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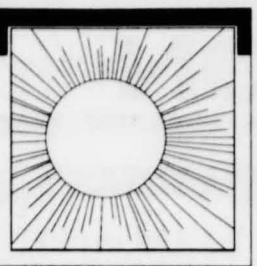

OPINION

Superstitions are good, in moderation.

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Boo !

The Spartan Daily wishes you a happy and safe Halloween.

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Scheller house gets demolition reprieve

Restraining order extended until Nov. 10

By Joanne Griffith Domingue
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Scheller house, the 1904 building on San Carlos and Fifth streets, received another reprieve Friday when the temporary restraining order against its demolition was extended to Nov. 10.

San Jose State University wants to use the Scheller lot for a new science building and would like to have the house removed during the San Carlos Street construction. The San Jose Preservation Action Council wants the house saved. They filed a restraining order Sept. 20 stopping demolition.

Judge Jeremy Fogel of the Santa Clara County Superior Court is moving cautiously. Once the house is gone, "You can't go back and fix it," he said. "It's like a death penalty."

Fogel granted the two-week extension to allow the Preservation Action Council additional time to prove the historic value of the structure and to show they exercised due diligence early on in the process to document this value.

Fogel acknowledged that the university is harmed by extending the date of his decision. Demolition will cost an additional $20,000 because of the increased difficulty of working around the San

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Campus cleanup

JEFF CHIN — SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Tau Delta Phi members Jennifer Brandt, left, and Tracy Jensen pick up trash at the corner of Sixth and San Salvador streets during the coed fraternity's cleanup day Sunday.

SJSU fraternity cleans up downtown neighborhood

Tau Delta Phi takes initiative to improve community

By Kevin Valine
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

They looked like beachcombers enjoying a warm, lazy day at Santa Cruz, except they were 30 miles away from the beach.

Instead of picking up seashells, 14 members of Tau Delta Phi, a coed honor fraternity at San Jose State University, picked up trash around campus for two hours Sunday afternoon.

Erica Shirley, a senior child development major, laughed when told she and her companions looked as if they were picking up shells as they worked their way along San Salvador Street.

"I don't know if we're going to keep these 'treasures'," she said. "I'm not going to hold them up to my ear and see if I can hear the sounds of the gutter."

> **'I'm not going to hold them up to my ear and see if I can hear the sounds of the gutter.'**
>
> **Erica Shirley**
> Tau Delta Phi member

Shirley said the fraternity's main goal is community service and that is why they decided to do their first trash pickup.

She said fraternity members decided to pick up garbage in a two-block perimeter around the campus because they didn't want their cleanup to be seen as a criticism of SJSU maintenance workers.

"We want to stay away from the campus," she said. "We don't want to make a statement about the job that maintenance workers are doing. There aren't very many of them, but they all do a very good job."

The 14 street cleaners split into two groups on San Salvador Street, with one group going east and the other west.

The two groups then picked up trash as they worked their way around campus. The groups reunited on San Fernando

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Political rally ends with assault charge

Speaker contends Republicans violated his free speech rights

By Michelle Maitre
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Last Monday's Republican political rally, at which Republican Senatorial Candidate Michael Huffington was scheduled to speak, did not exactly go as planned.

First, Huffington, the guest of honor, pulled a no-show and sent his father, Roy Huffington, as proxy. Then, following the rally, guest speaker Lyle Smith filed a battery report against a rally organizer.

Smith claimed Ed Rowen, president of San Jose State University's chapter of the College Republicans, struck him and forced him off the podium because Rowen did not like Smith's message.

> **'That guy's a nut. That's goofy Lyle Smith. He got up there and endorsed the American Independent Party, well-known as a neo-Nazi organization.'**
>
> **Ed Rowen**
> president, SJSU College Republicans

During his speech, Smith, a Republican candidate for the 16th Congressional District, which covers parts of Central and East San Jose and Morgan Hill, said he did not endorse Gov. Pete Wilson in the upcoming election. Instead, Smith endorsed Jerry McCready, the American Independent Party candidate.

Smith alleged Rowen and rally Master of Ceremonies David Neighbors violated his First Amendment right to free speech by forcing him from the podium in the Student Union Amphitheater. Smith also alleged Rowen struck him. Smith filed a battery report with the University Police Monday evening, said University Police Department Lt. Bruce Lowe.

"It took place from behind me," Smith said of the incident. "I was in deep concentration on my speech. All of a sudden, (Neighbors) was on my left reaching around me and grabbing the microphone. Simultaneously, (Rowen) hit me on the back with incredible force. I had a chance to glance at his face and

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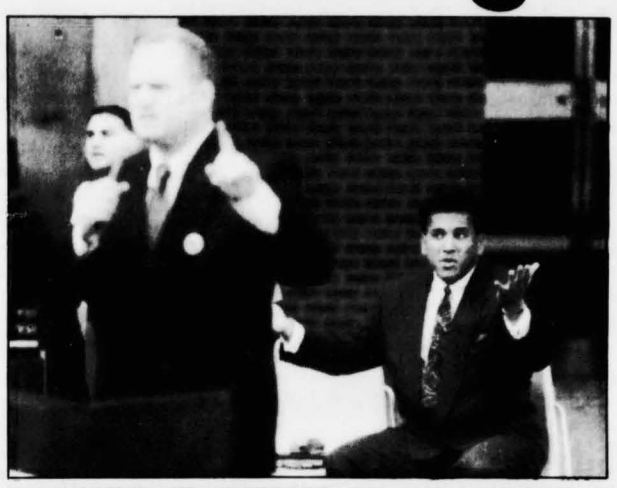

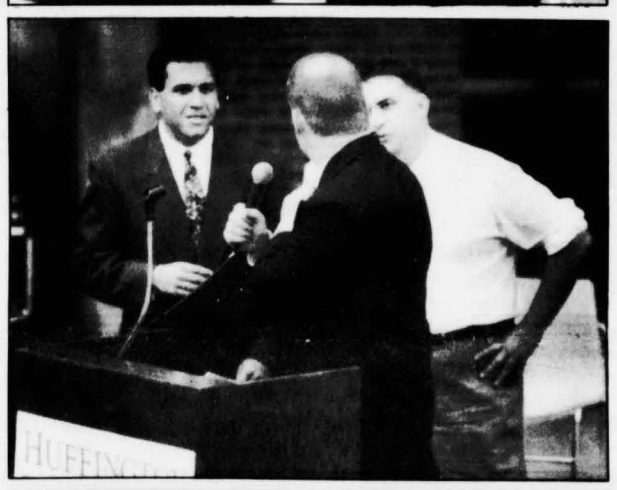

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16th Congressional District candidate Lyle Smith, on podium, filed a battery report after a Republican rally on Oct. 24 in the Amphitheater. He claims he was forced off the podium and struck in the right arm after announcing he was not endorsing Gov. Pete Wilson in the upcoming election.

Budget crunch affects Greek system

By Cindy Trotter
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Individual students are not the only ones feeling the budget crunch. So are large organizations, including the Greek system.

According to Alpha Phi President Michelle Swander, the last two years have been difficult for sororities on campus.

"When tuition was $200 or $300 people could still pay (for sororities), even if they couldn't live in," Swander said. "Now that tuition is up to $1,000 and has almost tripled in four years they don't have the extra $600 they once had to pay for the Greek system."

"I feel joining a fraternity or sorority is a financial commitment — not a financial burden," Alpha Omicron Pi President Linda Paul said. "I don't think it's a huge cost to pay."

To maintain ceiling (house totals) all six of the sorority houses on campus need to have 65 members and, according to Paul, there are no houses on campus who are at ceiling.

"The Greek system is something people don't want to be a part of right now," Paul said. "People have less time because of college studies or because people are working and they don't have time to give to a separate organization."

According to Interfraternity Council President Jonathan Polanich, this is not a Harvard situation where par-

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American Music Week opens November with contemporary music appreciation

By Tim Schwalbach
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Craig Bohmler and Richard Aldag, San Jose State University music professors, have something in common with George Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein, Irving Berlin and Aaron Copland. They are all composers of American music.

