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It's not just for pilots anymore





ABOVE: SJSU senior Eric Grimsby, an aviation major concentrating in maintenance management, works on a Baron 55B aircraft Monday. He is required to inspect the plane and determine how its mechanical systems work, including the fuel system, emergency systems and the control panel.

LEFT: The SJSU aviation department is located at San Jose International Airport.

Photos by Ken Statham

Commuting alternative may be free

By Larry Barrett Scartan Daily Staff Writer

Relief may be in sight for SJSU faculty and students who commute to campus for work and classes if the Transportation Access Program is approved by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

The proposal, which would allow SJSU students and faculty to ride the county's light rail sys-tem for free, is still being devel-oped and will be discussed before the Transit Commission tonight at 7:30.

The meeting will be held at the Santa Clara County build-ing in the Supervisors' chambers. SJSU students are encouraged to attend and voice their opinions on the proposal.

The Transit Commission will make its recommendation to the Supervisors on Feb. 15 based on tonight's meeting and then vote on the proposal," said Bruce Kosanovic, a representative for the Board of Supervisors. "The exact details of this item are still incomplete, but tentatively, San Jose State would reimburse the county.

"As I understand it, the money to reimburse the county would come from the parking revenue fund which collects parking fines on campus. It is recommended that these funds go toward alternative transporta-tion," SJSU President J. Handel Evans said. "I believe this would come about as a result of a referendum that would be voted on by the students.

"We think this is fantastic. The parking situation is so bad that people buying parking passes will never, in their wildest dreams, be able to find spaces in the parking garages," Glen Evan of the SJSU Environmental Resource Center said. "This gives students an option and reduces the number of cars on the roads.

Since it's free, there will be no excuse not to ride the light rail."

According to Alfonso DeAlba of the Associated Students Board of Directors, information is still being put together for the Commission meeting.

"We don't have anything concrete at this point, but we plan to have the entire history and actual figures for the commission. We're hoping to get as many stu-dents there as possible," DeAlba

According to the Transit Agency, the number of light rail passengers has been declining and this program may spur increased usage.

"I think it's a great idea. I'm moving to the Almaden Valley and because (light rail) is free and parking is so bad here, I'd take advantage of it," senior marketing major Joel Chris-

English professor shares poetic desires

By Deana Smith Startan Daily Staff Writer

"Comedy of Desire," featuring the love poems of SJSU English professor Nils Peterson, hits the book stores in March.

The book, along with creative writing classes and Shakespeare classes, are all part of his academic contributions.

Before coming to SJSU, Peterson received his master's degree in English at Rutgers University

in New Jersey. At Rutgers, many of his friends were poets, so Peterson decided to give it try.

"It came to a point when I fig-ured what the hell, I am as good as they are so I started writing poems," Peterson said.

This interest in poetry has led to the publishing of Peterson's second book, "Comedy of second book, "Comedy of Desire." The book focuses on

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Dancing their way to the top

By Heather Hayes

The University Dance Theatre will be performing in concert at the San Francisco Dancers' Group at Footwork, a contemporary dance venue.

The University Dance Theatre is under the direction of Fred Mathews, a former dancer for the Jose Limon Dance Company. Mathews began his direction of University Dance Theater in 1989.

SJSU majoring in dance. They give over 20 performances a to give a full performance, Mathews said.

The purpose of the University Dance Theatre, according to Mathews, is to give dance majors experience in performing, to expose more people to the art of modern dance and to make SJSU more visible.

The dancers make "We are a well-known, reputable dance company," Math-company and practice every day.

"We are a well-known, reputable dance company," Math-company and practice every day. ews said. Dancers are students of They are prepared, at any time,

Freshman Bridgette Loriaux, who dances with University Dance Theatre, enjoys being with the company.

"It pushes you to work harder and improves vour strength as a dancer, performer and per-

son," Loriaux said. Loriaux said dancing in the

Sophomore dancer Emily

Rosenthal appreciates the fact that the dancers are treated as professionals and taken serious-

In San Francisco, University Dance Theatre will perform three pieces.

The first is "Choral Stance," choreographed by Kristin O'Shee.

"This piece is a very important statement about femininity,' Mathews said.

"Choral Stance" is a matriarchal piece about the strength of women. O'Shee researched East-

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Teaching activism

By Michelle Lau Sportan Daily Staff Writer

Tucked within Washington Square Hall, behind the door of room 115, the Environmental Resource Center (E.R.C.) provides the public with a gem of environmental knowledge.

The E.R.C., which was founded in the early 1970s, houses a small environmental library filled with large volumes of environmental books, pamphlets, Environmental Impact Reports,

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Black filmmaker seeks actors

By Marc J. Spears

Spartan Daily Staff Writer
Many entertainers and rappers have been influenced by

the original mack daddy, Max Julien. best known for his role in movie The Mack,



Wednesday Night Cinema in the Student Union Feb.16, when his popular film will be shown. Along the screening, Julien will also have an in-depth discussion and

be looking for people for an upcoming film.

