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Students on probation get reprieve

By Genoa Barrow Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The Academic Senate has changed the 23-yearold policy regarding academic probation and disqualifica-

Under the old policy, students who fell below a 2.0 GPA could be tossed from the university. Now students will be allowed to stay in school.

"We felt that was too radical of an option to take with-out offering intervention," said Ray Lou, associate vice president of undergraduate studies.

The new policy, which is being phased-in this spring

Students placed on academic probation are not allowed to use touch tone services to register for classes until after they've met with an adviser within their major to develop

to remain SJSU students - with stipulations.

what Lou called an "appropriate program of study Undeclared students will be seen in the new Student Resource Center. Those who enrolled in classes before being notified of their status will be withdrawn from those classes. Spaces will not be held for ousted students.

tion to students subject to disqualification. It allows them

Lou said many students aren't good at choosing classes

up in trouble. Lou said advising is the motivating factor behind the new policy.

'We regard advising as a very important component in continuing a successful course of study at San Jose State,' Lou said. "We don't want students wasting their time."

Lou said when students don't see an adviser to explore their options and develop a course of action, they aren't getting the direction they need to be successful. He said 1,200 - 2,000 students are placed on academic probation each semester while 600- 1,000 are disqualified.

Gisela Gray-Peoples, adviser in the Student Resource

which they have no business. She said students are also taking courses that don't meet the requirements they need. Sitting down with a counselor can save a lot of time and energy, she added.

Ken MaKay, assistant dean for the College of Sciences, said some departments such as the biological sciences department already require students to have an educational plan on file with a faculty adviser. He said many of students come to college without a plan beyond being in college. He said every student should have a plan of action for

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Jaywalkers beware: SJPD will ticket you

Jaywalkers who were once overlooked by local law enforcement should now be on the alert as San Jose police officers crack down on

wayward walkers.
The San Jose Police Department in mid-December stepped up the number of \$55 jaywalking citations they were giving to pedestrians who were making "dangerous, stupid, illegal errors by crossing at intersections or areas of streets with high amounts of traffic," said Lt. Ken Christie of the Traffic Division of the San Jose Police Department.

Jaywalking consists of crossing a street at midblock or against a light.

"I told officers to focus more attention on jaywalkers simply because more pedestrians were seriously injured or killed in the San Jose area recently due to jaywalking." Christie said. "In almost all of those cases, the pedestrians were most definitely at fault in the accident,

Although Christie told officers to enforce laws which prohibit jaywalking in all 180 square miles of San Jose, the most recent crackdown occurred on South First Street between San Carlos and Reed streets.

The South First Area, otherwise known as SoFa, has been drawing San Jose residents and tourists in increasing numbers to the many bars, restaurants and cafes it offers. Now that the police are handing out tickets, downtown business advocates say people may be wary of heading to the nightclub district. "Business owners have been try-

ing to encourage pedestrian traffic in the SoFa area for quite a while. Now, with the police on corners ticketing for jaywalking, pedestri-ans feel awkward and business owners are afraid the ticketing will chase customers away,

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PHOTO BY ARIC CRABB . Spartan Daily

A San Jose State University student is reflected along with palm trees in a puddle on campus Thursday afternoon. More rain is expected this weekend.

Campus gets wet

By Kim Skolnick Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The National Weather Service predicts a rainy, windy weekend for Northern California, and that means one thing for SJSU: the possibility of

flooding.

"It's like an ocean," said Carmen Solorzano, a creative arts major. There's puddles every where. You can't walk; it's really muddy."

According to Chris Donohoe, KNTV weather forecaster, a series of storms is expected to hit Northern California starting Friday night. The storms are predicted to move through the Bay Area over the weekend, tapering off with possible light showers by Monday

morning.

The San Jose area is currently at 178 percent of normal rainfall, Donohoe said. The usual amount of rainfall by this time in the season is 7.4 inches and San Jose already has 13.6 inches on the books

Doug Sinton, an SJSU meteorology professor, thinks that this system won't be as wet as the storms

which greeted the new year, but it still bears watching.
"Right now the ground is saturat

ed, the levees are weakened, the reservoirs are full and there's a lot of snow in the Sierra," Sinton said. "It's a dangerous situation.

According to Dan Johnson, associate vice president of

"It's like an Development Operation, rain comocean. bined with high winds There's creates a sticky situation for SJSU's puddles drainage system. everywhere." series of events that leads to serious flood-

ing," Johnson said. Winds deposit large - Carmen Solorzano, amounts SJSU Student

soaked leaves over the storm drains which in turn flood campus "If it's just leaf blockage then we send our groundspeople to take care of it," Johnson said. "If there's an

actual blockage in the drain then we bring in the plumbers and cutting machines." Johnson described his department

as being in "storm watch mode." The See Weather, page 4

"There's an entire

of rain



PHOTO BY DAVID LUCHANSKY . Spartan Daily

The parking chaos will continues during the first weeks of school, with the worst traffic lines backed up to highway 280. Congestion of the Seventh Street garage, pictured here, is by parking at the Fourth and Tenth Street structures as well as taking the SJSU Park and Ride from south campus.

Another semester, same old parking woes; students start thinking about alternatives to parking options

By Laura Vanni Spartan Daily Staff Writer

As the new semester starts and students flock to campus in droves, they are continuing SJSU's tradition of the great parking space hunt.

'My biggest fear about coming to school was the parking," said junior nursing transfer Eda Spielvogel. "I arrived at 7 o'clock and it still took me 20 minutes to find a

However, the situation does not have to transportation options.

Students are no different than other commuters and want easy access," said Nita Rabe-Uyeno, a parking administrator for the city of San Jose. "They do not realize they have other alternatives.

Senior Ryan Lynch, a political science major, said many of his friends who do not want to deal with on-campus parking and traffic, find it easier to use other ways to get see editorial page 2

Some alternatives include SISU's Park and Ride, on South Seventh and Humboldt streets, across the road from Spartan Stadium. Spaces are available for students to park and take the school shuttle for a

Students can also beat the traffic by parking their cars at a nearby light rail station and ride the light rail to school.

