Explore SDSU-IV

ABOVE: Guests observe art in the form of postcards displayed around the walls at the opening reception for the project "A Book About Death" inside the Stepping Art Gallery on Wednesday at San Diego State University-Imperial Valley in Calexico.

BELOW, RIGHT: Guests were invited to take duplicate copies of exhibited artwork as souvenirs.

ABOVE, LEFT: Students of Dool Elementary School in Calexico perform the opening act before the screening of "Families Stand Together: Feeling Secure in Tough Times" and a resource fair. The film addressed the challenges families face during tough economic times and money-saving activities they can do together.

LEFT: Popular children's literature character Clifford the Big Red Dog made a special appearance during the event.

These events were part of the continuing fifth annual Explore SDSU-IV Week, which featured a book signing by "The Last Chicanos" author Michael R. DeG this on Tuesday and continues Friday with interactive art displays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the gallery. RSVPs are required for attending Friday's event and can be made by calling 760-839-5587 or sending an e-mail to mcortez@ucsd.edu.