Julien in the 70s and early 80s was one of the black filmmakers who paved the way for the likes of Spike Lee and John Single-

ton.
The black-exploitation film cost \$450,000, showed a net profit of \$10.3 million and was critically acclaimed at the Cannes Film Festival in 1983, years after its release. Along with these accomplishments, Julien is a screen writer, director, novelist and artist who is internationally

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New rink piques skating interest

'The classes are

great, and they're

much bigger.'

By Michelle Lau Spartan Daily Staff Writer

creeping around the corner, but for senior business major Serena Kim,

crisp coolness of a winter wonderland will remain all year

Located on the corner of 10th and Alma streets, the San Jose Ice Centre has become the new home for SJSU's beginning ice

skating classes and other related ice sports. The Ice Centre, part of SJSU's south campus, opened during the winter break.

According to James Bryant, chairperson of the human performance department, ice skating classes have been held for the last 20 years. Before the Ice Centre was built, classes were taught at the Eastridge Ice

The ice is much better here (the The warm weather of spring is Ice Centre) than at Eastridge," said who has taken the ice skating class before.

"The classes are great, and they're much bigger," she said.

Bryant said there are about 100 students who are currently enrolled in the

beginning ice skating classes. In previous years, only one section of the class was offered, but beginning this semester another section has been

"We have (40) more people because it's (the Ice Centre) closer, and it's a brand new facility," Bryant

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Laura Galindo, right, helps Roya Nasraty skate.

Forum & Opinion

Editorial

Psychological abuse as a defense

hould the accused be able to use physical and psychological abuse as a defense for killing or maiming their abuser? It depends on the motivation behind their actions. The more relevant question is why the abused fail to turn to the legal system to escape their

Abuse should not be used as a legal defense when the crime is motivated by revenge. However, self-defense is justifiable.

Legal precedent does not find justification in revenge. Revenge differs from self-defense. Revenge is motivated by anger. Self-defense is

motivated by escape.

The problem is that the legal system has difficulty distinguishing between these motives.

Victims of abuse often feel unprotected by the judicial system.

The judicial system operates on the fundamental belief that the accused is innocent until proven guilty.

Abuse is very difficult to prove. Even when found guilty, often the sentence is relatively short. In the Bobbitt case, John Bobbitt was found

innocent of raping Lorena. There was reasonable doubt in the jurors minds.

If he had been found guilty he faced a mini-

mum sentence of one year in prison. Lorena Bobbitt faced a minimum sentence of five years in jail if found guilty on the charge of genital mutilation of her husband.

If both had been guilty their crimes would not have differed so very much.

The perpetually abused may find justice in their actions, but they are often found guilty in a

For many, their sentence will be welcome relief

from the pain they have endured.

As a result of the difficulty to prove abuse, the abuser is often acquitted. Both the legal system and the psychology of abuse leads the victim to feel unprotected.

This vulnerability can lead victims to maim and kill. It is their safest avenue of escape.

If they must face the legal consequences, in most instances they won't care.

As long as cases of abuse must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, the accused will tend

to be acquitted of abuse charges. Assumption of innocence must continue to be the basis of our legal system.

As a result, the abused on occasion will contin-

ue to take justice into their own hands.

Their fate may be up to the legal system, but justice will be attained.



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A tour of recent world events

the 1994 Winter Olympics start this week in Lillehammer, "On the Soapbox" is excited by the new events: 'Kneecap Hit and Run,' the '100-yard Scissors Evasion' and 'Hung Jury Relay Team.'

I also like the way the new year is shaping up - the Olympics, general state of the Serb-Croat war, Clinton's jog-ging with two terminally exhausted bodyguards, healthcare battle between Hillary and the Republicans and an upcoming yet-another-Clinton-aide fir-

ing, this time, of Gergen.
I personally heard stories of Hill (if we can call William Jefferson Clinton 'Bill,' we can call his wife 'Hill') not agreeing with the Republican Gergen, especially on her second infant (the first one is Chelsea), health

We all deplore the Croat shelling of the Serb shoppers – it is in very poor taste to shell anybody trying to get the basic necessities while trying to sur-vive the longest winter on record (it just seems that way, especially to these civilians). The only reason why this column likes this piece of news is because Clinton is beginning to think twice about leaving that situation alone and Europe is getting ready to go along with the American policy.

ave you ever noticed that people are more

polite in person than

while driving on the freeway?

waiting in line at the campus bookstore for 15 minutes.