The city of San Jose offers a program for SJSU students to park at the garage located on South Second and San Carlos streets amera 3 Theater, Stude pay the \$30 monthly fee have daily parking privileges.

Rabe-Uyeno also said the surface parking lots near campus are an option for the commuting student.

SJSU parking officials encourage carpooling to eliminate some of the parking woes. Those who share rides to school are able to purchase a carpool permit for \$81

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Extended stops are a regular occurences on campus, especially on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Alternative

PHOTO BY DAVID Spartan Daily

parking is avail-

Registers destroyed at Jack in the Box

By Laura Lazzarini Spartan Daily Downtown Editor

A man who allegedly disabled three cash registers by pushing them over a counter at the Jack in the Box on East San Carlos Street was arrested a short time later on vandalism charges by university police officers

Thursday evening.

Jack in the Box manager Kuldip Rai said the man came into the restaurant at 148 East San Carlos Street around 6:30 p.m. and ordered a meal, which he paid for and ate. Just after 7 p.m., Rai said the man went back to the counter and asked for free food. When he was denied, he shoved registers over the counter, Rai

Shift leader Jatin Pasad said the man scared away five of the customers in the store.

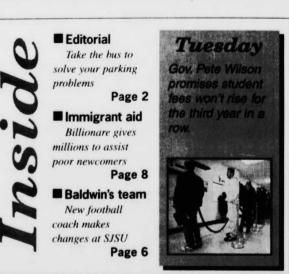
"He did this and they all ran out," Pasad said. San Jose police officers said the man caused \$5,000 worth of damage

to the three registers. A San Jose State University Police

A San Jose State University Police
Department dispatcher received a call
at 7:45 p.m. which reported a man
screaming, "Help me," San Jose
police officer Philip Kearney said.
UPD officers began walking

toward East San Carlos Street, when

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Public transportation solves parking problems

unning a parking story during the first week of classes has become de rigeur for college newspapers. It is a story editors hate to run, but necessary because every semester students complain about the lack of parking.

We cry and scream while sitting in traffic that runs up South Seventh Street and backs up onto the freeway. We pay \$81 for a parking permit that doesn't ensure you'll find an available parking spot (until after the first month of classes when the population wanes). We are late to our first class for the entire first month while we try to find park-

The university must take responsibility for the problem. Deceiving students by self-ing permits while knowing that many will not find a spot is unconscionable. Not suggesting parking options when the students prepare to buy parking permit is economically and environmentally irresponsible.

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SJSU is being economically irresponsible because it is asking cash-strapped students to fork over money for a service that, during the beginning of the semester, is a hit-or-miss proposition. The university is environmentally irresponsible because giving people the false impression they can always find parking encourages us to drive instead of using alter

native modes of transportation.
Since SJSU wants to continue collecting the parking fees, it is the students' responsib

lity to drive to school and park on campus.

The solution is to catch public transportation to school. Light rail is two blocks from campus, buses stop on San Fernando Street and CalTrain is a bus ride away.

However, catching public transportation, even if it is for free (SJSU students get free rides from the Valley Transportation

Authority, if they show current student identification), doesn't sit well with many of us.

Even if we discount the obvious environmental benefits of mass transit, the commute should be worth the effort of catching a bus.

If students continue to drive then we will continue to run the obligatory parking story every semester. We will continue to sit in traffic - waiting for a parking space that may never open

Date rape drug creates new fear

arning: Drinks left unattended could be hazardous to a woman's health. On the streets, it is called by numerous names: rope roach, roofies, the forget pill. Regardless of whatever name you choose to call it, its effects on the human body could turn

What type of drug is this, you ask? Guess. Could it be marijuana, PCP, LSD? None of the above men-tioned. This potent drug is being marketed as Rohypnol, a sedative prescribed for people with severe insomnia. If it's prescribed, it must be safe, right? Wrong. Rohypnol is related to Valium — with 10 times the potency.

Although not legally dis-tribued in the United States, this inexpensive drug has some how snuck its way into the U.S., and into the hands of opportunists and those simply craving a quick "fix."

The world is entering the next millennium and yet women must still live in constant fear for their safety. Even though there are female support groups spreading words of empowerment, they cannot guarantee freedom from dan-

With all the obstacles facing women today, they must once again hurdle another stone thrown in their

"Roofies," as the club crowds have named it, has become the drug of choice among would-be rapists prey-

The world is entering the next millennium and yet women must still live in constant fear for their safety.

ing on unsuspecting These oppor women. tunistic vultures rely on the drug's side-effects to subdue their victims. One of the most adverse effects of consuming this drug is blackouts, followed by total loss of memory When a victim awakens from the ordeal, she has no recollection of what hap-pened. The knowledge that this particular drug has the capability to render someone unconscious is incentive enough for attackers to use it.
The U.S. Drug

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Enforcemen Administration, has made 2,000 seizures of the drug in 32 states last year alone. What is more disturbing is the DEA suspects the "date

rape" drug hasn't reached its zenith of popularity yet.

What can a woman do to protect herself: Ladies, be wary of whom you trust. Choose your friends and lovers with extreme caution. Failure to do so may result in sexual assault or even death.

When venturing out to clubs with a date or with friends, the only reliable thing to do is to use the utmost caution. Self-defense really doesn't work when you're passed out on the ground. Be aware that precautions taken to prevent susceptibility to this lethal drug are never fool-proof. If in constant doubt, take your drink with you wherever you go - even if you have to take it to the bathroom.



SJSU: the Pinto of universities

OUT OF SYNC

Shane Lewis

he gluttony of Christmas is past, New Year's is a hazy memory and a new semester has arrived to rob us of our precious sleep and sanity. Thirty thousand students, many without a clue, once more will be milling around the San Jose State campus looking to get back on that road society calls "life."

As a student who has been here for three previous semesters, I feel that I have to explain a few things about this prestigious (ha ha ha ... ahem sorry) university that we have collectively chosen to be our car on the road of life.

This car we drive is the equivalent of a Pinto that can, and will, explode at the slightest collision, so it is important to know the pitfalls and traps

· Getting here is the easy part, it's the parking that turns benign students into raving lunatics. During the early morning and afternoon, long lines of cars can be seen trickling into the parking structures as the snails on the ground next to them zoom by.

