Comic inventions come to life

New play hits S.F. theater

By Anne Dujmovic Daily staff write

At a time when most people are trying to find themselves, Jim Bricker is one SJSU student who knows who he

He's Joe Daley, a sensitive Alan Alda-type; Cliff Mason, an arrogant womanizer; and Robin Kress, an assertive journalist.

These alter egos have come to life in the form of comic books and, most recently, live theater in "Open Season," a play showing in San Fran-

Bricker, a 24-year-old creative arts major, contends there is part of him in each of the three characters whose lives are portrayed in the play, which he created and wrote.

'All the characters are me in their

makeup," Bricker said. But he won't say which parts are Bricker and which are taken from people he has observed in everyday life. who inspire him to write about them.

Dan Fogel and Tom Vernale of Magic Lightning Productions were inspired by what they saw in Bricker - so much so that they asked him to adapt his comic book series for "Open Season" became Magic Lightning's first production and its season opener.

"good, raw energy" and his ability to depict characters realistically were just two reasons why Fogel and Vernale wanted to utilize Bricker's talents, Fogel said.

When approached with the idea, Bricker laughed it off at first but then realized they were serious, he said.

He thought he had nothing to risk and that the experience would improve his writing. Most importantly, it would give him a chance to tell his story, he said.

The play wraps everything up. It's the third draft in the comic book series, he said.

Joe Daley, a character in "Open Season," made his debut in a comic strip called "Daley." The comic was published in the Spartan Daily in August of 1983, Bricker's first year at SJSU, and continued to run intermittently through the fall of 1985.

Bricker's reasons for doing a comic strip were simple: "I did it because I wanted to tell a story and draw.

Bricker began drawing at the age of copying Charles Schultz's "Peacomic strip. He eventually learned to develop his own style.

Although he was born in San Francisco, he lived most of his life in Pleasanton, which he describes as a 'cultural cesspool.

The only fun thing to do in Pleasanton was to leave," Bricker said. He left after graduating from high

school and came to San Jose Bricker's work was enthusiastically

received by a publisher at a comic book convention in Oakland in October of 1984. 'Demlins," a parody of the movie

"Gremlins" and a political satire that Bricker describes as a stab at Ronald Reagan, was his first comic book, printed by a publisher in Canada.

He began work on "Open Season."



SJSU's Jim Bricker turns his comic book 'Open Season' into a play in San Francisco

the comic book, in March of 1986, and its first and five subsequent issues were published through Renegade The seventh came out last summer through Strawberry Jam Press in Berkeley

Bricker has been thinking about doing another comic strip, but he has found it is hard to get back into it.

"A comic strip doesn't give you much space. It's a joke a day. You

'All the characters are me in their makeup.'

-Jim Bricker, Comic creator, playwright, SJSU student

have three frames to set it up and the last to punch it out." Bricker said. Most comic strips today are "ho-

mogenized," according to Bricker. But he does have some favorites. which include "Calvin and Hobbes. because it's "original and fresh," and

'Ernie," because "it's so bizarre" qualities that today's comics pages generally lack, he said. Ironically, the audience that Bricker

is writing for doesn't read his work.

"The majority of comic book readers out there deal with preadolescent fantasies and big-chested women," he there's more to life.

Bricker says that's fine for 12- and 13-year-olds, but adults need to realize

YES IM

See COMICS, page 6

Lifetime rights for Rec Center OK'd by panel

Proposal seen as compensation for work of SUBOD members

By Michelle Smith

Student Union Board of Directors members will receive compensation for their service on the board if SUBOD approves a recommendation from its House Committee next week.

The motion, approved by the committee Tuesday, would allow SUBOD members to use available, unsold tickets to events at the Student Union Recreation and Events Center during their present terms on the board. It would also grant lifetime membership for recreation and pool facilities at the Rec Center to all board members, retroactive to 1982.

House Committee Chairman Rick Thomas redrafted and revised the approved motion, after committee members expressed concerns about the original version in their Oct. 31 meeting.
Thomas' version was passed by a

committee vote of 4-1, with one abstention.

The recommendation must be approved by the full Student Union Board and then by SJSU President Gail Fullerton before it can take effect. Any fiscal impact of the plan will also be reviewed.

The original proposal was pre-sented to and approved by SUBOD last May, because of the efforts of former Associated Students President Terry McCarthy.

But the plan was halted at Fullerton's desk and was returned to

The memberships are intended as a means of "expressing appreciation for outstanding service and contributions to the students and Student Union policies," according to the original proposal, dated May 16, 1989.

The retroactive clause of the motion was added at the suggestion of Student Union Director Ron Barrett to reward those who served on SUBOD during the preliminary stages of Rec Center planning, as well as those who are currently serv-

ing.

The original proposal provided lifetime membership for the current board only, an idea that Barrett said

he found self-serving.
"If it encompasses all the boards that played a role in the opening of the Rec Center, then it is not self-serving," Barrett said. "If it is viewed as an honor and reward for work done, then I am supportive of

Many of the committee members saw the lifetime membership as an opportunity to be a part of the Rec Center they helped to create.

