and said the values that divide people politically should not be the reason why we can't reach common ground. "Where we live, our values and principles form the foundation that sustains us while we get things done," he said. "Not the barriers that prevent us from getting things done."

currently living in hard times, not news or anything outside of their end times.

"Most Americans don't live their lives solely as Democrats, Republicans, liberals or conservatives," he said. "Americans live their lives more as people that are just a little bit late for something they have to do."

Anya Schandler, a retired San Francisco State University professor, said the rally is a perfect way for college students to learn more about positive political discourse.

"We came because we need a relief from all the hatred and vitriol and wanted to support some sanity in the United States," she said. "There are not a lot of facts (on cable news). There is not a lot of civil understanding of one another's sides."

Schandler said restoring sanity means bringing back the basics of what democracy is all about.

"I have my opinion — I like your god, I like my god. I don't have to hate anything," She said. "I can disagree, but I can disagree based on what I know and maybe you can add to that, and maybe I can add to what you know."

Celebrities such as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Sam Waterston and R2-D2 appeared on stage supporting the idea of restoring sanity to American politics.

Zoe Lofgren, congresswoman for California's 16th congressional district, said in an Oct. 25 news conference at SJSU that she is a big fan of both Stewart and Colbert.

"Sometimes I watch on their website or my daughter makes me TiVo it," Lofgren said. "But yes, they are ironic and screamingly funny. I enjoy watching them. I think you don't really get your news from them because if you don't know what's in the news you won't get the joke."

She said she personally invited Colbert in September to testify before the House of Representatives Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law about the plight of farm workers in America.

Lofgren is the subcommittee's chairwoman.

"It got great publicity and I thought actually Colbert's testimony, although ironic, was actually right on in a lot of ways," she said. "Not everyone appreciated it and that's fine, but I thought it was excellent." Carolyn Klotzbach, a senior history major from State University of New York at Fredonia, said she attended the event because she is a big fan and wanted to counter the rallies held by the tea own sphere."

Susan Miller, who traveled to the nation's capitol from Louisville, Ky., said she attended several rallies across the country during the '60s and '70s to make her voice heard.

"My husband and I are old hippies and we used to rally against the Vietnam War, so we are used to this," she said. "Back then we were just anti-war. We didn't even really know what was going on but we just knew war was bad."

Miller said seeing young people at the rally brings back memories of when she was a passionate, rebellious youngster.

"Today the similarities are I think people are just tired of getting so-called news from Fox News and just all the ranting and raving on those stations," she said. "The whole idea of what Jon Stewart was saying struck a chord that there are reasonable people out there in the country and we want issues, we want the right candidates and not fear mongering."

At the rally were groups supporting political causes that they felt directly affected college students.

"We have a really important vote on Tuesday to legalize marijuana in California with Prop. 19," said Stacia Cosner, outreach director for the Students for Sensible Drug Policy. "It is the perfect opportunity to get the word out about it especially since Jon Stewart mentioned legalizing pot in the announcement of his rally. We think it is a very sane step to take."

She said ending the war on drugs and all the problems it creates is the best way to restore sanity in America.

John Lancaster, a sophomore economics major at George Washington University, said he is constantly bombarded with protests and political rallies since he has lived in Washington D.C.

He said the point of this rally is to expose a topic which will help people come together.

"We're not really going to do anything today but we are going to have a good time and show that a lot of people support this kind of thing," Lancaster said.

David Glick, who drove from New York, said the lighthearted and comedic nature of the event was a great way to restore sanity.

"It just means having a decent conversation," he said. "All of the extreme points of view get the most airtime. I think Stephen Colbert does a great job at parodying what we are sort of trying to rally against." Glick, who was dressed in an Abraham Lincoln costume, said holding the event on Halloween weekend would allow more people to enjoy themselves. "I think the costumes are representative of our rebellion," he said. Toward the end, Tony Bennett made a special appearance, singing "America the Beautiful." Stewart's concluded the rally with a moment of sincerity which focused on the values that unite Americans, not the ones that divide them.

"I can't control what people think this was, I can only tell you my intentions," he said. "This was not a rally to ridicule people of faith or people of activism or to look down our noses at the heartland."

Stewart said Americans can have animus and not be enemies.