Others, not even bothering to enter the mayhem going on throughout campus, instead drive around the maze of the surrounding neighborhood battling each other for recently vacated parking spots six, seven, or even more blocks away. If you have a class, give yourself at least an hour to get to it.

 Before you go to the Student Bookstore, take a long look at the money in your wallet/purse, because it's the last time you'll ever see it. Once heavy wallets and purses will become as light as feathers. And, don't even count on getting much of it back. If you're lucky, you might be able to buy small fries at McDonald's during buy back week.

. If you value your health, do not drink from the drinking fountains! Contrary to what the university officials tell you, it is not normal for water to look like the milk you forgot to take out of your refrigerator last June. The water smells just as bad, too. Bring some water with you or get a cup of it from the Union.

· Though we live in Silicon Valley, the nexus of technological advancement for our nation, the technology here is hopelessly outdated. In fact, it is equivalent to the abacus, which consist of counting beads lined in rows on a board, used thou-

sands of years ago by the Chinese to do
mathematical problems.

• Those palm trees that line the campus do not belong here. They do not grow
naturally here and never will, no matter
what Periodent Robert Caret does All bod what President Robert Caret does. All had to be delivered here, torn from their roots elsewhere. The purpose is to trick us into thinking we are attending Florida State. · Never walk off the paths on campus

and onto the grass areas. Your foot and those brand new shoes you bought for the new semester will disap-pear in a pool of mud, especially during rainy weather. Prevent the embarassment of having to walk across the campus with one of your feet caked completely in mud

• Though it may offend your olfactory senses to talk about it, the bathrooms need to be discussed. Simply put, people miss, so look before you sit. And, God for-bid a toilet or stall break down, because they will not be fixed for a lo-ooong time. In fact, one of the stalls in the Daily's own Dwight Bentel Hall has not been repaired since last November.

• For those who still see the world through ruby-covered glasses, using the ATM machines on campus alone after midnight is a bad idea. You might as well call your family beforehand so that they can start making funeral arrangements.

• And last, for those of you who need to party,

remember this. Alcohol before exams is bad, alcohol after exams is good. Hangovers are bad enough without having a failed midterm or final added to the misery.

So now that I've filled you with positive thoughts from my overflowing well of optimism, have a great semester. Just be sure to drive your Pinto carefully.

His column appears every Friday.

Gun control essential for a better society

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, the President's inauguration, the Senate's confirmation of Madeline Albright for Secretary of State, the first time ever a woman will hold the most senior diplomat's office in this country. And last but not least, the Super

The significance of these events has been somewhat

dimmed by the more tragic events of recent days.

Most Americans do not feel threatened by crime or

violence in their everyday lives. Unfortunately, crime exists all around us and we hear more about it if it involves a famous person, such as the murder of Ennis Cosby (Bill Cosby's son), which hit home nationwide and possibly worldwide.

A young American who, in his prime, is suddenly snatched away by a gun. It seems totally meaningless and unfair. Guns don't just kill people, they attack the very core of society and incite fear,



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frustration and anger among its citizens.

According to the Statistical Abstract of the United States 1996, 22,084 murders were committed in the U.S in 1994, 70 percent of which were by guns. The state of California alone suffered a total of 6,174 violent crimes out of 100,000 resident population in 1994.

The FBI annual survey reports big cities are seeing an

Guns don't just kill people, they attack the very core of society and incite fear ... among its citizens.

eight percent drop in vio-lent crimes, according to Richard A. Serrano's story in the Oct. 13, 1996 issue of the Los Angeles Times. Gun violence may be subsiding, but even one crime is one too many for a

healthy and happy society.

The lobbyists for gun control encounter several opposing groups who give different reasons for their convictions, ranging from personal safety to protection of per-sonal property. President Clinton and his team fought lengthy battles with opponents, mainly members of the National

Rifle Association, before he signed the bill to ban assault weapons during his first term in office.

It's common knowledge that a sportsman interested in hunting, does not need an assault weapon to pursue his sport. And just as ideally, a person will not have to tote a gun to ensure personal safety. Unfortunately,

many of this country's citizens do not feel that way.

In order to make this ideology work, society as a whole should go at it with unflinching dedication and begin at the root of the problems. It may not happen overnight, but it's worth a start.

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Overlooked sailor should receive medal

vertently left off the list of World War II black servicemen to receive the Congressional

Medal of Honor. The first American hero of World War II was Dorie Miller (no relation). On Dec. 7, 1941, as a sailor aboard the USS

Arizona, he manned an anti-aircraft gun on which he had never been trained and shot down four enemy planes. He was awarded the Navy

He was killed in action later in the war. The

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memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Harbor, Giving Dorie Miller Congressional

Medal of Honor would be a fitting memorial to his family, his race and his country.

> Lawrence E. Miller, Alumnus M.S. Criminal Justice, 1979

Coming soon: Spartan Scrutiny

T ave a question about some department's policies? Wondering where to go, whom to call or how to go about getting answers to what troubles you?

Maybe you're curious about a particular building's history. Perhaps there's a tree, bench or art piece dedicated to someone whom you'd like to know more.

Is there something here this semester that was not before and you want to know what happened to the status quo?

If you're unsure about a campus entity's activities or just curious about why something is or

isn't, send us your questions. Maybe we can help. Beginning Thursday, the Opinion page will run readers' questions and provide practical answers to the best of our resourcefulness.

Send your campus-related questions via FAX or letter to Spartan Scrutiny, Dwight Bentel Hall, Room 209.

Please keep letters brief, to the point and be sure to provide a phone number. Also include your major if you're a student or your job title if

you're facutly or staff. We'll try to answer as many of your questions as possible.

Muslim students to host Juma meeting

· Today the Muslim Student Association will have its Juma meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Almaden Room located in the Student

'Get-To-Know' fellow Latter Day Saints

 The Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints Students Association will have its "Get-To-Know-You" social event today at 12:30 p.m. at the San Jose Institute located at 66 South Seventh Street. There will be free refreshments and everyone is welcome. Call 286-3313 for more information.