Even if I don't live here, it is nice to have a place to go when I am in town," said B.D. Cash, a House Committee member and A.S. director of student services. "It will make me feel like I got involved and made a difference while I was here."

The SUBOD Finance Committee decided Tuesday to complete a fiscal impact study of the membership prior to SUBOD's vote Tuesday

Panel approves cultural center

Student Union Pacifica Room to assume new characteristics

By Michelle Smith

If the Student Union Board of Directors gives its vote of approval, the Student Union's Pacifica Room will take on a new look beginning

SUBOD's House Committee voted unanimously Tuesday to recommend conversion of the Pacifica Room to a multicultural center after hearing a presentation from Jennie Reyes, Associated Students director of intercultural affairs. The House Committee will take

its recommendation to the full Student Union Board, which meets next Tuesday

If SUBOD passes the proposal, will be sent to SJSU President Gail Fullerton for final approval. Reyes has said she will ask the

A.S. and SUBOD to provide \$1,000 each for the project, but finances

were not discussed by Reyes or the House Committee at Tuesday's meeting.
Reyes' proposal, which was offi-

cially supported by the A.S. last week, includes the following:

Conversion of the physical

setting of the Pacifica Room and changing of its name to the Mutlicultural Center; Addition of rotating and

permanent art work: Permanent literature, publi-

cations, magazines and books;
Continued provision of a study area, lounge facilities and space; A special programming

area for cultural organizations (as scheduled) and an informal meeting place for all students;

• Audio/visual equipment (if

sufficient funds are available only).

Art project highlights nature's linear horizon

Sculpture installed today in downtown

By Valerie Junger

Tim Keeshen says he has discovered a "unique characteristic" downtown San Jose - a "line" he has observed running from the east foothills, crossing the valley directly through the city's center and running

west to the Santa Cruz Mountains. Keeshen plans to highlight it today with his "Horizonal Line," half-mile-long line of 210 wooden pallets that he and his volunteer crew

of SJSU students began installing early this morning.

The work involves installment and removal of sections of the pallets, so that the sections will be moved along the line and displayed at different points throughout the day

Sections of the sculpture will be visible at different downtown locations all day today and will be completely removed by Friday morning.

Keeshen said his sculpture's name refers to the horizon of nature in contrast to the horizontal nature of ar-

Presently pursuing a bachelor of See HORIZON, page 6

Sounds of Latin America come to SJSU in new music course with cultural twist

By Vincent T. Oddo

the sounds, styles and history of Latin American music will be the focus of a class to be offered next semester at SJSU.

Music of Latin America (MUSIC 119) will offer students a chance to earn credit by learning about the development of such popular Latin music styles as the Argentine Tango, the Brazilian Samba and the Cuban Habanera.

Course studies will be broken up into four regions: The first will deal with Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America; the second with Venezuela, Colombia and Brazil; the third with Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile and the northwest section of Argentina. The last section will spotlight the El Plata region (Argentina, Uruguay and

Paraguay).
"I have been active as a composer, a per-

casing different styles of Latin American music in the United States," said Dr. Pablo E. Furman, who will teach the course.

"I have always been interested in teaching music classes as a correlation to my other experi-

ences in music, and I feel these experiences can add insight to my teaching, "he added. Originally from Argentina, Furman came to the United States in 1976 and earned his doctorate in music theory from the University of California at Los Angeles. He parlayed his performing and composing experiences into teaching several music-related courses at such campuses as the University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University. He arrived at SJSU this past

In order to enhance the experiences of learning more about Latin American music, Furman

the class. The guest performers scheduled so far are an Andean music group, an Argentine dance couple and a mariachi band. Furman also hopes to have Afro-Caribbean and salsa performers booked for the course.

Although the course will be basically academic in scope, it will be led in an informal manner, according to Furman.

"This will be a survey course, but there won't be any technical elements of research," he said.

of "a positive emphasis of information regarding There has been much interest in learning more about both Hispanic and other cultures," he said, "and this course has been developed as a

sort of response to this positive emphasis. See LATIN, page 6

Forum

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Letters to the Editor

Rape worse than abortion

Editor.

This letter is written in response to Cheryl Looten's letter, printed on Oct. 31, which implies that 1) all women who have abortions experience great guilt and remorse and, 2) that abortion is worse than rape.

It has been my misfortune to have been the victim of sexual assault and to have had an abortion. I angrily resent anyone telling me abortion is worse than rape. I cried many tears when I decided to abort and cried many more after it was done, but nothing in my life has been as traumatizing as having my clothes ripped off my body, having my legs forced apart, and being violently and repeatedly penetrated.

Five years later, I still have nightmares about it. I still fear men. I still feel naked and vulnerable, no matter what I'm wearing or where I am.

