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## Student 'Barkers' up the right tree



Jeff Niese/Spartan Daily

During his winter break, Jesus "Jess" Vareda won a '98 Camaro, a spa, golf clubs and \$500 on "The Price is Right."

By Ed Oberweiser  
Staff Writer

San Jose State University junior Jesus Vareda used reconnaissance, a sound strategy and a little help from his friends to win \$28,109 worth of merchandise on CBS's "The Price is Right" on Jan. 13. Cash and a 1998 Chevrolet Z-28 Camaro were included in his winnings.

Contestants on the TV game show win merchandise by more closely estimating the dollar value of presented items than their opponents.

Vareda is a broadcast journalism major who wants to be a sportscaster. He made an initial trip to CBS's Burbank Studios last January with a few friends, and they were picked to be in the audience of "The Price is Right." His girlfriend, Jennifer Klem, an SJSU liberal arts major, said Vareda began interacting with the other audience members and

*"I never thought I would get yelled at by Bob Barker."*

— Jesus Vareda

getting reactions from them. "It's his nature. He just has that ability (to excite people). He's had it since high school," Klem said.

But when he was interviewed by the show's producers, Vareda quieted down. He said he was conservative and didn't know what to expect. Klem agreed. She said he literally choked.

"I wasn't my normal self," Vareda said.

After his reconnaissance trip, Vareda and some of his friends returned to the CBS studios on Jan. 13 and were chosen to be in the game show's audience. Vareda was anything but subdued this time. He said he had learned his lesson.

He excited the crowd and got them singing, drawing attention to himself — almost too much attention according to Klem. She said Vareda was so raucous that

CBS ushers were trying to quiet him down and make him return to his seat. Klem was afraid Vareda was going to be thrown out of the studio.

Vareda said it was all part of his strategy.

"I knew my behavior was what the show's producers were looking for," he said.

Vareda was chosen to enter the Showcase Showdown after winning a spa, a set of golf clubs and \$500 in cash. The Showcase Showdown is the grand finale of each show where the contestants can win the big prizes. Vareda's friends in the audience helped him by yelling poor advice to his opponents, which they followed, Klem said.

Jan. 13 was a lucky day for Vareda. He won the Camaro during the showcase.

Vareda said he was so excited he ran to the car, jumped in and

tried to start it. This didn't please emcee Bob Barker. Barker sharply ordered him to stand next to the car and wave when the commercial break ended.

"I never thought I would get yelled at by Bob Barker," Vareda said.

"The odds against being chosen from the audience to be a contestant alone are huge," said Linda DiMarco, a production staff member for Goodson Productions which owns the game show. She said the odds were tremendous against someone winning as much as Vareda had.

The producers gave Vareda the bad news when he received the paperwork for his prizes. He said they told him he would have to pay approximately \$7,000 to the IRS.

The show Vareda appeared on will be aired by CBS on Feb. 20.

## \$2.7 billion proposed for CSU

By Mark Gomez  
Staff Writer

Gov. Pete Wilson's recent \$73.8 billion state budget proposal to the legislature for 1998-99 includes an increase of nearly \$163 million for the California State University system.

It would keep the current CSU fees at a standstill and finish Wilson's four-year plan to bolster the state's higher education system.

Wilson's plan was to strengthen the UC and CSU systems by increasing the funding a certain percentage each year. This final year of the compact — the four-year plan — called for a four percent increase in the CSU budget.

"It's (the compact) been a benefit to the system in that it guarantees us some money," said Edd Burton, acting associate vice president of Educational Planning and Resources at San Jose State University. "When California's economy fell out from under us, and everybody was getting cut and there wasn't money to be had, the compact guaranteed us some money."

The proposed \$2.7 billion allotted to the CSU system would be distributed as follows:

- \$73.1 million (a four percent increase) to complete the fourth year funding of Wilson's compact
- \$39.6 million for enrollment growth
- \$19.4 million to offset a five percent student fee reduction
- \$31.4 million to avoid a 10 percent increase in system wide mandatory student fees

The amount each CSU campus would receive has yet to be determined, and according to Rose Lee, associate vice president of Financial and Administrative Program Planning, the specifics will probably not be released for about a month.