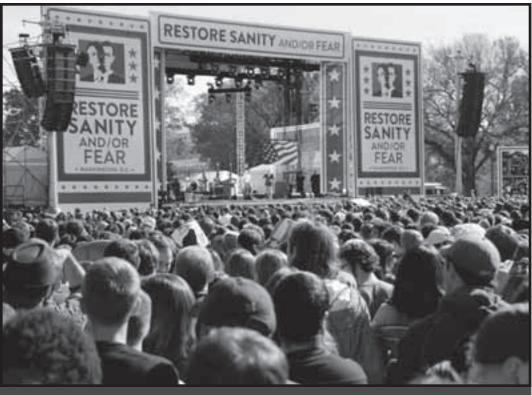
"We hear every damn day about how fragile our country is on the brink of catastrophe, torn by polarizing hate and how it's a shame that we can't work together to get things done," he said. "But the truth is we do — we work together to get things done every damn day."

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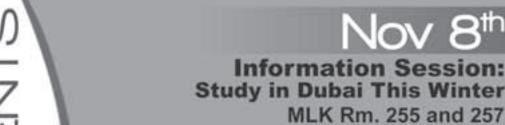
See the video on the "Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear" at spartandally.com



While standing in front of a giant paper-mache version of himself, Stephen Colbert speaks to the crowd about insanity in the media.



Airphotoslive.com estimated that 215,000 people attended the "Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear," which was held in the National Mall on Saturday.



MLK Rm. 255 and 257

Stewart said Americans are

party. "I just feel that everybody has their own agendas and it has been like that forever and it is really hard to change it," she said.

Klotzbach said she hopes this event will get more students involved with politics.

"A lot of college students will say they're involved and they'll go to these things," she said. "Then they won't vote, they don't care, they won't pay attention to the



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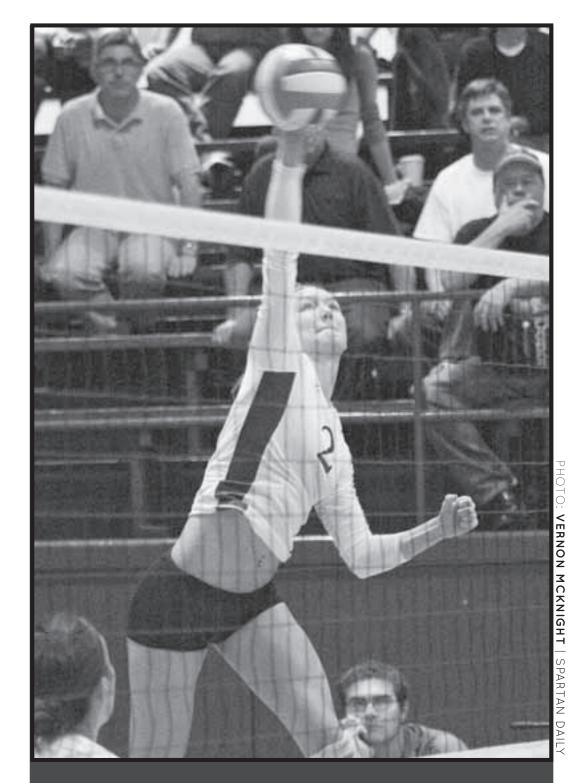


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Taylor Japhet, SJSU sophomore left side hitter, attempts to spike the ball against Nevada on Saturday at Spartan Gym. Japhet had 14 kills and 16 digs, posting her first double-double of the season.

### **Cross-country teams** struggle at WAC Finals

#### STAFF REPORT

The other three seniors on the team rounded out the top-five Spartan finishers. Irvin Garcia The SJSU women's and men's cross-country (27:14.49) came in 45th with Sterling Granger teams each finished one spot ahead of last at (27:26.61) one position behind him and Luke Galvan (27:50.58) placed 53rd. Argabright noted Raymond's performance as the highlight for the women.

### Nevada edges SJSU in decisive fifth set

Japhet's double-double not enough as Spartans lose their fifth consecutive match

### KENNY MARTIN

Staff Writer

The Spartan women's volleyball team lost to the Nevada Wolf Pack in a close 3-2 match Saturday evening at Spartan Gym.

"This was a successful match," said head coach Oscar Crespo. "We played a mature, balanced team. If we can keep playing at this level, then we will have success in the future. It was a good morale boost and our hard work is still paying off."