I feel no remorse over the abortion because I did not kill a baby. I prevented an embryo from becoming a baby. As an emotionally unstable 16-year-old, daughter of a poor single mother, I made the right choice.

Finally, Ms. Looten describes women who have had abortions as coming out of clinics crying after realizing they have been "violated." The word "violated" here implies that these women are forced by their doctors to have abortions. That is a serious allegation to make. Doctors do not force their patients to have abortions. That choice is left up to the woman.

I wasn't violated by my doctor; I chose to have an abortion. The man who did violate me was the man who gave me no choice. He was the man who raped me.

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Forum editor's note: This letter was deliverd to the Daily according to the Letters policy. The author's name was withheld because of its personal nature.

Top 10 reasons...

Editor

After weeks of reading the Spartan Daily and after weeks of watching David Letterman, I was inspired (or possessed) to create my own Top Ten list.

...And now, the Top Ten Reasons why I read the Spartan Daily:

10.) Gee, I just can't get enough laughs from that

wacky comic strip, "FUNHOUSE".

9.) Well, with four extra days on my school

schedule, what better way to kill time?

8.) I think I'm in love with Lisa Elmore. (or at least

8.) I think I'm in love with Lisa Elmore. (or at least with her "long, thick, brown locks...")

7.) It's great bathroom-reading material.

6.) I think I'm also in love with Brenda Yesko.

5.) I need a hearty laugh before I go to my calculus class!

4.) Hey, enquiring minds want to know...

3.) After reading those in-depth columns, I find myself saying, "Gee, Wally, wasn't that a neat article?"

I find that it can be almost as relaxing as finding a parking space. PRO-LIFE

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Letters to the Editor

... and now, the number 1 reason why I read the Spartan Daily...

John Laus Junior

Calendar uninnovative

Editor,

1.) It's free.

The earthquake has generated many efforts by business people to raise money to help the victims.

These business people raise money the best way they know how- by selling something and donating the profits to the Red Cross, etc.

The Pikes have joined them, but guess what, their commodity is women.

I suppose they didn't have the innovation or intelligence to think of another way to raise money.

Come on, how many times has the nude/swimsuit

calender been done by different organizations.

Perhaps the money (after production costs) raised should be done to the Bone Crisis Control at the

should be donated to the Rape Crisis Center at the YWCA.

After all, it's because of these type of men and women who support this kind of trash; either by buying it or not speaking out against it; that date rape, sexual assault and harassment are still with our society.

Cathy Armbruster
Junior

Letter narrow minded

Editor,

It never ceases to amaze me how narrow minded and ignorant people can be.

Rachelle Badal's letter to the editor in Tuesday's paper is a perfect example of the misconceptions that

most people have about homosexuals.

I wonder if Miss Badal has actually talked to or met a gay or lesbian to find out exactly what they want from society.

Miss Badal, you are wrong. Homosexuals do not want you to "cheer their lifestyle," nor do they wish to "impose their lifestyle on society."

"impose their lifestyle on society."

What they do want is the protection of their rights as U.S. citizens. Rights that should be extended to all, whether they be black, white, male, female, gay,

straight, Catholic, or Jew.

As human beings and members of American society they deserve to be protected against those who would discriminate against or oppress them.

Your comparison of homosexuality to murder also disturbs me. How can you compare an act of violence and destruction of human life to an act of love between two people.

If love between two people regardless of their sex is considered evil, then I would say that our society is already poisoned.

Patrick Quick

Junior

Letter view ignorant

Editor,

I am writing in response to Rachelle Badal's letter (Tues. Nov. 14). I found Ms. Badal's arguments uneducated and without any supporting evidence.

I firmly disagree with Ms. Badal's dismissal of arguments comparing the gay rights movement to women and minority rights movements. It is true that homosexuals have a different lifestyle, but are there no heterosexual couples who lead a different lifestyle? And can Ms. Badal support the fact that homosexuals do not "want to have a chance of living in an acceptable and safe society? Ms. Badal, I think that is exactly the point of these public demonstrations.

I agree that people cannot (should not) "impose" their way of life on others, for whatever reasons, and I do not believe this is the intent of the gay community. I have never heard homosexuals say that they wanted everyone else to be gay too. I believe that homosexuals want the same freedoms afforded the rest of society-jobs, a place to live, adoption rights, and respect for who, not what, they are.

Your final arguments were ludicrous, Ms. Badal. You say that supporting homosexuals will "poison this society". Are we to say that every group who leads a different lifestyle poisons our society?

What about parapalygics, Ms. Badal? Not only are their everyday routines different from our "normal" lives, but their sexual lives are different from ours too. Are we to compare them with murderers? They ask for support, and we freely give it. This hypocrisy must end, Ms. Badal, and the only way for that to happen is for parents to educate their children. Tell the child who asks how the homosexual couple will have children "They'll adopt a child who needs parents."

AIDS is a monster, Ms. Badal, and it is currently running out of control. But this is not a disease confined to the homosexual community; as we have heard, drug abusers are becoming the foremost carriers of this epidemic.