You're tired and it's the end of

a long day. Suddenly, without even an "excuse me," some

insensitive clod darts in front of

you and steals your place in

line. Isn't this an unacceptable

lar situations on the freeway so

acceptable? The answer is, most drivers feel shielded from nor-

mal etiquette because they

aren't face-to-face with their

times I've been approaching an exit on Interstate Highway 101

only to have an idiot come all

the way from the left lane at

light speed and beat me to it. Is

there some power play involved here? Would the sky somehow

have fallen if he had been, God

forbid, one car length behind me? Or are these drivers just

morons who don't know where they are going until the last pos-

sible nanosecond and move

their lips when reading stop

something at the dinner table,

it is rude to reach in front of people and "invade their

It's just like when you need

I can't remember how many

rush-hour companions.

Then why are so many simi-

act of rudeness?



BILL DROBKIEWICZ On the Soap Box

The Gergen-Hill **Grudge Match** promises to be the biggest event at the Capitol Hill Wrestle-Mania.'

tuned into CNN and saw Clinton jogging while his body-guards were trying to keep up. These bodyguards looked pitiful while trying not to clutch at their hearts and look profes-sional at the same time. I think I saw a bodyguard reel into a railing on the Potomac river bank and drop dead. The whole thing happened so fast. Of course, the voice-over was about health care.

The Republicans are trying their damnedest to resist any reforms (even watered-down reform looks better than the * * current system) in health care.

The other day, some persons Hill is not happy about that

Politeness lost in today's society

party-line stupidity. At least the Democrats are going along with the reforms. But I prefer the German health care system because, unlike Canada with no medical insurers, the insurers are partners in health care as well as doctors, hospitals and customers. Also, the German government actually stays out of the medical show.

I pointed out that Gergen is on his way out. He is closer to being shown the door because he is against health-care reforms while Hill favors reform. I wonder why Bill picked Gergen in the first place. Bill knew he was choosing a Republican who made Bush look good (a minor miracle). Bill knew his own wife's opinion on health care. He had to know that Gergen may believe that health care reforms can be accomplished by giving the greed-heads on the Capitol Hill

The Gergen-Hill grudge match promises to be the biggest event at the Capitol Hill Wrestle-Mania. Will Hill get Gergen through the ropes or will Gergen stay in the ring? Only they can answer that question. Of course, the media is the guest referee of the grudge

> Bill Drobkiewicz is a Daily staff columnist. His column appears every other Wednesday.

Campus Viewpoints

Ethnically diverse campus directs focus to the minorities

There is no doubt SJSU is one of the most ethnically diverse campuses in the nation. The result of this has been the creation of an African-American

studies program, a Mexican-American studies program and an Asian-American studies program.

There is nothing wrong with having courses documenting achievements of minorities and how they contribute to society.

However, many on campus including faculty members, take multiculturalism to the extreme by insisting that the campus deliberately look for minorities to fill positions of leadership whether it be a department chairman, excuse me, "chairperson", or President of the university. There is nothing wrong with interviewing minorities for these positions, in fact, the more diverse the applicants, the better. What is improper is the practice of deliberations. better. What is improper is the practice of deliber-

ately excluding white, Anglo-Saxon men.

Before you assume that I'm an Anglo-Saxon, blonde-haired, blue-eyed male, I'm not. My mother is South American and my father is Middle Eastern, so I know or thing or two about growing up in a cul-

turally diverse atmosphere.

What I am seeing on this campus and the nation is reverse discrimination. People no longer care about qualifications or capability, rather, they only care if the person applying for the job is an ethnic minority and filling a quota. Many, but definitely NOT ALL, members of eth-

nic minorities claim society owes them retribution for the injustices of the past. I agree that ethnic minorities should have the same opportunities. In fact, that would benefit me, but society does not owe anything to anyone.

If you want something, then work for it, and expect to be treated fairly. Quotas are an evil being that perpetuates false stereotypes about members of ethnic minorities because people from the outside will wonder, "Were they hired because they're quali-

fied or because they're a minority?"

Positions of leadership should be filled by the most qualified persons available. It is an injustice to pre-design a model for the available position.

It is very simple—review the applications and be colorblind when assessing them because prejudice is wrong and that includes prejudice against the white, Anglo-Saxon male. Being fair to all is more impor-tant than being politically correct.

Ninos Malek,

Letter to the Editor

Jazz in America more than just a G.E. class

I was debating whether to take a trip to Georgia to see my father, do some necessary but undesirable household chores or take a class during Winter Session. My first concern was the fee and my second concern was the intensity of the course load in such a short span.

Last summer I took an Economics course for three weeks. Whereas, I enjoyed the class and I did well, I thought my brain would explode!

