



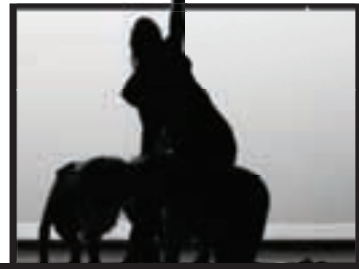
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Students ride their bikes on campus during "Bike to School Day" on Thursday.

Students roll onto campus for 'Bike to School Day'

By Hank Drew
Executive Editor

An SJSU bicycle owner watched as a Bicycle Express mechanic adjusted the brakes on her bike, while a SJ Bike Party representative used a cardboard stencil to spray paint red lines on a white T-shirt.

These were some of the sights at the Environmental Resource Center's second "Bike to School Day" at the Paseo de Cesar Chavez barbecue pits Thursday.

Shamrina Oshana, a senior marketing major, said she discovered the event because a flier was attached to her bike, so she decided to bike over to have her

bicycle tuned up.

"The brakes were rubbing against my tires and making horrible noises when I rode it," Oshana said.

Anna Le, co-director of the Environmental Resource Center, said the group hosted "Bike to School Day," because it wanted to encourage people to bike to school.

"I think it's ridiculous that a lot of people don't even carpool," said Le, a senior environmental studies major. "They just drive one person per car to school and can't even find parking."

"We need to be less dependent on oil. This is the best way for people to do that."

She said the Environmental Resource Center is considering creating a bicycle sharing program on campus to help promote human-powered commuting.

Transportation Solutions Manager Eyedin Zonobi said the event aims to promote safe riding to and on campus.

"We do encourage people to ride bicycles with helmets," Zonobi said. "And we encourage that people park their bicycles in appropriate areas and lock them with u-locks."

He said many students came by the event for bicycle route maps and to have their bikes tuned up.

"We are hoping more stu-

dents and employees start riding to campus instead of driving," Zinobi said.

Bicycle Express purchaser Karen Clifford said the business participated in "Bike to School Day," because it wanted to give something back to the SJSU community and to meet more students.

Clifford said she thinks SJSU's promotion of bicycle riding is important.

"We've been in business for over 25 years, so in the past 25 years, we have definitely seen a difference of growth in terms of bike riders," she said. "I think

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SJSU to receive stimulus funds for Spring 2010

By Alicia Johnson
Staff Writer

The California State University system will allocate about \$1.5 million in federal stimulus funds to SJSU for the addition of academic course sections in Spring 2010, according to the president's office.

Bill Nance, President Jon Whitmore's chief of staff, said funds must be used to directly benefit student enrollment and student retention graduation services.

"So we can't take the money and build a building," he said. "We can't take the money and go ... do something in housing. It has to have something that directly goes towards student progress to a degree."

"I make that preamble, because the wording and the way the message is distributed matters. The stimulus funding by the federal government is not something that the system is to distribute out for educational direct-hiring tactics."

Notification of the federal allocation has allowed the CSU system to release reserve funds that

would have otherwise been used to pay other bills, Nance said.

Nance stressed that the funds distributed are a one-time opportunity and will be spent on additional sections of classes and counseling for the Spring 2010 semester.

"It is specifically to be used this year for enrollment and in the spring," he said. "Not something that is going to be there forever, not something that is going to be around next spring."

The special funding may affect senior sociology major Kristin Nelson, who said she is facing a lot of problems because classes she needs are not available.

"I just found out that I may not be able to graduate," she said. "I was scheduled to graduate in May, but since they weren't offering my classes, I had to enroll into a junior college to get some of them."

Interim Provost Gerry Selter said that this semester there were more nonresident students than were expected.

Selter said it is assumed that some of the same students will

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University leads discussion about racial profiling

By Dominique Dumadaug
Staff Writer

Almost every hand in the Costanoan Room was raised at least once Thursday afternoon during a discussion about racial profiling.

"I just feel that when people racial profile, it's sad because they're living in this bubble, and they have no idea what's out there," said Michelle Ozamoto, an undeclared freshman.

Racial profiling was the first topic in a series of talks hosted by the university called "The Diversity Dialogues," said Arthur Dunklin, human resources equal opportunity manager.

"The Diversity Dialogues is a part of the university's diversity master plan," he said. "We believe and hope that Diversity Dialogues will help to contribute to a more pluralistic culture, fostering more inclusion and diversity among faculty, staff and students."

More than 30 faculty members, staff and students, as well as a couple of police officers, were separated into three groups and shown two videos and asked to discuss some topics about the videos.

"It's a discussion to make peo-

ple more aware," Ozamoto said. "I feel that by talking about it, it not only puts me on the same level as other people, or just see that other people view the same things as I do, but to bring awareness to other people how I feel, how I view this topic."

The first video was of some African American's opinions about the arrest of Harvard Professor Dr. Henry Louis Gates in his Cambridge, Mass. home by a white police officer who thought Gates was trying to break into the house.