Do not lose heart, Ms. Badal, there are groups who will help keep "other sick groups" hidden from your view, like the Ku Klux Klan and Arayan Nations-defenders of our society and protectors of our future. And while you spend your life in your pure ivory tower, spend some time reading Aristotle, or perhaps studying in the art of Leonardo and Michelangelo-three homosexuals who have, in the course of history, obviously been misinterpreted as great men, not the truly twisted creatures they were.

Mark Tuck Senior Art History



Steven Musil

Celebrate, but do not forget

The images from Berlin on television last Friday night were astounding. Hundreds of people were atop the Berlin Wall. Some danced. Some drank. Some shouted at the East German border guards. Some made new friends. Most just stood and considered the role this symbol of the Iron Curtain's repression had played in their lives.

The celebration could have been mistaken for New Year's Eve. Peter Jennings resembled Dick Clark as he watched the crowd at Brandenburg Gate. When a section of the wall fell, it reminded me of the ball falling at Times Square. There were undoubtedly similar celebrations happening at other points along East Germany's walled frontier where people were allowed to cross.

The celebration was completely unplanned. It had to be. The opening of the wall came as a surprise to everyone; East Germans, West Germans, politicians, political scientists, journalists. Early in the day, there were still some East German border guards that were unaware of the new policy. What had been illegal and would probably have resulted in death 24 hours before, was now legal. Many had never seen the West before or were too young to remember when there was no wall dividing Berlin.

wall dividing Berlin. The most compelling story was not in Berlin, though. The wall is more than just a single wall. There are actually two walls with assorted tank traps, barbed wire gates and automatic-firing machine guns along the way. When it was constructed in August of 1961, the wall indiscriminately separated towns, villages and families. In one case, it separated a large farm in a valley run by two brothers. The wall ran across the valley floor. Because telephone communication was forbidden, the brothers were unable to speak to each other. For nearly 30 years, these two brothers would stand on their respective portions of their farm, high on the valley walls, and look at each other. They were far enough apart that verbal communication was impossible. If they tried to move closer, they would be unable to see each other. It was futile, so they just stood and looked at each other, in silence. They spoke for the

first time on Friday.

The question on most everyone's mind is, "What is going to happen to the wall?" Will it stay up or come down? A businessman in Los Angeles has an idea. He wants to purchase the entire wall for \$15 million. There is some irony to his plan. In a grand capitalist slap to the proverbial socialist face, he wants to sell pieces of the wall as souvenirs.

An East German official, however, assures the world that the wall will not be coming down because it "keeps out crime, drugs, and AIDS."

Yeah. Apparently it is also keeping adequate oxygen from the government's collective brain.

But the new government has promised reforms that include free travel and free elections. Like a new year, the government has made resolutions, and you can expect positive changes with the peoples' rights in mind.

The East German government is correct in leaving up the wall, at least parts of it. The wall should remain as a reminder of the oppression East Germans have had to endure. It is a symbol that will remind the world that this crime can occur anywhere. Perhaps not quite as grizzly, the wall should stay up for the same reason that Auschwitz remains.

The celebration seems to follow the New Year's analogy quite accurately. At this time, it is important to remember the 191 freedom seekers who died over the years fleeing to the West.

Remember this when you are celebrating and gloating about the superiority of democracy.

Somehow, we won the war but lost the battle.

Steven Musil is the Forum Editor.

Letters to the Editor

The Spartan Daily wants to hear from you. The Daily accepts letters-to-the-editor from students, faculty, and the campus community regarding topics of public interest.

Problems plague plant

showcase for the nuclear industry, the \$9.3 billion Palo Verde nuclear plant has generated more headaches than electricity in its first four years of opera-

Owned by a consortium of utilities in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and California, the triple-reactor desert plant 50 miles west of Phoenix is among the largest in the world. Designed to supply power to 4 million customers in the four states, it took about 11 years to com-

But problems have shut down the reactors almost as often as they've been up and running, and two of the three units have been out of operation since early March. Ironically, the shutdown came during

an Arizona heat wave of record length. Utilities which otherwise would have been receiving power from Palo Verde found themselves buying it elsewhere, and at greater cost. Arizona Public Service Co., which owns the largest share in Palo Verde, bought an extra \$47 million worth; the No. 2 owner, Salt River Project, paid an extra \$20

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Center. No phoned-in items will be accepted. The deadline is noon. The Daily will attempt to

Political Science Department: Soviet

Speaker-former political prisoner, noon, Morris Dailey Auditorium. Call 924-5330.

Pre-Law Association: Meeting, 5:30 p.m., A.S. Chambers. Call 723-4121.

Cycling Club: Meeting, 7:15 p.m., S.U. Pacheco Room. Call 292-2511.

Gamma Zeta Alpha: Pledge social, 7:30 p.m., S.U. Music Listening Room. Call 993-

Career Planning and Placement Center: Resume Critique, 2 p.m., S.U. Costanoan

Economics Students' Association: Meeting, 3 p.m., S.U. Montalvo Room.