Well, was I pleasantly surprised to find my decision to enroll in Jazz in America turned into more than just a G.E. fulfillment of cultural pluralism. I will be so bold as to say that most of the students were really pleased with this class.

We were lucky to be taught by Ted Lucas, Music Department Chair. His enthusiasm, interest and musical knowledge vibrated a daily interest and

hunger for jazz.

Little did I know I was having so much fun until the reality of the new semester became evident. As I stood in various lines, humming tunes of Duke Ellington, I realized I wanted my Jazz class back. Could a class really be so much fun? You bet!

> Marilyn Charell Director o Associated Students

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Writer's Forum

'Patience is definitely a quality that is lacking on the roads today.'

space." The same manners should apply when people are at the controls of the potential battering rams we call cars. If you cut in front of an unsuspecting person on the road, you run more than the risk of being rude. You run the risk of

Rilling an innocent person.

Patience is definitely a quality that is lacking on the roads today. There always seem to be people cutting other drivers off to shave that precious 10 sec-onds off of their commute time. It is especially frustrating when drivers are entering your

lane from other streets and cut you off. Half the time Joe Oblivious doesn't realize that there were no cars behind you for ed one second to say ... adjust his radio, Mr. Oblivious would have had plenty of time to access your lane without offending anyone.
I'll also never understand

why people pay up to \$30 thousand for a car with all the hottest features and gadgets, but not understand how to use the most basic one: the turn sig-nal. Are they too lazy to flick the indicator and warn drivers behind them, or is it simply "uncool" to signal?

Or what about the "superior income, I can take up three parking spots, have I men-tioned I drive a Mercedes" type of drivers? The concept is simple. See the white lines? Park your car between them. Apparently this concept is too baffling for some "my Rolex is bigger than yours" types to understand and can really present a prob-lem during Christmas shop-

ping.
Remember, that thing in your wallet with your picture on it isn't a license to act like the Dukes of Hazzard. It is a privilege that should be taken seri-

Gerald Woodall is a Daily Staff Writer

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The San Jose State calendar

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DELTA GAMMA: BBQ, 6p.m., 360 E.Reed St.(at 8th st.). Call Kathryn 947-8412

COMMUNITY HOMELESS ALLIANCE: March to Redevelopment Center, 12:30p.m., First Christian Church 80 S. Fifth St. Call Scott Wagers 294-2963

DELTA SIGMA PI: Meet the Chapter, 7:30p.m., Engineering Auditorium 189. Call Sandy Lam 629-7032

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES: Seminar with Dr.

Ronald Stecker "The implications of Africanized 'Killer' bee to U.S.," 1:30p.m., DH 135. Call 924-4900

FANTASY AND STRATEGY CLUB: Meeting on Rifts, AD&D, magic, 5-10p.m., Guadalupe Room, SU. Call

MATH/CS CLUB: Macintosh Programming and Organizational Meeting, 1:30-2:30p.m., MH 233. Call Chris 857-1488 PRE-LAW ASSOCIATION: Meeting, 6-8p.m., Pacheco Room. Call 977-1320

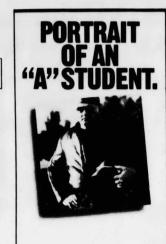
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PSI CHI: 37th Annual Spartan Research Colloquium, 11-6p.m., SU. Call 924-5600

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E.R.C.: Students pick up trash

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magazines and videos.
The E.R.C. is a nonprofit, student-operated environmental activity center. It is staffed by students enrolled in Environmental Studies 181, which serves as a vehicle for students to apply textbook knowledge to hands-on training.

"Environmental Studies 181 is a class in activism. You learn how to get involved in your community. We learn a lot of theory in the department (environmental studies), so it's a place to put that theory in practice," Jennifer

Cole serves as part of the executive staff in the E.R.C. and is president of the Student Affiliation for Environment Respect

The E.R.C. gives people the opportunity to get involved. People want to get involved, but they don't know how. So, you have to give them a place where they learn now to get invol Show them how to make a difference," she said.

Although there are roughly 27 students involved in the class, the events planned for this semester are far from limited. Events scheduled for this semester involve an Indigenous Awareness Series and the annual Earth

Included in the upcoming events is the Coyote Creek Cleanup on Feb. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Coyote Creek crosses Santa Clara and San Carlos

The E.R.C. has an annual cleanup is to become hands-on

beach cleanup every fall semester and a creek cleanup every sprin According to Kristi Swens-son, managing director of the E.R.C., past creek cleanups and beach cleanups have been suc-

"From past beach cleanups, 've collected 15 bags of trash. With creek cleanups, we've also cleaned up the creek at Alum Rock Park before. It is just loaded with trash. It's amazing. People think that we don't litter anymore, but it's so untrue. People still litter all the

time, unfortunate-Swensson said. She recalled ear-

lier that day she had to remind an SJSU student not to litter when she saw the student throw garbage into She suggests that

students who wish to participate include cleaning the immediate waterproof shoes, a light jacket, a change of shoes and socks as well as rubber gloves.
"You never know what you'll

find in there (in the creek), Swensson warned.

