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# Rape survivor counsels other victims

By Ilene Meeks  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Rape by a stranger is a terrifying and traumatic experience for anyone. And for many the trauma never goes away.

Nancy Pressel, 37, was raped by a stranger ten years ago.

She left KNTV in San Jose after accepting a job as a news anchor for a television station in Sacramento.

"I was embarking on a wonderful new career," Pressel said. "I hadn't even moved in (to an apartment) yet." She came home from her job exhausted and immediately went to bed. She did not know someone was

hiding in her apartment, until he woke her up.

"I did not know there was anyone in my apartment, until he was on top of me with his hands over my mouth," she said. "At first I thought it was a dream. The worst moment was realizing it was not a dream."

The attacker used the slip she had worn to work to blindfold her and he also put a blanket over her head. She was unable to see him during the 30-minute attack.

"He (the attacker) said 'If you

call the cops you will be a dead woman by dawn,'" Pressel said. "I believed him." When she thought the attacker had finally left she yelled to make sure he was really gone.

"I counted on my hands, then after 30 minutes, yelled 'I have to go to the bathroom!'"

She did not fight her attacker because she thought he would kill her. She does not regret her decision.

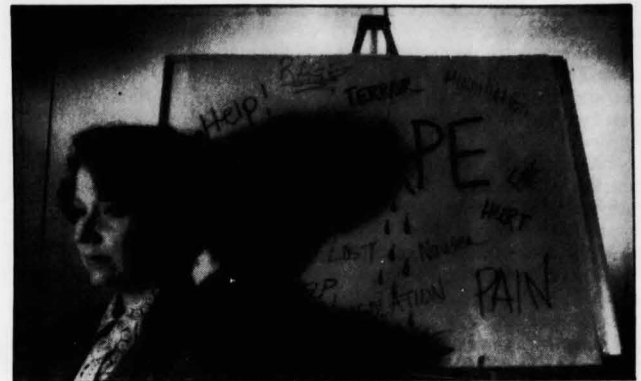
"I know I did the right thing because I am alive," Pressel said.

After the attack, she called a

friend who took her to the UC Davis Medical Center for an examination. She was afraid to call the police because she feared the attacker would return and carry out his threat to kill her.

"I was so scared. It was a very long process," Pressel said. "When they did the pelvic exam, I lost it. Then I called my boyfriend Ken; I couldn't say the 'R' word," Pressel said.

She thought the rapist might be following them, so she hid in the back seat of the car on the way to the hospital. When she



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YWCA counselor Nancy Pressell was raped by a stranger 10 years ago.

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## Exhibit explores spiritual reality

By Michelle Lau  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

When SJSU students step through the door of Gallery III in the Art building this week, they will walk away with much more than an appreciation for the fine arts.

In fact, they may find that within Susan Hoisington's photography display lies a deeper satisfaction of finding the answers to their spiritual questions.

The work, titled "Epiphany," consists of five pieces of large scale assemblage which revolve around what Hoisington describes as a strong spiritual, metaphysical and existential theme.

A large scale assemblage can be defined as a mixed media collage that is larger than life size in scale.

"'Epiphany' relates to spirituality in terms of vision and enlightenment," said Hoisington, who is in her last semester at SJSU and is currently earning her master's of fine arts degree in photography.

According to Hoisington, an Epiphany can be defined as "an intuitive grasp of reality through something usually simple and striking." Hoisington said it is also "an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being."

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## Spring holiday gives students needed break

By Deana Smith  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

This spring break was no wild beach party for many SJSU students who engaged in a variety of different activities, from going to the dentist's office to visiting the sandy shores of Hawaii.

"I had my teeth pulled on Friday which put me out of commission until the middle of the week," history major Mark Smith said.

Members of the SJSU women's tennis team went to Oahu for a tournament against the University of Hawaii.

Team member Julie Williams said they had a lot of spare time because they only played four matches. They went snorkeling, went to the North Shore and Pearl Harbor and caught some sun at Waikiki.

Working extra hours was another way many SJSU stu-

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## Stretching out



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Students relax on the grassy area in the center court of Duncan Hall Tuesday.

## ROTC to compete in national drill

By Thomas Zizzo  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps will be represented at the Air Force Academy National Invitational Drill Meet this Saturday.

SJSU's Air Force ROTC's Precision Drill Unit (PDU) will be competing in at least three different competitions at the Air Force Academy in Colorado. A PDU con-

sists of nine members and one commander; all are Air Force ROTC cadets.

PDU is in charge of doing reveille and retreat (flag raising and lowering) in front of MacQuarrie Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. PDU also does various colorguard drills for Spartan football games and occasionally for 49ers

games. Vice Cmdr David Ozmen said SJSU will be competing

in the areas of inspection arms, a drill routine, as well as reveille and retreat. SJSU's PDU will be practicing every day this week; normally they practice twice a week. Ozmen said they are not expecting to win first place. He said the experience will be more valuable than anything else.

"We're a little bit nervous, but we've got a good routine," Ozmen said.

"A lot of the other teams competing practice every day

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## Women's health lecture to focus on breast cancer

By Cynthia Pickerrell  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

When Nina Isleta was a junior in high school, breast cancer was at the bottom of her list of concerns.

Then, by chance, she noticed a small lump in her breast and had it checked by a doctor. As with a majority of women her age, the cyst was benign, as were the two others found a year later. Cysts are caused from an overgrowth of cells.

"Girls my age or younger don't think breast cancer is a possibility," Isleta said, now a senior in psychology. At age 22, she performs a breast self-examination monthly, though she doesn't worry about getting breast cancer.

A majority of women find benign and cancerous lumps during self-examinations, according to SJSU Nurse Practitioner Shirley Woods. She will be speaking on the topic of women's health this Thursday at Student Health Services.

According to 1990 statistics from the American Cancer Society, 643 women between the ages of 15 and 34 died of breast cancer, compared with 9,192 deaths of women between the ages of 35 and 54.

Despite the increasing risk with advancing age, women are encouraged to practice a monthly breast self-examination starting at age 20. Monthly examination can detect abnormalities, sometimes cancerous, before they become serious or life threatening.

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Nina Isleta  
senior, psychology

In her discussion of women's health, Woods will focus on breast exams and, to some extent, abnormal results. Her presentation includes slides of women performing self-examinations and gel breast molds so women can feel the difference between normal and abnormal tissue.

"I want to address what's normal for women and what they can find through self-exam," Woods said, who will also discuss the anatomy of women and symptoms of sexually transmitted diseases. "Women don't know what normal is until they do the exams by themselves."

The presentation will be held in the Health building in Room 208 at noon Thursday and is free to both students and SJSU employees. Woods, who specializes in women's health, has been a nurse practitioner at SJSU for 16 years.

## Jazz artist plays SJSU

By Jack Bunting  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

For about half the price of a CD, jazz lovers will be able see recording artist Larry Karush perform live in room 150 of the Music building at SJSU this Thursday at 8 p.m. The \$5 admission price also entitles audience members to participate in an open forum with the musician.

His visit to SJSU as a touring artist for the California Arts Council is a perfect opportunity for all lovers of jazz to see one of its best people, said Dwight Cannon, professor of music and coordinator of improvised music studies at SJSU.

Karush, who played with the late Miles Davis, is a significant part of the "World Music" trend in jazz, which mixes music from other cultures with American Jazz. African and Latin American music are popular rhythms of world jazz, he said.

This is a big part of the improvised music major in the music department at SJSU, Cannon said.

Cannon describes world jazz as every type of music from around the world mixed with American jazz. Using world jazz, musicians of improvised music mix the melodies, words, harmony, and rhythms of songs each time they perform.

"It sounds like an easy thing to do,

but it's not," music major Carl Rubio said.

"They have to recreate as they go along," Cannon said.

"With improvised music, musicians have to take risks, try things, and take chances. This is not expected in Classical Music. At a symphony, a conductor tells the musicians what to do. When you improvise, you have to create it yourself," he said.

According to Cannon, improvised music reflects the way society has changed. Computers have taken jobs from many members of the middle class. Drugs, violence, and harder economic times have made it necessary for average Americans to be more flexible for survival.