The budget allows the state to subsidize 77 percent of a CSU student's education costs. CSU's enrollment in 1997-98 is estimated at 266,400 full-time equivalent (FTE) students, which is 8,400 more than budgeted. The budget calls for additional funds to cover the increase in enrollment.

Burton said a full-time equivalent student is taking 15 units. Students taking fewer than 15

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## RETAKE THE FIELD

### Rugby player triumphs over emotional scars

By Jeremiah Oshan  
Staff Writer

Second chances are hard to come by, and they have a funny way of changing lives.

Jeanne Robless, a junior at San Jose State University and member of the women's rugby team, has taken full advantage of her second chance.

Ten months ago Jeanne got into a car accident when she fell asleep at the wheel after a night of heavy drinking. She broke her jaw in three places and cut her calf so badly she needed a skin graft from her thigh to repair it. She claims the accident turned her life around.

"If you know you've had a lot to drink," Robless said, "just get a cab or something."

The physical effect was minimal when compared to the emo-

tional effect it had on her life.

"It made me a lot more focused," Robless said. "You only get one second chance, and that's if you're lucky."

She also credits the accident with making her more aggressive and willing to work, which has helped her in picking up

rugby. When reflecting on the accident she says there were no negative effects.

"The scar on my leg is just flesh," Robless said.

Since the accident 10 months ago, she has moved from her native Malaysia to San Jose, partly to be closer to her sister and partly because she loves the weather and laid-back attitude.

"I also just wanted a change of scenery," Robless said. Before she transferred, Robless was attending the

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— Jeanne Robless  
SJSU rugby player



Photos by Grayson West/Spartan Daily



**Above: SJSU's April Coffey (left) watches as Jeanne Robless (right) shows her the reminder of the automobile accident, which she credits with turning her life around.**

Left: Robless breaks away from the pack during Saturday's women's rugby match against UC Santa Cruz.

## Local transportation guru to head new course



Chris Riley/Spartan Daily

By Doug Burkhardt  
Senior Staff Writer

San Jose State University, a commuter school, may learn to understand traffic woes since transit guru Rod Diridon has taken the reigns to a new political science class.

Diridon, known for his tireless work uniting Gilroy with San Francisco on the Caltrans project, has served as the chair for the Santa Clara County Board's transportation committee for 20 years. In addition, Diridon, an SJSU alum, is nationally recognized by other transportation policy experts as a leader on transportation and other

regional issues.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for students," said Terry Christensen, head of the SJSU Political Science Department. "They will receive real world insights from an actual practitioner who has national exposure. It's part of a 'Leader-in-Residence' program we started in 1994 to expose students to practical politics, as opposed to more theoretical classes that we normally offer."

Diridon said it is quite an opportunity, however, he credits the course, not the instructor.

"Students will get a chance to hear a few speakers in a congenial surrounding," Diridon said. "Five of the top elect-

ed local government leaders from the South Bay area will be guest speakers and available for students to share thoughts with."

Students will also have a chance to leave the classroom and share their ideas with local officials.

"We'll visit four or five local or regional government organizations and have an opportunity, if they choose, to make presentations before them," Diridon said.

He agreed the Caltrans project was quite difficult. Diridon spent nearly 20 years working on the Caltrans situation from 1976-95. However, he said he has been more recognized for his work as the chair of the Guadalupe Corridor, the

Vasona Corridor and the Tasman Corridor light rail projects.

"Diridon is the father of modern light rail transit," San Jose council member Trixie Johnson said. "He has tremendous energy and is very focused. I am convinced that transit in this county would be a disaster had it not been for his determination."

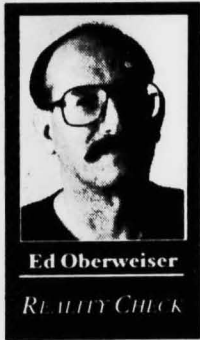
Disregarding any single achievement, Diridon said no one accomplishment makes him a worthy candidate for the Leader-in-Residence program. Rather, he said it is the culmination of his years of skill and training.

