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DOCUMENTARY

Invisible Children screens new film

By Chris Marian @Chris Marian1

A former Ugandan child soldier dressed in a blazing red "Kony 2012" T-shirt calmly described the murder of his parents and the brutal public execution of his older brother to about 100 SJSU students yesterday evening.

Abducted with his brother at the age of 14, Okuli Wilfred was taken deep into the jungles of central Africa, along with his older brother, to serve the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), commanded by the now infamous Joseph Kony.

Wilfred spoke immediately after the screening of Invisible Children Inc.'s latest film, "Move" — a collaborative effort between the organization and Ericka Adams, a visiting justice studies professor specializing in international crime and deviance.

Adams said she decided to collaborate with Invisible Children and invited them for a screening of their new film at SJSU, as way of exposing her and others' students to the world of violence in central Africa.

She described what she calls the "exoticization" of the pervasive violence in Africa and elsewhere — how these acts of cruelty become something impersonal and abstract to those fortunate enough to be spared them or to not see someone who has.

According to Briana Santos, an Invisible Children volunteer, "Move" is intended to be a follow-on to one of their previous films, the viral sensation "Kony2012," which detailed to crimes and activities of Joseph Kony and the Lord's Resistance Army, in particular the abduction and enslavement of children.

She described Invisible Children as a nonprofit organization specifically purposed to end the violence in central Africa.

After its release, "Kony2012" garnered as much controversy as praise. Supporters of the film said that it accomplished its mission of putting a spotlight on Kony and his crimes, while detractors characterized the film as a crass and myopic oversimplification of a complex region in

Adams was carefully neutral on the topic of the controversy, saying that she presented all perspectives to her students and allowed them to have the intellectual debate.

Invisible Children's new film itself was partially dedicated to the controversy and fallout of the earlier film, particularly the psychological breakdown of one of the organizations leaders, Jason Russell.

The film defended the organizations practices and message, while characterizing Russell's breakdown as a product of stress induced by an overbearing media.

Several of the speakers in the film expressed deep frustration with how the media and pundits treated their organization, describing Russell's breakdown as an excuse to ignore the issues presented in "Kony2012"

issues presented in "Kony2012." The final message of the film was a call to arms — calling for a mass march

on the White House on Nov. 17.

After the screening, Wilfred took the stage with a joke about his first experience with American food, but he soon took a more serious note.

"I am delighted to be here," he said, "tonight is a very important night for

NATIONAL NEWS

Storm ravages East Coast



A sailboat is beached in Long Beach in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in New York yesterday. Photo by Alejandra Villa / MCT

By Michael Muskal and Joseph Tanfani

McClatchy Tribune

The eastern portion of the nation turned to emergency rescue, recovery and resupply Tuesday even as meteorologists warned that the danger from superstorm Sandy will continue as the massive system works its way through the country.

Here at SJSU, many students feel the devastating effects of the storm as they wait patiently to see how friends and family in the East make it through

Sandy churned about 120 miles east of Pittsburgh and was moving toward the Great Lakes and Canada, carrying winds of 45 mph and pelting rain or snow across an area stretching

from Lake Michigan to Maine.

At least 38 deaths were reported by The Associated Press. More than 8 million people remained without electricity.

Here on campus, students such as Beheshta Kakar, a senior health science major, can only watch the devastation from afar.

Kakar's homebound sister is in Connecticut due to the storm, but she centers her concerns around the people impacted the most.

"My sister in Connecticut is a doctor, and they had to tell her to stay home (which) she was really happy (about)", Kakar said. "I'm not worried (so much) about my sister, but I am worried about the people who are in the hospital and the ones who have to stay there to take care of the people

who can't go home and be in a safer

Manhattan remained paralyzed with hundreds of thousands without power and its subway system shut, portions flooded. About 80 homes were destroyed by fire in the Breezy Point neighborhood of Queens. The Jersey Shore has suffered "incalculable" losses, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said, with aerial photos showing widespread flooding, sand and water inundating street after street of

"I don't want anyone to think the event is anywhere near over," National Hurricane Center Director Rock Knabb said Tuesday afternoon. He echoed a warning also delivered by President Barack Obama during a trip to the Washington headquarters of

the Red Cross. "This storm is not yet over," Obama said.

Obama will visit hard-hit New Jersey on Wednesday, the White House announced, where he will view storm damage and talk to residents and first-responders. Both Obama and Christie have insisted that dealing with the storm and its aftermath trumps any politics even in a presidential election year.