"Students who are in the major learn how to anticipate change. Improvisation is a word of the times. We have to start looking at the world from a global and technological perspective — what better way than through music?" he said.



Larry Karush



## Editorial

### House of Representatives to approve new cigarette tax

Thanks to a House of Representatives subcommittee, Federal cigarette tax may increase by \$1.25 per pack. The health panel voted to increase the tax March 22.

Ironically, the tax will fund a health-care reform bill, offsetting the cost of tobacco to society. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, smoking is responsible for one of every five deaths in the U.S. — including deaths from second-hand smoke.

Certain percentages of the tax would also be used for health education, aid to medical schools and medical programs.

The cigarette tax is a good thing for two reasons: The higher cost can be a deterrent to smokers, and the money funds anti-smoking campaigns that increase society's awareness of the cancer-causing habit.

The cigarette tax helps almost everyone. For one thing, it would help smokers to quit. Canada's hefty tax of \$3 per pack, which caused youth smoking rates to drop by 60 percent, is an example of how effective this tactic can be. Additionally, U.S. experts estimate that about seven million Americans would choose not to smoke after a large tax increase (around \$2).

Philip Morris demonstrated that cost affects sales when it cut the price on its Marlboro brand a year ago after noticing a 5 percent drop in sales. The discouragement to smokers would benefit non-smokers who could then breathe clean air, not air clouded with carcinogen. The only losers are tobacco companies, rich from years of advertising the dangerous act of puffing away as macho and sophisticated.

Since 1964, when the U.S. surgeon general officially warned of the health dangers of smoking, the percentage of adults who smoke has dropped from 42.4 to 25.5 percent in 1990, according to the CDC.

Anti-smoking education has been especially effective in California since Proposition 99 was approved by voters in 1988.

Prop 99 raised the tax on cigarettes by 25 cents a pack. Education programs that describe the health risks of smoking receive 20 percent of that money.

Researchers at UC San Diego found that school and community-based education programs and anti-smoking advertisements have led to a dramatic drop in smoking.

Bolstering an already strong national ban against smoking in public places, cigarette taxes are a different kind of tax — a cost that won't kill more than 400,000 Americans each year or steal from our economy billions in health-care costs.

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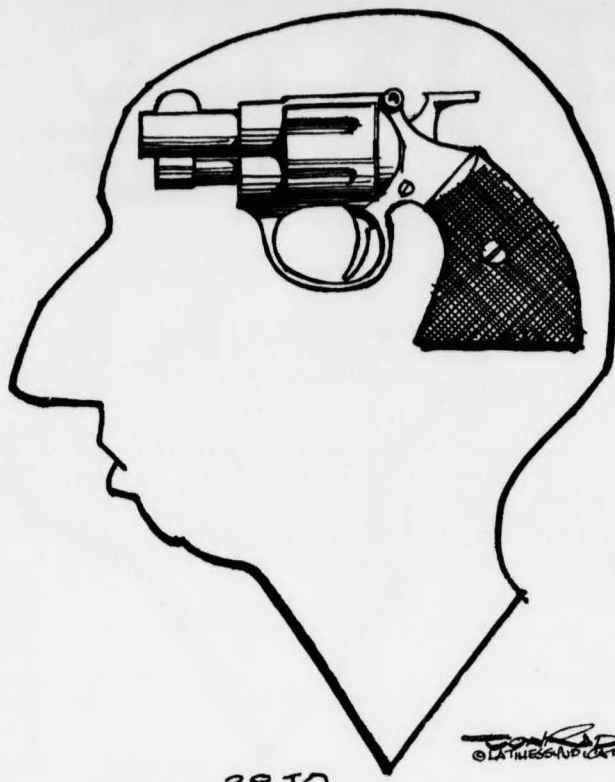
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## The romanticism of rings

Now that Spring is in full swing, I have been thinking about symbolism. This lovely season is indicative of rebirth — the everlasting cycle of life renewing itself. The same cycle of continuity can be represented by the ring.

Rings, despite their decorative touches, are basically circles. The circle represents a continuous whole with an unbroken structure. Rings provide a similar sense of this process, which may explain their use and popularity throughout history.

Rings have been used in marriages since ancient Egyptian times. What better token of a couple's enduring love and commitment than an unbroken circle?

Because the ring's shape is well suited for wearing on a finger, it's a convenient way to display that commitment to both the wearers and their erstwhile love interests.

Over the centuries, many styles of symbolic rings developed. One is the "gimmel" ring, which gained popularity in the Middle Ages. Its name is derived from the Latin word for twins — "gemelli."

The ring consists of two to four interlocking hoops that can be taken apart, often fashioned with clasping hands. In some rings, a heart is revealed beneath the hands.

Closely related is the "fede" ring. The name comes from the Italian phrase meaning hands



SHARI KAPLAN  
*Meandering Missive*

in faith — "mani in fede". Both kinds of rings represent the eternal bond of marriage.

Created in the 16th century, the Irish Claddagh ring employs similar symbolism. According to a legend, one Richard Joyce was captured by pirates a week before he was to marry. He passed the next eight years doing metal work; his most precious work was the ring he fashioned in memory of his beloved.

A heart represented their love, a crown atop the heart was for their loyalty, and a pair of hands holding the heart symbolized their enduring friendship. Eventually he escaped and returned to his village of Claddagh, where he discovered his love had never married. He presented her with the ring and they "lived happily ever after."

Tradition also dictates that if the ring is worn with the heart pointing away from the wearer, he or she is "available." Conversely, a heart pointed toward the wearer means "I'm taken."

During the 16th and 17th centuries, the "posy ring" was popular, especially in England,

France and Germany. The name is a derivation of "poetry," though often the ring would also be bestowed along with flowers.

Poesy rings could be exchanged for friendship, love, betrothal or marriage. All were inscribed with short verses, such as: "All I refuse and thee I chuse," "Hearts united live contented" "Vous et nul autre (you and no other)," and "Pour toujours (for always)."

Signet rings were used for stamping documents with a seal of authenticity; the wearer's initials or coat of arms were engraved on the surface of the ring or its stone. If a man gave his signet ring to his wife, it showed he had great trust in her abilities to use it.

Conjuring up images of court and parlor-room intrigue are "poison" rings. Supposedly the politically scheming Borgia family of 15th and 16th century Italy used these treacherous rings, which had secret compartments that could be used to store lethal liquid or powder. A more mundane use of these rings was for the storage of perfume or small keepsakes.

Though some rings are purely decorative, they can be much more than pretty pieces of metal randomly adorning our fingers. Theirs is a history rich in symbolism and tradition.

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### African-American tragedy denied attention it deserves



MARC J. SPEARS  
*Writer's Forum*

While in Washington, D.C. during spring break, I decided to make a stop to the new United States Holocaust Museum. In April of last year this four-story \$168 million museum was dedicated to honor those who were maliciously killed at the hands of the Nazis.

According to the museum brochure the primary mission of the museum was "to inform Americans about this unprecedented tragedy, to remember those who suffered and to inspire visitors to contemplate the moral implications of their choices and responsibilities as citizens in an interdependent world."

As I walked through this impressive structure I learned about the persecution and murder of six million Jews and millions of other victims of Nazi tyranny. I also started to become angry, but it was not about what I saw in the museum. It was because of thoughts on another holocaust, forgotten, called the "The Middle Passage."

Beginning in 1444 and continuing for more than four hundred years, an estimated 125 million Africans lost their lives during the cruel six-to-ten week Middle Passage as slaves who were shipped from Africa to the United States. Slave ships were packed with Africans who were thrust together like canned sardines during this nightmarish journey. Many were sentenced to death or murdered when they could not be broken by slave traders.

### 'It is sad that a city (Washington, D.C.) mostly of African-American descent has nothing to teach our people ...'

Others who were injured, ill or maimed were thrown overboard during the trip. Countless Africans suffocated in the compartments below, while some jumped overboard to relieve themselves from the horror they faced.

History books have told an accurate story of the Jewish holocaust and it is told again in the museum. But the same is not true for black history. The problem is that most of America doesn't know the factual history behind the Middle Passage or the past struggles of the African-American, but rather 'his story,' which is printed in the great textbooks I've read in school.