"Experience is the biggest factor,"

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## Tough laws needed for domestic abuse; leave divorce alone



Ed Oberweiser  
REALITY CHECK

Attorney David Prince, author of the Family Reconciliation Act, is collecting signatures to gain ballot access for his bill in the next California election. This misguided act will give government even more control over our personal lives without accomplishing its goal.

It keeps the no-fault divorce option for childless couples but makes divorce harder for those with children. One spouse must prove the other is a convicted felon, suffers from incurable insanity, alcohol abuse or has committed adultery, desertion or extreme cruelty.

Prince says he wants to prevent the suffering of children from broken homes. His measure makes it harder for battered women and children to escape from dangerous and abusive marriages.

The 1988 National Woman Abuse Prevention Project found that children in homes where spousal abuse happens are 1,500 percent more likely to be physically abused or neglected than the average U.S. child.

My friend lived this horror. His father raped one of his sisters more than once. His mother knew but was too afraid of her husband to do anything about it.

The father went into blind rages, attacking without warning. One of my friend's most vivid memories was waking up from unconsciousness on the floor after a severe beating with his father standing over him.

Domestic violence causes thousands of emergency room visits annually. Many women and children are subsequently hospitalized. The 1989 Journal of Public Health reported 99,800 days of hospitalization resulting from domestic violence.

Women and children are at risk when it's harder to divorce an abusive husband and father. The 1994 Bureau of Justice Statistics reveals that nearly 1,500 women are battered to death annually in the United States — one every six hours.

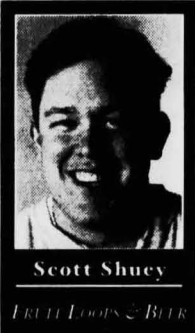
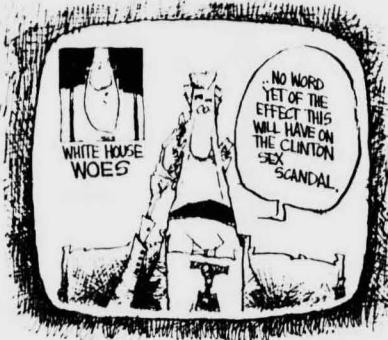
The September 1993 "News from U.S. Senator Boxer" said 90 percent of abusive spouses are never prosecuted and one third of the cases that would be considered felonies, if committed by strangers, are filed as only misdemeanors.

If Prince's measure makes the ballot, vote "no." Locking innocent women and children into life-threatening situations will create more, not less, suffering for children. Tougher laws against domestic violence, incest and spousal rape, strictly enforced, would be a step in the right direction.

Ed Oberweiser is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer.



MATT DIMES  
CARTOONIST - JOURNAL NEWSPAPERS NEWS



Scott Shuey  
TRUTH LOOKS LIKE BEER

## Presidential peccadillos prove pathetic

Once upon a time in this country little kids used to talk about growing up and becoming president.

It was cute back then. Little kids dreaming of growing up and becoming the most powerful person on the planet, respected by all for his intelligence and resourcefulness.

If I were to hear a kid say that today, I'd probably have to put the kid in a bag and throw it in the river to save the kid's family and friends the embarrassment that would inevitably come.

There has been talk for the last few decades that the people who currently run for president aren't the cream of the crop.

That's probably putting it mildly. None of the men who have come to the office in the last three decades would be described as the coldest beer in the fridge.

If they were the best of the best they would be making millions heading up some company like Disney or Adobe.

Anybody who runs for the presidency of the United States has to be, to some degree, deranged. Just consider what someone running for the office must go through.

First you open yourself up to public scrutiny of every aspect of your life. That means everyone you know who has an axe to grind will be lining up to sell titillating tid-bits about your past to the highest bidder.

If you can't afford to pay these people off, you'll be finished before you ever get started.