Sen Chiao, an SJSU assistant professor in the department of meteorology and climate sciences, said this country has not seen a hurricane of this much intensity since Hurricane Cindy in 1938 and sees even more mystery in the timing of the storm.

"My total assessment for this case

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ELECTION 2012

Social media use sees bump in 2012 election

By Melanie Martinez

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With the presidential election less than one week away, students have taken to social networking sites more than ever to get their political opinions across to friends and family.

My own Twitter feed and Facebook wall has been dominated by a hodgepodge of memes mocking Mitt Romney's binders of women and educated political commentary from peers.

Katrina Swanson, social media intern for the Women's Resource Center, said she has seen groups on campus utilize social media actions to encourage students to vote.

"Public Affairs has been running the Why I Vote campaign, and I think they've done a great job of reaching out to students," Swanson said.

The Why I Vote campaign has been broadcast on the public affairs website and encouraged students to register, vote and become politically engaged, she said.

"I've seen a lot of students with the Why I Vote buttons around campus," said Swanson, who said was happy to see student political Swanson said she has posted information on the Women's Resource Center's website and Facebook page about women's rights but has tried to to avoid partisan-

ship during the election season.

"We've posted what the effects of Obama's healthcare plan means to women but have tried to remain bipartisan and not take sides," she

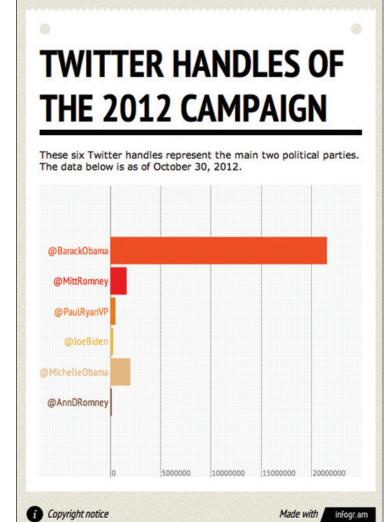
Media Relations Director Pat Lopes Harris said she helps manage SJSU's official Facebook page and Twitter account, and has used both platforms to encourage students to vote this year.

"We have over 17,800 followers on Facebook, and over 5,600 followers on Twitter," Harris said. "We created posts for the official SJSU Facebook and Twitter sites to encourage students to register to vote, and we will soon do the same encouraging students to vote."

Harris said she encourages students to use these tools to become politically engaged.

"Social media is great for contacting a specific audience," she said.

Despite the efforts of those at SJSU whom urge students to shift toward political activism, will students who were dormant during



the 2008 election actually going to change their ways, or are the same voters of the previous election simply causing more of a ruckus online?

While I voted in 2008, my political voice was relatively quiet on Facebook and completely nonexistent on Twitter

Based on pure observation, the

number of voices that are politically active this season on all social media platforms seem to have increased or at the very least, become stronger in stance.

Never before have I seen so many friends and followers document their opinions of the debates

SEE **SOCIAL MEDIA** ON PAGE 3

CAMPIIC

New website espouses vision for a more eco-friendly campus

Sustainability board website works to involve students, administration in green projects

By Camille Nguyen @camillediem

A new SJSU website launched earlier last week in order to promote and inform students about the sustainability efforts made on campus and ways in which they can reduce their ecological footprints

"We've been meeting for about two years as a sustainability board, and we're just (trying to continue) to find ways to advertise who we are and to add value to the campus," said Robb Drury, the associate vice president of advancement operations on campus.

SJSU's new sustainability website is managed by the sustainability board, which was created in 2010 to advise the Academic Senate and President Mohammad Qayoumi in setting and achieving campuswide goals in improving sustainability.

Drury said that following the allocation of some funding to the sustainability board, the group had originally planned to pass information about oncampus environmental and sustainability efforts through print.

"The original thought was a printed piece, but why would we as a sustainability board print something on paper?" he

He added that the group then decided to provide the information through a medium that could be consistently updated instead of being forced to reprint every time a new project began.

"The goal of the (new) website is to keep the campus community and students interested (in) attending SJSU (and) up- to-date on the campus' sustainability projects and achievements," said Candice Carbonell, sustainability director at Spartan Shops and co-chair of the sustainability board.

The new sustainability page provides links for visitors that highlight campus accomplishments such as the implementation of recycled water used to cool SJSU buildings and irrigate campus grounds, current and future projects planned by the sustainability board and an interactive sustainability map detailing the efforts made by SJSU.