The Jewish Holocaust is very important and one to be remembered, but why is the suffering of the people who built this country forgotten? Two museums that tell of the Middle Passage are the African Holocaust Museum in Milwaukee, and the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. I'm sure there may be other African-American museums that mention this, but we need one in the District of Columbia, which is the heart of American political life.

It is important that a museum is put here so people all over the world can learn about this tragedy as they visit our nation's capital.

It is sad that a city mostly of African-American descent has nothing to teach our people and others about the trials and tribulations we have faced. According to "100 Years Of Lynchings" by Ralph Ginzburg, approximately 5,000 blacks have been lynched by whites in the U.S. since 1859.

Let's also not forget the many who died during slavery, the Civil Rights Movement, many other racially oriented events, the recent injustice of the Rodney King trial, and the 1965 Watts and 1992 L.A. Riots.

Why are we not important enough to be recognized in the nation's capital? I guess the U.S. feels it will be too expensive, because every few years they will have to continue to add on new wings to the museum for all the atrocities we are sure to face in our future.

Marc J. Spears is a Daily staff writer.

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## Sisters not always best friends

Battling blood relatives is a common phenomenon in the land of the hillbillies, where any common Joe could be a distant cousin, but in normal circumstances, fighting with family is considered a big no-no.

I learned my lesson early last week. I had just driven my parents to San Francisco International Airport to embark on their 7-day cruise through the Caribbean. As I drove off in the family van, my mom yelled to me "Leave your sisters alone."

Yeah, okay madre. You'll be gone for a week and I have the reign of the kingdom we usually call home. No parties or fun for the siblings, because I rule with an iron fist and they know it.

Well, maybe they don't. Because when I returned home my stepfather's convertible was already missing from its place out in front of the house. My 16-year-old sister had stolen the keys and had a joyride that she would never forget.

As I waited at the front window of my, (I stress) my house, the fire burned deep inside of me. I contemplated stringing her out on the balcony naked, but that wouldn't be torture enough. I had to think of the perfect punishment.



CARA BROGLIA  
*Writer's Forum*

Two hours later, she returned. Just as I was about to flay her with a butter knife, a little voice in my head told me to calm down. Mother had left a lasting impression in my thick skull because as my sister walked in I stepped away from the window and waited.

After what seemed like five hours, which was really five minutes, the confrontation began. I simply asked for the keys back and she flew off the handle. Sticking her index finger in my face and telling me she could "kick my #\$.," I remained calm for as long as I could.

The voice in my head, which was now screaming at me to walk away, became a dull roar compared to the sound of the adrenaline flowing through my system. I don't remember who hit first — all I remember is swinging and seeing blood.

Cara Broglia is a Daily staff writer.



# SpartaGuide

## The San Jose State calendar

### Today

**AKBAYAN CLUB:** Fifth General Meeting, 3:30-5:30p.m., Costanoan Room, SU. Call Rich or Chris 534-1140

**CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT:** Law Information Day, 11a.m., Umunhum Room, SU; Interviewing for Success, 2:30p.m., IS 113. Call Career Resource Center 924-6033

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE:** Seminar: "Environmental Monitoring of the Chernobyl Experience," Victor Poiarkov, Director Ukrainian Radiation Training Center, 4p.m., DH 135. Call Norman McElroy 924-4818

**FANTASY/STRATEGY CLUB:** Meeting, 5-10p.m., Guadalupe Room, SU

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION:** Meet with Bradley Maihack from Hewlett-Packard, 4:45p.m., Business 015. Call Dennis Yee 452-1108

**RE-ENTRY ADVISORY PROGRAM:** Brown Bag Lunch program, noon, Pacheco Room, SU. Call Virginia 924-5930

**SJSU FANTASY/STRATEGY CLUB:** Spartacon II Organizational Meeting, 5:00p.m., Guadalupe Room, SU. Call Sing 947-1566

**SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT:** Guest Speaker Anselm Strauss Ph.D., 1:00p.m., DMH 150. Call 924-5320

**THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT:** Student Directed Theatre: "Simply María" by Luis Valdez,

8p.m., Dance Studio Theatre SPX 219. Call Theatre Arts Dept.

**UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE:** SJSU 15th Annual Research Forum, 2:00p.m., Engineering Auditorium 189. Call Nancy 924-1429

### Thursday

**AKBAYAN:** Cultural Practice, 6:30-9:00p.m., Amphitheater. Call Rich or Mel 534-1140

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** Nightlife, 8p.m., Almaden Room, SU. Call Allen Escobar 275-6518

**DISABLED STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** BBQ, 10a.m., BBQ pit 7th Street. Call Denise 297-7393

**GALA:** Pizza Party, 4:30-6:00p.m., Guadalupe Room, SU. Call 236-2002

**HISPANIC BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:** Meeting, 12:30p.m., Pacheco Room, SU. Call Lourdes 265-3465

**THE LISTENING HOUR (BEETHOVEN PIANO SONATAS):** Pianist/scholar Dr. Alfred Kanwischer, 12:30p.m., Music Bldg. 176. Call Joan 924-4631

**MECHA:** Study sessions, 1-6p.m., Chicano Resource Center. Call 924-2707

**PRE-DENTAL CLUB:** General Meeting, 1:30p.m., DH 352. Call Anthony 978-1601

**STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE:** Women's health; breast cancer, self-examination, noon, Health Bldg. 208.

## SJSU Police blotter

**Monday, March 28:** Gorlando Morales, a non student, was arrested for possession of marijuana. Morales was attempting to sell marijuana cigarettes on the corner of Second and San Carlos Streets at 1:54 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 30:** A witness reported seeing a hit-and-run on the second floor of the North Garage at 12:05 p.m. The case is under investigation.

Tiko White, a non student, was seen apparently sniffing glue in the Student Union amphitheater by a UPD cadet at 8:49 p.m. White was arrested for being under the influence of toluene.

**Friday, April 1:** Two people were reported fighting outside Clark Library. Both suspects were gone upon officer arrival. Four minors were cited for

possession of alcohol in the South Garage at 5:49 p.m.

Dung Vu, a non student, was arrested and booked on outstanding felony warrants after committing a number of traffic violations at 11:02 p.m. Vu was charged with driving without a license, expired registration, failure to yield to a pedestrian and driving the wrong way on a one-way street. Vu's outstanding warrants included burglary, interfering with a police officer and failure to appear.

**Sunday, April 3:** The old men's locker room located in Spartan Complex was burglarized. The building was broken into and a bolt cutter was used to cut open thirty faculty lockers.

Other lockers were left unharmed.

## Judge awards \$500,000 in sexual molestation case

**RENO, Nev. (AP) —** A judge levied a \$500,000 judgement against the state for a lawsuit that alleged a patient at a state-run center for juvenile sex offenders was sexually molested by a worker.

In a ruling issued last week, Washoe District Judge Peter Breen awarded the patient \$50,000 for negligent supervision, and \$50,000 for each of the nine alleged incidents he felt were proven during a non-jury civil trial.

Court documents said the victim, who had a learning disability and was mentally handicapped, was 15 in July 1990 when a court ordered him attend the Desert Hills treatment center located on the grounds of the Nevada Mental Health Institute.

The lawsuit charged that mental health technician Mike Peters molested the youth. The

incident was reported to Sparks police and investigated by the attorney general's office, but authorities said there was not enough evidence to file criminal charges.

After the allegations were made, Peters was demoted because of the way he supervised co-workers.

He also was reassigned to a job where he would have no contact with minors and could be better supervised, according to court documents.

Based on advice from the attorney general's office, the worker was placed on administrative leave after Breen's ruling was issued, according to Jerry Zadny, administrator of the Nevada Division of Mental Hygiene and Mental Retardation.

Zadny said the judgment is the largest he can recall in the 13 years he has worked at the division.

## Old cars stolen more often than new ones

**SACRAMENTO (AP) —** Older Oldsmobile Cutlasses were the car of choice for California auto thieves last year, while truck thieves targeted later model Toyotas, a new California Highway Patrol report reveals.

Vehicle thefts declined statewide by 0.5 percent in 1993, the CHP reported. But the numbers are still staggering: 313,804 vehicles worth \$1.7 billion were stolen last year, victimizing one out of every 99 California motorists.