American Music Week, celebrated annually during the first week of November, is a week-long national celebration of music by composers in the United States.

In 1985, the American Music Center, a national nonprofit service organization in New York, created the concept of American Music Week.

The Center has promoted the recognition, performance and appreciation of American contemporary music through information services, library, publications and copying assistance programs. Organizations and endowments help support the Center's causes.

Dr. Janet Averett, associate professor of music, and Craig Bohmler presented an Almost All-American Music Week. The "almost" refers to the Spanish songs composed by pianist Martin Katz that concluded the performance.

American music is difficult to describe. It's like trying to describe what American food tastes like to somebody who has never tasted it said Pablo Furman, assistant professor of music at SJSU.

"It's a lot of variety," Furman said. "It could be characterized as traditional, John Philip Sousa marches, avant-garde contemporary, experimental and even electronic, which is music produced and composed with the aid of computers and electronic

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Writer's Forum

Technically speaking, language skills count

Nancie Gruber
staff reporter

Here in Silicon Valley and across the country, math, science and technical skills are emphasized as being critical to the future of the United States and its people.

In a world where the mastery of high technology has become the standard by which success is measured, the art, beauty and importance of language seem to have been lost.

Yet every day we're judged by our language skills. Some people know us only through telephone conversations or via the written word. They have no way to evaluate our level of intelligence except through our communication skills.

If you think language skills are unimportant, let me relate a couple of stories that may change your mind.

When I worked at Hewlett-Packard, we always had send-offs for employees who were leaving the division or the company.

Several years ago, one of the cost accountants was transferring to Idaho, and his department manager sent out a memo telling people where and when to gather for the going-away cake and gift presentation. The gift was a commemorative plaque.

The memo said, "The plague will be given to Ken Friday at afternoon break." Hmmm...I don't think he's going to like that.

The word "plague" wasn't just a slip of the fingers, either. The manager used it in the memo three times.

I admit I had a good laugh. So did the rest of the people in the department and several managers from other functional areas.

Do you want a lot of people laughing at your expense? I don't think so.

Another example of why language skills are important comes from one of my own managers at HP, who often told us the most important thing an employee can bring to a job is education.

She inculcated us weekly with her favorite expression, "On a scale of one to 10, education is an 11."

Then she turned around and wrote memos that contained grammatical errors and misspellings. Once, after hiring a new male employee, she sent out a memo that said he had graduated from the "University of Perdue."

The personnel department may have had a little trouble tracking down his transcripts.

Although my boss was highly educated, anyone who knew her only through the written word could have judged her as illiterate.

Her lack of care for the language diminished the high regard I had for her technical knowledge. Understanding the "technobabble" just isn't enough if you want the respect of others.

Granted, it's not possible to know everything about the grammar, syntax, spelling and intricacies of any language — especially English and its myriad exceptions to every rule.

But how can we expect to compete in the global economy if we don't even try to master our own language?

Writer's Forum

Moderation key to knocking on wood

Shelley Spackman
staff reporter

I'm somewhat superstitious, I admit it.

The other day while eating lunch with a friend, I accidentally spilled salt all over the table. Automatically, I grabbed a hand-full of grains and threw it over my left shoulder.

It wasn't something I particularly thought about, it just sort of happened, like any natural reaction.

Although I don't cringe at the sight of a black cat or stay indoors on Friday the 13th, I do make sure I say "gesundheit" when a friend sneezes and I always avoid walking under ladders, when possible.

Superstitions, beliefs or notions which attempt to explain the unexplainable, are based on neither reason nor fact and have no logical foundation in society.

They are merely mysterious, even entertaining, remnants of man's ignorant past. A past which relied heavily on religion and supernatural beliefs to explain the unknown and the misunderstood.

According to Carole Potter's book "Knock on Wood," almost every modern superstition can be traced back to ancient civilizations.

During Roman times, if someone broke a mirror or reflective, shiny surface, people believed they were actually injuring their own soul or their "other self." They believed bad luck would rule them for a period of seven years, the amount of time they believed it took to renew life.

The only way to break the cycle of bad luck, they believed, was to bury the pieces of the mirror.

During the Middle Ages, black cats were believed to be the mascot for witches. If one crossed your path, it was a sign that Satan had been taking notice of you.

During the days of the Druids, people began using the concept of knocking on wood to ward off punishment for bragging. People believed that if you pointed out your good fortune to the evil spirits, they would be jealous and take it away; so they knocked on wood.

Today, modern society has adapted these and other superstitions into everyday life.

Many people are still habitually fearful of black cats, cross their fingers for good luck or knock on wood to avoid retribution.

Most public buildings even avoid labeling the thirteenth floor.

Although some people can go overboard with their superstitious beliefs, most believers, who treat superstitions as the innocent notions which they are, can find them entertaining, even helpful.

When performed in moderation, superstitions can take the fear out of the unknown and give believers the small glimmer of hope, luck, or peace of mind for which they are searching.

After all, if believing in a harmless, unswerving belief can make life a little easier, what's wrong with that?

Letters to the Editor

Bible consistently explicit about gay sin

Dear Editor:

I'm commenting on Michael Danner's article about homosexuality from a Christian perspective.

First, let me say that the gay issue is a controversial topic in society and in some confused churches, but it is certainly not controversial according to the Holy Bible.

Homosexuality is a sin from a Christian point of view even if gay people deny that the Biblical Sodom story is not about gay sin (although the destruction of the city was about gay sin, but the point is that being gay is a sin).

There are other verses in the Bible where God is also more than clear about the gay lifestyle, as he states in Leviticus 18:22: "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination."

Also in Romans 1:27, God says: "For this reason God gave them (homosexuals) up to dishonorable passions. Their women exchange natural relations for unnatural and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error."

I want to point out though, that God hates homosexuality but loves the homosexual; he is always there to give the gay person the strength to turn away from his sin when he decides to.

On the other hand, God also permits us to make decisions that are contrary to his will because he gives us the choice to love him or not.

If indeed gay people want to love Jesus then they should obey his word just as Danner said, "Words don't do it. Our actions are what counts."

If they choose otherwise, then they can't continue committing acts against God and identify themselves as Christians at the same time.

Miguel Jimenez
Graphic Design

Three strikes deters, regardless of race

Dear Editor:

In regard to the letter dealing with Proposition 184, it must be pointed out that minorities, specifically Blacks and Hispanics, make up a large part of the prison population because they commit a large part of the crime.

It is true that the proposition "supports California's intent on locking up a targeted group of society." That group is the section of society that commits crimes.

If you are White and a repeat offender you also can join this group.

I am a Mexican-American who was convicted of a felony some years ago. Upon sentencing I was told that if I ever committed the same crime or any other felony after my release from jail, I would be given seven years and eight months more of prison time.

I could of complained that they were picking on me because I was a Mexican, but I didn't. However, I did take them seriously.

That is not to say I didn't get into any more trouble, but it does mean I was very careful not to commit any more felonies.

The fear of having to spend five to eight years in prison was enough of a deterrent. I think that the fear of facing 25 years-to-life may deter others regardless of their race.

Ramon Castilloxs
Senior
Pre-Occupational Therapy

Letter to the Editor

Brown supports future of universities

Dear Editor:

The Republicans don't want you to vote this Nov. 8. They know that if college students don't vote they can keep raising your registration fees and offer you fewer and larger classes.

You don't have to sit idly by and wait for things to happen. You can make a difference and save our public universities. Vote for Democrat and friend of education, Kathleen Brown.

California has entered its fifth year of budget cuts. College students have been forced to bear the burden of the state's financial troubles.

Not only are college students paying more for less education — they're taking longer to do it. The average CSU student takes 5.5 years to graduate. Students must juggle the demands of work, family, school and studies while coping with rising fees and overcrowded classes.