Swensson encourages anyone to participate in the activity. She feels the creek cleanup is productive for the community.

"Because there is no actual funding for rangers to clean up the creeks, we are performing an important service," Swensson

The objective of the creek

environmental activists.

"In the department, (environ-mental studies) we do a lot of book reading, but we don't realdo anything. This is the chance to do something, to get out there right now and make a

change today," Swensson said. Not only do members of the .R.C. want students to participate in the creek cleanup, they want to help the community realize that the overall environment is a precious necessity.

The environment directly affects everybody,

> "Each of us has had a hand in the destruction of the environment,

whether we believe it or not. Things are only going to get worse, unless we take baby steps to make it better. Baby steps

not one person on the planet who could say they didn't help (cause) the environmental problem. I don't think there's one person on the planet who has an excuse not to help," Swensson

People who wish to be involved in the creek cleanup can meet members of the E.R.C. on the corner of Fourth and San Carlos streets at 9 a.m. on Feb. 19.

The E.R.C. is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is accessible to the public.

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Putting Imagination To Work

Skeletal remains of child found

YUCCA VALLEY, Calif. (AP) The skeletal remains of a child were discovered in a remote desert Tuesday, and investigators tried to determine whether they were the body of an 11-year-old boy missing since November.

The body was found about 100 miles east of Los Angeles by a man searching for cans to use as target practice.

The body was not buried and was badly decomposed, said San Bernardino Sheriff's Sgt. Tony

The remains were found several miles from the site 15 miles north of Yucca Valley where the body of Arthur Leftwich, 14, was found on Dec. 16.

He had been killed by gunshots, and sheriff's officials called it murder.

Leftwich and Robert Martinich, 11, ran away together from their Yucca Valley homes on Nov. 19, sheriff's officials said. The two allegedly committed burglaries before disappearing, they said.

Sheriff's officials have been searching for Martinich ever since, and Allen said authorities immediately thought the body could be his.

ABOVE: First-time skater Brian Ikeya, right, takes the lead as a beginning class skates around the Ice Centre Thursday after an hour of instruction which includes starting, turning around and stopping. Students are divided into small groups according to their ability.

RIGHT: Students can either rent skates or bring their own. The skates on the right are hockey skates.

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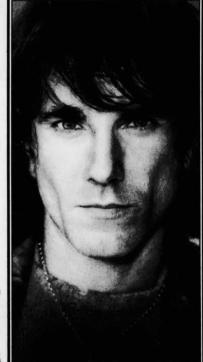
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Skating: Hot times on the ice

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The beginning ice skating classes, which are offered this spring on Thursday and Friday mornings, teach students the basic skills as identified by the International Ice Skating Association (IISA).

The classes begin with teaching fundamental skills such as the lacing of skates and progress to more difficult abilities such as performing turns. Bryant said the classes are divided into small groups based on skill levels and are taught by skating profession-

Candy Goodson, who worked as skating director at Sun Valley Concord for 18 years and was an instructor at Berkeley Iceland for one year, is the new skating director for the classes. Goodson was also named as Coach of the Year in 1985 by the Ice Skating Institute of America and has won five gold medals while coaching for National Precision Teams.

"I like working with college students. They're fun, and they learn very quickly," Goodson



Jodie Schmidt, a sophomore majoring in art, shares a mutual admiration for the class.

"I thought it sounded fun, and I was excited about the class because the Winter Olympics are coming up. It's a cool class because it gives me the opportu-nity to try something new," Schmidt said.

Goodson said she hopes stu-dents benefit from the enjoy-ment of skating as well as realize that it is a healthy activity.

"I hope students find that skating is a sport they can do for a

long time. There are a lot of aspects of ice skating. It's just something you can do forever," Goodson said.

Additional fees included in the class is a payment of \$42 for ice time, skates, instruction and assistance during class. Students also have the opportunity to skate after class time.

According to Goodson, new classes that are ice related will be offered in the future. Included are such classes as intermediate ice skating, broom hockey, co-ed hockey, and a skating skills class, which may include ice dance.

The little plays that count

Senior guard Lossie Mitchel has helped the Spartans to an 11-7 record

By Jennifer Ikuta

ossie Mitchel does the little things on the court

that won't make the highlight films, but those little things have been winning basketball games for the Spartans.

He might not score the big basket, but you can bet a Mitchel steal or pass had some-thing to do with getting the ball through the hoop.

Whether he's on defense causing a turnover that leads to a Spartan layup or running the point and passing to guard Terry Cannon, Mitchel is a constant presence around the basketball.