Overall, 91 percent of the stolen autos and 84 percent of the trucks were recovered, although a majority were damaged or stripped of parts. Recovery rates for other classes of vehicles were much lower: 59 percent for motorcycles, 58 percent for recreational vehicles and 50 percent for trailers.

Among other highlights of the annual theft summary released Monday:

—Los Angeles County, which has 25.6 percent of the state's registered vehicles, had 40.8 percent of the vehicle thefts. But Los Angeles also reported the state's biggest percentage drop in vehicle thefts, down 6.7 percent from 1992.

—Alpine and Sierra where the only two of California's 58 counties that reported no vehicle thefts last year. The two mountain counties have 1,300 and 4,200 registered vehicles respectively.

—Santa Clara County had the lowest vehicle theft rates among urban counties.

Only 6,616 of the 1.2 million vehicles in Santa Clara County were stolen last year.

That's 2.1 percent of the statewide theft total for a county with 5.3 percent of the state's vehicles.

—The 1979 Oldsmobile Cutlass was the most popular single model and year target of car thieves last year, accounting for 2,227 thefts.

Cutlasses, which were discontinued in 1988, account for eight of the top 14 most popular targets of car thieves, with 13,790 thefts of 1978-86 Cutlasses.

—Among the 20 most popular auto models stolen last year, 17 were at least 10 years old, while only three were newer.

By contrast, 15 of the 20 most popular truck models stolen last year were less than 10 years old.

—1984 through 1987 Toyotas were the four most common models of pickup trucks stolen last year, and 11 of the top 20 pickup theft targets were Toyota models, followed by seven Chevrolet, one Nissan and one Mazda model.

—Hondas were the most common motorcycle stolen. 1982-93 Hondas filled 11 of the top 20 spots on the list of most frequently stolen motorcycles, with six Yamaha and three Suzuki models completing the top 20.

The CHP report said a major reason that Oldsmobile Cutlasses top the theft list is their popularity with youth gangs and that most of the Cutlass thefts were for parts to repair other vehicles.

"The vehicles you see on this list are easy to get into, and parts interchangeability is a major factor," said CHP Lt. Howard Closson. "Along with the Oldsmobiles, you see a lot of Chevrolets and Buicks of the same years, and those models have a lot of interchangeable parts with Oldsmobiles."

Closson said other reasons why car thieves favor more older models is that newer cars of all makes have better locks, and that a higher percentage of newer cars are kept in garages at night rather than being left on the street or in other open parking areas.

He said part of the reason stolen trucks tend to be newer is that there are more of those models on the road.



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## Rural counties warehouse sex offenders

SACRAMENTO (AP) — One of every 265 residents in Shasta County is a registered sex offender, the highest ratio in the state.

A new report found that nine of the top 10 California counties in percentage of registered sex offenders were rural.

The report was presented Tuesday at a legislative hearing conducted by lawmakers from rural areas.

The hearing was prompted by the parole last month of serial rapist Melvin Carter, who was sent to a remote Modoc County work camp for three years despite the opposition of local residents.

Carter was released after serving half of a 25-year sentence for rape, burglary and assault.

"We have long felt we are a dumping ground for parolees," said State Sen. Mike Thomson, D-St. Helena, of rural counties.

According to the legislative analyst, the Legislature's nonpar-

tisan fiscal adviser, about 82,000 parolees were on the streets during 1993.

The totals include sex offenders and felons convicted of violent crimes.

The report did not break down the number of sex offenders.

Of the 82,000 parolees, more than 4,400 were sent to counties other than where they committed crimes.

Although state law requires parolees be released to the counties that prosecuted them, exceptions are made if victims live nearby, or if there is danger to the public or the parolee.

The report also said that each state parole agent supervises more than 80 cases.

Two counties, Mariposa and Inyo, had more parolees from other counties than their own: Mariposa reported a total of 12 parolees, 10 from elsewhere. Inyo had 46 parolees, 27 of them from another county.

Despite the public attention directed at Carter's case, most of Modoc County's parolees are home grown.

Of 17 parolees, only two committed their crimes elsewhere during 1993.

The distribution of sex offenders was highest in rural counties.

After Shasta County, the counties with the highest per-capita ratio of sex offenders were:

Humboldt, with one sex offender to every 284 resident; Del Norte and Stanislaus, each one to 313; Trinity, one to 319; San Joaquin, one to 323; Tehama, one to 324; Sacramento, one to 327; Inyo, one to 332; and Mendocino and Yuba counties, also one to 339.

Sacramento County was the only urban county in that group.

Tiny Alpine County, with 1,313 inhabitants, reported one sex offender — the lowest ratio of California's 58 counties.

## Republican politicians accuse counties of diverting Proposition 172 funds

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Sales taxes approved by California voters for police and fire services are being diverted to other programs, according to three Republican elected officials.

Matt Fong, vice chairman of the state Board of Equalization, said Tuesday that sheriff's departments in at least six counties are not receiving their full share of Proposition 172 funds.

"It's my opinion that they are getting robbed and rolled by the local elected officials," Fong, a GOP candidate for state treasurer, said during a Capitol news conference.

But a spokeswoman for the state's most heavily populated county, Los Angeles, said the county is facing a major revenue shortage and the sheriff's department is doing better than other departments because of the sales tax money.

Proposition 172, passed last November, permanently extended a temporary half-cent sales tax increase to raise about \$1.5

billion a year for public safety services, including law enforcement, fire departments and district attorney's offices.

However, Fong and Assemblymen Richard Moutjony and Trice Harvey said that in some counties the money is merely replacing funds being funneled to other programs, including social services and midnight basketball leagues.

Fong said sheriff's departments in Los Angeles, Riverside, Kings, Fresno, Kern and San Diego counties are being short-changed, and some are even facing cuts.

Los Angeles County received \$26.48 million in Proposition 172 revenues for January, enough to hire 407 more sheriff's deputies, Fong said. "Not one more sheriff has been placed on the street by Prop 172 money," he said.

Los Angeles County spokeswoman Judy Hammond said the sales tax revenue will spare the sheriff's department from much

deeper cuts that will be made in other agencies next fiscal year.

"The reality is we're facing a \$1 billion shortfall and we have to make cuts in all our departments," Hammond said. "We're treating the sheriff's department much better than any other department. We don't have the funds to provide full funding."

A call to a statewide county organization was not returned.

Moutjony, R-Arcadia, is carrying a bill that would require Proposition 172 funds to supplement, rather than supplant public safety budgets.

The Assembly Local Government Committee has scheduled an April 20 hearing on the measure.

"The people in California wanted added law enforcement, added fire protection," Moutjony said.

"We're here to make sure that we keep local government honest," said Harvey, R-Bakersfield.

Fong, Moutjony and Harvey all opposed Proposition 172.

## Torture, rape charges filed in alleged three-day kidnap of UCLA Korean woman

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man was charged Tuesday with the kidnap, torture and rape of a Korean woman who immigrated recently and lived with him, authorities said.

Michael Kyung Lim, 19, of Woodland Hills, was charged with one count each of torture, kidnaping for the purpose of rape and cohabitant abuse and three counts of rape. The charges carry allegations that a

knife and metal bar were used, prosecutor Larry Diamond said in a statement.

Lim was accused of attacking a 23-year-old woman who had arrived from Korea on March 10 to attend the University of California, Los Angeles.

The woman, who had known Lim in Korea, stayed at his San Fernando Valley home for less than a month before leaving to stay with friends in the Wilshire

District, authorities said.

A few days later, on March 30, Lim allegedly kidnaped the woman and held her for three days at his home, said Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

Lim threatened her with a knife, severely beat her with a metal pipe and raped her several times, authorities contend.

## One Menendez reaches deal with judge on payment for second murder trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Erik Menendez's attorney agreed Tuesday to accept \$125,000 in public funds to defend him at his retrial on murder charges, a deal called a taxpayer bargain by the judge who brokered the compromise.

"I think the public has benefited and hopefully Mr. Menendez has benefited and we can go forward," Superior Court Judge Cecil Mills said after a hearing on the simmering payment dispute.

"Everybody compromised and that's the best way to resolve issues," defense attorney Leslie Abramson said outside court.