Students must not let narrow-minded and short-sighted politicians bankrupt our state's future. You have the opportunity this election to do something about the future of our university system.

At the same time, you will be voting for a candidate who has a plan too bring jobs to California when she is elected. Brown has committed herself to stopping the fee increases and restoring the CSU budget.

Under the Pete Wilson administration registration fees have increased dramatically (88 percent). Kathleen Brown will help restore the California dream of access to affordable, quality education for all.

Students are our greatest resource and our greatest hope. The CSU system alone adds over $4.5 billion to California's economy through payroll and purchases of goods and services. This is nearly double the CSU's budget of $2.3 billion. Sounds like a pretty good investment.

Once the economy recovers from its temporary downturn, where will we be? In the global economy, education is the key to investment in a productive future.

We need to stop the fee increases. We need to make a college education more affordable and available. We need to increase the numbers of professors and classes. Brown will certainly do more for our state than Pete Wilson. He had his chance.

Now let's give Brown a chance to turn this state around. For our future and for our universities, vote for change.

Tim Sampson
Professor of Social Work, SFSU
Statewide Secretary
California Faculty Association

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SJSU'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

today

A.S.E.M.C.C.
Multicultural Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., SU Multicultural Room. Call Emmeil, 924-6409.

Career Planning & Placement
Career Planning Your Future Career, 2:30-4:30 p.m., BC 13 ***and*** Computer Software Demo, Noon-1:15 p.m., BC 13 ***and*** Computer Software Demo, 1:30-2:30 p.m., BC 13. Call 924-6033.

Lutheran Student Fellowship
Bible Brown Bag, Noon-1 p.m., SU Montalvo Room. Call Rev. Hawkins, 292-5404.

Kappa Delta
Kappa Delta Mystery Mansion, 6:30 p.m., 278 S. 10th Street. Call Kendra, 279-9035.

RINDA
Informational Meeting on KGO Tour, 4:30 p.m., DBH 221. Call Carla, 924-7914.

School of Art & Design
Student Galleries Art Shows, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., ART & IND Bldgs. Call Marla, 924-4330.

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AIESEC
Meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., SU Costanoan Room. Call 924-3453.

Asian American Christian Fellowship
"How to be Buddies With God," 7:30 p.m., SU Council Chambers. Call Jeff, 279-5790.

Career Planning & Placement
Co-op Orientation, 3:30 p.m., SU Costanoan Room ***and*** Interviewing for Success, 2 p.m., SU Almaden Room. Call 924-6033.

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Catholic Campus Ministry
Tuesday Night Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Campus Interfaith Center ***and*** Tuesday Evening Dinner (free) , 7 p.m., Campus Interfaith Center. Call Fr. Mark, 298-0204.

Golden Key National Honor Society
Executive Council Meeting, 4 p.m., SU Almaden Room.

PRSSA
Meeting, Guest Speaker: Irmhard Lafrentz, 7 p.m., SU Costanoan Room. Call Tanya, 924-7913.

Russian Club
TV News From Russia (translation by Prof V. Schenk), Noon-1 p.m., HB 407. Call 924-3685.

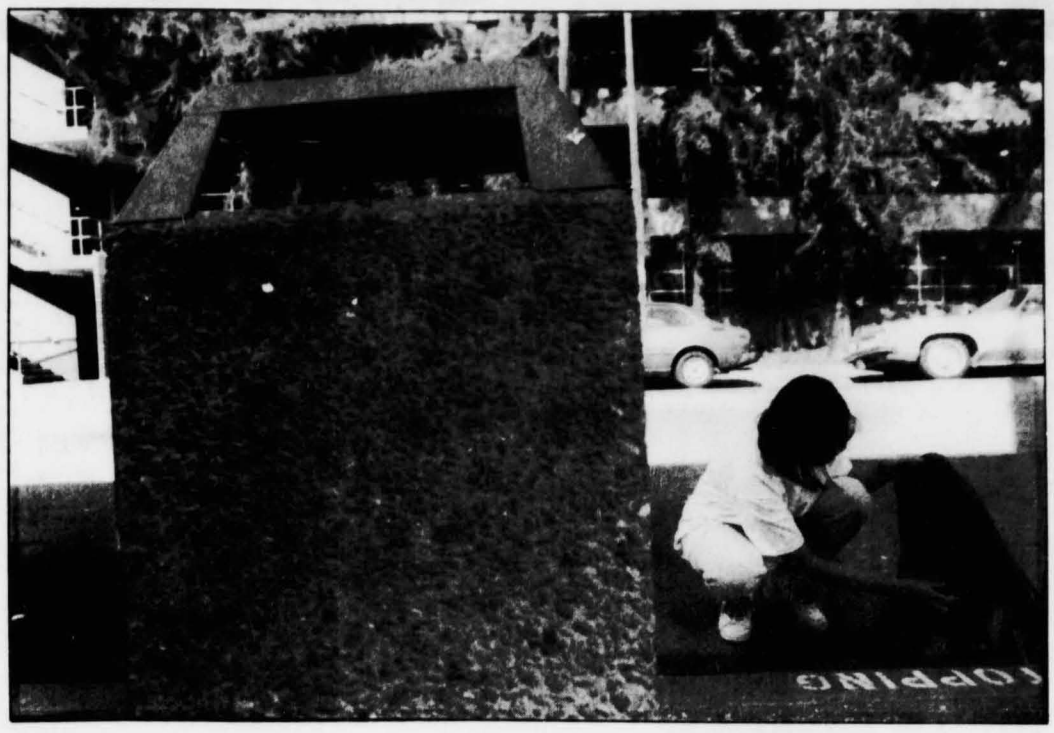
School of Art & Design
Student Galleries Art Receptions, 6-8 p.m., IND & ART Buildings. Call Marla, 924-4330 ***and*** Tuesday Night Lecture Series: Panel Discussion: Visual Cymbals Composers, 6-7 p.m., ART 133. Call Andy, 924-4328.

Student California Teachers Association
Guest Speaker: Gloria Macias, Credential Analyst–Current Information on LDS Certificate, CLAD/BCLAD Credential, Noon-1 p.m., LRD3-SH 331. Call JoElla Molloy, 270-5329.

SJSU Fencing Club
Meeting & Practice, 5:30-7:30 p.m., SPX 089. Call John, 280-6019.

Society of Women Engineers
Resume Workshop, 11:30 a.m., ENG 335 ***and*** meeting, 12:30 p.m., ENG 333. Call Leanne, 773-1262.

Department of Sociology
Lecture & Discussion with guest speaker Luis Talamantez: "Human Rights and the Pelican Bay Prison System," 1:30-3:30 p.m., MD Auditorium. Call 924-5334.



Participating in the Tau Delta Phi street clean-up program Sunday afternoon, Benja Jacobs bags trash across the street from the Seventh Street garage. Fourteen people from the coed honors fraternity joined in the project.

JEFF CHIN — SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Cleanup: Students clean local neighborhood

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Street.

Picking up trash gave one fraternity member a new view on life, one from the gutter.

"I never noticed how dirty everything is until now," said Niki Naumchik, a sophomore sociology major. "It's so sad."

But Naumchik said it could have been worse. "Imagine if this was Philadelphia, New York City or San Francisco?" she asked.

She also got a new perspective on students' eating habits.

"People eat out — lots of Taco Bell and McDonald's wrappers, but we're next to the dorms," Naumchik said. "What does that say about San Jose State eating habits?"

Shirley said one of the reasons the fraternity decided to do a campus cleanup is to motivate other people to get involved.

"We are modeling behavior I would like other people to do," she said. "I want to live in a clean campus environment.

At least one resident appreciated the fraternity's efforts.

San Salvador Street resident Karen Clementi said the cleanup was "cool. That's a real nice thing to do. It's getting better and better to live around here."

At the end of the cleanup, the fraternity had collected 30 large plastic bags of trash, including 40 pounds of aluminum cans and bottles that will be recycled.