The second video was a CBS news story about San Jose police officers beating Vietnamese SJSU student Phuong Ho in his apartment.

"Each of the groups was participative," Dunklin said. "There were a lot of people, they were engaged, and I'm very pleased with the outcome."

In their groups, participants were asked to discuss their reactions to the videos.

They were asked what parts of the video clips they found surprising, whether there have been situations where they have been racially profiled and what causes people to racially profile and

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Event organizers aim to raise cancer awareness



[Michelle Gachet / Spartan Daily]

Derrick Buffi, a sophomore social science major, bowls during the "Strike Out Lung Cancer" event Thursday.

By Alicia Johnson
Staff Writer

In recognition of Lung Cancer Awareness Month, about 20 students attended the "Strike Out Lung Cancer" event Wednesday night in the Student Union.

Tracy Sestili, founder of the Beverly Fund Lung Cancer Foundation, said the purpose of the event was to draw attention to the often forgotten awareness month.

"When you look at October, you think it's just breast cancer awareness month, but there are other diseases," she said. "Every

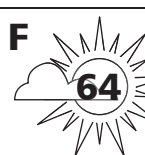
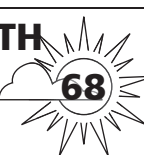
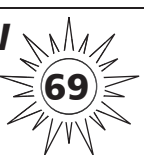
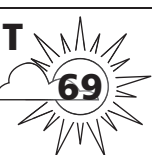
disease has a month, and there's only 12 months in a year, so we all share."

Chase Henderson, a senior business finance major, said he doesn't know a lot about lung cancer, but said he has family members who've battled other types of cancer.

"I think it's good to support anything that is for cancer research," he said. "I haven't dealt with that kind of stuff personally — I just think they are all really horrible."

Sestili said November is not only a month to spread aware-

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Ballroom dancers participate in the 13th ballroom classic Saturday night. Visit spartandailyphoto.com to see a slideshow of the event.

American language program offers students linguistic learning opportunity

By Ryan Fernandez
Staff Writer

Students had a chance to learn some foreign language phrases as they walked by the King Library Thursday afternoon.

The Studies in American Language program held the "Boulevard of Languages" event in front of the SJSU entrance to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library as part of SJSU's International Week.

"We're trying to teach people here about other languages and countries," said Sunny Yu, a Studies in American Language instructor. "Hopefully, we'll inspire them to learn more on their own so they won't have too much of a culture shock if they go to other countries."

She said the "Boulevard of Languages" has been a part of International Week for about three years.

Nakyong Kim, a junior film major and Studies in American Language student from South Korea, was teaching people how to count and greet people in Korean.

"We can introduce our own country to people living in another country," she said.

In addition to teaching phrases, about 12 program students, staff and faculty members showcased examples of traditional dress and sweets from countries

such as Vietnam, South Korea, Egypt and Russia.

Thao Phan, Studies in American Language global partners coordinator, said the program began in 1975 as an intensive English language course for international students to take prior to enrolling in SJSU courses.

"The program expanded over time to let students take regular classes at SJSU while learning English," she said.

Phan said her experience working with the students in the program has inspired her to travel abroad and said she had returned from a trip to Seoul, South Korea in October.

"Working here and listening to the students talk about their homes has made me want to see them for myself," she said.

Laura Schilling, Studies in American Language enrollment services coordinator, said the event was an opportunity for students to practice their English as they taught other people about their own languages, and said the information boards were entirely student created.

"Whenever we get a student from a country we've never had before, we ask them to create a board," she said. "We're trying to get a wide representation of the student population and the population of the world."

Eiki Takeuchi, a sophomore economics major and Studies

in American Language student from Japan, stood beside a board filled with information and pictures, ready to teach a bit of the Japanese language to interested passers-by.

"It's an opportunity to introduce ourselves and our cultures," he said.

Madhusudan Bangalore, a graduate student in computer engineering, said he was interested in the Chinese and Japanese language boards because of his experience with martial arts.

"They (the student presenters) were very friendly," he said. "They made it seem very familiar — it wasn't too exotic at all."

Sophomore kinesiology major Jacqueline Huynh said the information presented on the boards would be helpful for her because she will be living in the International House next semester.

"I like how they have words from each language," she said. "I really liked the Russian one because it shows how each word is pronounced."

Trung Luu, a senior occupational therapy major, said he thought the event was a good way for students to learn basic phrases in other languages, as well as become more aware of people from different cultures.

"We can relate to them better," he said. "This is a good thing because we live in a diverse community and university."



[Michelle Gachet / Spartan Daily]

Senior math major Brad Buchanan bowls during the "Strike Out Lung Cancer" event Thursday.

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ness for lung cancer, but it is also Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month, as well as Diabetes Awareness month.

"I think it's important for youth to understand what all the risk and causes of lung cancer are," she said. "It's not just tobacco — tobacco is a bad habit."