Despite the revamping of the sustainability website, most of the content comes from the old website, according to Drury.

However, Drury said a new addition to the site is the highlighting of SJSU's ranking in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS) report, which acts as a measure for colleges and universities to evaluate their sustainability performance.

According to the report, SJSU earned a "silver" rating, indicating that the campus' sustainability efforts were good, although areas could be improved.

These areas include ensuring student understanding of sustainability as well as encouraging sustainability in student and employee orientations, both of which can be improved through the scheduling of faculty and student workshops and events promoting green technology and lifestyles, according to the report

Daniel Naraval, a senior civil engineering major, said he knew of SJSU's sustainability efforts but did not know about the website.

"(The website) is informative, but I never would have found it had I not heard about it from someone else," he said, noting that it would help students understand environmental issues as well as increase awareness of the sustainability projects happening around campus, but only if the students could navigate to the page in the first place.

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Sandy: Storm leaves East Coast recovering as West Coast reacts

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from the beginning (has me asking) why is this (event) so late in the hurricane season, October-November. Typically, this is the end of hurricane season", said Chiao, contrary to Obama. "To see such stronger events (this time of year) is unusual. The key thing is that the sea surface temperature is still warm enough to provide the energy to the system."

Chiao added that the average individual is more likely to consider more prominent details such as economic impact and sustainability than scientific data in times like these.

"More and more, we are experiencing extreme (weather) events and we must think if this is something really under global warming and climate change," he said. "Are we going to see more and more of this weather and (if so) how are we going to respond? How are we going to prepare ourselves?"

According Chiao, the storm has affected the SJSU meteorology and climate science department by hindering their scientific data sent from Washington, D.C.

Rescues have taken place through the Northeast. But New Jersey, first hit when Sandy made landfall, was the scene of dramatic rescues as crews in boats pulled people out of two flooded towns: Moonachie, near the Hackensack River, and nearby Little Ferry, N.I.

Kasey Dang, a cadet of Norwich University in Northfield,

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Vermont, has been working to help with the disaster relief and is just one of many people in the east experiencing Sandy's wrath first hand.

"Outdoor training is canceled because of 40-mileper-hour winds making all the trees (in the area) a hazard because they may fall or branches turn into deadly objects," Dang said. "Everyone's on standby until called. Depending on the unit, you will either proceed to evacuate people before flooding occurs, start building sandbag fortifications or take precautions in cutting down trees on nearby roads so cars don't get destroved."

Yet Dang feels the country's' experience with previous storms may help the quality of recovery from this one.

"(This storm is) not as bad as (Hurricane) Irene last year in my area yet," he said. " I was there getting people out of houses and it was a mess. People are more trusting of us, we can move out quicker, we know the areas that will get hit worst, and we have a better idea of where to send people. We can also coordinate with FEMA quicker."

More than 800 people were stranded in Moonachie after the surge sent water over a berm in the town of 2,700 about 10 miles northwest of Manhattan. The town was under 5 feet of water in just 45 minutes and some residents clung to rooftops, officials

At least one body was recovered in the city of Hackensack, upstream from the main flood area, officials said.

Houses in Little Ferry were swamped when the storm drove 4 feet of water onto the streets

"We are in the midst of urban search and rescue. Our teams are moving as fast as they can," Christie said during a televised news conference. "The devastation on the Jersey Shore is some of the worst we've ever seen. The cost of the storm is incalculable at this point."

The barrier islands in the southern portion of New Jersey were cut off, said Christie, citing beach erosion, flooded and sand-crusted houses and heavily damaged amusement park rides.

Lower Manhattan, which includes Wall Street, was among the hardest-hit areas after 14-foot surges of seawater rolled through the empty streets, setting a record. Wall Street, closed for two days, was expected to reopen for trading on Wednesday.

In the meantime, people like 31-year-old Phil Bojorquez, a San Jose native now working as an IT consultant in Brooklyn, are trying to look at the bright side of the storm.