Among the food wrappers, cigarette butts and beer bottles, the fraternity also picked up a spoon, one pair of black shoes, a spark plug, hair brush, a pair of panties and one condom still in its wrapper.

And one seashell.

Government opens toll free hot line for people with AIDS, HIV

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government is opening a toll-free telephone number Monday to provide treatment information by telephone or computer to people with AIDS, their families and health care providers.

The HIV-AIDS Treatment Information Service was scheduled to begin taking calls at 9 a.m. EST.

The number is 1-800-HIV-0440 and the hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST Monday through Friday.

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White House hit by bullets; lone gunman under arrest

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 26-year-old Colorado man sprayed bullets from a Chinese-made assault weapon into the White House on Saturday, but neither President Clinton nor anyone else was injured, the Secret Service said.

The man was taken into custody immediately.

"The president was in no danger whatsoever," said Richard Griffin, assistant Secret Service director for protective operations.

The shooter was identified by the Secret Service as Francisco Martin Duran of Colorado Springs, Colo., who wielded an SKS Chinese semi-automatic rifle, similar to an AK47 assault weapon, said Griffin.

Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said at least eight shots struck the White House, including three that hit the mansion portion were Clinton was watching football upstairs.

Briefing reporters in the same room where a bullet was lodged in the wall, Panetta said Clinton expressed his appreciation for the citizens and Secret Service agents who captured Duran.

Griffin said there was no indication that Griffin was working with anyone else.

"I would not characterize this as an assassination attempt at all, no way," Griffin said.

He said there was no reason to believe anyone other than the gunman was involved in the shooting.

Bystanders ran for cover as the gunman fired "20 to 30" shots from just outside the iron White House fence.

Economy still remains strong despite interest rate increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy surged ahead at a 3 percent annual rate in the third quarter, practically assuring another increase in short-term interest rates soon.

The Commerce Department said today that most of the larger-than-expected expansion in the quarter that ended Sept. 30 was due to accelerated consumer spending. It advanced at a 3.1 percent rate, more than double the gain in the previous quarter and the biggest increase since a 6.4 percent jump in the fourth quarter last year.

Analysts said in advance of the report they expected a 2.8 percent growth rate in gross domestic product. They predicted that even that relatively moderate advance would be enough to persuade the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates next month to check possible inflation.

Fearing the economy is heating up, financial markets had nervously awaited today's GDP report, which measures the total output of goods and services produced in the United States.

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> **Sung Won Sohn**
> economist, Norwest Corp.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan has suggested that the optimum growth rate after inflation is 2.5 percent. The economy boomed ahead at a 6.3 percent rate for the last three months of 1993, slowed to 3.3 percent in the first quarter and picked up speed to close out the second quarter at 4.1 percent.

Also, analysts have said they expect the economy is gaining momentum in the current fourth quarter with many expecting a strong Christmas shopping season.

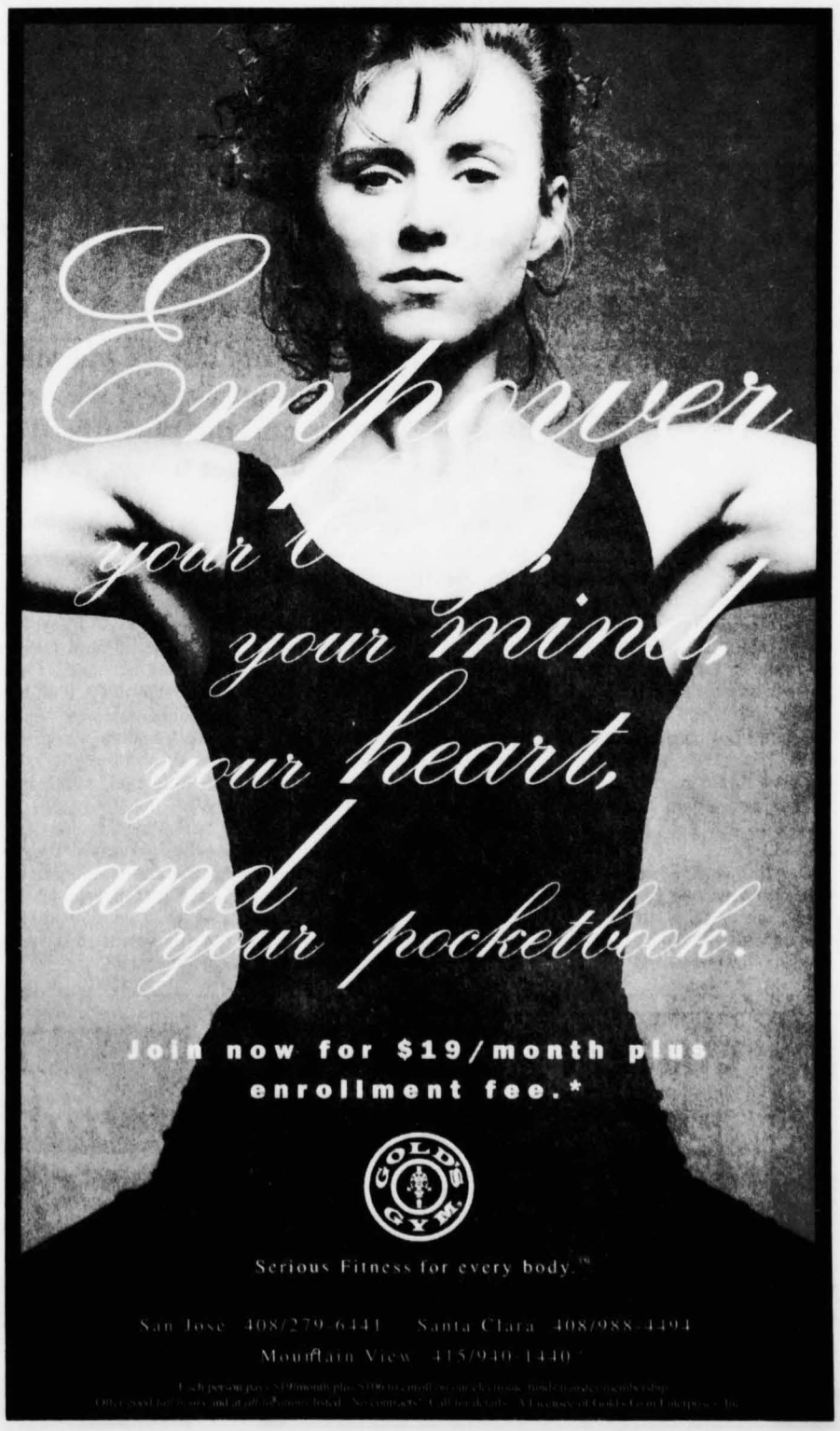
Still, inflation appears to remain under control. One gauge of inflation tied to the GDP actually declined in the third quarter, to 2.7 percent from 2.9 percent the previous three months.