First meeting for Lambda Sigma Gamma

 Lambda Sigma Gamma will have its first semester meeting on Monday at 6 p.m. in the Student Union. Call 298-0451 for details.

Chicano Commencement meeting Monday

There is a Chicano Commencement meeting on Monday for all graduating seniors at 6 p.m. in the Chicano Library. For more information call 924-6257.

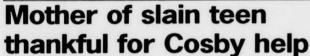
Delta Gamma to host upcoming party

 Delta Gamma will host a dinner with the chapter and rush party on Monday night at 5:45 p.m. The dinner will be at 360 East Reed Street. For more information call

Career Center hosts Co-op Orientation

• The Career Center will host its Co-op Orientation on Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the Almaden Room in the

Compiled by Sean Coffey Spartan Daily Staff Writer



LOS ANGELES (AP) - The mother of a graduating high school senior shot to death the same day Ennis Cosby was killed thanked Bill Cosby for emotionally supporting her in her loss even as he dealt with

his own.
"Some day, each and every one of you are going to lose someone that you really, really love," Loretta Thomas-Davis , mother of 17-yearold Corie Williams, said Wednesday,

tears dropping from her cheeks.
"And it hurts. It hurts. It hurts." Mrs. Thomas-Davis received several calls from Cosby.

"His sincere display of concern was comforting," said her cousin Helen Green. "Loretta feels that Mr. Cosby's calls (were) an admirable gesture of sympathy and concern for her family, especially in the genesis of his own bereavement



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Ennis Cosby's shooting while changing a tire Jan. 16 was one of three new homicide investigations in the city that day. Corie, a senior at Centennial High School in Compton, was riding home on a transit bus in Watts when a gang member opened fire on a rival. She was killed and a friend was wounded.

'That was my baby, my baby, Mrs. Thomas-Davis said, weeping during a family press conference in a relative's South Central home.







Best selling author Walter Mosely reacts to questions during an interview session Thursday afternoon. Mosely, who wrote the novel "Devil in a Blue Dress," which was made into a film starring actor Denzel Washington, was on campus to read from his just-published novel, "Gone Fishin".

Mosley reads from new novel

Spartan Daily Staff Writer

When the author of the novel "Devil in a Blue Dress" was young, his father told him two

things: "Pay the rent and do what you love."
Walter Mosley said it took him a while, but he finally got the two to coincide. Mosley, who's works include "Devil in a Blue Dress" and "White Butterfly," appeared Thursday in the San Jose State University Student Union Ballroom. His appearance was part of the university's 1996-97 Major Authors Series.

Mosley read from his new novel "Gone

Fishin'," a coming of age story of two young

English professor Nils Peterson said it's

important for students to see and hear living authors of their time. Peterson said in the past there wasn't money available for such events but now that there is students should take advan-

He said he hopes students will begin to understand the dedication it takes to write a work of fiction as well as learning to write about

their own personal experiences.

Steven Millner, professor of African American Studies, said he hopes students take it

Students should take from his message and his art that art can recreate social conditions and the power of art is illustrated by the power of his words," Millner said.

He said Mosely's novels help to spur new

interest in the circumstances of African Americans in the recent past. He said that the past has a direct impact on the present and the

"His characters display the diversity of motives and attitudes and behaviors that typify working class blacks," Millner said. "As such he's a refreshing new voice. SJSU is privileged to

Mosley said the commercial success of such books as Terry McMillan's "Waiting to Exhale" and his own "Devil in a Blue Dress," books with African American characters, can be partially attributed to the fact that many African Americans are hungry for literature that talks about them and their experiences.

Stockton Port fined for San Joaquin River pollution

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — The Port of Stockton has been fined for allegedly discharging polluted storm-

River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. for violating the terms of its 1992 storm-water permit, state water-quality officials said. The port owes \$260,000 in fines

water runoff into the San Joaquin for violating the terms of its 1992 charges that the port failed to ade-

quately come up with a comprehen-sive plan to cut the amount of polluity officials said.

The eight-page complaint also tion reaching the river.

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"The so-called jaywalkers are visit-

ing what we consider to be an entertainment zone. We are hoping to work something out with the police where they can relax their ticketing efforts toward the pedestrians crossing illegally in the SoFa area. We'd rather

not have to go to the city council about this, but if we have to, we will," Salinas said.

Christie said that although he would like to oblige downtown business owners, particularly those in the SoFa area, he doesn't know how he would go about getting around the "tough provisions of the California State laws which prohibit jaywalk-

Several students crossing at South Fourth Street, in front of Washington Square Hall, said they felt that the \$55 fine was steep but fair, considering the fact that they were breaking

Art major Jose Cervantes said he

was fair. "Jaywalking is something you do even though you know it's wrong. But, since it is against the law, I couldn't really object if I was fined,"

"I'd be angry if I got fined for jay-walking even though I know it is ille-gal," said Rafael Perez, a linguistics

jaywalking with my car I would still feel like it was my fault. Doesn't the law say that the pedestrian always has the right of way, even if jaywalking?"

Whether or not the pedestrian has the right of way when jaywalking, public information officer Louis Quezada says that whether or not

pedestrians and business owners object to citing jaywalkers, the fines must be given.

"Getting hit by a car alters not only the pedestrian's life, but the person driving the vehicle's life as well," Quezada said. "We'd rather have people upset and complaining, as long as they're alive to do it.'

Weather-

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groundspeople have been preparing the drains by ensuring they are not already clogged with leaves before the next big storm hits Friday night, and campus security and police are on the lookout for any areas of flooding.

"We also keep our fingers crossed for good luck," Johnson said.

If it wasn't that I have decent shoes, my socks would be all wet,"

said Solorzano, who had problems reaching her English class on

Johnson pointed out that there isn't enough money in his budget just to save a few pairs of shoes. He said that one cause of the flooding was the lack of funding for the school to keep the drains clear over the weekends.

"There's always a problem over the weekend," Johnson said. "I don't

want to sound uncaring, but the state can't afford to have people raking the storm drains unless there is a danger to lives, property or security.

The campus is monitored 24 hours a day by facilities personnel through the energy management system. Johnson said the system was put in place 20 years ago to help conserve energy by signaling where unneces-sary power was being used. The system has been developed so that it can

monitor campus buildings for other problems such as power outages due to flooding.