Sestili said the idea for the foundation came after discover-

ing her mother had lung cancer. She said her family struggled to find a lot of readily available information about the disease.

"My mom (Beverly) died from lung cancer in 2006, five weeks before I got married," she said. "I was doing all this research ... I couldn't find anything out there that was in easy to understand terms. Everything was in medical (jargon)."

Sestili said there are other causes of lung cancer besides smoking, such as exposure to radon, a radioactive gas, and

asbestos, a naturally occurring silicate mineral.

Students who attended the event paid a \$5 entry fee, which included a raffle ticket and a game of bowling. All of the proceeds were donated to The Beverly Fund Lung Cancer Foundation.

Some of the prizes included a mystery bag, Bud Light speaker box and gift baskets.

"I'd just be happy to win any of them," said Kirt Dodge, a senior social science major. "Maybe the chocolate basket — get that for my mom."

Approximately 219 thousand people are diagnosed with lung cancer in the U.S. each year — over 103 thousand women and nearly 116 thousand men.

Lung cancer is responsible for more than 28 percent of all cancer-related deaths every year.

Smoking is the primary cause of lung cancer. Approximately 87 percent of lung cancer cases occur in people who are currently smoking or have previously smoked.

Radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer, and the leading cause of lung cancer among never-smokers.

Roughly 84 percent of people diagnosed with lung cancer die within five years of their diagnosis, compared to 11 percent of breast cancer and less than 1 percent of prostate cancer patients.

Less money is spent on lung cancer research than on research on other cancers. In 2007, the National Cancer Institute estimated it spent only \$1,415 per lung cancer death compared to \$13,991 per breast cancer death, \$10,945 per prostate cancer death, and \$4,952 per colorectal cancer.

National Lung Cancer Partnership



[Ryan Fernandez / Spartan Daily]

Students from the Studies in American Language program teach Korean language phrases as part of the Boulevard of Languages event in front of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Thursday.

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it is a good thing for the community and our business."

Michael Chu, a senior hospitality major, said bicycle commuting has made a positive impact on his life.

"I like riding so much," Chu said. "It is amazing. It's a good chance to keep fit, because be-

fore I was riding I was walking slowly to campus.

"After I bought the bike, I was pedaling faster and burning off more calories."

Sarah Stillman, a senior philosophy major, held a handmade red and white striped T-shirt in front of her face to check her work. She said she is creating give-away shirts for SJ Bike Party's Friday night "Where's Waldo" themed ride.

"Bike to School Day is important just because it is such an easy way for people to access the campus, and just in their general lives it is so easy to bike, because San Jose is so flat and accessible," Stillman said. "If we could promote people just getting to school on campus it could cut down on all the parking issues we have on campus and it is just a healthier way to go."

Amid protests, University of California approves 32 percent fee hike

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As protests resounded outside, the University of California Board of Regents approved a fee 32 percent increase for students attending the state's premier public schools.

The vote in a windowless University of California, Los Angeles, meeting room took place Thursday as hundreds of students and union members gathered nearby, waving signs, pounding drums and chanting "We're fired up, can't take it no more" and "Shame on you."

The \$2,500 increase will push the cost of an undergraduate education to more than \$10,000 a year by next fall, about triple the cost of a decade ago. The fees, the equivalent of tuition, do not include the cost of housing, board and books.

"Our hand has been forced," UC President Mark Yudof told reporters after the vote. "When you don't have any money, you don't have any money."

Armed police, some with beanbag-firing shotguns, lined up behind steel barricades, watching over the protesters.

Some staff and board members were trapped in the building for up to several hours after the meeting because of the disruption outside. A van carrying regents and staff was surrounded and delayed by protesters as it tried to leave campus.

Three hours after the meeting, Yudof was escorted out by police, with protesters in pursuit shouting "Shame."

Authorities said there was one arrest. Board members said the 229,000-student system had been whipsawed by years of state budget cuts, leaving no option other than turning to students' wallets. Yudof has said the 10-campus system needs a \$913 million increase in state funding next year, in addition to higher student fees.

State Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, a Democrat who sits on the board, said she would push for higher taxes, possibly on higher-income residents, to finance education. The state could face \$20 billion shortfalls during each of the next five years.

Gov. Schwarzenegger blamed UC's financial crisis on the Legislature's failure to reform the way the state collects and spends taxpayer money. He said he was unhappy about the increases, but considered them necessary under the circumstances.

"This is the time to look at our budget system and tax system. The Legislature should be sitting there right now fixing it. In the meantime, students have to suffer," Schwarzenegger said.

At the UCLA campus, the meeting room was closed to visitors for the second day after repeated outbursts by demonstrators.



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still attend school in the spring term, thus allowing SJSU to have higher enrollment.

"We've increased our target by about 289 FTES (full-time-equivalent students) to reflect that," he said. "So those will be more sections that will be available to everybody."