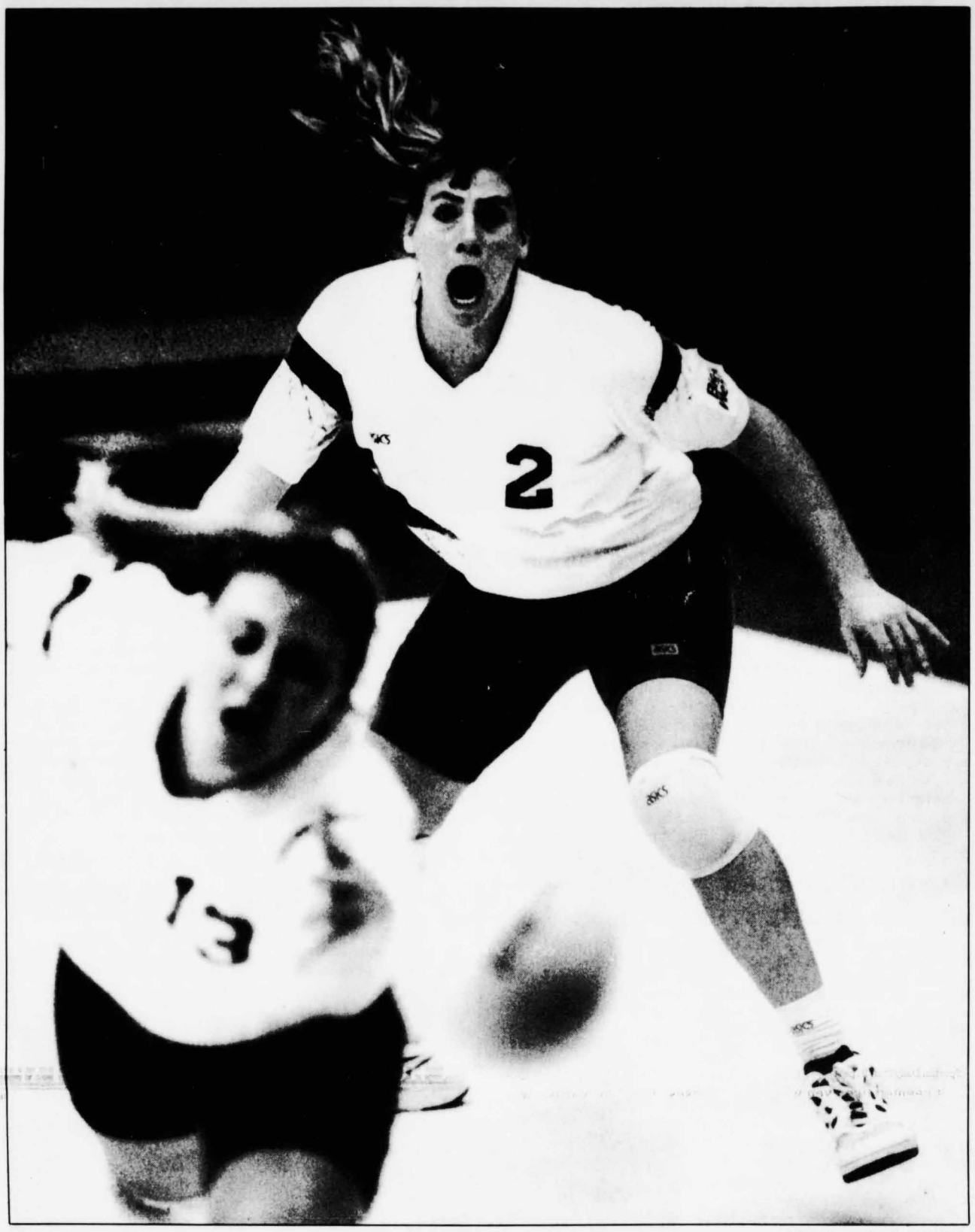
The economic recovery is more than 3 1/2 years old and has surprised many observers by its continued strength despite five interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve since February.

"Right now the economy is exceeding the speed limit. We're going to get some more tickets in the form of higher interest rates," said economist Sung Won Sohn of Norwest Corp., a Minneapolis bank.

In the second quarter, much of the robust expansion was due to a big buildup in inventories that analysts said could be a drag on the economy if consumer spending slows.

But a series of reports in recent weeks, confirmed by today's data, suggested that interest rates have not slowed spending appreciably — particularly for cars and homes. Today's report is a preliminary estimate and will be revised in the months ahead.





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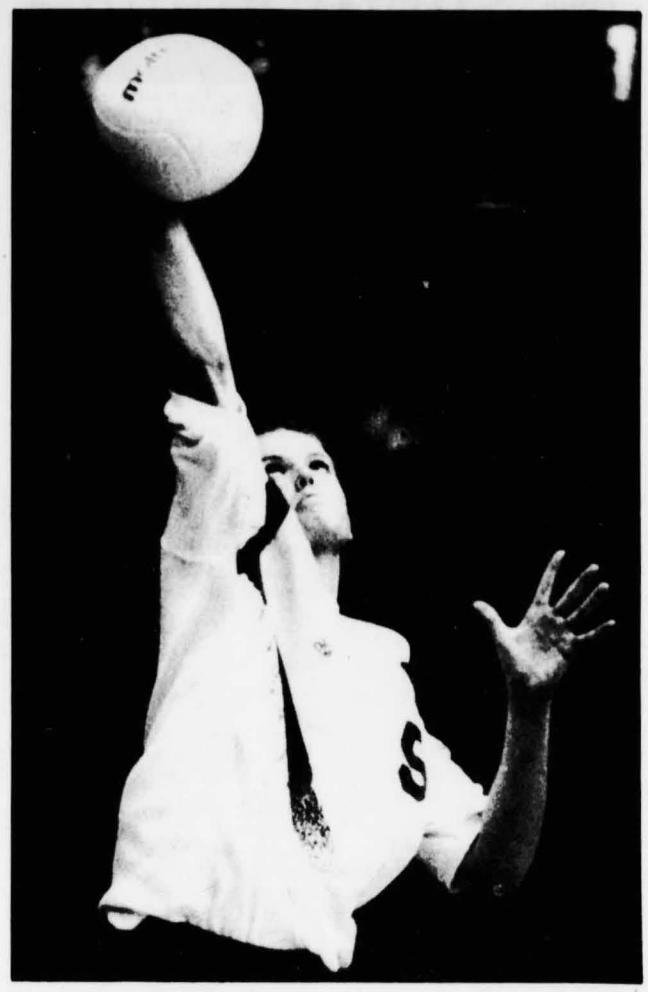

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LEFT: Spartans' outside hitter Paola Paz-Soldan reacts to a missed bump by teammate Cristin Rossman, foreground, during Friday's match against University of Nevada-Reno. The Spartans won the match, 15-6, 15-6 and 15-5. The team did not fair as well during Saturday's match against New Mexico State, losing in three straight games, 14-6, 8-15 and 13-15.

ABOVE: Outside hitter Shane Donnellon serves during the third game of Friday's match.

Digging deep for the postseason

Volleyball team overcomes injuries to split conference matches

By Kevin Valine
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

As a coach, Craig Choate has done well, leading the San Jose State University women's volleyball team to a 27-20 record during the past one and one-half seasons. But as a fortune-teller, he stinks.

Before Friday's Big West Conference match against the University of Nevada at Reno, Choate said, "I hope we survive the match. Everyone is hurt. We're in a little bit of trouble."

The Spartans then took the court and beat the visiting Wolf Pack 15-6, 15-6 and 15-5 to improve their record to 11-7 overall and 7-5 in conference play. The Wolf Pack fell to 8-15 and 4-10.

"I was surprised as anyone else in the arena," Choate said after the match. "Our kids played well. It's the best match I've seen for teamwork."

'We're really hurting, but we put our injuries and aches behind us. We have goals — 20 wins and the playoffs. We have to go out and beat teams, no ifs, ands or buts.'

Tanya Hart
SJSU middle blocker

The Spartans dominated the Wolf Pack, collecting 44 kills and 28 blocks during the match compared to Nevada's 29 kills and 10 blocks.

The closest the Wolf Pack came to winning a game was during the second one when the score was 6-5 with the Spartans on top.

The Spartans then scored nine of the next 10 points to win the game 15-6.

Wolf Pack player Kelly Martin said she has never seen the Spartans play better during her four years at Nevada.

"They went after everything," she said. "If they continue to play like this, they will go all the way in the NCAA (playoffs)."

Spartan outside hitter Kami Schmedding said teamwork kept the Wolf Pack off balance. "I would say we neutralized them because we spread the sets around tonight," she said. "We kept their blockers guessing."

Spreading the offense worked for the Spartans as they hit .290 for the match compared to the Wolf Pack's minus .020. Hitting average in women's volleyball is the equivalent to batting average in baseball.

"If you look at the hitting statistics, our two middle blockers (Tanya Hart and Cristin Rossman) both went off, hitting .571 and .444 — that's pretty scary," Choate said.