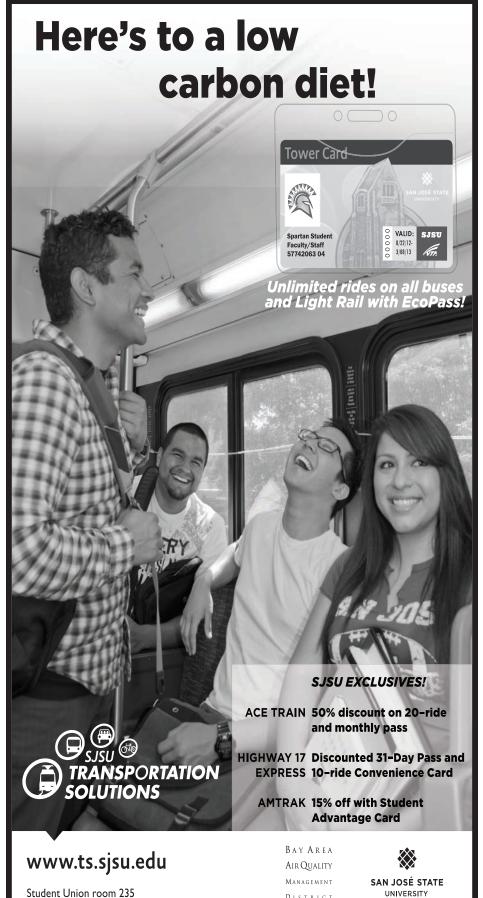
"I'm feeling pretty lucky," Bojorquez said. "My part of Brooklyn wasn't hit so bad."

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ENVIRONMENT

Spartan Shops offer greener dining experience for sustainability

By Stephanie Barraza @SBarraza

From trayless dining to bamboo dishes, the Dining Commons is becoming more eco-friendly to encourage a more sustainable lifestyle on

"Spartan Shops is constantly working on improving and implementing sustainability practices," said Candice Carbonell, sustainability coordinator of Spartan Shops. "We are always looking to improve the food we offer on campus to be all-natural, unprocessed, and organic and local as long as it is cost-efficient, which is one of the factors of sustainability."

Spartan Shops in a nonprofit campus organization that provides and maintains eateries around SJSU, including Just Below, the Student Union food court, Grounded and the Dining Commons.

Carbonell said Spartan Shops has been making improvements in sustainability for the last five years. Efforts in the Dining Commons include environmentally friendly material used for utensils and dishes, such as using paper cups for Jamba Juice, cold cups made from corn for Tully's Coffee; and napkins made from recycled materials.

This year, the Dining Commons switched over to bamboo products for its dishes. The plates and bowls are good for 1,000 uses before they are discarded, and they are biodegradable.

"We really want to go away from plastic," Ryan Ptucha, assistant director of Spartan Shops, said. "All of our cups and utensils are all made out of corn, and they are also built

Along with their utensils and dishes being eco-friendly, the food products they serve emphasize being organic and locally bought.

Ptucha, who also manages the Dining Commons, said they've been making efforts in only using cage-free eggs, chicken and beef that are also antibiotic-free, grain-free and free range, hand-cut potatoes for their French fries, and MSC-certified fish.

"We made a big push to let people know that we're doing everything we can to go from farm-to-table," Ptucha said.

The Dining Commons also offers gluten-free burger buns, cookies, bread and muffins.

Freshman Japanese major Christina Stam said her sister is only able to eat gluten-free food, so when she comes to visit Stam on campus, she has an alternative to her dining

"Ithink it's pretty good that (the Dining Commons) gives us that option," Stam said.

Ptucha also said that Spartan Shops also partnered with GreenWaste Recovery, a privately-owned and locallyoperated recycling and diversion company that collects and processes trash throughout the South Bay.

"We are partnered with GreenWaste on a landfill diverting program, so only about 10 percent of our waste makes it to the landfill," Ptucha said. "We really try to do what we can to try to reduce the amount of waste that is going out, as well the amount of package product that's coming in."

Ptucha said the Dining Commons also have another partnership where all of its oil used from the fryers are recycled into biodiesel fuel. Its trayless dining reduces the amount of waste as well, where going from a self-serve facility to it actually serving all the meals helps reduce waste and helps control portions as to not waste

"I would say that the only thing we are not currently doing ourselves is the compost thing," Ptucha said. "Some of that are space constraints on campus because it's not a very large campus."

Along with making these sorts of changes in dining experience on campus, Carbonell said that she hopes that through events and workshops, people will become more involved in maintaining a sustainable lifestyle both off and on campus.

"Spartan Shops is making a big effort to connect with the campus community in various ways to engage people in sustainable and healthy living."

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Sophomore undeclared major Griselda Garcia prepares her salad with a biodegradable bamboo plate, an eco-friendly effort made by the Dining Commons. Photo by Stephanie Barraza / Spartan Daily

Social media: 2012 Election tweeted, blogged and posted

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on social media in real time and explore personal analysis

Some students on campus seem to have observed the same increase in political involvement and said they have seen their friends post everything from political memes to analysis of the presidential debates.