"If only resident students sign up for that, then we'll be over our target for resident students, and that's how it'll turn out."

Selter said it is costing about \$600,000 to open those sections.

Some \$450,000 will go toward opening up sections without increasing enrollment, he said.

Courses with enrollment caps that are set at a certain level will be lowered to make the classes smaller, and more sections will be added, Selter said.

"For example if we have 20 sections of, say, 100Ws in a college that are capped at 25 students, we will instead try to run 25 sections that are capped at 20 students," he said. "The total number of students and units are the same; the total enrollment is the same, but we have five more sections and each section is smaller, so each student gets more individual time from the instructor."

"And we're able to hire more instructors because people were unemployed."

Students will see increased sections mostly in English and writing courses.

Eloise Stiglitz, associate vice president of student services, stated in an e-mail that the student affairs office has been allocated about \$300,000 for what is being called "Project Graduation."

According to Stiglitz, the project was put in place to support high-unit students in their transition to graduation.

"We are funding a career counselor, educational counselor, advisors and some support people (graduate assistants) to create a strong team to guide and support students through their last semesters at SJSU," she said.

Since there will be more sections, Stiglitz said students will be told of changes when registering for classes.

Selter said about \$150,000 is going toward advisement improvement.

"Also, we have been sending many messages to the high-unit seniors, alerting them to the services we are offering them in order to facilitate their degree completion," Stiglitz said.

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how it could be stopped.

"It's something that you put in the back of your mind and just know it's there," said Joshtian Bautista, a freshman global studies major. "When you come to things like this, it brings it back to the front of your attention."

Within the small group discussions, a police officer said he felt racial profiling made his job more difficult, because some people he has pulled over believed they were being profiled.

When discussion was brought back into the big group, the question of being racially profiled was asked. One staff member recalled how she was asked several questions by airport security when traveling after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"I know there are people in this room who may dismiss the notion of that profiling is a reality," Dunklin said. "But it's hard to dismiss it when you hear person after person tell you their story."

Safeway exec talks to students about health care

By Heather Nacht
Special to the Daily

On Thursday, about 150 people gathered in Morris Dailey Auditorium to hear the senior vice president of Safeway Inc., talk about Safeway's approach to health care.

The lecture was the third and final part of the David S. Saurman Provocative Lecture Series by the Economics department.

The Shachmut, the executive vice president of Safeway Health LLC, said that since 2005, Safeway has provided all-inclusive health care to its employees without increasing what the company has to pay annually.

He said the root causes of escalating health care costs fall into some major categories.

He said there is a disconnect between health care providers and recipients and that insurance policies lack incentives to motivate their clients to modify their behaviors, such as having discounts for nonsmokers or for those who actively attempt to lower their cholesterol levels.

"The lecture really made me think," senior photography major Alycia Ramirez-Leatherman said. "I've never really heard about incentive-based health care before, and it kind of sounded a little exclusive, but when he compared it to good-driver incentives for car insurance, it actually made sense."

Shachmut said that incentive-based health care has worked successfully for Safeway and its employees.

Safeway not only offers discounts in health care coverage for employees actively seeking to better their health, he said, but also if an employee makes a drastic life change such as quitting smoking.

Employees who have improved their well-being will receive the discounts and will also receive a rebate check for the previous year if they were not eligible for the discounted plans, he said.

Shachmut said Safeway's health care plan is based on results from a survey it conducted.

He said that according to the findings, 70 percent of health care costs are driven by behavior such as a lack of exercise, poor diet or smoking.

He said four chronic conditions comprise 74 percent of total health care costs, and obesity falls into all four categories.

Obesity accounts for 27 percent of the cost of health care, he said.

Another way health care costs add up is that a percentage of patients do not listen to their doctor's recommendations, Shachmut said.

He said the philosophy of behavior incentives is that individuals are responsible for their own behaviors, and their motivation should be to work to acquire the health care discounts, so they are giving up less of their paychecks.

Ramirez-Leatherman said she would have liked to have heard a little more about other conditions.

She said she's curious about whether pre-existing conditions or mental illnesses would be held against employees or factor in for higher premiums.

"It's amazing that they've been able to provide health care to their employees while keeping their cost flat," said McKenzie Taylor, a senior political science major. "If it continues to be successful for Safeway, maybe they could help create the foundations for a national health care plan."

"I wish all health care companies threw in incentives. I know it would motivate me."

Shachmut said the health care plan has received no complaints from any employee who has participated in the program.

He said he believes more employees will sign up for the health care plan this year now that they have seen how successful it has been.

CampusImages



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People from as far as Sacramento gathered in the Student Union for the 13th Ballroom Classic, which was hosted by the SJSU Ballroom Dance Club on Saturday, to perform in their respective dance heats.



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Win slips away in overtime

Spartans can't respond to Hawaii TD

By Joey Akeley
Sports Editor

With the game hanging in the balance, SJSU quarterback Kyle Reed dropped back to pass one last time.