The Wolf Pack came out strong, winning the first set 25-16.

The second set got underway and it looked to be like more of the same as the Spartans quickly fell behind, 12-7. But the Spartans rallied, taking the lead by four points. But in the end, the Wolf Pack was able to recapture the lead and eventually win the set 25-22.

The Spartans headed into the locker room down 2-0.

"We played two different matches," Crespo said. "I was pleased with the energy the team had. We were able to stay focused and not let two games affect us."

To begin the third set, the Wolf Pack jumped to an early lead in the game 13-8, but the Spartans once again battled back. The lead changed hands many times throughout the game, but the Spartans enjoyed a victory this time, taking the game by a score of 25-23.

"After we came out of the locker room, we produced," said left side hitter Taylor

If we can keep playing at this level, then we will have success in the future.

> **OSCAR CRESPO** Volleyball head coach



Japhet. "We fought hard and it was a well-played match."

Crespo said he felt Japhet, who had 14 kills and 16 digs, played well during the match.

"Taylor was an active player making a difference," he said.

"It was good to see she could come in and take charge."

In the fourth game, Japhet and the Spartans produced yet again, this time in a more commanding fashion, winning 25-19.

'We battled pretty strongly," Crespo said. "I think we had the momentum going in because we were serving strong."

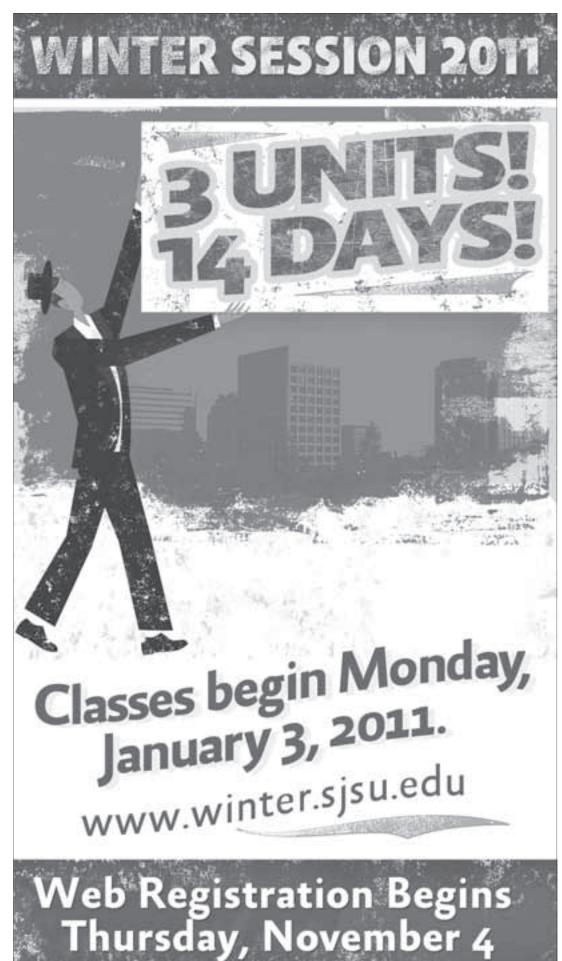
Middle blocker Alex Akana said she felt the team's serving helped them bounce back.

"Their middles were very effective," she said. "When we started serving tough, especially Taylor, their passing sort of broke down."

The fifth and final set was a fairly tight when the Wolf Pack pulled ahead and never looked back, winning the set and match with a final score of 15-11.

"In the beginning, we didn't think we could win," Akana said. "We've had some tough losses and practice sessions recently, but then we adopted a nothing-to-lose attitude."

However, that nothing-tolose attitude wasn't enough to prevail over Nevada and the Spartans are now 7-16 in their season, with six more games left to play.



the Western Athletic Conference Championship on Saturday in Moscow, Idaho.

The women took eighth of nine teams, led by junior Elizabeth Raymond's 31st-place time of 73 runners. The men finished sixth of seven teams, with senior Alfredo Coronado finishing 26th out of 59.

"We're a little disappointed, thought we could do a little bit better," said assistant coach Jeff Argabright.

Coronado ran the 8-kilometer course in 25 minutes, 50.72 seconds, while Raymond notched a time of 18:48.53 in her 5K.