Phi Chi Theta: Bowl-A-Thon, 5:30 p.m to

8:30 p.m., S.U. Bowling Alley. Call 971-

GALA: Thanksgiving potluck party, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Room.

B/PAA: Advertising and Marketing Communications Workshop, 6 p.m., S.U. Umunhum Room. Call 244-0792.

Campus Ministry: Bible Study-Book of Genesis, noon, S.U. Montalvo Room. Call

Physics Seminar: W.T. White of Lawrence

Livermore Laboratory on "Semiconductor Superlattices," 1:30 p.m., Science Building, room 251. Call 924-5267.

Amnesty International: Meeting, 7 p.m. S.U., A.S. Chambers. Call 257-6050.

Campus Ministry: Hunger Worship Retreat, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Campus Christian Center Chapel. Call 298-0204.

Room. Call 924-6030.

Call 236-2002

298-0204.

APS owns about 29 percent in Palo Verde, SRP 171/2 percent. Co-owners are El Paso Electric and Southern California Edison, nearly 16 percent each, Public Service Co. of New Mexico, about 10 percent, and Southern California Public Power Authority and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, nearly 6 percent each.

When an operating license was issued in 1985 for Palo Verde's first unit, Frederick Bernthal, then a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, spoke of having high confidence in what he called the plant of the future. The 1,270-megawatt pressurized

water reactor supplied by Combustion Engineering Corp. was the first of what the NRC hoped would become a standard design that companies in effect could order from supplier catalogs. All other 92 reactors built before Palo

Verde was licensed had been custom By using a standardized design, the NRC hoped to hold down construction costs and reduce the detailed and time-consuming examination required Now an industry-watchdog group has

listed Palo Verde's Unit 1 as the 19th

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SJSU Folk Dance Club: International folk

dance class, 8p.m. to 9 p.m. (teaching), 9-

10:30 p.m. (requests), Spartan Complex,

Alcoholics Anonymous: Meeting, noon, Campus Christian Center, lower level. Call

Hungerfest '89: Oxfam Day of Fast, Student Union, sign up at S.U. between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Call 298-0204.

Hungerfest '89: Hunger Resource Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union, Call 298-

Hungerfest '89: Free concert, noon, Stu-

Hungerfest '89: "Break the Fast" meal and

celebration for fasters, 7 p.m., Dining Commons (sign up in Student Union between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.), Call 298-0204.

Calmeca Project: General meeting, 5 p.m.,

International Programs: Information table,

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of Student Union, Call 924-2482.

SJSU Department of Theater Arts: 87th

Dorothy Kaucher Contest for excellence in

oral interpretation finals, 12:30 p.m., Studio

Campus Ministry: Worship reflection, noon, an Memorial Chapel. Call 298-0204

Spartan Computer Users' Society: Meeting, noon, S.U. Pacheco Room. Call (415) 278-6724.

Recreation and Leisure Studies Stu-

dents: "The Great Outdoors," 7:30 a.m. to

9:20 a.m., Spartan Complex, room 47. Call

Career Planning and Placement Center: Employer Presentation-"Teaching Careers

with the State Center Community College

District." 9 a.m. to noon, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

S.U. Guadalupe Room. Call 924-0010. Counseling Services: "Managing Test Anxiety," 12:30 p.m., S.U. Guadalupe

Hugh Gillis Hall, room 103. Call

Chicano Resource Center, Call 993-1228.

dent Union Ampitheatre, Call 298-0204.

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worst nuclear plant in the nation and the worst in terms of management.

And the NRC repeatedly has expressed concern about the operation of the whole plant, sending in a special diagnostic team this month for a complete evaluation of the facility.

The NRC also has fined the Arizona Nuclear Power Project, the plant's operators, more than \$800,000 for a variety of violations and deficiencies, and an industry accediting board in June placed nine of Palo Verde's 10 employee-training programs on probation.

Prior to the shutdowns in March. the plant had somewhat of a schizophrenic personality," said Gregory a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regional office in Walnut Grove, Calif.

"Unit I had a rather poor operational record when compared to other comparable plants, Unit 2 was about average and Unit 3 was above average."

So many things went wrong during the automatic shutdown that the NRC decided to send a special inspection team to the plant.

Alpha Phi Omega: Service project, 9:30 a.m., meet in front of Spartan Bookstore.

Campus Ministry: Worship: 10:45 a.m.

(Lutheran worship), 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. (Catholic mass), Campus Christian Center

Sakura Club: Film showing-"Akira," 7 p.m. to 9:10 p.m., S.U. Guadalupe Room, Call

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tion--"OfficeWorks: A product portfolio from Steelcase," 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., (through Dec.

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Works reception, West et al, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Call 924-4328.

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author to appear in Concert Hall

Pulitzer-winning

Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Styron will be giving a public reading of his works tonight at 8 p.m. at the SJSU Music Concert Hall, located in the Music Building.