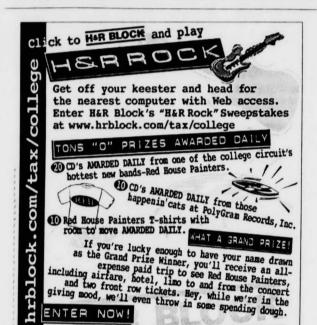
"The system monitors utilities," Johnson said. "It doesn't tell us specifically what happened, but we see the power go out and we go

The facilities department also monitors the level of the Guadalupe River. According to Johnson, the land the campus is built on used to be

marsh and was subject to flooding from the river before the area became populated. Because the campus is at a wer elevation than the river and because the storm drains feed into the Guadalupe, when the river level becomes too high the drains are unable to empty and, consequently,

Johnson said that this situation leads to serious flooding and his department considers sandbagging and water pumps. The last time the campus storm drains overflowed due to a high water level in the Guadalupe River was two years ago, Johnson

"We're higher than downtown," Johnson said. "We have the luxury of watching the city. When they bring in people that's a signal we might be in



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New storm hits soggy north states

latest in a series of storms to pound Northern California backed off a bit today, but it was still powerful enough to close mountain highways, smash a levee and push wine country rivers to flood stage.

The National Weather Service warned the lull would be brief. Another blast was expected for the

The windy, wild weather dumped three inches of rain near the coast, and 4 to 5 feet of snow in the Sierra Nevada, where Interstate 80 and U.S. Highway 50 were shut down in a whiteout.

People started returning to their homes today in Wheatland, a rural area of Yuba County where a levee broke Wednesday night. The 20foot break was fixed early this morning, according to Frank Orgea of the county Officer of Emergency

The evacuation area involved about 3,500 people in the town about 20 miles southeast of

The swollen Russian River in the wine country north of San Francisco crested at 32 feet today, meaning the river should recede slowly, according to service forecaster Dave Macpherson. The Napa River also crested near 25 feet at Napa around 5 a.m. and the town closed its emer-

gency operation center. James Bailey at the state flood operations center said the Merced River crested at a little over 70 feet this morning at Stevinson. Flood stage is 71 feet and the river was expected to reach that point Friday.

The Cosumnes River continued to fluctuate early today, nearing flood stage at Michigan Bar and McConnell, Bailey said.

Flood stage means the river is high with a potential for damage, but that no flooding or overtopping of banks or levees has occurred.

Caltrans reported that I-80 was closed between Applegate and the Nevada state line, while Highway 50 was shut down between Pollock

Heavy snow also closed U.S. Highway 395, which skirts the east slope of the Sierra, near Lee Vining, and washouts shut down a stretch of the highway between Bridgeport and Walker in Mono County.

Washouts closed a number of mountain roads, including State Route 89 south of Markleeville, while a mudslide blocked Highway 1 north of Jenner.

Flights at San Francisco International Airport were delayed Wednesday when 50 mph winds forced the closure of two of the airport's four runways.

Authorities at the state flood center returned to round-the-clock operation as wary forecasters eyed new storms - including a fierce, warm-weather storm that was expected to hit Northern California this weekend.

Officials said the move was precautionary, and that flood-control and river systems were expected to be able to handle the anticipated

There is no immediate danger, said department spokesman Jeff

But forecasters noted that the weekend storm was expected to be severe, and that the system could last into the middle of next week.

The one this weekend is probably going to be twice as strong as this said Tom Aiken, a Bureau of Reclamation water manager at

Authorities were particularly concerned with the southern San Joaquin River, which remains high.

Rain and runoff "will keep the levels higher than normal for a longer time on the lower San Joaquin. Much of the lower San Joaquin is at the flood warning level," Cohen said.

There were reports of localized flooding throughout the northern Sacramento Valley, but it was not related to rising river flows.







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map out your entire college career and

stick by it religiously, but to establish a guide to follow.

The new policy

also limits students

to 12 units per semester. There was

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Gray-Peoples said

dents who are placed on probation often become discouraged by their

performance and drop out. The new policy is allows the university to hold

onto students it would ordinarily

Once a students are placed on

disqualification

the former policy.

from page 1 academic probation they must improve their grade point average or

face disqualification. A student failing to see an adviser by the scheduled semester drop date will be dis-qualified from the university.

Gray -Peoples said many students don't know there's a problem until they are disqualified from the university.

Computer science major Todd Barraza said he's one of those students. Barraza was placed on academic probation for the first time this semester. He said his teachers led him to believe that his he wasn't in danger of failing. He said he knew he was struggling but had no idea he didn't pass his classes until he received notice last

Monday that he had been placed on

Barraza said he must see a counselor until his GPA is satisfactory. Barraza plans to make the most of a bad situation by taking advantage of the chance to have guidance.

Parking-

from page 1 that can be switched among those in the carpool provided that at least two people are in the car, and they can

still find a space in the garage. Even if students pay the \$81 for a semester pass to park in the campus garages, they are not guaranteed a space. The garages located on South Fourth, South Seventh and South Tenth streets, have been known to be full by 9 a.m.

University employees must also join in the fight for parking. It is required that 30 to 40 spaces in each garage be saved for staff and profes-

Yolanda Castro, citation collection

coordinator of Traffic and Parking their spaces. This practice, however, sors. I want to also be guaranteed a Operation said the garages are often closed to allow employees access to

angers many students.
"I pay the same money as profes-

space," Spielvogel said.

SJSU student hit in face during parking fued

By Jeff Niese Spartan Daily Senior Writer

First her car was rear ended, then

ounched and finally she was slugged in the face by an agitated commuter on Thursday morning in the Tenth Street parking garage. The SJSU student, who request-

ed that her name not be used,

received a busted lip which required

Breton Nicholson, 20, was irrested later in the day by University Police.

According to the victim's friends, the morning assault started about 10:30 a.m. when the victim was sitting in her car waiting for a parking spot to open when Nicholson rear-

After Nicholson backed up he got out of his car and started banging on the victim's vehicle, a friend

After the victim got out of her car to confront Nicholson he hit her on the lip, a friend said.