Idaho took first among the women, while Boise State won on the men's side.

One standout for SJSU was senior Alan Shelton, Argabright said, who finished at 26:58.04.

"That was his first time being the second runner for us all year," he said. "He's a senior, (so he) finished his career on a high note."

"Raymond ran a good race, one of her pretty good times on a really tough course," he said.

With rain falling the day before the race, the course was covered in mud, Argabright said.

"It was like a giant slip and slide on Friday (during the practice run)," Raymond said. "They put down woodchips (on Saturday) so that helped us out a lot."

Kate Lambdin and Raymond were the fastest runners on each course this season for SISU.

"We were together for about the first mile or so, and then Beth pulled away," Lambdin said of the race Saturday.

Senior Lauren Dubay (19:50.13) finished 47th, with senior Arely Marquez (20:27.08) and freshman Megan Arias (20:28:49) placing 63rd and 64th respectively.



### **Spartans secure WAC's** top spot with shutout

Two first-half goals set the tone for historic win

SPORTS

#### LEONARD LAI Senior Staff Writer

The SJSU women's soccer team became the Western Athletic Conference regular-season champions after its 3-0 win over Boise State.

"We went into knowing that it was either fifth or first place," said junior defender Jessica Ingram.

In the first half, the Spartans applied pressure by keeping the ball on the Broncos' side of the field, rarely giving the Broncos an ally set the tone for the rest opportunity to cross over to the other side.

The Spartans scored first in our rhythm and we were when freshman Kallie Nei- playing to feet, we were do-

### SEASON STANDINGS

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SAN JOSE ST.	5-2-1	11-7-1
Utah St.	5-2-1	9-6-5
Louisiana Tech	5-3	15-5
Idaho	5-3	14-6
Boise St.	4-2-2	7-9-3
Fresno St.	3-3-2	7-8-4
Nevada	2-5-1	7-9-3
Hawaii	1-5-2	3-14-3
New Mexico St.	1-6-1	7-8-3

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Leightman said. "We were

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> " We're happy how we've transformed into a successful program. **JEFF LEIGHTMAN** Women's soccer coach

The Broncos were presented with an opportunity for a corner kick, leaving the Spartans to collapse the entire team in front of the goal to make sure they didn't score.

Forward Katie Knopp was able to claim the Broncos' failed corner kick and run the ball all the way down field on the left side and shoot off of Broncos' defender Katy Oehring into the back of the net resulting in the Spartans' third goal.

The rest of the game featured the Spartans playing

solidly with junior goalkeeper Meghan Maiwald making two saves in the final five minutes to secure the shutout.

"Winning the WAC was the main goal," Fraser said. "We came together passed and moved well, and knowing that we went from fifth place to first just makes me feel that much better."

Knopp said the victory had a special meaning for her.

"To pull that off was incredible," she said. "My grandmother doesn't normally come out to watch my games, but she did for this one and it was great that she was here to see this."

Coach Leightman said he's happy with the team's progress.

"We're happy how we've transformed into a successful program," he said. "I was afraid that with last year's win and since we've left our mark, that the motivation to win wouldn't be as great this year. They're a good team and we proved that we're the top team. We're still rising, still learning and we're always trying to bring our 'A' game."

The Spartans will next play in the WAC Tournament, starting Nov. 4 in Ruston, Louisiana.

By securing the WAC's No. 1 seed, the Spartans will have a first-round bye and will play the winner of Boise State and or Louisiana Tech on Nov. 5.

### Late touchdown buries Spartans

#### STAFF REPORT

New Mexico State quarterback Matt Christian found wide receiver Taveon Rogers in the end zone with no time left to give the Aggies a 29-27 win over the SJSU football team Saturday in Las Cruces, N.M.

Up 27-23 with less than three minutes to go, the Spartans recovered a fumble by Christian. With just under a minute left, the Spartans attempted a field goal to take a seven-point lead.

But Harrison Waid missed from 38 yards, his third miss of the game, and the Aggies drove 79 yards in 52 seconds, winning the game on Christian's fourth-down pass.

SJSU quarterback Jordan La Secla threw for three touchdowns and a career-high 361 yards.