Styron is the author of the best-selling novel "Sophie's Choice" and in 1967 won the Pulitzer Prize for writing "The Confessions of Nat Turner." Styron's other novels include "Lie Down in Darkness," "The Long March" and "Set This House on Fire."

The reading is the second installment of the four programs in the Major Author Series being presented by the new SJSU Center for Literary Arts. The author is this year's Martha Hensley Cox Lecturer

Reported theft is 3rd campus incident in just one week

An SJSU employee reported the theft of 30 chairs and a chair rack from a room in Dwight Bentel Hall Monday

Anthony Ceaser Reyes told University Police Department officials the chairs were missing from Room 141, according to a UPD report.

The loss was valued at about \$468 There are no suspects in the case, and an investigation is under way

The burglary was the third such incident on campus in less than one

An attempted burglary in Spartan Complex was reported to the UPD, also

on Monday Someone broke into Room 13 of the

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building in what police believe was an attempt to steal property from the room, according to a UPD report.

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Nothing was reported missing, but there was about \$150 in damage from the forced entry.

Police have no suspects in the case. In a second incident, \$50 was stolen from a cash box in Room 44 of Spartan

Complex a week ago. Associated Students Leisure Services reported the loss, according to a UPD

The money was taken from an Open Recreation fees cash box.

Open Recreation is a program that allows people who do not attend SJSU to use Spartan Complex recreation facilities. Participants pay a \$2 fee for each visit.

UPD Lt. Shannon Maloney said Tuesday there was nothing linking the two incidents.

Abuse charges are dropped

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) Child-abuse charges against the mother of a baby born addicted to cocaine have been dismissed by a judge who ruled the fetus was not a child.

The judge threw out the charges Monday against 23-year-old Cassandra Gethers, who was arrested in February after she and her daughter were found to be addicted.

The court ruled the fetus was not a



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LOS ANGELES (AP) - A Marine Corps honor guard and a crowd of 45 mourners paid homage to the late actor Tyrone Power on Wednesday, the 31st anniversary of his death.

Powers mourned

'His presence has been very significant in my life," said Taryn Power, one of the late actor's two daughters who was among those gathered at Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery.

The crowd "always amazes me." she added.

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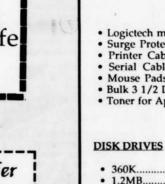
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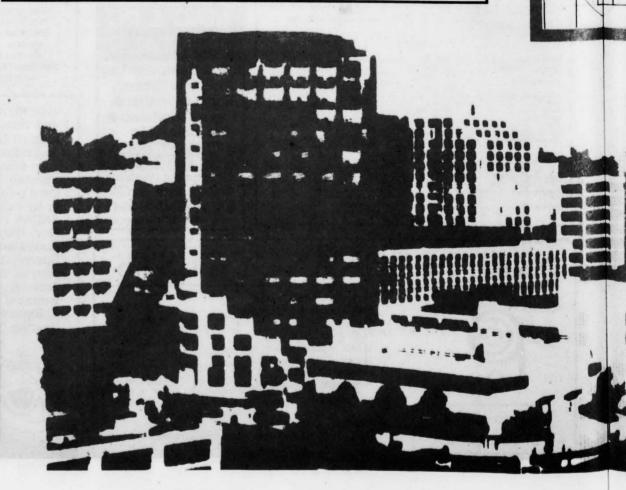
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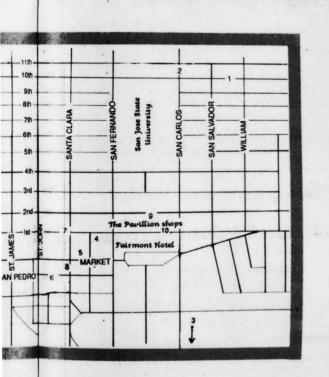
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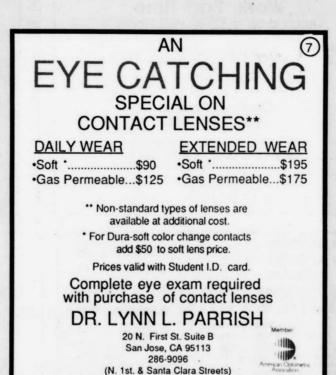
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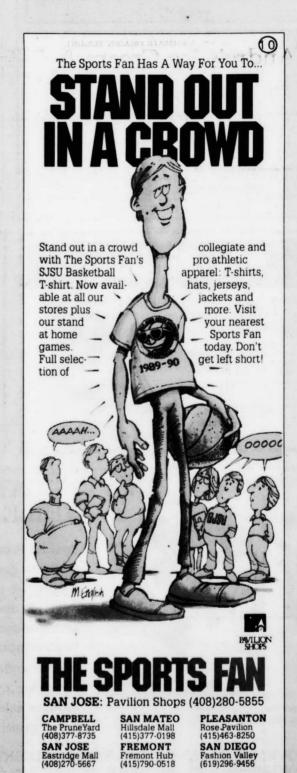




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Room From page 1

Reyes' proposal includes the stipulation that the project be implemented on a one-year experimental basis, to be reviewed by SUBOD.