"I've heard a lot (on Facebook) about how Mitt, the white guy, is bad and how Obama is going to be the next president," said Phuc Tran, a sophomore biochemistry ma-

Tran said that his friends' posts range from funny Big Bird memes to informative opinions which have helped him recap the debates he didn't watch.

"I've seen a lot of memes about the presidential debates that show how stupid Mitt Romney is," Tran said.

Despite the amount of humorous memes he's seen on Facebook, Tran said some of the posts on social networking sites helped him decide how to vote this year.

He said he already submitted his ballot earlier this month and cast his vote for Obama after witnessing so much support for his re-election online.

"A lot of people agree (on social networking sites) that Obama is the one that should be president again instead of Romney," Tran said. "So I voted for Obama."

Tran's use of social networking to help determine the outcome of his vote is not uncommon, according to data compiled by mediabistro.com.

According to the site's data, the number of Twitter at this point in the presidenfollowers for mayoral and tial race but based on my obgubernatorial candidates in servations, Obama seems to 2010 and 2011 races have have taken the lead in social foreshadowed the election

This means that the candidate with the highest number of Twitter followers in past elections has also been the candidate to become elected into office.

Mediabistro.com's data shows that 98 percent of young adults ages 18 to 24 access social networking sites at least monthly, and Twitter and Facebook could become important factors that determine whether Romney or Obama will be elected next

While Twitter's tracking of the election shows both candidates are currently tied in the polls at 47 percent, Obama's account has more than 10 million followers whereas Romney's followers are only at 1.6 million.

On Facebook, Romney's page has more than 11 million likes, which is impressive until compared to Obama's page of more than 31 million fans.

If social media has any power in predicting future elected officials, mediabistro. com speculates Obama may take office despite political poll results.

Though this information is absolutely intriguing, have elections been boiled down to a popularity contest determined by the number of Facebook friends a candidate brings on board, or are Twitter followers simply a more accurate analysis of approval than political polls?

There is no clear answer media support.

Mona Sadeghian, a junior civil engineering major, said that since she is unable to vote because she is not yet a citizen, she posts political messages on Facebook to help inform her friends.

"They're mostly democratic posts," Sadeghian said. "Mostly they're advertisements or some of the lies (Romney has told) that I

She said most of her Facebook posts are things that she finds interesting but doesn't necessarily believe that they will change any opinions.

"A lot of people are pretty stubborn and they usually don't change their minds, but I still like to show them what I think is right," she

Realistically, she is correct. I've seen a countless number of political posts on social networking sites lead to heated arguments between conservatives and liberals that result in nothing more than a couple frustrated friends who's opinions have remained unchanged.

At its best, social networking offers diverse opinions that can help undecided voters cast a ballot.

At its worst, social networking allows users to at least serve up a couple tongue-in-cheek Romney

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Invisible Children: Former child soldier shares experiences

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Wilfred described his harrowing childhood ordeal at the hands of the guerilla

"Life in the jungle was like hell," he said.

When his brother attempted to escape and was caught, the Lord's Resistance Army leadership decided to make an example of him and killed him in front of Wilfred and the other children.

On that day, he said, he began plans for his own escape and, with the help of a sympathetic officer, was able to escape the jungle and the clutches of the Lord's Resistance Army.

Detained for a month and then released, Wilfred

said he decided to retake his life, and return to school with the help of a scholar-

He said he is now a professional teacher on both history and religion.

In the time since his escape, he said, the Lord's Resistance Army has largely left Uganda for better hunting grounds in neighboring countries, and that it is for the people of these countries that he spread the message for Invisible Children and the fight against

"That is why I'm here in the states," he said. "Join me, join the movement ... so that we can stop this insanity ... We are a generation of

Erik Sotelo, a justice studies undergraduate, said the movie hit home hard for him. "It tugs on the emotional

aspect," he said, "That's pretty much what jumps out at you." Sotelo said that he had a

three-year-old son, and that the ordeal that central African parents must be going through terrifies him.

Adams said that she hopes students "become more aware of the things they can do themselves," after leaving the movie.

She said that while she has no further plans to collaborate with Invisible Children, she is definitely open to the

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SPORTS

SJSU alumnus and Olympic pole vaulter George Mattos dead at 83

By Camille Nguyen @camillediem

When George Mattos attended SJSU from 1947 to 1951, the Olympian pole vaulter graduated with a degree in music, of all things.