The fact the Spartans are in fourth place in the Big West and have an 11-7 overall record is partially due to Mitchel's hustle and leadership.

He is averaging eight points per game and is 10th in the Big West Conference in steals, averaging 1.5 per game. Mitchel is second in the Big West in fee throw percentage with 86.8.

Not a big scorer, but that's OK
"I don't score that much — I
don't look to score that much," he said. "It may not show in the stats, but I'm trying to get the ball inside to Terry or (forward) Jason Allen. I might not get the big bucket, but I'll do something that has to do with it.

"I want (the fans) to remem-ber I always played hard," Mitchel said. "I want them to remember I always had a desire to win and that I was always there, even during the tough times and for when we turned it around for this season.

Many Spartan basketball fans may know that Mitchel rarely miss-

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es free throws, especially during the last two minutes of a game.

"It just happens that in the last two minutes of a game, I'm the one with the ball," he said. They have to foul somebody.

It is often easy to let the high scoring of players like Cannon and Allen overshadow



hard he works. Forward

Mitchel Atiba Williams, who has lived with Mitchel for the last two years, said that as a guard, the 6-foot-3 Mitchel is

the one in control on the floor. "If somebody's out of control, he calms him down," Williams said. "He's a take-charge kind of guy. He's a workhorse. He goes hard all the time. He leads by

example."

SJSU head coach Stan Morrison said that unlike many seniors, Mitchel's game is always

improving.
"Despite the fact he's a fifthyear senior, Lossie continues to improve," he said. "A lot of seniors will taper off, but not him. You can't say that about all

Mitchel doesn't see his performance as anything exceptional.
"I'm playing OK — just aver-

age," he said.

A 'workhorse'

But if playing hard until the buzzer sounds and hustling down the court every play is average, there are plenty of players who would aspire to Mitchel's brand of medi

"The way he plays ball, he never gives up," senior guard Javier Zavala said. "He's the hardest worker out there - he never gets the credit for it. He's one of the best defensive players I've ever seen.' Odis Allison, Mitchel's coach at

Contra Costa College in San Pablo, said he remembers the high goals Mitchel set for himself. "Lossie had kind of a naive

talent that developed," Allison said. "It was a pleasure to watch him develop, to see him work-ing on his skills, develop his game. His work ethic inspired a lot of other players. Lossie was a tremendous leader and made my job as a coach much easier."

'A friend for life'

Mitchel is a quiet leader who prefers to lead by example. He seldom smiles, but his friendships run deep and his loyalty and dedication to friends and family is admirable.

Morrison said he will always value Mitchel's friendship.

"If you are someone Lossie regards as a friend, you've got a friend for life," Morrison said. "I feel such a strong sense of affec-tion for him because of those qualities. He's one of those guys in life you always want to main-tain contact with."

The oldest of seven children, Mitchel said he wants to be a role model for his siblings to show them there is a better life than the streets of Richmond provide.

"I just want to show them there's another side," he said. "I want to show them there's more than just hanging out with your friends. There's college — y have to better yourself. Life doesn't stop after high school."

Mitchel plans to graduate in May with a degree in adminis tration of justice. He would like to pursue a career relating to law and currently has an intership with the adult probation office in San Jose.

"I've always wanted to do something with the law," Mitchel said. "There are so many criminal acts - I want to do something to help. Police work is too dangerous. I kind of ant to help someone. If help one out of 10 or one out of 20 people, that's fine by me.'

Even with his dedication to hard work and leadership qualities on the court, Mitchel is not perfect.

"He waits too long to cook dinner — he doesn't make it until about 10 p.m.," Williams said with a laugh.

It's the little things, Lossie, the little things.

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World Events

• North Korea takes defensive steps on nuclear complex

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) Facing the possibility of United Nations sanctions, North Korea is fortifying and staging defensive maneuvers around its main nuclear complex, a South Korean security official said Tuesday.

North Korea, meanwhile, accused the South Korean leadership of "sword brandishing" and bringing Korea to the "brink of war."

North Korea is suspected of developing atomic weapons. It denies this, but has blocked foreign inspectors from its nuclear facilities.

In a meeting Tuesday of security-related ministers in Seoul, national security adviser Chung Jong-uk said intelligence reports show North Korea is conduct-ing defense training around main nuclear complex

at Yongbyon, 60 miles north of the capital, Pyongyang. Chung said North Korea also has fortified its underground military facilities at Yongbyon, but he said there's no sign North Korea is trying to provoke a confrontation.

Wednesday's edition of the Chosun Ilbo newspaper quot-ed an unidentified high government official as saying South Korea has increased surveillance of North Korea "to be informed of possible military maneuvers ahead of

The stepped up tension comes less than two weeks before the International Atomic Energy Agency votes on whether to refer North Korea's continued refusal to allow nuclear inspections to the U.N. Security Council for possible international sanctions.