Trailing 17-3 in the the third quarter, La Secla found running back Brandon Rutley unguarded in the flat. The pitch and catch went for 75 yards and the Spartans' first touchdown.

La Secla's 12-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Noel Grigsby tied the game at 20 with 11:02 left in the game.

La Secla's third touchdown pass, a 31-yard toss to Jalal Beauchman, put the Spartans in front 27-23 with 3:47 left in the game, which set the stage for Christian's heroics.

### FOOTBALL STATISTICS SJSU NMSU

	2020	NM120
First downs	20	26
3rd-down conv.	4-of-11	8-of-17
4th-down conv.	0-of-0	2-of-2
Net total yards	431	439
Net passing yards	361	259
CompAttInt.	22-38-0	23-44-0
Net rushing yards	70	180
Rushing attempts	21	37
Avg. gain per play	7.3	5.4
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	3-26	3-51
Punts-yards	2-94	4-163
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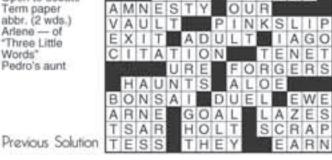
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### **Suffragettes:** Bane of housewives, blessing to career-minded

Here we are in the beautiful fall season again.

The leaves change color, the weather gets slightly colder, rain starts to fall sporadically and voters fill in their sample ballots all over the country.



Pearson's Ponderings

Most people love this time of year and most women are increasingly happy that they can cast their votes after hundreds of years of being "held back" by discrimination from men everywhere.

When I first read about this time in history, which some call the suffrage movement, it horrified me. I was in seventh grade learning about how through their protests, women earned the right to vote in 1920.

During that history lesson I realized that feminists were the basis for women voting in this country and for being forced to work for their food.

I despise the women who have gone before me for this reason.

As a very well-informed person, I do not have a problem voting for what I believe is the right choice for our country, but I still am of the opinion that men would be better qualified for choosing a leader.

Along with this movement came the working woman, the educated woman and destruction of the housewife identity.

Education is great and all, but it still existed for girls on a smaller scale before the women's rights movement started.

If I was able to at least read, I could educate myself perfectly easily.

Working a job out of the house all the time gets tiring. As much as marriage terrifies me, I'd rather be a mom living at home, cleaning and cooking for my family than working anywhere else.

I enjoy home life. The destruction of the housewife ideal saddens me.

My chances to be this person seem to have diminished with equal rights. Unless I move to a third-world country or somewhere in the Midwest where the cost of living is much lower than California, I am doomed to a long life of working day after day for 40 to 60 hours a week to take care of only one person.

Since women now have to work because of feminism, they've taken jobs from men as well as good money men could be earning for their whole families.

I could be married right now, working at home. But no, since women just had to work, men don't get the pay they once did.

Yes, I realize that women had to work during World War II to provide for their families while their husbands were at war, but couldn't it have stopped there?

They could have just all gone back to the home life after that, couldn't they?

> It seems that my only option is to find a flux capacitor and hook it up to my 1985 Nissan ZX. I know it's not a DeLorean, but people often mistake it for one, so it may do the job.

Zipping back to the late 1800s would be my first goal.

I know I cannot go back in time and stop the movement alone, but I would try. Maybe at some point during my protesting I would gain followers.

I certainly wouldn't be marching around with Mrs. Banks in London singing "Sister Suffragette."

Unfortunately being a poor,

starving college student I am currently unable to hire myself a mad scientist who will take me back in time.

Since this is the case, I suppose for now I'll just continue to vote every other year during midterm and presidential elections.

One day, I'll fulfill my dream of time travel and make life livable again.

Clearly, I was born in the wrong era.

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"Pearson's Ponderings" is a weekly column appearing on Mondays.

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### **BROWN'S CAMPAIGN BRILLIANCE:** How one ad swung my vote



vote for.

Though I've voted in the last two presidential elections, this is the first time I have really put a lot of thought and research into the candidates and propositions.

I grew up in a conservative home and as I advance into my adult years I've come to realize that the ideals of right-winged folks are still the same concepts that I grew up believing in, and I agree with the majority of

who and what I'm going to id testament that would secure a vote for either one of the gubernatorial candidates this year.

Yes, Meg Whitman is representing the Republican Party, but she lacks the political experience to lead California and quite simply, she gets on my nerves.