Mattos became a star member of SJSU's track and field team after defeating television actor Robert Culp in the pole vaulting segment of the California CIF State Track and Field Meet as a senior at Pacific Grove High School, according to ESPN.

Along with his athletic scholarship to SJSU, he was trained by track coach Lloyd "Bud" Winter, who also instructed Olympic runners and SJSU alumni John Carlos and Tommie

After getting his bachelor's degree in music from SJSU and a master's in fine arts from Chico State University, Mattos joined and served the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1956 – all while nurturing his skills for music and pole vaulting, which ultimately culminated in his competing and representing the United States in not only one, but two, Olym-

He finished ninth in the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki, Finland and fourth in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia and ranked as one of the top 10 pole vaulters in the world for 10 years, according to sports statistic compilation website Sports Reference.

However, according to a news release from the College of Siskiyous in Weed, Calif. where Mattos taught, the former Olympian's true passion in life wasn't sports or athletics, but music – a calling he pursued in life until his death on Oct. 18 following a battle with pros-

His love of music began when he was in the fifth grade after taking clarinet lessons and



SJSU alumnus George Mattos competed in the 1952 and 1956 Summer Olympics in the pole vaulting event, which ranked him as one of the top 10 pole vaulters in the world for 10 years. Photo by The Associated Press (1956)

began teaching music to elementary and high school students in 1956, as stated by the news

In 1964, Mattos began the development of the music major program with class sizes increasing consistently over the years, forcing the former Olympian to partner with retired drama instructor, Jim Witherell, to design a brand new theater for the College of Siskiyous

Now called the Kenneth W. Ford Theater, the auditorium is large enough to host bands,

choirs, drama classes and stage performances, according to the news release.

A talented clarinet and saxophone player, after his retirement from the College of Siskiyous in 1980 Mattos played in both classical as well as jazz bands and acted as the leader of the group the Dixie Fat Cats, a Dixieland band in Rogue Valley, that performed at the Medford Jazz Festival for 10 years.

Mattos was celebrated for his athletic achievements in 2006 when he was inducted into SJSU's Sports Hall of Fame and again in

2010 when he was instated into the National Pole Vault Hall of Fame.

Additionally, a scholarship was established in 2011 with the College of Siskiyous Foundation to honor Mattos for his contributions to the advancement of the music program at the

He is survived by his second wife, Lorraine; first wife, Ginger; five children and four grandchildren.

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OPINION



East coast superstorm prompts natural disaster preparedness



Julie Myhre's column appears every Wednesday

The recent superstorm that hit the East Coast on Monday really made me think about how prepared I am for a California natural disaster - an earthquake.

The reality is I'm not and neither are the majority of Californians.

According to a 2010 California Earthquake Preparedness Survey, more than 60 percent of Californians are not prepared for the next large quake.

The survey was conducted by the UCLA School of Public Health for the State of California on behalf of California Emergency Management Agency, California Seismic Safety Commission and California Volunteers.

The survey found that less than 20 percent of homeowners have structurally reinforced their homes or have had their homes inspected for earthquake resis-

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I have taken more than eight geology classes, considering my minor is geology, and I can proudly say my parent's home, which is where I currently live, is earthquake safe.

I know it is because I have done multiple research papers on my home's structural integrity during an earthquake.

I have seen the documentation proving that my house should be structurally sound – have you?

Do you know how your house will respond in a 7.0 magnitude earthquake?

Will you be safe in bed if

an earthquake hits at night? I

hope you will be. I know the reality is that making a home structurally earthquake-safe could be costly, but I encourage you to at least look into the earthquake safety of your home, so in the case it isn't safe you can find a safer place to go to after the quake.

Another finding of the survey was that even though more than 80 percent of people have an earthquake kit with a flashlight and batteries, only 40 percent of them have the minimum of 3 gallons of water per person and only 40 percent have made family disaster plans.

According to the American Red Cross, emergency kits should include water, nonperishable food, a first aid kit, family and emergency contact information, battery with extra batteries, copies of important documents, among other personal items including medications and hygiene items.

I know my geology professors would not be happy to hear this, but I do not have an earthquake kit prepared at my house.

I have most of the recommended supplies, but they are not all in one bag let alone in one room - I know I am a horrible example.

It is just so easy to forget about it. You'll see that another country had an earthquake and the question of "am I ready for an earthquake" crosses your mind.

Then we get busy with the hustle of everyday life and totally forget about it nearly everyone does it.