2 Joblessness ascends to more than 4 million

BONN, Germany (AP) — Unemployment in Germany soared to a postwar record of more than 4 million last month, the government said today. German companies have

been laying off thousands of people as they scale down to try to recover from the recession, and an increase in unemployment in January had been

But the January figure, which showed an increase of 340,000 nationwide, was well above predictions. Last week, it was estimated that the nationwide total

would be 3.9 million, but it turned out to be 4.03 million.

Of that number, 2,736,100 were in western Germany and 1.293,400 in eastern Germany, the Federal Statistics Office

The jobless rate for the western region climbed from 8.1 to 8.8 percent, and in the east it rose to 17 percent from 15.4 percent, the office said.

German joblessness has been hitting new postwar records each month for the past year. The last record was about 3.7 million, set in December.

3 U.S. Embassy warns Americans to take Islamic threat seriously

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The U.S. Embassy said it takes the latest threat by Islamic extremists against foreigners in Egypt "very seriously" and urged Americans to be on alert.

The warning was faxed by the embassy to American companies in Cairo on Tues-

A copy was made available by one firm to The Associated Press. The notice said the embassy has no information Americans were specifically tar-

It added "We must, however, take such threats very seriously" and urged American "heighten their security awareand urged Americans to and report to police any

suspicious activity.
On Monday, the extremist al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, or Islamic Group, renewed its threat against foreigners. Repeating a warning of Feb. 2, the group urged tourists and foreign investors to leave, saying it was their "last ultimatum."

The Islamic Group statement was faxed to a Western

news agency in Cairo. There

was no way to authenticate it. Egypt's top law enforcement official, Interior Minister Hassan el-Alfy, said the threat showed the militants' insecurity. He ruled out any dialogue with the extremists.

El-Alfy termed the bombing of a branch of the central bank in Cairo on Monday as "just bubbles in the air to prove they (the militants) still exist.

The bomb caused only minor damage and no casualties. Explosive devices outside two other banks were defused.

No attack on foreigners has been reported since the initial warning to tourists and foreign investors.

Three foreigners have been among the 300 people killed in the two years since the Islamic Group began its campaign to displace Egypt's secular government with Islamic rule. The other victims have been police, Coptic Christians, government officials and

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China is reportedly developing another rocket, the Long March 3B, to be used to launch satellites manufactured abroad. It will be able to put a 4.8-ton satellite into space.

China has aggressively entered the international launching business in recent years as a way of earning hard

New Finnish president invites Zhirinovsky for celebration

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) -President-elect Martti Ahtisaari, whose diplomatic career schooled him in reconciliation, has suggested that Vladimir Zhirinovsky come for an independence celebration despite his threats to make Finland a Russian colony again.

Zhirinovsky is a danger only if the world isolates him, Ahtisaari told a news conference Monday, the day after becoming Finland's

first directly elected president.
Although the president can use his office to exert influence on the government's domestic policy, his primary responsibility is foreign policy — the area in which Russia has cast a long shadow in Finland.

Finland was ruled by Russia until Dec. 6, 1917, and fought two wars against the Soviet Union after that.

A 1948 treaty allowed the Kremlin to influence Finland's foreign-policy and security decisions in exchange for an unstat-

ed promise against Soviet inva-

The ascendancy of Zhiri-ovsky and like-minded novsky politicians who yearn to restore the Russian Empire has made many of Russia's former possessions nervous.

But Ahtisaari said that Zhirinovsky "might be a threat everyone wants to isolate him. don't see any reason why the ambassador of Finland should not extend an invitation to Zhirinovsky to our independence celebration.

Zhirinovsky's visits abroad have typically been marked by bluster. He and his party were asked to leave Slovenia for causing commotion at a drinking party. Last month, he was booted from Bulgaria, and Germany denied him a visa.

Ahtisaari led the United Nations' efforts to negotiate independence for Namibia.

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Desire." The book focuses on Peterson's trials and tribulations with love. Robert Bly, a contemporary poet, has edited and written the introduction to the book.

Peterson and Bly have been friends for a long time and trade

poems often. When Peterson came to SJSU 31 years He is one of the ago, he revived creative writing program. "When

arrived at SJSU, none of the older teachers wanted to teach creative writing. Since I had some experi-ence in it, I taught some of

the classes," Peterson said. Peterson became the coordinator of the creative writing program once it became a larger part of the English department. Now, a creative writing emphasis for both English majors and the graduate program are being

professors in the department. He has inspired students for decades," Jack Haeger, chairperson for the English department, said.