House Committee Chairman Rick Thomas, who backed Reyes on the project, said the center was vital to SJSU because there is currently

no place on campus like it.
"The Student Union is good place because it is heavily utilized," Thomas said. "Jennie does not want to take away from the study nature of the room.

Reyes has taken that stance from the outset, acknowledging that the Pacifica Room, located on the top floor of the building, is the only enclosed study area in the Student

B.D. Cash, a member of the SUBOD House Committee and A.S.

director of student services, also

came out in support of the center.

"There are other places to study on this campus, but there is no multicultural center," Cash said.

Student Union Director Ron Barrett said he thought the center was a great idea but that he wanted his staff to be heavily involved in the process of developing and maintaining the project.

"Students come and go, and we are left with it; so we need to be able to work on it," Barrett said. Reyes said in an interview

Monday that there were discussions several years ago regarding starting up the project, but "no one pushed,"

" It's just a matter of talking to the right people," Reyes said. Reyes said she was pleased with the response she received from the A.S. and that she hopes for the same reaction from SUBOD.

Latin From page 1

So far, no students have registered for the course because it was just announced this past week. Furman is encouraging not only SJSU students, but other people throughout the community to sign up. It will be worth three units and will fulfill arts and cultural plural-It will be worth three units and ism requirements.

The Latin American music class is part of SJSU's "Music in World Cultures" series. Each semester focuses on the styles of music found The class attempts to help students understand other

focused on the music of Africa," Lucas said. "We eventually hope to cover the whole world, but it will take quite a bit of time."

Comics From page 1

And if the audience for comic books like "Open Season" isn't there, then comic book shop owners don't order

If comic book dealers can't see an 'instant dollar sign," they won't order the comic books, Bricker said. They don't want to take the effort to

sell it, or it just doesn't matter because it's not a Marvel or D.C. comic book.

"By doing the play, I'm finally reaching the audience I wanted," he

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in a different part of the world, according to Dr. Ted Lucas, SJSU

music department chairman.
"Last semester, the course

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"Open Season" is one of the few plays Bricker knows of that is not about "thirtysomething" generation, but is, rather, for the "twentywhatthehell.

Bricker addresses how to "survive relationship hell" in the play How does one survive it

'Keep on going through it," Bricker

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Horizon From page 1

fine arts degree at SJSU, Keeshen said he wants to convey a better understanding of the environment to the public.

In his works, Keeshen wants to use certain environments to introduce a form of sculpture that "reveals aesthetic aspects of certain places and defines the experience of its physical features," he

"I have either lived in or traveled through cities which contain (surface) features that trigger a compulsion to cre-

ate," Keeshen added.
"Horizonal Line" will begin at a
point along Park Avenue across from Riverpark Clock Tower, will continue through Park Plaza past the Fairmont Hotel, and will end at the Clock Tower in the Pavilion Shops.

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livery of the sections to the display points are to have started at 3 a.m. today and finish by 5 a.m. Friday. according to Keeshen.

The installation time will be minimal," he said. "I have informed local merchants and businesses of the city center about my project and showed them how it will not interfere with traf-

The project was well received by city officials

"I think it's great to have art in the downtown area," said Jo Charfauros, staff analyst for the San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs, which approved installation of the project.

was very well re-Keeshen's project ceived by our office," Charfauros said.

"We want to encourage local artists." he said. "I think it's really exciting, and I look forward to seeing it.

Dirty truck assailed

WASHINGTON (AP) - Trucks and railcars are hauling garbage into America's breadbasket and then carrying food on the way back with little or no cleaning in between, according to testimony on Capitol Hill.

Witnesses told a House panel of trucks that carry meat and solid waste on alternate trips, trailers that haul food along with insects left from garbage runs and diesel fuel from one shipment

seeping into flour in the next cargo.
"Would you like your bacon and eggs delivered on any of these trucks?" Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., asked the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on transportation and hazardous materials on Wednesday.

The subcommittee is considering legislation on hazardous materials safety, including a ban on so-called "backhaulof garbage to Midwestern dumps after shipments of food to the east.

The need to dispose of waste at long distance landfills coincides with the desire of trucking companies to obtain a 'backhaul' from the East," said Bernard Gaillard of the Interstate Com-

Editor's Note

The Spartan Daily's main computer system was out of order for most of the morning Wednesday, so several parts of today's newspaper do not appear

The Life & the Arts section was pulled from today's paper, but articles and photos from the section will appear on Friday. Daily Digest, For the Record and the Sports section will also return

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Redistricting signatures are sought

SACRAMENTO (AP) - A Republican state senator can begin seeking signatures for his revised initiative that would require legislative and congres-

sional districts to be rearranged so at least half are politically competitive.