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- San Jose State University SPARTAN DAILY

Baldwin hires son of WAC coach

The San Jose State University football coaching staff is complete and preparing for next season, which already features a game that could require the assistance of former "Family Feud" game-show host Richard Dawson.

When the Colorado State University football team comes to San Jose on Oct. 11, its head football coach Sonny Lubick will look across



former roommate with his oldest son coaching on the Spartan sidelines. SJSU head coach

Dave Baldwin, who stayed at the Lubick

household while coaching with Sonny at Stanford in the '80s, hired 25-year-old Matt Lubick as his wide receivers coach after they coached together at Cal-State Northridge last season.

from a real football family," Baldwin said. "His dad is the head coach at, what I like to call, 'that small school near a town Colorado.'" somewhere in

Sonny said he never encouraged his son to get into coaching because he wanted him to pursue a career in sports medicine.

When I heard that he wanted to coach after he left school, I discouraged it," said Sonny of his son, who graduated from Colorado State in

with a 3.8 grade point average while studying sports medicine, and I know that people see the good part of coaching, but they never see the hard

"Sometimes people see the coaches out there with the players in front of a big crowd and think of how much fun it is, but they forget that there is a lot of heartbreak there too. But I'm happy Dave has given Matt a position in his first big coaching job.

Sonny added that he has fond

his team travels in October to play the Spartans next season, he'll treat it like just another game.

"When we coached at Stanford, Dave used to come home with us and we'd go out and try to catch squirrels for our kids to play with," Sonny said. "I've been back out there a few times since I left Stanford, but I don't think (the father-son rivalry) will be a big deal when we come to play.

"Our team usually just works hard and practices hard, then we stop and

ask, 'who are we playing this week'?" Baldwin said Matt, like other new

coaches on his staff, has begun preparing for next season. Matt is on the road meeting with future prospects which, Baldwin said, is what he does best.

"He's tremendous at recruiting," Baldwin said. "He really goes after the kids. And if he works to get a kid and gets knocked down, he goes after the next kid the same way. That's the way you have to do it when you're recruit-

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Superbowl appeals to women as well

Perhaps it's culture. More likely it's biology and instinct, but men thrive on competition. Their world view embraces strife, exalts winners and scoffs at losers. Whereas women, even into this decade, are discouraged from competing and encouraged to nurture, not fight.

This disparity in thought creates a gap between the genders that causes many women to question

sanity during the football

Some men do tend to go a little overboard during the season: wearing the logo .



jacket, pasting bumper stickers on the family car and painting the house (or dog or children) their team's colors.

To cope, many women nag. "Get outside. Don't waste your Sunday in front of the tube," they say. "Come with me to see "The English Patient," they coax. "You never pay attention to your family anymore," they cry to no avail. Smart women give up and go shopping. They know that making their man see a chick flick is not the answer. They label themselves "football widows" and contemplate having an affair.

What women rarely attempt to do is understand. For the most part, all a guy wants to do is watch his team play. Maybe it seems a little silly, but men identify and bond with those millionaire, steroid-addicted, mutant gladiators known as football players. It's no more absurd, after all, than women who totter around in high

I subscribe to the philosophy, "If you can't beat them, join them." In this spirit I watched football this year, the entire season, more than half the games (we get satellite TV). In doing

so, I finally learned how to talk foot-

"How about them Cowboys?" I started off many a morning's conver-sation this year. "What about them

One might think I, a self-professed expert in English, possessed the linguistic skills necessary to converse on the subject of football. But one would be wrong. Like some insulated visitor to a foreign country, I never made contact with a native speaker. A woman, I never truly talked football to a man obsessed by the game.

I've know the rules for years. The vocabulary of football (touchdown, quarterback, kick-off, etc.) enriched my speech. Yet to talk football one needs more than the rules and the

To talk football requires a certain mind set. To talk football requires an appreciation for the game. To talk football one must love it for what it is brutal competition barely tamed by the adherence to a ritualized set of

laws. Football is war, civilly disguised. My new football understanding was well received by my male col-leagues and friends. Talking football with them elevated me to a higher plane of female, to a woman who truly understands men. Knowing the last great play, the standing of the teams and the latest line helped me enter into many macho conversa-tions. In short, I bonded with them over football.

Only one game of the season remains: the Super Bowl. It's the Packers verses the Patriots and everyone knows the Pack's going to pound the Pats.

It's a little late, but there are men out there who would be delighted if their women gave up trying to tame them and joined them in watching the game. Just this once. Who knows? They just might

Spartans lassoed

Cowgirls outscore SJSU by 28 in second-half rout

By Mike Traphagen Spartan Daily Staff Writer

A defensive debacle forced the SJSU women's basketball team to be out-scored 48-20 in the second half of its 74-51 loss to Wyoming Thursday at the Event Center.

Wyoming freshman Chrissy Ingalls scored a game-high 21 points and teammate Jessica Cross, another freshman, added 17 to improve their team's record to 3-3 in the Western Athletic Conference and 11-6 overall. The Spartans fell to 1-5 in the WAC and 6-

Spartans 51 Cowgirls 74

11 overall. SJSU trailed throughout most of the first half, but senior forward Kari Steele nailed a

three-pointer with 15 seconds left to cap a 11-0 run and give the Spartans a 31-24 lead. The Cowgirls quickly moved down the court and took advantage of a defensive miscue to cut the deficit to 31-26 on a layup at the buzzer by reserve center Mandy Zihlman. " (The

Spartans) came out and played "(The Cowgirls) just harder than we came out and stepped did in the first it up a notch in the half," said second half and we had Wyoming a difficult time keeping coach Chad Lavin. "They up with them. We didn't Lavin. come out nearly as pulled down a physical as we did to lot of rebounds start the game, and and got to the loose balls we you can't let down in should have grabbed. We the WAC like we did and expect to win." did get into some foul trouble early and started to play tentative, but

Karen Smith, SJSU women's basketball

second half." The Cowgirls tied the game in the second half, but center Danna Campbell, who led the Spartans with 10 points, hit a turnaround jumper to put the Spartans ahead 33-31.

we really came out and got

Wyoming then went on a 17-3 run, which was capped by an Ingalls jumper that gave the Cowgirls a 48-36 lead with 9:25 remaining in

We had a real defensive breakdown in the second half," said SJSU coach Karen Smith. "We also let (the Cowgirls) get a lot of offensive rebounds in the second half that they weren't getting in the first half.