But his pass fell incomplete, and the Spartans fell short once again.

The SJSU football team dropped to 1-9 with a 17-10 overtime loss to the Hawaii Rainbow Warriors Saturday at Spartan Stadium.

The Spartans had an opportunity to win the game in regulation, driving into Hawaii territory with under one minute to go.

But running back Lamon Muldrow fumbled the ball on the Hawaii 39-yard line, and the Rainbow Warriors recovered, and the game would go to overtime.

"Obviously, the unfortunate fumble at the end was tough, because we were moving toward field goal range," head coach Dick Tomney said.

Hawaii (5-6) had possession of the ball first in overtime. On third and goal from the 3-yard line, the Rainbow Warriors ran a speed option play.

Hawaii Quarterback Shane Austin pitched the ball to running back Leon Wright-Jackson, who jogged into the end zone untouched for a go-ahead touchdown.

After a Muldrow 2-yard run, the Spartans called three consecutive pass plays in their overtime possession.

First, Reed's pass intended for wide receiver Kevin Jurovich sailed over the end zone. On the ensuing play, Reed's pass floated over wide receiver Marquis Avery near the goal line.

Reed said both overthrows were missed opportunities.

On the last play of the game, Reed threw to Jurovich, who stopped his route right at the first-down marker. But a Hawaii corner-



[Chad Ziemendorf / Spartan Daily]

Spartan wide receiver Kevin Jurovich, No.6, lunges to make a catch in the Spartans' 17-10 loss to Hawaii on Saturday at Spartan Stadium.

back Jeramy Bryant broke up the pass, and his teammates stormed the field in jubilation.

Reed said he thought Jurovich was going to break inside, and when he let the ball go, Bryant broke in front of Jurovich to knock it down.

SJSU quarterback Jordan La Secla started the game, but after throwing two interceptions in three passes, he was benched.

With the Spartans trailing 7-0 in the second quarter, Reed led an 80-yard scoring drive. Reed finished it off on a quarterback keeper where he dragged strong safety Spencer Smith with him into the end zone for a 2-yard score.

"It was a zone read play, and I saw the end get blocked," said Reed, who threw for 131 yards. "So, I knew I would only have to beat one person to get into the end

zone, and I tried my best to get in there."

Despite being outgained by 85 yards, the Spartans entered halftime in a 7-7 tie.

"We were in real danger of falling way behind in the first half, but our defense wouldn't let that happen," Tomney said.

The second half was a defensive stalemate. The Rainbow Warriors took the lead on a 27-yard field goal with 13:25 to go in the game.

SJSU place kicker Tyler Cope's 33-yard field goal tied it with 8:40 to go.

Hawaii would march down the field on its next drive to the Spartans 10-yard line. But SJSU linebacker Pompey Festejo's sack on third down forced Hawaii into a 31-yard field goal attempt, which was missed.

Festejo and Tomney both said the defense played its best game of the year.

"I believe we fought hard," Festejo said. "We played through adversity on defense."

The miss gave the Spartans the ball with a chance to win.

But Muldrow, who ran for 78

yards on 13 carries, fumbled the ball, and the Rainbow Warriors would outplay the Spartans in overtime to win their fifth consecutive game.

Sports in Brief

Men's Basketball
SJSU guard Adrian Oliver scored 32 points, but it wasn't enough for the Spartans as the Washington Huskies beat the Spartans 80-70 Friday in Seattle. Oliver transferred from Washington to SJSU two years ago, and played 18 games last year for the Spartans. Oliver's former roommate at Washington, Quincy Pondexter, had 30 points for the Huskies. The loss dropped the Spartans to 1-1 on the season, and their next game is on the road against UC Riverside Monday.

Women's Basketball
SJSU guard Chasity's Shavers three-point attempt missed as time expired, and the Cal State Northridge Matadors survived with a 62-61 victory over the Spartans Friday at Walt McPherson Court. The loss dropped the Spartans to 0-3. They play the University of San Francisco Tuesday at Walt McPherson Court.

Women's Volleyball
The Spartans lost in straight sets to Cal State Bakersfield Saturday in Bakersfield. The loss ended a season in which SJSU went 1-27.

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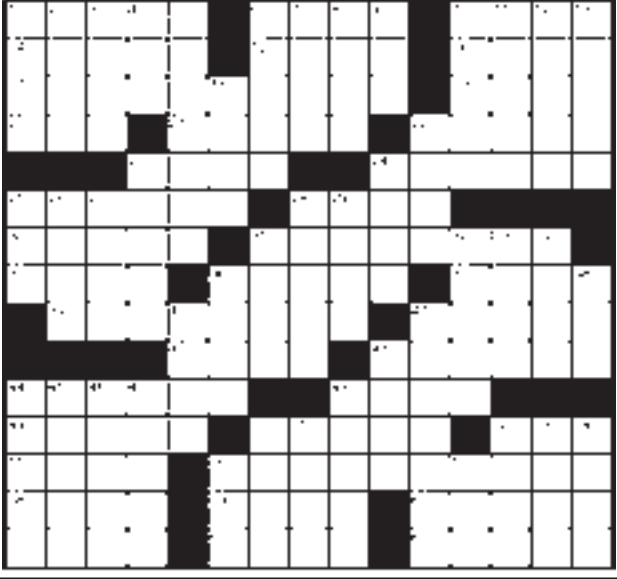
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What would Baby Jesus buy?