Even though I'm not a fan of Jerry Brown, I must say that his political campaign has been somewhat impressive — or perhaps it is just his campaign commercials that I'm impressed

like "This is all about leadership" and "We do not have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem," with Whitman basically mocking - or "echoing," as the commercial puts it what Schwarzenegger says.

As the commercial ended with two quotes from the San Jose Mercury News, I sat on my bed in shock. It was by far, the best political campaign tactic I have ever seen.

If there is anything that would make me sure about the way I feel about Meg Whitman, Jerry Brown's commercial did the trick. Yes, I am a Republican. Yes, I plan to vote against the legalization of marijuana and for the suspension of Assembly Bill 32 (Proposition 23). I will not, however, be voting for the Republican candidate this year, even if that is what I am supposed to be doing. Meg Whitman may have put a lot of money into her campaign, but one flash of brilliance from Jerry Brown's campaign was all it took for me to change my vote this year.

### San Jose lacks ability to satiate my hunger

OPINION (

Shh. Did you hear that? No? Listen once more.

I'm sure you heard it that time. Terrifying, isn't it? I know, I'm quaking in my pants myself from hearing it.

That's the sound of my stomach as it endlessly rumbles on and on, searching for some type of sustenance to fill it.

Sure, the campus is in the middle of an emporium of endless restaurants, but I've already exhausted all those choices.

I've walked from street to street, scouring the city for new places to eat, for more places with food I can stuff down my throat.

I've gone so far as to walk to HP Pavilion, only to realize that all that was out there was a small river with a park attached to it — if I was a true bovine I would have no problems just devouring those crisp green blades of grass the taxpayers worked so hard to put there.

The longest I've ever been without food of any sort was when I was but a wee lad of the age of 12 and my family had been planning a trip to Disneyland.

The day before we left I was too excited to sleep. I didn't even get the chance to blink as all the thoughts of how I would ride in the tea cups, hug the mighty mouse known as "Mickey" and the chance of me going through that very small, yet abstractly large, ride about a world whose name escapes me for the moment, prevented me from getting the rest I required.

> Thirty-nine hours later still with no sleep — Mickey Mouse plush doll in hand and a Goofy cap on my head, I was hungry as my stomach rumbled and anyone within a hundred-foot radius thought the Big One had finally hit.

My family decided to eat at a nearby Chinese restaurant which, I kid you not, had the best rice ever.

To the untrained eye it may have seemed like your run-of-the-mill, normal, plain, average rice. But I tell you, I am a true believer that without that rice I would not be living today, so yes, it was my greatest meal ever.

Walking around on and off campus I realized that, with the constant change and construction of important business buildings, new restaurants need to pop up as well. Yes, I've practically been







Yes. I am a Republican. Yes I plan to vote against the legalization of marijuana ...

I never thought a commercial would change my way of thinking, but I was proven wrong for the first time last Sunday.

In light of Election Day tomorrow, I have been thinking a lot this weekend about them.

In 2004, I voted to re-elect President Bush, because as a member of the Republican Party I thought that was what I was supposed to do.

I'm sure many people disagree with how I voted back in 2004, but I don't regret my decision and even with his last four years in office, I'd vote for him again today.

This past election, I made the same decision to vote for John McCain as the Republican candidate and despite his loss to President Obama, I still believe in my own convictions and the reason why I voted the way I did.

However, even with the research I've done these past few weeks, I have yet to find any sol-

with.

One commercial stood out more than any of the others.

As I was watching the 49ers' football game on TV last week, the commercial break cut straight to an anti-Whitman advertisement.

The commercial begins with a picture of Arnold Schwarzenegger mirrored by a picture of Whitman. Schwarzenegger starts off by saying "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results," and is followed by Whitman a second later, saying "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and hoping for different results."

The commercial continues for the next 50 seconds with Schwarzenegger saying phrases

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to La Vic's every single week, and yes, I have been to Pizza My Heart every day after and yes, I'm really hopeful that we get some new places for me to cartwheel over to as I put my voracious appetite to the test.

I've tried it all — even subscribing to Yelp only to realize that the term "restaurant" isn't as specific as I want it, with them listing places such as froyo joints and juice bars as part of the mix.