Erik, 23, and brother Lyle, 26, are charged with murdering parents Jose and Kitty Menendez in their Beverly Hills mansion on Aug. 20, 1989. Their first trial ended with each defendant's jury deadlocked.

Lyle's attorney chose not to represent him at the retrial. Abramson sought to continue defending Erik but the court originally balked when she asked to be paid by the county because

the brothers had run out of money.

The judge initially took the position that Abramson's contract with her client covered any subsequent trials.

On Tuesday, Mills offered Abramson half the fee she originally estimated and she accepted as long as the compensation is on a yearly basis, not indefinitely.

Mills said Abramson's role in the case will ultimately save taxpayers money because she is well versed in the legal issues in the case and she can move forward quickly.

In addition, she has launched a defense fund to raise private money for expenses.

Mills made his \$125,000 proposal after hearing testimony from five other prominent defense lawyers who said that Abramson's request for court appointment when her client's family fortune ran out is not unusual.

Attorneys Gerald Chaleff, president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Jay Jaffe, Roger Diamond, Barry Levin

and Peter Giannini said they all interpreted Abramson's original contract with Erik to cover only his original trial.

Abramson said she was paid \$650,000 for four years of work on Erik's behalf.

For the second trial she requested \$100 an hour with a cap of \$250,000 for the entire case. Mills offered her a flat fee of \$125,000, a figure he said the public defender's office estimated it would expend if it represented Erik.

"I am not willing to expose the public to an expenditure of funds of \$250,000," the judge said. "I see no reason with your knowledge of the case why it should not be tried in a very short period of time."

But Abramson noted that the public defenders now representing Lyle said they needed many months to prepare. She said it could take a year for a joint trial to begin and she was unwilling to accept less than \$125,000 a year for her work.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Navy attack plane crashed into San Francisco Bay Tuesday, killing at least one of the two aviators aboard, the Coast Guard said.

One pilot was killed and the other did not have vital signs, according to Coast Guard Petty Officer Gene Maestas, who said the A-6 Intruder crashed about a mile from the Bay Bridge.

The crew members apparently ejected just before the plane hit the water, in the middle of the bay midway between the cities San Francisco and Alameda.

The aircraft, which normally carries a crew of two, had just taken off from Alameda Naval Air Station when it plunged into the water.

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# ROTC

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of the week, we're just going to do our best," PDU commander Diana De La Torre said.

She said that the last and only time the drill unit competed at the Air Force Academy was in 1990.

"We've been rebuilding PDU since then," she said.

According to De La Torre there will be about 20 other teams from other ROTC detachments competing at the drill meet.

Each team needs a minimum

of nine members in order to compete.

"We just made it," De La Torre said.

The drill routine has to be eight to 10 minutes long. The team will be penalized if the routine is too short or too long.

De La Torre said that PDU thought about going to the drill meet last year, but didn't. She said she has been looking forward to the competition for a while and is very excited about it.

"The troops are motivated and ready to go," she said.

# Marlon Riggs, documentary filmmaker dies

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Marlon Riggs, a professor and filmmaker who won Emmy and Peabody awards for his documentaries on blacks and gays, died of AIDS at his home Tuesday. He was 37.

Riggs was one of the youngest people ever tenured at the University of California at Berkeley in arts and humanities, said Tom Leonard, acting dean of the Graduate School of Journalism.

He began making documentaries in 1982 after receiving his masters from Harvard University, and quickly gained national recognition, with several films aired by the Public Broadcasting System.

His best-known documentaries — the Emmy-award winning "Ethnic Notions" and "Color Adjustment," which won a Peabody — traced the media portrayal of blacks through U.S. history.

"He was a major figure in

forcing Americans of all races and genders to confront their underlying attitudes to stigmatized groups, especially blacks and gays," said Larry Daressa, co-director of California Newsreel, which distributes the films.

"He really helped forge the analysis we use in the 90s, and he made it popularly available," he said.

His mother, Jean Riggs, and companion Jack Vincent were with him when he died at his home, Leonard said. The School of Journalism will be setting up a fund for documentary students in his honor.

Along with his mother, he is survived by his father Alvin Riggs, and sister, Sascha. The three family members live in Arlington, Va.

A memorial service for Riggs is planned Saturday at 11 a.m. at the McGee Avenue Baptist Church, 1640 Stuart St., in Berkeley.

# Second Masson-Malcolm trial scheduled for Sept. 29

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A retrial was scheduled Tuesday for Sept. 29 in a libel suit by a psychoanalyst who claims a prominent writer fabricated his quotes in a New Yorker magazine article.

The jury in Jeffrey Masson's first trial deadlocked on damages last June after finding that writer Janet Malcolm had fabricated or distorted five quotes and libeled Masson in two of the quotes.

U.S. District Judge Eugene Lynch has ordered a retrial of all issues in the case, liability as well as damages, but has urged Masson and Malcolm to try to settle their dispute.

Lynch dropped The New Yorker as a defendant after the jury found that Malcolm was not an employee of the magazine and that no one on the staff knowingly published a false quotation.

Malcolm's 1983 New Yorker

article focused on Masson's firing two years earlier as projects director of the Sigmund Freud Archives. He was fired after denouncing Freud's theory that women usually fantasized accounts of childhood sexual abuse.

Masson disputed five quotes Malcolm attributed to him, including statements that he would have turned Freud's house into "a place of sex, women, fun" and that archive officials considered him an "intellectual gigolo."

The quotes as they appeared in the article were not in Malcolm's tape recordings of their interviews, but she said most of them were in her notes. She also acknowledged taking some of Masson's statements from different times and places and compressing them into one conversation, but said she did not distort his meaning.

# Break

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dents spent their vacation.

According to mechanical engineering major Stephen Parkos, he worked 20 hours between his job as a maintenance technician at the Pruneyard Towers and as a roofer.

"I worked overtime at Bank of America. If I had money I would have went somewhere," international business major Gilbert Grio said.

Some SJSU fraternity and sorority members hit the great outdoors for spring break.

"I went skydiving for the first time and it was incredible," said Paul Whittle, a political science major and Sigma Nu member.

According to Barron Sudderth, an English major and Alpha Tau Omega member, 25 to 30 brothers from his fraternity house went camping near the Stanislaus River.

"We became one with nature. There were no showers and no bathrooms, just a river running by us," Sudderth said.

Pamela Shank, a child development major and Delta Zeta member said she and three other sorority sisters went to Lake Havasu in Arizona.

"We went out on a boat, water skied and camped," Shank said. "Greeks from all over California were there. We met a lot of people."

Other students just relaxed and caught up on much needed sleep.

According to meteorology major Akriti Shah, she fell asleep on Sunday and didn't wake up until 18 hours later on Monday morning.

"I did absolutely nothing and it was great," interior design major Laura Miller said. "I mostly slept and didn't think about school at all."

# Convalescent hospital evacuated after fire damages building

NORWALK, Calif. (AP) — A fire in a convalescent hospital Tuesday forced the evacuation of 54 elderly patients, but the fire was quickly doused and no injuries were reported, authorities said.

A plumber making repairs in the attic of the Norwalk Villa Convalescent Hospital set off the fire with a welding torch at 3:23 p.m., said Gil Sanchez, an inspector

with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Hospital workers and firefighters rolled the patients into the hospital's parking lot, where they waited while firefighters knocked down the blaze in 20 minutes, Sanchez said.

The patients were then taken back inside.

Firefighters estimated damage to the hospital at \$5,000

# Polly Klaas suspect hearing stays open

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Court hearings on the fate of the suspect accused of murdering Polly Klaas will remain open, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Attorneys for Richard Allen Davis had sought to close his preliminary hearing to the media and public.

That hearing will determine if

Davis, arrested four months ago, should stand trial for abducting the 12-year-old girl from her Petaluma home and killing her.

Superior Court Judge Lawrence Sawyer ruled that a lower court judge was within his rights to keep the hearing open, and refused to step in.

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# High Court has 20 percent increase in case workload

CARSON CITY (AP) — Nevada Supreme Court officials say the court decided a record 1,131 cases in the last 12 months, a 20 percent increase over the same period of the year before.