Hank Drew
Executive Editor

After a day stuffing myself with Tofurky and watching meaningless football with my wife's family, we generally gear ourselves up for a trek over to Westfield Valley Fair Mall to scoop up some post fake-turkey day deals.

Luckily, we live within walking distance of the mall, so we can avoid the teeming masses trying to find parking spots. Nothing brings out the Christmas spirit like fighting over a parking place.

At this time of the year, the question should not be, "What kind of deals can I find?" It should be, "Why do I need more stuff?"

Adbusters Media Foundation, publishers of the sublime culture-jamming magazine "Adbusters," have called a "Wildcat General Strike" asking people worldwide to take 24 hours off consuming for Nov. 27.

They are also calling for people to turn off all major appliances and just spend the time talking with family.

Or perhaps take the time to engage in one of the "Wildcat General Strike" events such as "What Would Baby Jesus Buy" or "Wal-Mart Buy Nothing Day Picket."

First of all, I agree with the group's sentiment that we are becoming defined by what we consume. We are in the never-ending death spiral of purchasing.

I must also admit that I do not practice what I am preaching. Hypocrite, I am.

But, I don't like it.

I am currently obsessed with the idea of buying one of the Verizon Droid phones.

I have a T-Mobile G1 phone which works well.

But, there's something better out there, and it makes me cringe.

Someone has a faster phone. Someone has a prettier screen.

And then, as I watch my 40 inch LCD TV in glorious HD, I see that I can only tell my wife I love her with a pair of diamond earrings or a nice curvy diamond pendant.

"Every kiss begins with Kay," the ad needles me.

Will my wife be the only wife without "sparklies" for Christmas?

The cooing harpies of mass consumption have me.

I'll probably be joining the masses feeding upon the altar of capitalism, tossing my meager earnings into the collection plate.

So, yeah, I'll be out there with the rest of the masses, buying things I don't need to make myself feel better, soothing the envious beast that lurks deep inside.

The only bells ringing out for Christmas day will be from cash registers.

But, at least my wife will love me — until she sees her friends gigantic Jane Seymore "Open Heart."

At least I can comfort myself in the fact that I will be stimulating our sluggish economy.

Forbes Magazine online reports stocks may lag after receipts from Black Friday are tallied. Do shoppers have dollars in hand to buy those Black Friday deals?

Chances are that the Buy Nothing Day will have zero impact upon the masses looking for Christmas joy. As a nation, we have probably learned nothing from our recent economic slide.

Our current level of mass consumerism is unsustainable. As a nation, we only provide services.

We hardly build anything of lasting value. Eventually we will have to downsize our consumerism.

"Every kiss begins with Kay." What was I saying?

Give thanks to two important people



Angela Marino
Staff Writer

When I only get to see my family two times a year, holidays make me nostalgic.

Thanksgiving is coming up and it is the time to give thanks to either someone or something in one's life.

I won't be seeing my family on Thanksgiving, but that doesn't mean they won't be in my heart during the holiday.

I didn't realize this until now.

My daily life gets taken up by appointments and deadlines.

I forgot about how much my parents have done to allow me to endure these endless days at school.

Without support from my parents, I would not be the same person.

My parents help me in different ways. My mother always supports me, no matter what ridiculous idea I have concocted in my head.

She sends me random greeting cards in the mail and is always supporting me, despite the fact she is thousands of miles away.

She was an authority figure when I was younger, but now that I am an adult, she is becoming more of a friend who constantly encourages me to succeed at my goals.

My father — he pushes me to the brink.

I hated the constant criticism when I was younger, but I am a stronger person because of it.

A possible way to end socialized warfare



Jon Xavier
Senior Staff Writer

\$1.14 trillion is spent yearly. A vast, inefficient bureaucracy bleeding Americans of nearly 25 percent of their tax revenue yearly.

Shadowy figures deciding who lives and who dies, far from oversight or accountability.

If your thoughts immediately went to health care, you're overlooking another heavily socialized institution in desperate need of free market reform — the U.S. military.

It's been a long held belief of mine that the only thing this government is capable of doing right is warfare.

But if you really look at it, we can't even do that right.

Six years and \$900 billion and you still can't drive a Humvee through Iraq or Afghanistan without it getting blown up with a stripped-down land mine in a tin of cooking oil?

Please.