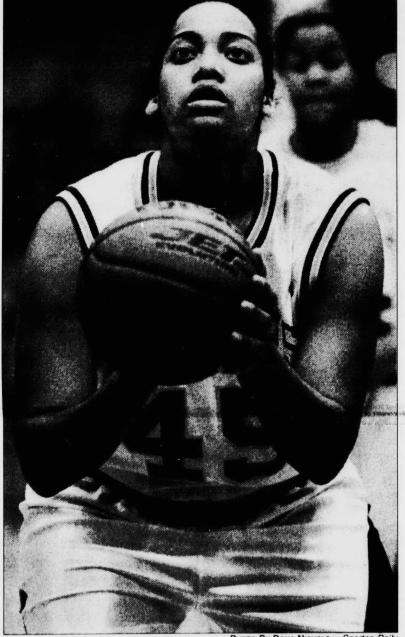


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Sasha Spalding scores a point from the free throw line to help give the Spartans a 31-26 halftime edge. Wyoming came back to claim a 74-51 victory

The Spartans pulled down a dismal 10 rebounds in the second half, while the Cowgirls crashed the boards and came up with 28 to give them a total of 45

Then we started rushing down the court and giving up turnovers we weren't giving up in the first half," Smith said. "(The Cowgirls) just came out and stepped it up a notch in the second half a difficult time keeping u

we did to start the game, and you can't let down in the WAC like we did and expect to win

Spartan guard Natasha Johnson and Steele, who are the Spartans' leading scorers, combined for 10 points and center Sasha Spalding added

'Natasha didn't get many good looks tonight and Kari has had the flu all week," Smith said. them. We didn't come out nearly as physical as then you know it's going to be a long night.'

Bacon's career fried

Spartan Daily Staff Report

After a four-game suspension this season Jahi Bacon, a reserve guard for the men's basketball team, announced he has left the team for personal reasons. Bacon said he told coach Stan

Morrison of his decision last week. "The reasons (for leaving the am) are my reasons," said the 6-

The senior, who transferred to SISU in 1994 from Cerritos Junior

College in Los Angeles, had played in five of the team's first 14 games this season. Bacon had played just 11 minutes in two of the last seven In his two-and-a-half seasons on

the team he appeared in 61 games, starting one. He averaged 5.7 points and 2.3 rebounds a game while shoot-

ing 35.5 percent from the field.

Bacon, a business marketing major, remains on scholarship and plans to graduate this May from SJSU.

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Coaches -

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ing with the best."

Baldwin has also built a coaching staff which he thinks can get his players to compete with the best.

Assistant head coach Wally Gaskins and outside linebackers coach Budgie Hamilton are the only familiar faces returning to the staff, while Baldwin added seven others. Hamilton is the only coach remaining from former coach John Ralston's staff, and Gaskins is returning to SJSU after spending the 1996 season at Rutgers University.

Defensive coordinator Ron Ponciano, offensive line coach Bob Bostad and Lubick are the only coaches who followed Baldwin from CSUN.

Quarterbacks coach Steve Hagen was the offensive coordinator at Nevada-Las Vegas during the 1994-95 season and the head coach at Wartburgh College, an NCAA Division III school in 1996.

Inside linebackers coach Todd Throckmorton served as an assistant coach from 1990-'96 at Missouri Western State College, Thurman Moore will serve as a defensive line coach after holding the same position

Football coaches

Offense:

- · Head coach-Dave Baldwin
- Quarterbacks-Steve Hagen • Backs-Wally Gaskins
- Line—Bob Bostad
- Recievers-Matt Lubick

Defense:

Jeff Pitman

- · Defensive coordinator/ backs-Ron Ponciano
- Inside linebackers/special
- teams—Budgie Hamilton Outside linebackers—Todd
- Throckmorton Strength and conditioning—

in the World League of American Football with the London Monarchs last season

The SISU football staff was completed with the hiring of Jeff Pitman as the team's strength and conditioning coach. Pitman was a member of the Montana State University football coaching staff for the last two sea-

Basketball team falls to 1-4 in WAC

Spartan Daily Staff Report

Despite receiving a career-high 31 oints from junior forward Olivier Saint-Jean, the Spartan men's basketball team fell to 1-4 in the Western Athletic Conference Thursday with a

75-59 loss at Wyoming. Wyoming's junior guard Jeron

scored 23 SPARTANS 59 points to four lead Cowboys 75 Cowbovs in double-figure scoring.

Roberts and senior forward HL Coleman, who scored 19 points, combined to make 21 of 25 free throw attempts as Wyoming outscored SJSU 28-9 from the stripe.

The Cowboys won without their leading scorer LaDrell Whitehead, who averaged 23.7 points per game before suffering potentially seasonending elbow injury Saturday against

Freshman Andy Young, who SATURDAY

entered the game averaging less than one point and one assist per contest, replaced Whitehead in the starting lineup and made an impact.

Young responded to the starting call by distributing nine assists to Wyoming shooters, who made 57.5 percent of their field goal attempts. The Cowboys improved to 6-10 overall and 2-3 in the WAC.

Saint-Jean made 14 of 21 field goal attempts to improve his careerbest scoring output by one point. The 6-foot-6 native of France scored 30 points twice last season.

While he topped his scoring average by nearly 10 points, Saint-Jean was held to one rebound, more than eight below his season average. Wyoming out-rebounded the Spartans 31-21.

Point guard Tito Addison scored 10 points and was the only other Spartan to reach double figures in scoring. Guard Brad Quinet and center Graeme Anstey each contributed five points off the bench as the Spartans fell to 9-6 overall.

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3-pt. goals - SJSU 2-10 200(Saint-Jean 1-5, Quinet 1-3, Addison 0-1, Hite 0-1) WYO 1-9 :111(Roberts 1-5, Ragin 0-1, Sawyer 0-1, Brinson 0-1, Mann 0-1).