This is so crazy to me — why would you put your home and family in so much danger?

Yet it is still important to be prepared, so I encourage everyone to seriously think about how prepared you are for a natural disaster.

Gather supplies for a kit and keep one in your car, workplace and home because you never know where you'll be when an earthquake hits − I'll be gathering my kits.

I also encourage you to look into the structural integrity of your home, apartment, workplace and school because the reality is that an earthquake can strike at any time and it would be devastating to find out the structural integrity after a natural disaster strikes.

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Still undecided about Measure D



Nick Celario's column appears every other Wednesday.

November is almost here, but the time to make our voices heard is now.

The early stage of the electoral process has arrived and those who are registered are now free to voice their opinions and vote for who they choose to elect as our president.

The time has also come to vote to either accept or reject state propositions and county ballot mea-

On a side note, I hope all of you have chosen to register and will vote this election year.

The last two issues of the Spartan Daily featured analyses for both sides of Measure D, which will raise the San Jose minimum wage from \$8 to \$10, if passed.

Those who favor Measure D argue that passing the measure is a must because \$8 an hour is just not enough support oneself, let alone a family.

Those who favor the measure say that raising minimum wage would also encourage more spending in local businesses.

Those who oppose Measure D said raising the minimum wage would hurt local businesses in the long

According to Matt Mahood, president of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, "small and medium-sized businesses" will have to either increase prices or cut working hours and jobs to compensate for the increase spending on payroll.

However, SJSU sociology professor Scott Myers-Lipton said studies from the University of California have shown that a rise in minimum wage will not result in unemployment.

Both sides have valid arguments and serious con-

On one side, I understand a lot of people are struggling just to get by that is probably an understatement.

As a student who is paying for my education out of my pocket, a salary increase sounds fantastic.

Tuition fees have increased every semester since I arrived at SJSU and each time it has been a steeper mountain to climb.

At the same time, I know a few small-business owners whose livelihood depends on their businesses staying afloat.

I don't know the demands required to operate a small business, but I'd imagine having to account for a higher payroll, especially if income is not increasing or if it's an uphill battle just to keep the operation going, would feel like a kick in the nuts.

I typically choose the lesser of the two evils when I'm on the fence about a problem.

Even so, if the arguments made by both sides are accurate, then someone's future will look grim no matter if Measure D does or doesn't pass.

So, which side is the lesser of two evils?

Which would deliver a softer blow?

Or to be optimistic, which is more promising for the future of San Jose citizens?

To be quite honest, I am not sure who to side with on this issue right now, along with several others on the

For those who are also unsure whether to vote for or against an issue on the ballot, I can speak for myself and say that you are not

However, I will continue think over my decision about Measure D, along with the other propositions and measures I feel are important, until the time I submit my vote.

Even if at the moment you are iffy about anything on this year's ballot, I hope you also take the time to think things over and vote.

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MOVIE COMMENTARY

Halloween Movies: The top 5 films to watch for scares and thrills

By Jonathan Roisman

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Photo courtesy of cinematicfright.com

John Carpenter's "Halloween" is nearly 35 years old, but it holds up surprisingly well in an age of low-plot fast-paced, movies.

Halloween's camera work gives the film's violence credence and Jamie Lee Curtis' film debut is one of her most memorable acting performances.

It also proves good horror movies exist without excessive blood or

The only downside of the film is that a bunch of horrible sequels and remakes were made, but hey, the original should, and does, stand above the rest.

This may be the ultimate film to watch on Halloween evening.





Photo courtesy of allmoviephoto.com

This is a personal favorite of mine because, unlike most horror and slasher films, "Cabin in the Woods" actually has a well-thought

There are even a couple of decent twists that separate it from the rest

It starts off as a predictable horror movie with a bunch of horny teenagers going to a cabin (you guessed it - in the woods), but there a few layers of story you don't normally see.

There's a bunch of gratuitous violence but it becomes so comical that it's hard not to enjoy it.

This is the kind of movie that doesn't take itself seriously and is better off because of it.

Misery (1991)

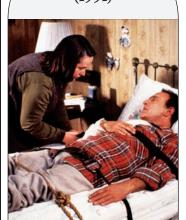


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Rob Reiner's adaptation of Stephen King's "Misery" scares more on a psychological level than a violent one, but there's plenty of the latter.

Kathy Bates perfectly plays a deranged nurse and it's hard not to feel James Caan's pain (or misery) as Bates' prisoner inside her Colorado home.