But Chief Justice Robert Rose said the court is still falling behind despite its record number of decisions.

By the end of the 12-month period, there were 1,025 cases pending, 15 percent more than the same time a year ago. The reporting year for the court runs from April 1 to March 31.

"New appeals are coming in at the rate of 100 a month, and

that means an increased case backlog of more than 100 cases each year," Rose said.

He said there's no immediate help in sight since the establishment of an intermediate court can't be voted on until 1996. Voters in 1992 rejected a proposed constitutional change to create a court of appeals.

"We are falling behind even though we are working as hard as we can," Rose said. "It's unfortunate that people and businesses in Nevada will suffer. It's their cases that will be delayed, and occasionally, justice delayed is justice denied."

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# Rape: Healing process begins with counseling for rape victims

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began crying at the Medical Center, a rape volunteer comforted her, but Pressel knew she had a long road in front of her.

"Everything I thought I believed in wasn't true anymore. I reexamined my whole life. I started from scratch," Pressel said.

For a long time she blamed herself for the attack. "Why me? What did I do to cause this to happen?" Pressel said.

Ten years after the sexual assault, with the aid of rape counseling Pressel feels she has recovered from her ordeal.

According to UPD Lt. Bruce Lowe, the number of stranger rapist attacks are low.

Lowe said that on campus there was one reported rape in 1993 and one reported in 1991.

"It's not a sexual crime, but a crime of violence, only the weapon is different," Pressel said.

After her attack, Pressel moved back to the Bay Area and now works for P.C. Magazine as a public relations manager. She was married on Feb. 25.

Pressel also volunteers as a lecturer at the downtown San Jose YWCA Rape Crisis center. She lectures mostly on acquaintance rape and encourages students to seek counseling if they are victims.

"The healing process begins with counseling," Pressel said. "It takes a brave woman to walk

down that road of healing because it is extremely painful.

"It's horrible that we live in a society that puts so much blame on women. They have to walk around with all that pain. Our society sends a message loud and clear: it's your fault. I think society is in denial."

Their are two things rape counselors try to do to help rape victims heal from the pain, said

Wiggy Sivertsen, SJSU counselor and professor.

**'The person who is raped often feels guilty and responsible for the action.'**

Wiggy Sivertsen  
SJSU counselor and professor

"Part of trying to counsel people, is to help them feel like it is not their fault. The second thing is to help women heal from the feeling of being taken advantage of and disregarded."

The SJSU Prevention Education Program (PEP center) deals with prevention of alcoholism, drug abuse and date and acquaintance rape. Two of 10 women are victims

of stranger rape in the United States, said Harriet Pila, director of the PEP Center.

Because the PEP Center deals with mostly preventive education, the center does not do any rape counseling. They refer many of their victims to the YWCA Center.

According to Pila, stranger rape does happen, but it is not common at the SJSU campus. Date and acquaintance rape happens more frequently, she said.

"Many rape victims blame themselves," Sivertsen said.

"The person who is raped often times feels guilty and responsible for the action," Sivertsen said. "If you are raped,

it feels like it's your fault, you shouldn't have been there, you shouldn't have done these things."

"I have done a vast majority of rape counseling over the years. It was a serious problem back in the '70s, when a certain number of our (SJSU) students got raped by strangers," Sivertsen said.

"Raping somebody, whether it's on a dating basis or whether it's an acquaintance or a stranger, is the most abusive form of interaction that exists," Sivertsen said.

"It denies women the power to make a decision. Counseling helps them reconnect their own power."

# Art: Artist strives to shorten the distance between art and viewer

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"What really got me on the content was thinking about life and death. I have a friend who is diagnosed with brain cancer. Thinking about her life and her death, brought me to having to figure out my own beliefs. In figuring them out, I put them in a visual format," she said.

"Ultimately, I'm not sure what is real, especially in dealing in these realms. My real existential wonder is what it's all about."

Hoisington said that although she was brought up to be Protestant, she doesn't follow any organized religion. Instead, she is on her own path.

"Because I question all of this, I am more agnostic than anything else, which is, 'Hey, I think something is out there, but I have no idea what it is,'" she said.

Hoisington, who earned her bachelor of fine arts degree at the San Francisco Art Institute, said she used the computer to enlarge her photographic artwork.

Unlike most photography pieces, however, she creates a 3-D effect with her artwork. Hoisington, who has exhibited her work as far as Stuttgart, Germany at the Amerika Haus gallery, uses such visual effects as an

altar for candles as well as a ladder made of branches to bring the audience one step closer to her artwork.

"I've thought about what I want to put out in the world and what I chose to say is something which I hope is encouraging, hopeful or will help someone really be in contact with who they are and what it means to be on the planet," she said.

Hoisington said that she has no real answers to these questions, but that she can only speculate.

Although she has used titles for her pieces in the past, she chose not to name each individual piece in this display because she would like viewers to respond authentically without having her predispose them to any certain meaning.

"I'm interested in bringing the viewer into a more participatory experience with the artwork. It shortens the distance between the art and the viewer. It's bringing it to another level," Hoisington said.

"I don't want to be too direct in nailing down all the meanings. It's metaphorical and symbolic and that gives the viewer room to bring in their own experience in a very large way."

With such a complex topic, Hoisington's work, which will run until



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Susan Hoisington has her work displayed in Gallery III in the Art building.

Friday, appears to be striking a chord with her viewers.

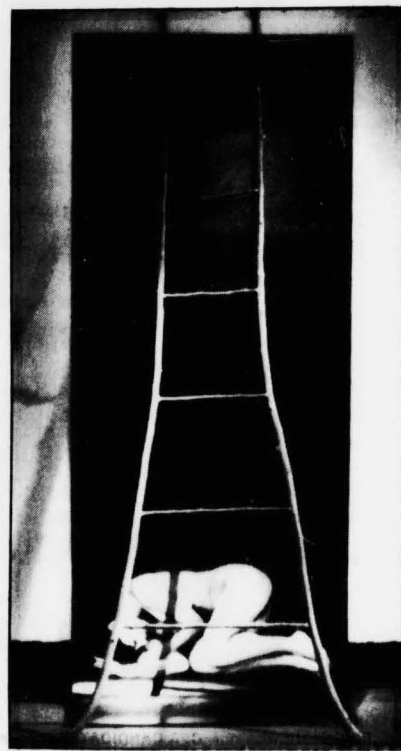
"The direction of Susan's current work and the intention behind it is most impressive," said exhibitions director Andy Ostheimer, speaking of the magnitude of the spiritual questions Hoisington is asking.

Art and design professor Sam Richardson agrees.

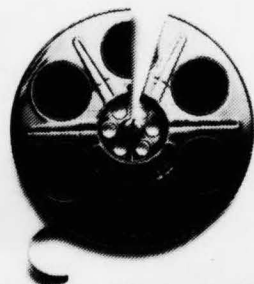
"It's absolutely wonderful. The

works relate to each other well and make one big statement. It works like a hinge. Each piece is like a paragraph of a story. Each photo adds to the total. If the pieces were isolated, it wouldn't be the same," Richardson said, explaining the effect of the five pieces working as a whole.

"It's so delicate and it has a spiritual quality, not the spirituality of religion, but of a higher plane."



Hoisington's work "Sacred to the Memory" is a three-dimensional piece combining photographic paper with a ladder made from sticks.



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## Slick offered deal on gun charge

SAN RAFAEL (AP) — Rock singer Grace Slick, who faces up to three years in jail if convicted on charges of brandishing a shotgun at police officers, could reduce that sentence if she accepts a deal offered by prosecutors.

By pleading guilty to a misdemeanor weapons charge, Slick could go to a minimum-security honor farm for six months, or spend that time in an alcohol treatment program, Marin County District Attorney Jerry Herman said Tuesday.

He said the county's offer, which requires court approval, was not unusual.

"This is the same way we would have treated it if it was a Jane Doe," Herman said. "We treat everybody the same."

Slick, 54, is free on \$7,000 bail. The former Jefferson Airplane singer pleaded innocent to a felony weapons charge last week.

Police say she threatened three Tiburon officers with an unloaded shotgun at the door of her home March 5. The officers were responding to a 911 call from someone in the house who said a drunken woman was firing a gun. The incident ended when one of the officers grabbed the gun.