It's time to deliver the na-

tion's defense over to the loving ministrations of private industry. Introduce a little competition. Let the savings be passed on to the consumers — taxpayers, in this case.

Just think, rather than a big, scary public option, there could be myriad private entities, all competing to give consumers the best possible security for the lowest possible price.

Warfare policy-holders could be given pendants with radio transmitters they could push in event of terrorism, similar to the LifeAlert pendant worn by geriatric women in late night TV commercials.

Only instead of letting someone know that you've fallen and you can't get up, these would call for a helicopter full of commandos armed with M16 automatic rifles.

Since the service would undoubtedly be expensive, many Americans could get it through

their employers. In fact, this sort of benefit would be a godsend to corporations, which often struggle with ways to maintain employee loyalty during tough times.

After all, who would want to leave their job folding clothes at Gap if they offered a low copay on your first tactical nuclear strike?

And of course, private military contractors have never been involved in suspected war crimes. Never.

From a capitalistic standpoint, a privatized army just makes sense.

Which is, of course, a load of hogwash.

A market solution is not the best solution for every problem. The founders of the U.S., and indeed most countries, realize this.

There are certain things that are simply too large, too important, and too fundamental to be viewed in terms of dollars and cents. There are cases where the need is too great to be trusted to the fickle whims of the free market, where indeed, competition is counterproductive.

Protecting every citizen from

even if I can't see it.

My parents have created a home for me that I know I can always go back to without asking questions.

My parents allowed me to be the stubborn, and at times, selfish person that I can be, but as I grow older, I am getting wiser, and I realize the sacrifices and care that they went through to raise me and my younger brother.

Family is a powerful thing in my life. I used to take it for granted.

Now that I have moved away from my parents, I realize what I have.

Everyone has a family in some form whether it is a friend, boyfriend, girlfriend, husband or wife.

During this holiday, reflect on the people who are present, and for this weekend allow the possibilities and obligations of the future to be lost in the background.

the threat of foreign aggression is one of them. If the War on Terror is a costly quagmire, the blame lies not with the war-wagers but with war itself, which is always a costly quagmire.

But I would argue that health care is another such instance. We've given the private sector more than a fair chance to run things.

They've balled it up. According to the World Health Organization, the United States has the most expensive health system in the world, but is only 37th in overall effectiveness, right behind such bastions of modernity as Costa Rica and Dominica.

Maybe because of this relation between cost and effectiveness, medical emergencies are the leading cause of bankruptcy in the U.S., according to a 2005 Harvard study.

We as a nation agree that protecting Americans from terrorists is too important, or too costly, to be trusted to the markets.

Shouldn't we agree that protecting them from far more likely assailants, like bankruptcy and death by disease, is too important as well?

Did you know ...

... Wal-Mart will stay open 24 hours this Black Friday?

This is because of last year's death trampling of an employee at the front of a Wal-Mart store in Long Island during their door opening for Black Friday.

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Letter to the Editor

This letter is in response to "Tis the season to give money" that was published Wednesday.

In "Tis the season to give your money," by Allie Figures, she states "charitable giving should not feel like a painful sacrifice, having your last dollars severed from your own needy grip."

I do not think it could be said any better. The holiday season does ask a lot from people and in today's economy many people do not feel comfortable giving anything up.

What those people should realize is that although times are rough, someone out there is having an even harder time, and every little bit does help.

Whether it is one dollar, or 100 dollars it helps.

There is nothing wrong with having a

little bit of trouble letting go of that precious dollar that could buy you a cheese burger at McDonalds, but the anxious feeling should not prevent you from not donating at all.

The fulfilling feeling of helping the less fortunate is priceless, and let's face it this is the only time of the year you will probably do it.

Let the holiday spirit fill your heart, skip the Starbucks for the week and donate that money to a cause you care about.

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Lilly Nguyen performs during "To Be" in the Student Concert on Friday night in the Spartan Complex.

Interpretive dancing intrigues

Review: Dance

By Leonard Lai
Staff Writer

The Student Concert presented by the SJSU School of Music and Dance breezed by at 7 p.m. Friday night in the Spartan Complex left me wishing there were more performances.

Multiple short pieces were performed, and most pieces were no longer than four minutes.

The changing themes from piece to piece kept the dances fresh, making the two hours spent watching it feel like it was over before the show really began.

The instructor of the dance class, Fred Mathews, said the performance was the first time the dancers danced in groups.

The first piece, "Pommes d'or," choreographed by Savannah Perez, left me confused.

The three dancers wearing white circled in a counterclockwise pattern around the stage.

They would occasionally dance in front of the stage's black background, and then continue running in the same pattern throughout the piece.

I worried that I would be confused for the rest of the performance, because I didn't understand the first piece, but most of the other pieces had obvious themes that could be easily understood.

"Roots as Reasons," choreographed by Vicky Alvarez, had tribal music and dancers dressed in beige and brown-colored outfits dancing against a light blue background that made me think they were lions dancing during the daytime.