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Bush's Soviet policy goes through changes

Summit shows cooling in White House tone

WASHINGTON (AP) - President bachev have undergone a sea change in the five months since his spokesman dismissed the Soviet leader as a 'drugstore cowboy."

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The announcement of a shipboard Mediterranean mini-summit in December is an about-face from Bush's original opposition to the concept of a getacquainted meeting - a change of heart the president acknowledged.

It also is a departure from the skepticism and initial wariness he had voiced toward the policies of the new Soviet

Asked point-blank Tuesday if he now takes Gorbachev at his word, Bush said: "I think he's committed to reform. Absolutely

During his presidential campaign, Bush sought to put distance between himself and then-President Reagan's often ebullient praise of the Soviet

He urged caution toward Gorba-Bush's policies toward Mikhail S. Gor- chev's perestroika — the Soviet word for economic restructuring — and said a Bush presidency "would avoid swings between unjustified euphoria and exaggerated pessimism."

'The cold war is not over," he declared in a foreign policy speech in San Francisco on June 29, 1988.

Bush told a Chicago audience on Aug. 2, 1988: "We should not let our hopes outrun our practical experience ... Soviet ideology has proven bankrupt In his acceptance speech to the Re-

publican National Convention later that nonth, Bush asserted: "A prudent skepticism is in order." And it was a prudent skepticism that

Bush pursued early in his term, delaying resumption of strategic arms talks for months while his administration conducted a wide-ranging foreign policy re-

Bush also repeatedly voiced skepticism toward an array of Gorbachev's arms reduction initiatives, saying he didn't want to be "stampeded" into taking actions and didn't want to get into a public opinion battle with the charismatic Soviet leader.

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It was last May, when Gorbachev 'announced" a unilateral cut in 500 short-range weapons in eastern Europe, that White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater questioned the intentions of the Soviet leader and called him a drugstore cowboy.

However, since then, the administration's policies have changed dramatically - both on an overall approach toward the Soviet Union and in terms of dealing with Gorbachev.

"You know, there was one time when I felt that such a meeting (an informal early summit) wouldn't be productive," Bush said on Tuesday in his nationally televised news conference announcing the upcoming session.

Bush and top administration officials traced the evolution in U.S. policy to Bush's visits in July to Poland and Hungary, and then discussions with U.S. allies at the seven-nation economic sum-

200 demostrators in L.A. area decry El Salvador involvement

LOS ANGELES (AP) - About 200 demonstrators protesting U.S. involvement in El Salvador marched outside that country's downtown consulate Wednesday, shadowed by about 30 counter-demonstrators who marched in support of the Salvadoran government.

The peaceful demonstration, which resulted in no arrests or clashes, came as Salvador was wracked by a civil war between government forces and guerrillas of the leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front.

The larger group of demonstrators included actor and activist Martin Sheen, who said he was there "to draw attention to the bankrupt American policy toward Central America, specifically supporting the violence of the El fighters had dug in. Salvadoran government against its own

The Rev. Michael Kennedy of Our Lady Queen of Angels church said, 'The churches are not here to take sides, but simply to denounce the killing of civilians.

The demonstrators carried signs saying "Stop the U.S. War in El Salvador," and "No More Dollars for Death Squad 'Democracy' in El Salvador.

Civilian casualties have been high in four days of fighting. More than 500 people have been reported killed and 1,wounded. The government declared a 24-hour curfew in seven northern neighborhoods where guerrilla

Fighting also was reported in eastern provinces, to which travel is restricted.

The counter-demonstrators said they supported the policies of rightist Salvadoran president Alfredo Cristiani.

We are with our government, President Cristiani. We don't care what government gets in as long as it's not Marxist. We don't want bloodshed," said Gloria Staudt, one of the counter-protes-

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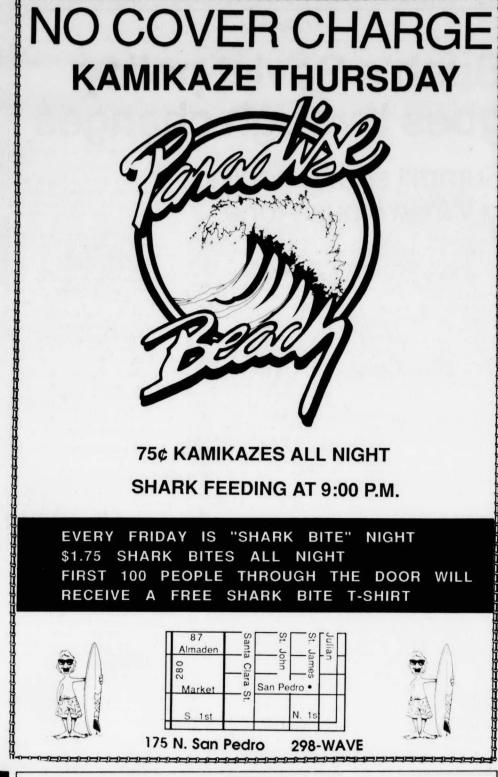
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