Then you actually have to finance a political campaign. Not with your money, you boob; you had better find a way to get people to give you some of theirs.

That mean bribes, err... I mean, contributions.

Then if you actually managed to win the election, you'll have to deal with the immediate consequences, such as being immediately blamed for every problem on the face of the planet.

There are some people who probably think I'm simplifying things, so let's take a lot back at some recent examples.

First there's President Clinton and Fornigate... and Paula Jones... and Jennifer Flowers.

Here's a man who says he's going to stand up to Saddam Hussein. That might be really embarrassing if he doesn't remember to put his pecker back in his pants.

Things are no different for the Ghosts of Presidents Past, either.

George Bush spent his presidency picking a fight in the Middle East, presumably to keep people's minds off the recession at home.

Ronald Reagan had a hard time staying awake. (A long overdue apology to the Gipper. When he said he didn't remember swapping guns for hostages, most people assumed he was lying. Turns out it was true.)

Jimmy Carter had a hard time finding his spine.

Gerald Ford had a problem with gravity.

Richard Nixon had the grand-daddy of all "gates."

Enough said.

Scott Shuey is the Spartan Daily managing editor. His column appears every Thursday.

## CSU plan promises quicker degrees; students lose out

The "Cornerstones" initiative, a controversial plan to enable the California State University system to increase enrollment while maintaining limited resources and funding, was approved by the CSU Board of Trustees on Wednesday.

Cornerstones will surely overburden our already crowded CSU schools such as San Jose State University.

How can the state possibly fund the expected huge increase of students — also known as "Tidal Wave II" — over the next couple of years?

The CSU system will be able to receive more funding from the state because of student increases, but the state hasn't been able to provide the proper funding for CSUs for years now. For example, state spending on higher education has been steadily decreasing from \$12 per every \$1,000 in 1975 to \$7.22 per every \$1,000 in 1996.

The quality of education issue is also debatable and generating skepticism.

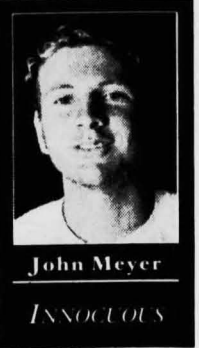
Cornerstones plans to help students graduate faster and accommodate their schedules. This sounds like the CSU system is dedicated to graduating students as fast as possible, neglecting the amount of knowledge with which they graduate.

Scott Rice, an SJSU English professor, thinks Cornerstones will move SJSU in the direction of the diploma mills, or colleges that focus more on graduating students rather than educating them. Rice believes this because of Cornerstones' extended "outside instruction" and "distance learning" that can replace in-class lectures.

The "outside instruction" and "distance learning" programs will accommodate students because they can get more lectures over the Internet, through videotapes and at weekend seminars. It sounds great from a technological advancement or student schedule standpoint, and it potentially could reduce overcrowded classrooms.

It could also cripple the interaction between students and professors. A wise professor with human qualities is going to teach you a lot more than a scripted lecture on a computer or a videotaped lecture where you can't ask questions.

Cornerstones is a shortcut out of a good, well-rounded education. By further overcrowding the schools, students are getting suckered into a diluted system. It will undoubtedly devalue the diploma from something students work their asses off for to a piece of paper worth its weight.



John Meyer  
INNOCUOUS

John Meyer is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer.

## Clinton's accusers escape scrutiny

Contrary to popular beliefs, the latest scandal in the White House has not been brought to you by the lovable clowns of the "media circus" — for once.

At center ring the suspicious motives of a few individuals are working overtime to take the President down. And in the midst of the whistle blowing, Special Prosecutor Kenneth Starr and former Pentagon employee Linda Tripp are slipping by unscrutinized.

History and public opinion on Clinton's current troubles give us two very key insights to the situation.

First — the White House, and Washington in general, is by no means an impropriety-free zone. Second — most Americans believe that Clinton may have acted inappropriately, but want to see him doing the job they elected him to do instead of defending his morality.

Although the media has remained reasonable in its coverage, the sad fact is

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that in the court of public opinion the burden of proof too often falls on the accused.