Choate said he thought injuries would prevent the Spartans from playing well. All six starters and the reserves who get playing time are all hampered by ailments, from sore knees and bad backs to stiff shoulders.

"We're two-thirds through the season and everyone is taking a beating," he said. "We talked about sucking it up. What else can you do?"

Hart, who has a bad back and knee, said that's what the Spartans did Friday night.

"We're really hurting, but we put our injuries and aches behind us," she said. "We have goals — 20 wins and the playoffs. We have to go out and beat teams, no ifs, ands or buts."

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Spartan hockey team hammers Long Beach

By Jim Seimas
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Defenseman Keith Shore and the rest of the San Jose State University ice hockey team had a battle on its hands, even while leading 9-0 against Cal State Long Beach.

The Spartans, three-time defending Pacific Coast Hockey Association state champions, are continually producing lopsided victories (outscoring opponents 42-7), and now have resorted to internal competition to better themselves.

Shore was one of four Spartan skaters battling for a hat trick (three goals) during a 12-1 blowout over the visiting 49ers at the Ice Centre on Saturday.

Forwards Jake Avis, Tony Destro and Brent Faulhaber all had two goals, when Shore delivered a shot past Long Beach goalie Jiro Wada late in the third period to earn the hat trick.

"It went down to the very end. Everyone was going for it," Shore said. "The forwards gave me some set ups."

Wada was pulled after Shore's goal gave the Spartans (5-3) a 10-0 lead. Long Beach (0-1) goaltenders faced 58 shots and recorded 46 saves.

"(Wada) is the key to our team right now. Our team is structured around him," said Long Beach Coach Steve Bumbar. "Our strategy was defense. We knew after the second period, we were going to change our strategy, regardless of the outcome."

Bumbar was pleased with his 49ers trailing 4-0 heading into the third, especially since his team has had only three opportunities on the ice heading into the game.

Some of Bumbar's off-ice training for his team entails his team getting into a swimming pool with their sticks. This helps the team practice balance, while facing water resistance in practicing slap shots.

"We were hoping the ice wouldn't melt or they'd kick our butt," said Spartans center Greg Bruins.

"Yeah, we're not to good at playing hockey in a swimming pool," chimed Mike Bruins, Greg's brother, and SJSU's goaltender.

In the net, Bruins went into the game with a goals-against-average of 1.73. He faced only one shot, which scored. The one shot was the least number ever in SJSU's four-year history.

'We were hoping the ice wouldn't melt or they'd kick our butt.'

Greg Bruins
SJSU ice hockey center

Faulhaber, aside from producing a game-high five points (two goals, three assists), was upset that Long Beach even scored.

"The guy I was going back to pick up scored the goal," Faulhaber said, "It puts a downer on everything I did in the game."

The Spartans led 4-0 heading into the third period and then their offense exploded for eight goals.

"We didn't want to have four on a team like this," said SJSU head coach Ron Glasow.

The Spartans are contending with the University of California (5-4) and Stanford (2-0) to gain the attention of a panel of eight coaches from the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA).

These eight coaches will select a West Coast representative, along with seven other teams nationally, to compete in the ACHA Championships at Colorado State University from March 1-4.

The Spartans and Cal are 1-1 against each other this season. The panel will look at the team's record, difficulty of schedule and margins of wins and losses.

"Winning isn't enough," SJSU winger Joey Vela said, "because we're to close with Cal because of our losses."

Forwards Nick Jones, Dave Gaylon and Bruins also scored goals in the lopsided win.

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Swim team gains experience

Competition gives Spartans good early test

By Lana M. Jang
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University swimming and diving team was satisfied with its performance during two meets Saturday at the Aquatic Center, although the team scored low in competition against three universities.

"I am real pleased on how they are swimming, (considering) this is some of these swimmers' first collegiate competition," Head Coach RoseAnn Benson said.

"We had at least one or two swims that became personal bests for two-thirds of the group," Assistant Coach Steve Vahle said.

Washington State University, Oregon State University and University of Pacific were all invited to compete against each other in two meets on a sunny Saturday.

San Francisco State University, a division II school, also competed unofficially in the second meet.

SJSU's Jennifer Pelayo, who dived unopposed, scored 22 points for the team for her performance in the one meter and three meter diving events.

Swimmers can earn points for first, second and third place in relay events and first through fifth in individual events. Since Pelayo scored first in both diving events, she contributed top points for SJSU.

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Katie Kascht finished eighth in the 200-meter butterfly race Saturday at the Aquatic Center.

Personally, Pelayo felt she wasn't giving herself enough time on her one meter dives, but improved on her three meter dives — even after crashing into the water and landing on her back during her second to last dive.

"Within one diving event one could find out what kind of divers there are. It's a tough situation to get right back to do a dive (without any time for preparation)," Diving Head Coach Jack Taylor said.

Pelayo responded to the hard hit with dignity and came back for her best score of two 6 1/2's and one 6.

Freshman swimmer Gina Raineri was able to beat her personal time in the 200-meter breast stroke event (2 minutes 35.97 seconds) and the 200-meter individual medley event (2:19:02).

"It feels really good to be successful this early in the season," Raineri said.

Roise Dawes and Katie Kascht both swam six of the more strenuous events and earned the nickname "Iron Women."

"The swims were really demanding because of the distance (of the swims) and the strokes," Kascht said. "As a whole we did really good. We came together and were really supportive."

UNLV handles SJSU, 23-10

Spartan Daily Staff Report

It seemed like even when the San Jose State University football team did something right, it ended up in the books as something wrong.

The UNLV Rebels' (5-3, 4-0) special teams helped knock off the Spartans (1-7, 1-2) 23-10 at Sam Boyd Stadium on Saturday.

The Rebels had a fake field goal, a blocked punt and a variety of other plays that turned into scoring drives, usually as a direct result of SJSU special teams miscues.

Even when the ball bounced the Spartans way, cornerback Wardell Crutchfield and safety Marcus Galbreath each had two interceptions, quarterback Alli Abrew was unable to put it in the endzone.

Abrew completed 13 of 30 passes for 125 yards, while being sacked six times and throwing an interception.

Although Abrew's handoff to Patrick Walsh, which resulted in an 11-yard touchdown run, was monumental when compared with the Spartans' 1-7 campaign. The score gave the Spartans a 7-0 lead, their first lead in the first half this season.

Abrew left the game in the first half after suffering a broken nose on a running play. He returned in the third quarter.

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L.A. mayor picks Feinstein

Support gives former S.F. mayor a lift in Southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Republican Mayor Richard Riordan plans to endorse Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who is locked in a tight race with GOP challenger Michael Huffington, a newspaper reported.

The endorsement would be helpful to Feinstein because much of her support is in Northern California where she was formerly the mayor of San Francisco.

Word of the planned endorsement was reported in Sunday editions of the Los Angeles Times, which cited unidentified Feinstein supporters.

A knowledgeable source confirmed to The Associated Press that Riordan planned to endorse Feinstein's campaign at a news conference scheduled for Sunday.

"Mayor Riordan and the senator have enjoyed a close working relationship since Riordan took office," the source said. "They worked together both on the crime bill and to recover from the Northridge earthquake."

Feinstein

Calls to Riordan's office for comment were not answered Saturday night. Feinstein's campaign also declined to comment.

Feinstein's campaign issued only a statement saying a "major endorsement" would be announced Sunday at 11:30 a.m. in Studio City.

"He's a Republican, probably next to the governor, the most prominent Republican in the state of California," an unidentified Feinstein supporter told the Times. "It sends a signal that very important Republicans, who don't often do this, are looking at this race in a very thoughtful way and saying this city and this state need Dianne Feinstein."

Jennifer Grossman, a Huffington spokeswoman, accused Riordan of betraying his party.

"Riordan's Republican loyalties run only skin-deep," she told the Times. "This time, he's picked the wrong horse. He hopes Feinstein will feed him pork from Washington, but he'll be stuck lobbying a retired Mrs. Feinstein out of San Francisco."