The "lions" would move around and dance with each other, carrying someone as they danced, occasionally moving back-to-back to twirl around one another.

The end to the piece was the "pride of lions," when the performers huddled on the ground, forming a dome as if to protect themselves.

The piece showed me the unity of a family, supporting each other during their daily lives — a moving performance that showed how close every family should be.

The piece before the intermission, "Dance," showcased the talents of the entire class.

Each dancer had a specific routine which they performed with high amounts of energy.

Very few movements shared the characteristics of other dancers as they all moved around the stage in a robotic state.

At the end of the piece, the dancers figured out that even though they were individuals with different movements, they understood that when their movements were in sync, they were able to perform better and create a greater presentation.

My favorite piece was "Without a Shadow," choreographed

by Julia Eiser.

The mood of the piece was somber and very passionate and full of emotion with which some people in the audience could probably identify.

On the stage were two dancers, male and female. The female dancer loved the male, and desired to be with him.

The male dancer rejected her, because he desired to be with another female dancer that later came on the stage.

Eventually, he was rejected by the new girl, and attempted to go back to the person who loved him before, only to be rejected by her too, leaving him with no one to love.

The piece ended with the females dancing, as if to symbolize their independence, while the male dancer walked slowly off the stage and toward the crowd with a blank expression on his face.

That piece made me think of every romance movie I've seen. It showed me that the same emotion from a romantic movie could be captured in a four-minute dance piece.

The final piece, "Bridges," was a structured improvisation with the entire class.

Dancers weaved around each other, crawling on their backs and lying on top of each other just to get in front of the next dancer in order to form a continuous "bridge."

When the group separated, dancers would only interact with one other person.

The dance didn't seem choreographed at all, leaving the dancers usually trying to guess the movements of their partners as they attempted to dance according to one another.

Periodically, the dancers would move back to each other, forming a single fluid unit which was awe-inspiring, only to separate back out as they continued their disjointed dance of left feet.

Allowing people to interpret what was going on in the show was a really big draw for me.

I could interpret the dances and enjoy each piece as I wanted, knowing that everyone could experience the pieces and enjoy them their own way.

Tangy sweet lassi refreshes the tongue at Tandoori Oven

By Ryan Fernandez
Staff Writer

It was raining when I had lunch with some friends on Friday — it was nothing heavy, just a light drizzle that somehow managed to leave me squelching in my shoes for the whole day.

We went to Tandoori Oven on First Street, hoping to burn away the rainy Friday blues with something spicy.

I ordered a beverage called "sweet lassi" to go with my chicken tikka masala.

The sweet lassi cost \$2.99, while the mango lassi was \$3.49.

The Tandoori Oven menu describes sweet lassi as a "sweetened homemade yogurt drink."

My interest was piqued — I had heard of lassi before, but never had the opportunity to try it.

I eyed the glass of lassi with some skepticism after the server set it in front of me.

It looked just like plain milk, whipped into a bubbly froth. It seemed akin to something I would have for dessert, rather than something I would sip after every few bites of my entree.

My seat was rather low and I am rather short, so it took some delicate maneuvering to bring the straw near my mouth, especially when I was sitting elbow to elbow with a friend to one side and a wall to the other.

The lassi was tangy, with sweet undertones that became more pronounced after I swallowed the drink.

It looked thicker than it really was, with the consistency of a thin milkshake.

To continue the analogy, I would say that it was more "milk" than "shake." It flowed easily up the straw, and I had to stop myself from drinking all of it before my meal arrived.

From the outside of the glass, the froth clung so heavily to the sides that it appeared as though I still had three-quarters of my lassi left to finish.

Well, so much for having lassi with my chicken tikka masala.

As I expected, the tikka masala was spicy, but not uncomfortably so. The spices bloomed on my tongue, clearing my sinuses and chasing away the rain-induced doldrums.

The lassi was a wonderful accompaniment to my order — and anything else on Tandoori Oven's menu, I imagine.

Its tangy sweetness was the perfect counterpoint to the spices in my meal. The spices' heat

seemed to dissolve, leaving just the barest impression of their fire as the lassi washed them from my taste buds.

Each sip of lassi cleansed my palate, making every mouthful of spiced chicken and sauce seem as though I were taking my first bite.

As a bonus, I discovered that lassi worked well with people who were at least mildly lactose intolerant, as I am.

I finished my beverage and for hours afterward, there was not a twinge in my belly, no "grumbly in my tumbly," no telltale twitch somewhere in my midsection to let me know I should find a men's restroom right that minute.

Sweet lassi is a wonder to have on hand after swallowing that last morsel of curry-infused chicken — or curry-infused anything, really. It cuts through the spices and refreshes the tongue with its own tangy, cool sweetness.

I think I'll try the mango-flavored version next time.



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The sweet lassi from Tandoori Oven complements spicy and savory dishes.

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