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Honduran leader's life threatened

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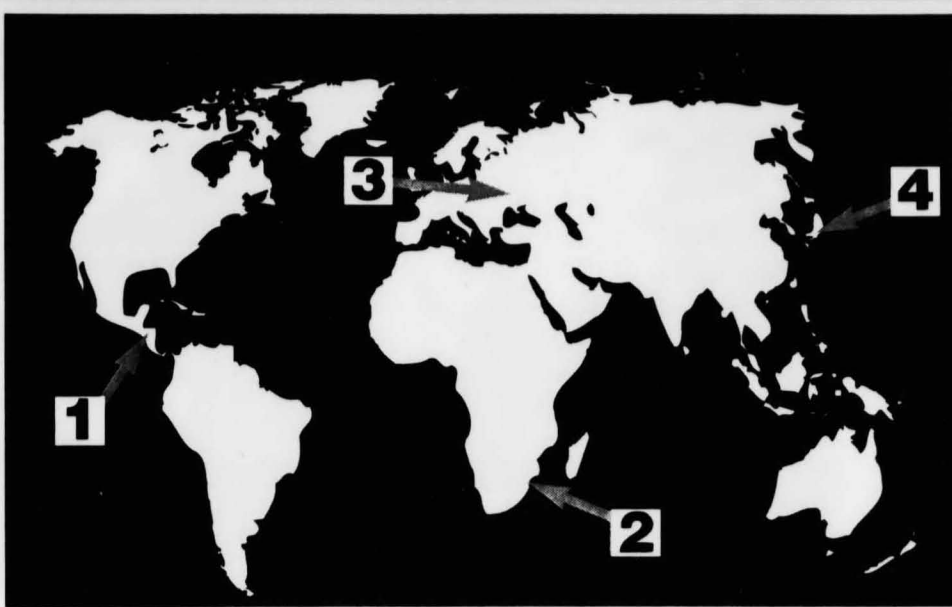
The masterminds — who were not identified — had offered to pay \$400,000 for the death of President Carlos Roberto Reina and more than \$800,000 for kidnapping top executives, said Col. Napoleon Santos, a military spokesman.

Santos did not describe the plotters' motives for wanting to undermine Honduras, a major ally of the United States during its campaign in the 1980s against leftists in neighboring Nicaragua and El Salvador.

"The situation is being duly investigated and we cannot give more details about it in order to avoid hampering the investigations themselves," Santos said.

Three Nicaraguans allegedly hired to carry out the crimes and a Honduran who acted as their guide are being sought, he said.

The chief of the presidential guard, Col. Alvaro Romero, said the Nicaraguan government was helping in the investigation.



Zulus defy state of emergency, march with weapons

2 EMPANGENI, South Africa (AP) — Nationalist Zulus brandishing spears, clubs and sticks defied a state of emergency to march Tuesday in this Natal province city.

Police said that 88 people had been killed in political violence in the Zulu-dominated province since Thursday, when the state of emergency was declared. The death toll could climb as casualty reports from far-flung rural settlements reach regional police.

Despite earlier vows to disarm marchers, police and troops did nothing as the Zulus arrived in buses Tuesday to support their king's demand for a sovereign Zulu state.

The emergency regulations give troops broad powers to detain troublemakers and keep weapons off the streets.

"You couldn't disarm them... without a lot of bloodshed," police Maj. Margaret Kruger said after 10,000 people swarmed

through Empangeni, about 60 miles north of Durban.

But, she said, the state of emergency had "clearly been contravened" by the weapon-wielding marchers and police planned to press charges.

Zulu tribal chiefs called for the show of force to protest the deaths of Zulus in political violence in the area and to commemorate those killed last week after a Zulu march in Johannesburg.

Atomic power workers picket in Moscow for unpaid wages

3 MOSCOW (AP) — Carrying signs saying "Pay your debts," more than 150 workers representing Russia's nine nuclear power plants picketed outside the Russian White House on Tuesday to demand their unpaid wages.

Russia's nuclear plants, which produce 12 percent of the country's electricity, are short on both money and fuel and have not paid some employees for three months.

Businesses and individual consumers across the nation are partly to blame, because many

are not paying their bills on time. The government no longer makes up the shortfall.

Regulatory officials and environmentalists worry that maintenance is being neglected and safety is declining, especially at Chernobyl-type reactors. Nuclear workers have not walked off their jobs for safety reasons, but they have raised their voices in increasingly loud protests in recent weeks.

"We don't have a right to strike, but we do have a right to meet with the president!" said a sign carried by a demonstrator.

Japan starts up controversial plutonium-producing reactor

4 TOKYO (AP) — Japan's widely criticized plan to use plutonium to produce energy took an important step forward Tuesday when engineers shifted an experimental "fast-breeder" reactor into continuous operation.

Protesters denounced the reactor, which produces more plutonium than it uses, as unsafe and unwise. Police said about 100 people rallied peacefully outside the plant in Tsuruga, 200 miles from Tokyo on the Sea of Japan coast.

Critics say plutonium is too lethal for safe use, and they also

worry it could become the target for terrorists who want to build a nuclear bomb.

The 280,000-kilowatt nuclear power station, which cost \$5.9 billion, is named Monju after the Buddhist deity of wisdom. It will not begin transmitting electricity until April 1995 and will not be at full power until late next year. Its start-up was delayed 1 1/2 years by a series of technical problems.

Opponents say the reactor's safety systems have not been adequately tested and fear an accident could scatter highly lethal plutonium, possibly tainting water and food supplies.

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# Night game at the 'Stick or an arctic expedition?

Baseball, at least in a traditional sense, conjures up images of sunny days, shirt sleeves and a few colds ones out in the left field bleachers.

But with the advent of the incandescent light bulb and good old American ingenuity, it is now possible to watch a baseball game at night — far from golden rays of sunshine, but under dazzling bright lights instead.

In most cities, a night game is a pleasant affair. A little breezy, maybe, but pleasant anyway. Rather than turning on the tube and surfing channels, having night baseball is something of a convenience — head out to the park, spur of the moment, and cheer on the home team and all that.

That is, unless you're talking about watching the Giants at Candlestick at night.

Die-hard Giants fans claim the wind tunnel they call Candlestick is just a part of the Giants' mystique, that the adverse weather conditions add "character" to the experience of watching Dusty and the boys.

"Only true Giants fans can handle this," one hot dog vendor proclaimed at the opener of the Bay Bridge Series Friday. "It's all part of pulling for the Giants. Besides, it builds character."

This guy must have had plenty of character then, slinging his box of hotdogs around in short sleeves through the stands with the Siberian Express blowing through the



**JENNIFER IKUTA**  
From the Bench

'Stick. Lots of character.

On the other hand, if freezing your ass off builds character, pass the remote. Better yet, call the travel agent and get those tickets for the Iditarod dog sled race in Alaska. So much for golden rays of sunshine and shirt sleeves.

Giants' promoters claim to

have made improvements and renovations at the 'Stick. Being an A's fan, thus spoiled by watching games at a ball park where dressing for an arctic expedition isn't a prerequisite, it might not be fair commenting on that cozy haven across the bay. But then, why let a little thing like that get in the way?

A case in point: There isn't a bad seat in the Coliseum, the Siberian Express isn't blowing across the diamond and the Coliseum is a prime venue for many rock concerts because of the great seating arrangements. Who cares if the Coliseum is home to a team that uses the DH (and has won four world championships in the last 25 years)? It's still a great place

to watch a game.

So they added a Gordon Bier-sch at the 'Stick. They added microbreweries. This is all supposed to add to the experience of watching a Giants game. Nice try, but you still have to battle gale-force winds when you venture from your seats to get these goodies.

None of this is intended to start a war between Giants fans and this one embattled A's fan. It's just that we have a better ball park and don't have to worry about getting frost bite when we watch our team play at night. Besides, we have bragging rights from the Bay Bridge Series, too.

The important thing is that, unlike Sacramento, for example,

we have two fine Major League franchises that are a short drive away.

One thing is for sure: Watching a night game at Candlestick is truly an experience — one which is probably most enjoyable with a very warm blanket and someone nice to snuggle up with.