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Day	Opponent	Time
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Thurs	at Hawai'i	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	at San Diego St	4:30 p.m.
Feb.6	at Fresno St	7:00 p.m.
Feb.8	Tulsa	2 p.m.

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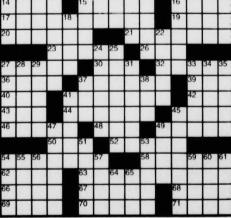
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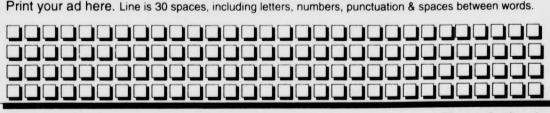
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Congress examines Ebonics funding

Oakland officials say national debate overshadow real issue: urban school failure

WASHINGTON (AP) - School officials who touched off a national controversy by recognizing a distinct form of black English said Thursday they were only trying to help children learn in the common tongue.

Facing a Senate panel with control over federal aid to schools, the Oakland officials said the debate over Ebonics overshadowed the real issue: what to do about the failure of urban schools to close the gap between white and black achievement on standard tests.

The Ebonics issue has touched off a national debate. The Oakland school system has been accused of embracing slang and bad grammar in an effort to make black children feel good while learning less and raising the issue to snag more of the \$10 bil-lion in federal aid to schools.

The central issue is the underachievement of African American and other minority children, and what we are doing to address this dismal record," Carolyn M. Getridge, super-intendent of the Oakland Unified School District, said Thursday.

More than half the district's 52,269 students are black. Those black children had average grades of 1.8, compared with a district average of 2.12 and more than 3.0 for white and Chinese students, respectively..

The district gets about \$14 mil-lion in federal help for teacher training and other activities. Education Secretary Richard Riley has said he would release no money used for bilingual education to help with an Ebonics program. But a group of House members, led by Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., also wants to deny other federal aid to Oakland..

The school board in December dopted a resolution recognizing Ebonics — known among linguists as African American Vernacular English as a unique language, putting it on a level with foreign languages. Black psychologist Robert L. Williams coined the shorter term 24 years ago by meshing the words "ebony" and phonics.

It effectively endorses training teachers to recognize Ebonics as a language and use methods like those used in an existing California program to teach children whose first

language is something other than English.

The methods vary, but one in which has not

place in Chicago — which has not embraced Ebonics — has teachers do what parents are taught to do: Correct gently by repeating the statement in standard English. Because of the controversy, the

school board made it clear this month that it did not want to teach children in Ebonics, but instead ease them into common English without ridiculing their speech or treating it as inferior.

That's important, said 17-year Michael Lampkins, a high school senior and student director on the school board.

When a student doesn't understand the teacher and the teacher does not understand the student, learning does not take place," he said. "We do have teachers who have went into the classrooms not having the capability to understand those students and have classified those students as special education."

Linguists would argue that the

"have went" is one of the many markers of the black vernacular. But in the otherwise standard English quote, it looks like bad grammar.

Those who argue Ebonics is not just a variation on English cite its roots in African speech, despite the English vocabulary. The African influence explains why "left" is pronounced "leff," or the sentence, 'Every day he be picking on me' means "He picks on me all the time."

This is political correctness gone out of control," said Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., a member of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on labor, health and human services. "I simply don't think we need to go searching for new forms of English to solve problems in city schools.

But subcommittee chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said he wasn't ready to pass judgment on what Oakland is doing. Calling the issue complex, Specter noted that he grew up in a Yiddish-speaking household and has never shed his Kansas twang.

Arrest

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they saw the suspect approaching them near the Spartan Complex West building. As they talked to the man, the officers said they deter-

mined that the man was severely upset. While the university officers were questioning the man, they said the San Jose Police Department made a call over the radio about a vandalism at the Jack in the Box, which is across the street.

According to the university officers on the scene, the San Jose police officers brought a witness on campus to identify the subject.

University officers retained the suspect with a suspicion me.

that this man was the same suspect from the Jack in the Box vandalism call.

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As he was detained and handcuffed sitting on the concrete next to the light pole near the SPX building, the man continually hollered "Ow, Ow" and, "It ain't none of your

goddamn business — ask my lawyer.

"It's wrong. I didn't do anything," the suspect added.
Several minutes later, a San Jose Police sedan rolled up, and as the UPD officers were reaching down to assist the man off the sidewalk as he yelled, "Pick me up from my lower back. I'm gonna sue you. Ow, Ow you are hurting

The suspect was then arrested and taken to SJPD.

Billionaire begins immigrant aid

WASHINGTON (AP) Billionaire philanthropist George Soros is handing out the first of his pledged \$50 million in aid for legal immigrants hurt by a new welfare law that denies them food stamps and other safety-net benefits.

Soros' Emma Lazarus Fund announced Thursday its award of \$11.8 million to 22 advocacy groups, including Hispanic, Asian, Catholic and Jewish organizations.

Much of the money will be used to help immigrants become U.S.

citizens, with recipients getting funds to offer English classes, civics education, legal help and prepara-tion for citizenship interviews.

In announcing his gift last fall, Soros recalled that there was a time in his own life when he required government help. While working as a railroad porter in England after World War II, the Hungarian-born Soros turned to the government-subsidized health care system for treatment after an on-the-job

Gilroy High may offer Chicano literature

A suspect is apprehended outside Spartan Complex West by UPD and held for San Jose police Thursday night after

allegedly pushing the cash registers off the counter of Jack In The Box near 4th and San Carlos streets

GILROY, Calif. (AP) - Gilroy High School wants to offer a Chicano literature course as an English elective for the 1997-98

The school's English department and staff council approved the course that will come before the school district board of trustees for final approval on Monday.

Hispanics comprise about 60 percent of Gilroy High's 2,000 stu-

The one-semester course would be open to sophomores, juniors and seniors and would be worth five credits toward graduation. Students would need to pass reading and

to sign up for the class. Students would research the ontributions of Latino writers to American literature across several genres, including poetry, drama, fiction and non-fiction





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