In a recent Times poll, Feinstein led Huffington, a congressman from Santa Barbara, by a mere 3 percentage points among likely voters.

Feinstein and Riordan worked closely this year getting federal disaster aid for Southern California's fires and the Jan. 17 6.7-magnitude earthquake that devastated the Northridge area.

Riordan was in Washington to lobby for the $30 billion crime bill, including the assault weapons ban provision in it that was authored by Feinstein. Riordan made a campaign promise to beef up the city's Police Department, and when the bill passed he appeared with Feinstein to announce the bill would help with additional officers.

Other prominent Republican officials who have announced their support for Feinstein include former baseball commissioner Peter V. Ueberroth and Los Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block.

Foreign policy elevates Clinton's approval rate

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

President Clinton's managing of foreign affairs has been better than the way he has handled the economy, according to a recent poll.

Fifty two percent of Californians approved of Clinton's handling of foreign affairs, while 41 percent disapproved and 7 percent were undecided, the Field Poll showed.

"One of the main reasons Clinton was elected was because of the economy, stupid," said poll director Mark DiCamillo, referring to the president's now-famous campaign aphorism. "His foreign policy numbers were low in 1993 and 1994. So it is an unusual or unique situation for Clinton now to be benefiting from his foreign policy."

Forty four percent approved of the way Clinton has handled the economy, while 45 percent disapproved and 11 percent had no opinion.

The poll was conducted Oct. 21-25 among 681 Californians, including 526 registered voters. The margin of error in the overall sample was plus or minus 4.5 percent.

Clinton's overall job approval rating was higher here than in a recent nationwide poll — with 50 percent of Californians saying they approved of the job he is doing, compared with 38 percent who disapproved. Twelve percent were undecided.

DiCamillo speculated that Clinton's approval rating is higher in the state than the rest of the nation because California supported him in 1992, and because he has visited here many times since being elected.

Clinton's rising job performance and approval ratings could help U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who is facing a tough challenge from Republican Michael Huffington, DiCamillo said.

"If there is a coat-tail effect, it will be for races that are back in Washington," DiCamillo said. "An improving presidential job rating ... may reinforce some of the confidence in (Democratic) partisans to get out and vote, and reinvigorate the whole party base."

But despite Clinton's increased approval rating, only 39 percent of the Californians said they are inclined to re-elect him, compared with 44 percent who were not inclined, the poll said.

Seventeen percent had no opinion.

Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton does not seem to be enjoying the same rise in popularity in California as the president.

Fifty one percent feel it is "a good thing" for Mrs. Clinton to have a major role in policy making, while 40 percent believe it is "a bad thing" and 9 percent had no opinion. That's down from a 2-to-1 margin last year.

Costume companies to stop falsely claiming products are fire resistant

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Two of the nation's largest makers of children's Halloween costumes have agreed to stop claiming their products are flame retardant, Sacramento County's district attorney announced today.

Rubies Costume Co. of New York and Collegeville-Imagineering L.P. of Pennsylvania each will pay the county $75,000 for civil penalties and court costs stemming from lawsuits filed last year, District Attorney Steve White said.

"The majority of costumes are flammable," White said at a news conference. "All we can do is ensure that these costumes aren't advertised as flame-retardant and safer than something else."

The costumes bore labels stating that they were "Flame Retardant," "Flame Retarded" and "Fabric Complies With Flammable Fabrics Act," White said. The companies did meet the act's standards, but were not flame retardant, said Deputy District Attorney Justin Puerta.

"They're misleading to the public," White said.

Randy Michelson, an attorney for Rubies and Collegeville-Imagineering, said the companies settled out of court. She denied wrongdoing by either manufacturer.

"These costumes were certified by independent labs," Michelson said. "We believe that the labels were truthful."

Michelson said the companies' costumes are made from polyester and other synthetic materials and are not treated to resist flames. There have been no reports in California of injuries due to the costumes' flammability, Puerta said.

White's office began investigating the companies in 1992 when the state Department of Consumer Affairs issued a consumer alert warning parents that the labels did not mean the costumes resisted flames.

FBI looks into shooting policy at state prison in Corcoran

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The FBI is investigating reports of civil rights violations at California State Prison, Corcoran, where guards have fatally shot seven prisoners, the highest toll in the state in the past decade.

The federal investigation at the Kings County maximum security prison, which opened in 1988, began within the last month, FBI spokesman Tom Griffin said.

> 'I think they've (Corcoran prison officials) got a screwed-up weapons firing policy.'
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> Don Novey
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Agents have been interviewing correctional officers on the prison's shooting guidelines, said Don Novey, head of the state prison guards union. And inmates reportedly were interviewed by agents last week at the prison.

"I think they've (Corcoran prison officials) got a screwed-up weapons firing policy," Novey said.

Pelican Bay State Prison, a maximum security facility that opened in 1989 near the Oregon border, is second in the state with four shooting deaths by correctional officers in the past 10 years.

Since 1984, correctional officers at California state prisons have fatally shot 36 inmates, including three since September. That is more than three times the number in all other major U.S. prison systems combined in the decade.

Patrick Hart, a Kings County deputy district attorney, said his office has reviewed each shooting death at Corcoran State Prison, but found no wrongdoing in the officers' actions.

He said the only questionable death was the 1992 fatal shooting of an inmate while officers tried to stop a knife attack.

Spot check reveals possible voter registration fraud

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The district attorney's office has been asked to look into several cases of possible voter registration fraud uncovered during a spot check by elections officials.

Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder Beatriz Valdez said Tuesday that a recent check found a quarter of the 143 people registered at one Burbank apartment complex by paid agents were questionable and probably fraudulent. Similar findings were uncovered at a Pasadena location, she said.

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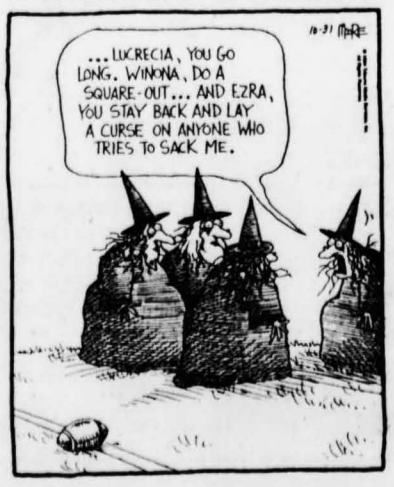

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Upheaval in Chiapas; Peasants say government's broken promises to blame

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Tensions are mounting in southern Mexico where peasants have blocked highways and taken over land in disputes ranging from the price of electricity to broken government promises for health care.

In northern Chiapas state about 400 peasants blocked several major highways Thursday, demanding the government fulfill two-year-old promises to build health clinics, promote cattle ranching and build roads.

About 2,000 Indian peasants in the Lacandon Forest seized machinery belonging to Mexico's largest construction company, ICA, that was under contract to government oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos.

The protesters say the oil company hasn't kept promises to build and repair roads in the region.

Near the Guatemala border in Frontera Comalapa, about 300 peasants blocked the region's main highway to protest the high cost of electricity.

Rates of the Federal Electricity Commission, another government monopoly, are slightly higher than U.S. utilities. But most peasants here earn less than $5 a day.

In recent weeks peasants have taken over disputed land in dozens of other communities across the state, taking advantage of the political chaos caused by the Jan. 1 uprising of the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army.

The Zapatista guerrillas say they are fighting for Mexico's poor and disadvantaged. After fighting which left 145 dead, the government called a cease-fire which has held since Jan. 12.

The new unrest comes as state-wide protests mount against the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, following Aug. 21 elections.

Opposition activists are claiming fraud and demanding that PRI governor-elect Eduardo Robledo Rincon step down.

But Interim Gov. Javier Lopez Moreno called for negotiated settlements of the disputes and warned he would not give in to "provocations."