I've had friends use their smart phones with that whatchamacallit of an app that can locate places to eat. I can safely say I'm thoroughly unimpressed with the selections and filters of said apps when they don't even work.

Technology can't be trusted when it comes to my food choices. Hell, I can't even trust them to get the right photo of my house on Google Maps as it's still using a photo from before my house's construction more than a year ago.

I will NOT wait one year for a "smart" phone app to come up with an idea of what to eat. In the words of someone wise and healthy, I'm looking for something new to "GET IN MY BELLY!"



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## Thirteenth Annual Day of the Dead comes alive in downtown San Jose

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For Mexican-Americans, Oct. 31 is not just a day for receiving free candy, but also a day dedicated to colorfully decorated skulls, feathers and altars to celebrate the dead.

On Sunday, the San Jose Multicultural Artist Guild partnered with the City of San Jose, along with a variety of city organizations and officials, to hold the 13th Annual Dia De Los Muertos 2010 celebration.

About 12,000 people came together for a lively celebration of the dead in downtown San Jose, according to Arlene Sagun, acting executive director of the San Jose Multicultural Artist Guild.

Several groups from the city reached out to show their respect for the Mexican

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> EDGAR SANCHEZ Artistic Director

cession and march down to Fourth Street.

Mictlan, an Aztec dance group, led the colorful parade in their beautiful multicolored headdresses and native wear consisting of giant feathers colored pink, brown, orange and almost any color imaginable. Each had some sort of crown of either some kind of metal or an animal skull as the center of their headpieces such as an alligator or a skull (called "calavera" in Spanish) for decoration.

Following them were young girls from the community dressed up in mariachi dresses and carrying baskets of marigold petals, the Luther Burbank mariachi band and other members of the community.

As the procession made its way down the street, it was like a kaleidoscope of colors overwhelming the boring gray concrete and attracting many spectators.

The parade made its way to the back of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, where a crowd awaited both its arrival and an encore performance from Mictlan and the previous performers.

Vendors such as Tropicana artist Candy Sandoval, Déaxis Jewelry Collection and Paul J. Gonzalez Art Studios came out to show their support for Day of the Dead art.

"Food and burritos, and just the regular food will be served," Arlene Sagun said.

Sagun said the King Library showcased an exhibit of traditional altars on the fourth floor of the library in remembrance of the dead.

Each altar contained photos and notes from family members to their loved ones and passers-by were mesmerized by the variety of offerings, which included notes. skulls, paintings, sculptures and flowers. Several people visiting the library exhibit laid marigold flowers at the altars which were given to them at the procession to honor the souls. "It's exciting to see the event after prepping and reading about the El Dia de Los Muertos history to my son," said Margaret Angelopoulos, an open university student.



(Above) Teatro Familia Aztlan performs during the Day of the Dead Procession in downtown San Jose on Sunday. The tradition began about 30 centuries ago — Mexican families generally keep the day mostly private but still festive.

(Right) A life-size puppet is used during the Day of the Dead Procession in downtown San Jose on Sunday. These puppets are part of the performances meant to honor the dead. The idea is to invite the spirits to share some time and space with the living.



holiday. Those working with the guild included the Teatro Familia Aztlan, the San Jose Belly Dance Collective, the Ezinwanne Cultural Dance Group, and the Aztec dance group Mictlan.

"This is an event that has been celebrated for centuries, for thousands of years," said Edgar "Zancudo" Sanchez, artistic director of the procession. "From the Latin Americans, Native Americans and the Aztecs celebrated it as a way of remembering the people who have gone on before you."

He said the festival was a celebration of life, a happy event to remember the good times with those who have died rather than a scary event to worship death.

Sanchez said he and his family distributed "cempoalxochitl" — marigold flowers also called "Flower(s) of the Dead" — to be used as offerings. About four to five thousand marigolds were passed out to those who attended the early procession at City View Plaza.

Senior Spanish major Monica Martin said this was the first event she had ever attended in her four years at SJSU and was grateful her friend from the Luther Burbank mariachi band invited her to come along.

"I'm from Southern California from Santa Maria and I'm really into my culture," she said. "And to be here is really awesome and San Jose is really integrated."

People of all ages came to Market and San Fernando Streets to follow the proShe said she brought her 5-year-old son to see the altars and Aztec dancers and found it all to be beautiful.

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