Peterson participates in many other activities that focus around his creative writing and poetry. He teaches creative writing work-

shops for the San Jose Center of Poetry and Literature, Foothill College and the Mendocino Writers Confer-

He also does poetry readings during the year.

He has a Jack Haeger event on Valentine's Day at the d. p. Fong Gallery on S. First

Street. He will be reading his own poems as well as those from other poets.
"The Valentine's reading is a

tradition that we would sorely miss. He reads beautifully and is an outstanding poet," Lewandowski, associate dean of fered. graduate and international stud-"He is one of the best-loved ies, said. Dance-

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ern Europe's primitive matriarchal society and ancient goddess figures for the piece. From this, she developed what Mathews calls a "ritualistic, primitive

"Solaris," the next piece, was choreographed by Mathews and was premiered in 1976 by the Limon Company. Mathews said this piece is from the male point of view. It is a very visual piece for which he used his "images of a lifetime" as a male.

The third piece in the reper-toire is "Exile," choreographed

by Jose Limon in 1950.
"Exile' is about people being torn from the familiar and forced to face the unknown," Mathews said.

University Dance Theater will be performing Feb. 17, 18, and 19 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$7. For information and reservations call (415)

UAL plane forced to return to SFO after windshield cracks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A United Airlines flight bound for Los Angeles International Airport was forced to return to San Francisco International Airport Tuesday because a part of the windshield cracked, authorities

Flight 1717 returned to San Francisco about 4:05 p.m. There were 49 passengers and crew members on board.

The Boeing 737 plane apparently had climbed to 30,000 feet when the outer layer of the windshield on the co-pilot's side

Before

The plexiglass window, which has at least three layers, did not break, said airport spokesman Ron Wilson.

The pressure inside the plane was not affected, although the pilot took the plane down to 10,000 feet where pressure is not a factor.

There were no injuries and no other flights were involved.

Wilson said that it is very unusual for such a crack to occur and authorities were investigating the matter.

Filipino-American youth with leukemia not finding marrow donor

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) - An 8-year-old Filipino-American boy who needs a bone marrow transplant is having difficulty finding a matching donor

because of his ethnic heritage. Erik Palmer, whose father is a Marine based at Camp Pendleton, has already undergone months of chemotherapy to fight his leukemia.

Doctors have told his family that without a transplant, he has little chance of living.

"He's been getting really tired lately," said his mother, Lita Palmer.

The boy must visit the hospital every other day to receive blood platelets, which his bone

marrow is not producing. Erik's mother is Filipino and his father is white.

He can receive a transplant only from someone whose bonemarrow is a close match to his.

"He has more of a chance matching a Filipino-American," said his father, Shawn Palmer.
"There have been plenty of people who have donated blood that don't match."

The Palmers' search for a suitable donor has gone national and international, but has produced no results.

Now, they hope local people with Filipino heritage will come forward.

The San Diego County Blood Bank is administering tests to all prospective donors free.

Erik's leukemia was diagnosed last May after he was admitted to the base hospital for suspected pneumonia.

Film: "The Mack"

best-loved

has inspired

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known for his portrayals of the black community.

Julien's portrayal of Goldie Mack in "The Mack" has been remembered by many comedians and musicians since its release. Sinbad and Martin Lawrence have done "Mack" impersonations in live performances and on their popular

TV shows. On a recent episode of "Living Single," Queen Latifah had the women go "Macking" and they then went to a bar where she met a man named Goldie. Kriss-Kross' members have named themselves Mack Daddy and Daddy Mack. Bel Biv Devoe's latest album is titled "Hootie Mack." Also, Julien will

be featured in the coming months in a Hammer video that concentrates on the two of

Julien will be taking information for any actors, actresses or behind-the-scenes people interested in his upcoming movie. He asks that a resume, photographs and any additional information be brought by aspiring actors to the show. There will be a reception following the

Wednesday Night Cinema, along with The Associated Stu-dents Program Board, will show The Mack" on Wed., Feb. 16. The movie, starring Julien and Richard Pryor, will be shown in the Student Union Ballroom at

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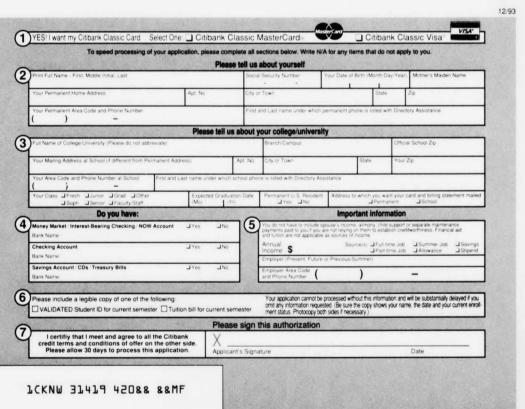
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