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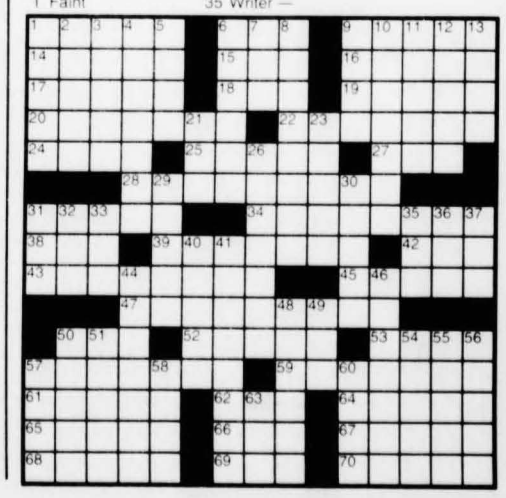

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Scuffle: GOP rally ends with assault charge

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I could see the fist.

"(Rowen) used this karate-type of specialized blow where all of one's fingers are extended like a knife and curved into a triangle formation. He jabbed that hand structure into the soft tissue of my back between my shoulder blades and spine. He was obviously trying to get me to drop the mike."

When asked how he could see the exact formation of Rowen's hand with his back turned, Smith said, "My head revolved around. I don't know, but I felt the impact."

Rowen, who would not comment on the battery report, said, "That guy's a nut. That's goofy Lyle Smith. He got up there and endorsed the American Independent Party, well-known as a neo-Nazi organization."

In a phone interview Thursday, Rowen said he removed Smith from the stage "basically because he was embarrassing the Republican Party. He was blasting Gov. Wilson and the event was endorsing the Republican Party."

In an interview Friday, Rowen said, "I never denied (Smith) the right to speak. I stopped him because he went over his time limit."

Neighbors said Smith was removed from stage because he had gone over the two-minute time limit allotted to each speaker. Neighbors said the content of Smith's speech had nothing to do with his removal, and no violence was involved.

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"No one expected Mr. Smith to say what he said," Neighbors said. "But he had freedom to speak just like anyone else."

Neighbors said he and Rowen went up on stage to urge Smith to step down.

"Mr. Rowen put his hand gently on Mr. Smith's right shoulder," Neighbors said. "When Mr. Smith didn't stop talking, Mr. Rowen poked him (Smith) with his finger. And that's what Mr. Smith is saying the battery charges are about."

Both Smith and Jim Petersen, Smith's campaign manager, said nobody told them about the time limit. Petersen, who said he plans to resign as Smith's campaign manager, said the issue is one of a First Amendment violation rather than time restriction.

"Mr. Smith's right to speak in that forum was viciously interrupted," Peterson said. "Although his message was extremely inflammatory given the circumstances, he should have been allowed to speak."

Petersen, who was standing at the top of the Amphitheater stairs when the alleged scuffle occurred in the pit, said he saw Rowen strike Smith.

"I was shocked," he said. "He (Smith) was an invited speaker. Even if he had been endorsing Josef Stalin, they had no right to stop him."

Another rally organizer, Frank Jewett, a Republican candidate for 23rd District State Assembly, agreed with Neighbors and said Smith's speech was cut short because of time limitations, not content. Jewett, who also spoke at the rally, said a time limit was set in the rally's agenda.

"In some people's opinion, Mr. Smith said some inflammatory things," Jewett said. "But his speech began to drag and some people said, 'We need to get on with the program.' "

As for the alleged battery, Jewett saw the three men on stage together but said, "I can't be clear that I saw anyone touch Mr. Smith."

Lowe said the incident is "basically a question of one person saying, 'Yes, he hit me,' and another saying, 'No, I did not.' At this point, no other witnesses have come forward, so we have one person's word against another."

"It happened in front of 200-plus people," Smith said. "Somebody must have seen something, unless they were sleeping."

Smith said although he was angered and upset by the incident, he does not intend to press further charges against Rowen.

"I'm not a litigious person," he said. "My purpose in calling the police was one of simple justice. It was an insult to my character and my soul for them to violate my civil rights.

"I'm not making any of this up," Smith said. "I'm a Congressional candidate."

Scheller

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Carlos construction, said Alan Freeman, SJSU director of space management.

"But that's a relatively small amount of money compared to the loss of an historic building," Fogel said.

Tom O'Donnell, attorney for SJSU, questioned if Scheller house is historic because an early district attorney lived in it. Victor Scheller served as Santa Clara County District Attorney from 1891 to 1894.

"If we have to save every building a district attorney lived in 50 years ago, we'd have a lot of buildings," he said.

San Jose City Councilman David Pandori, who represents downtown San Jose, wants the house saved.

"This is a grand old house. It's not just any house," he said.

Pandori is working with City Councilman Frank Fiscalini to find a site and funding for the house. They are currently looking at the Willows Senior Center on Lincoln and Curtner streets in San Jose.

The university also wants the house moved and saved. But after four years of trying to give away the house and finding no takers, they now want it demolished.

The judge gave permission for the university to go forward with the paperwork regarding demolition. It takes 10 days to get a demolition permit from the Bay Area Air Quality Management Board, Freeman said.

The university will begin that process so if there is no injunction issued Nov. 10, they may move ahead immediately with demolition.

"I feel pretty good the judge will issue the injunction," said Tom Simon of the San Jose Preservation Action Council. "There's new and significant pieces of information that could easily move the house into landmark status."

The Nov. 10 hearing will begin inside Scheller house so the judge can see the building for himself and so the viewing will be on the record.

Greek—

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ents split the bill for everything. He believes there are many hard working students at San Jose State University who pay their way through college.

"Things are tough for people and they are strapped down with jobs," Polanich said. "People are paying their own way through school."

The Greek system is run like a business said Swander.

"We sill have a lot of fun but ...this is still a business," Swander said. "We do have to pay our loans and bills."

The sororities know that some students are going through difficult times and are willing to help those people who are considering joining a house.

"If people are having financial difficulty, we do offer a payment plan to help people out," Paul said. "It's run like a business, but we don't shut people out. We work with them and can set up a payment plan to help them get through it."

Polanich believes there is no need to panic. As a whole, the sororities need to work together during the year. That will portray them in a positive role as a whole Greek system, he said.

"We are stereotyped as a tavern business. A lot of people don't know all the good philanthropic and community service that the Greek system does throughout this campus," Swander said. "They focus only on what goes wrong with alcohol or if there is a fight."

Swander and Paul believe the Greek system will survive this financial hardship and will rise to the level of membership enjoyed in the 1980s.

"People say it's going to come back alive. Give it three or four more years and all the sororities on the campus will be like it was in the '80s — completely packed," Swander said.

Music: American works featured

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technology."

Since the inception of American Music Week, SJSU has been a part of the celebration by providing musical events showcasing the diversity of American music to the students and public to experience.

"Most major organizations do not regularly perform a lot of American music. It's kind of a shame that symphony orchestras and opera companies don't perform more American music on a regular basis," Aldag said.

"American Music Week makes it possible to have special programs once a year."

Aldag feels American composers deserve to have their pieces played regularly. But there is a reason why they don't get their just reward.

American music is a 20th-century phenomenon audiences have not caught up to yet.

> **'Music in the 20th Century is not attractive to concert-goers and the general public.'**
>
> **Pablo Furman**
> assistant professor of music, SJSU

"Music in the 20th Century is not attractive to concert-goers and the general public. It's not a very popular style," Furman said.

The repertoire, or song works, used by today's orchestras are based on the European tradition. Symphonies, like the San Jose Symphony Orchestra, devote much of their time and attention to the classics — music by Beethoven, Mozart, Johannes Brahms and Franz Schubert.

"It's a problem of economics. If you don't play that kind of music you're going to lose a lot of revenue," Furman said.

There are no scheduled events for American music this week at SJSU, but the following week will feature three concerts on Nov. 8, 9 and 10, featuring works of SJSU professors of the past and present.

"You will hear very interesting sounds. Again that's one of the reasons why American music isn't popular, but it is American. It is a part of our tradition."

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