Then again, the intelligent person would avoid night games at the 'Stick completely and stick to playing "NBA Jam" on the Sega, nice and warm inside an apartment sheltered from the wind.

So much for intelligence.

*Jennifer Ikuta is the Daily sports editor. Her column appears on a semi-regular basis.*

## New changes are good for baseball

Professional baseball's new format is revolutionary and it will create enthusiasm for a sport that has fallen behind football and basketball in the eyes of young American sports fans.

Purists don't like Major League Baseball's new, realigned look. They absolutely detest the expanded playoff format that will include three division winners and one wild-card entry from both leagues. To these folks, change can never be for the better.

They reminisce about the good old days when there was an American League and a National League and the respective winners battled it out in a true World Series. There was no designated hitter, no artificial turf and rubber-armed pitchers threw on two days rest.

Nostalgic as those days were, they're over.

Money, particularly TV money, fuels the game today. The saturation of baseball on



**SPORTS FORUM**  
Larry Barrett

television means big money for owners, which leads to big money for players. The expanded playoffs and the new divisions were created to produce more television revenue. Even the sacred sport we all played as children must succumb to this reality.

Like it or not, baseball's first responsibility is to entertain.

By having more playoffs and a mad scramble for a wild-card entry, the games that used to mean nothing in late August and September will have greater

meaning. Teams that play in tougher divisions won't be penalized because of their strength.

Last year's incredible pennant race between the Giants and the Atlanta Braves embodied everything that makes baseball great. Unfortunately, the Giants weren't invited to the playoffs. They won 103 games, more than any team except Atlanta, but weren't able to compete for the title. That is a travesty.

Baseball has learned that it must evolve to keep the public's attention. Basketball, football and hockey adopted expanded playoffs and expansion teams to capture the imagination of fans in as many cities as possible. Maybe that means letting a .500

team into the tournament, but these sports' popularity have surged in recent years while interest in baseball has sagged.

Granted, players salaries are beyond the realm of the reasonable. A utility infielder shouldn't make \$1 million a year and even Barry Bonds is overpaid, but television money allows this madness to continue. Ticket prices are expensive, but that money is just a small sliver of the total revenue pie.

These new improvements should restore some energy to a national pastime that forgot its audience. Let the purists gripe and moan, but come October they'll be in front of their TVs enjoying the World Series.

## Five gymnasts qualify for NCAA Regional Championship action

Spartan Daily Staff Report

Five SJSU gymnasts, four men and one woman, have qualified for NCAA Regional Championship competition Saturday.

Ed Balado, Inigo Barrenchea, Garrett Donohue and Brian Matchett will compete as individual entries in the NCAA West Regional Men's Gymnastics Championships at the University of Oklahoma. All four Spartans are competing for the first time in regional competition and all but Matchett are freshmen.

Balado, the Spartans' No. 1 all-arounder, will compete in the all-around competition. Bar-

renchea will be in the rings competition, Donohue will compete in the floor exercise and vault and Matchett will compete in the pommel horse, parallel bars and high bar.

Tara Law, a freshman on the women's gymnastics team, is the lone entry at the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Regional Championships at Boise State University. Law, SJSU's top all-arounder in 1994 with a 37.3625 qualifying scoring average is one of seven individual and seven team entries from the West Region vying for a berth at the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships at the University of Utah.

## Rough outing for SJSU golfers

Spartan Daily Staff Report

Spartan golfer Pomp Braswell finished 12th and the SJSU golf team came in tied for sixth at the Fresno Lexus Golf Classic, held over spring break at Sunnyside Country Club.

The 12th-place finish was Braswell's highest this season; his previous best finish was 25th in the Wolf Pack Classic in Reno in October. He finished the three-day tournament 69-79-74-222 on the 6,787-yard par-72 course. SJSU tied for sixth place with the Texas, El Paso team.

It was a disappointing finish for the Spartans, who have had players place in the top 10 in

seven out of eight tournaments this season.

Top-ranked Spartan golfers Steve Woods (74.91) and Brian Tucker (75.45) finished tied for 34th. Woods and Tucker shot 76-73-78-227 and 77-74-76-227 respectively.

John Dauphin shot 79-77-77-233 to finish 59th and Justin Wright shot 80-78-77-235 to finish 68th. Aaron Oberholser rounded out the SJSU squad with a 75-83-80-238 for 78th place.

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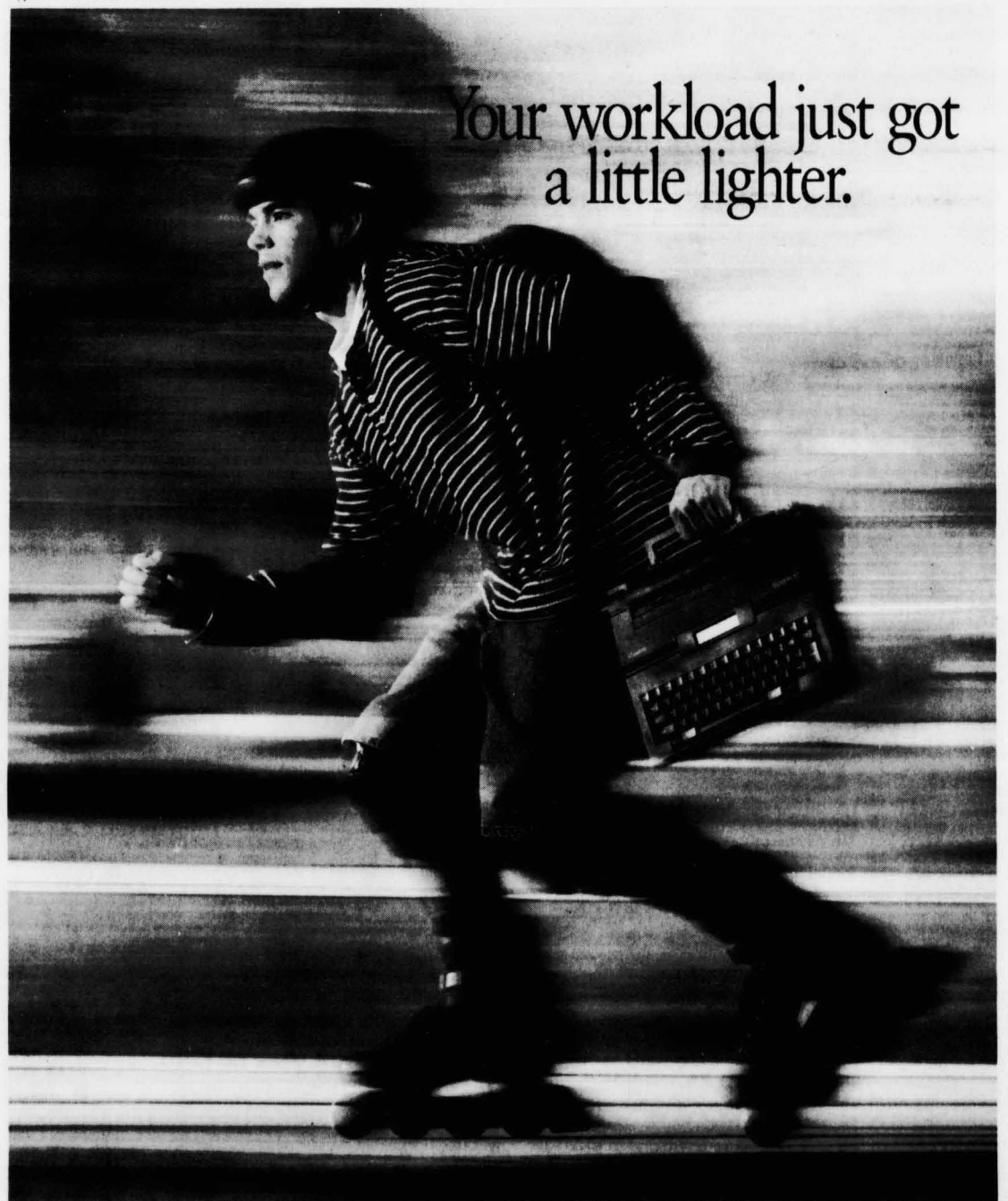
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