If you remember anything about this movie, know that you should run if anyone says that you're their "No.1 fan."

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Dawn of the Dead (1991)



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It might be heresy to pick a remake over the original, but sometimes audiences want to see fastpaced modern movies and the remake of "Dawn of the Dead" delivers in that aspect.

George A. Romero's films are predictable, but they're always fun to watch because of the ridiculous amounts of violence and mediocre

The characters are actually likable, however, and the viewer should care about their struggle to escape suburban Milwaukee as the world goes to hell.

Some fans might not like that the zombies can run and aren't slow, lumbering meat bags, but it helps add intensity to the movie.

Hocus Pocus (1993)



Photo courtesy of ziperama.com

"Hocus Pocus" does everything right for a fantasy comedy.

Not everyone enjoys watching gory bloodbaths, but that doesn't mean they don't deserve a good movie to watch on Halloween.

Disney's "Hocus Pocus" stars Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy as a group of modern day witches who have been resurrected from 300 years

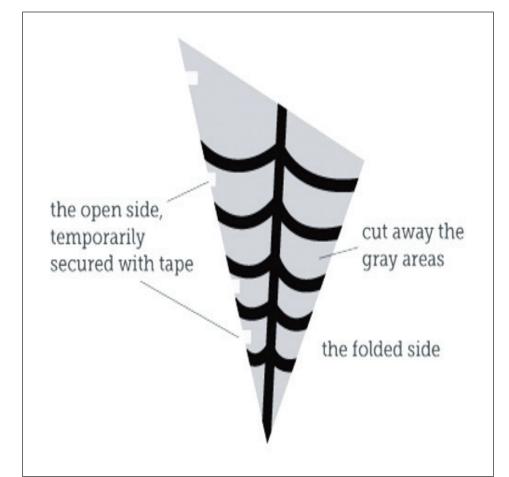
Although it didn't do well at the box office it later became a hit on cable and video.

It might scare young children (as it did me when I was 5), but I highly recommend it especially if you haven't seen it since you were

CRAFT TUTORIAL

Last Minute Halloween Decorations: How to make a spooky spider wall

By Sage Curtis @sagedanielle



Left: A diagram on how to recreate the garbage bag spider web and what areas to cut out. Photo courtesy of Jessica Jones / HowAboutOrange.blogspot.com



Right: A balloon-streamer spider and a web made out of garbage bags create an inexpensive way to decorate for Halloween. Photo by Sage Curtis / Spartan Daily

Garbage Bag Spider's Web

Making a garbage bag into a spider web is a slightly tedious process but the results are spooky, fun and cheap.

I bought a box of seven large trash bags for 97 cents and that's all I needed to turn my apartment wall into a spooky mural.

Make sure you have some sharp scissors because the garbage bag is made of a slippery material and sharp scissors make it a little easier to cut.

What you need:

- Scissors
- Large black garbage bags

Making the webs:

- 1. Cut off the sides and bottom of the bag, making two rectangles.
- 2. Cut into rough squares.
- 3. Fold squares in half to form a triangle.
- 4. Fold in half again, twice.
- 5. Follow the pattern above exactly, forming a point in the bottom.
- 6. Use a Sharpie to draw the outline of the scallop-shaped pattern.
- 7. Cut away the gray sections. 8. Unfold carefully.
- 9. Hang on wall.

Notes: You should follow the pattern as closely as possible, forming a point on one of the folded sides. This makes the center of the web and it you don't make it thin enough, it ends up looking very strange.

Balloon and Streamer Spider

This spider creeps up the wall and is getting away by way of the ceiling. Put him on top of a spooky garbage bag spider web and now the wall is a

It only requires one balloon, a few streamers and, if possible, some eerie lighting.

What you need:

- Black streamers
- A balloon (black is best but silver or red would be OK)
- Tape or thumbtacks
- A red marker

Making the spider:

- 1. Blow up the balloon and tie it off.
- 2. Draw on a black widow spider marking or other scary markings.
- 3. Cut four shorter-length streamers and four longer-length streamers.
- 4. Attach all eight of the streamers to the bottom of the balloon with tape.
- 5. Tape or pin the balloon to the ceiling using the base.
- 6. Tape the two shorter streamers on each side of the balloon to the ceiling.
- 7. Tape in two spots to create feet and leg-looking joints.
- 8. Tape the two longer streamers on each side of the balloon to the wall.
- 9. Tape in the same manner as the leg to the ceiling.

Notes: To give the effect that your spider is crawling up the wall, stagger the feet slightly.