What do we have to gain by digging into the President's private life until something legal sticks?

Probably nothing but global humiliation and a president that is prevented from doing the best job he can do.

Starr seems to have something to gain, and with millions of tax dollars in his arsenal he's got the time and the money to get what he wants.

Is Starr looking for the face he lost in the Whitewater investigations? Has it become a personal vendetta?

If there is even the slightest shade of "yes" to either of these questions, this tabloid side show needs to get wrapped

up quick and clean for the sake of the nation, not necessarily for Clinton's personal integrity.

For Tripp, it seems that her personal integrity takes precedence over the good of the nation, and Clinton's alleged partner in crime Monica Lewinsky's future. Tripp's recordings of Lewinsky talking about the affair are questionable at best.

Like it or not, what is good for the President is good for the nation. In light of the world's current climate, where and with whom the President takes his pants off doesn't seem like a high priority.

The fact that he may have asked someone to lie about his escapades, which are not illegal, could be expected of anyone in that position. Given the commonality of the "offense" and the position of the accused, it's time to get this investigation out of the gutter and take down the big top. The clowns are out of control.

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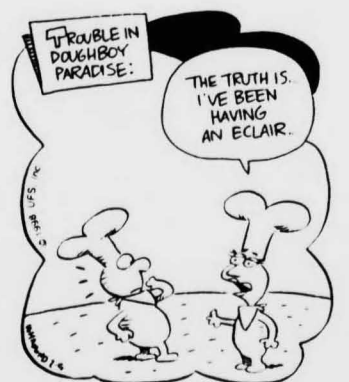
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### A. S. Election Board

Learn how to run for student government at the candidate information session from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan Room. For more information, call Alicia Restivo at (408) 924-5955.

### Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance

Help plan for the semester at the first meeting from 3:30 - 5 p.m. in the Student Union's Guadalupe Room. For more information, call Kevin Johnson at (408) 924-1586.

### Hispanic Business Association

Attend the general meeting from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Council Chambers. For more information, call Maribel at (408) 949-7031.

### Le Cercle Français

Attend the French Club's first meeting of the semester at Jazzland near MacQuarrie Hall. For more information, call Kim Narbeth at (408) 924-1660.

### SJSU Choral Activities Office

The SJSU Concert Choir is looking for new voices, especially men's. The class meets Mondays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. in Music Room 150. For more information, call the Choral Activities Office at (408) 924-4332 or come to Music Room 262.

### SJSU Police Cadet Program

Check out the open house recruitment drive from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan Room. For more information, call (408) 924-2238.

### SJSU Student Health Center

The Eating Disorder Support Group meets every Thursday from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Health Building Room 208. For more information, call Nancy Black at (408) 924-6118.

## Friday

### A. S. Campus Recreation

The intramural basketball and outdoor soccer registration deadline is 4 p.m. in the A. S. business office. For more information, call Jeff Stinson at (408) 924-6266.

### Chinese Christian Fellowship

Join us for Welcome Day from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden Room. For more information, call Esther Mar at (408) 298-4693.

### Chinese Mandarin Bible Fellowship

Enjoy the welcome party at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan Room. For more information, call Linda at (408) 298-3249.

## Monday

### Alpha Kappa Delta Phi

Info Nite II — Come meet the sisters of the largest Asian American sorority in the nation. There is no obligation to join! Make new friends that will last a lifetime! Join us at 8 p.m. in the Student Union's Guadalupe Room. At 9 p.m. join the fun with pizza and pool with Lambda Phi Epsilon in the Student Union's Billiard Room. For more information, call Angela at (408) 932-0933.

### Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily mass is held from 12:05 - 12:35 p.m. at the John XXIII Center across from the SJSU Theatre. For more information, call Ginny at (408) 938-1610.

### Chicano Commencement

Attend the weekly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Chicano Resource Center in Wahlquist Library Room 309. Deadline for applications and money is Feb. 23. For more information, call Pedro at (408) 274-8000 or Xochilt at (408) 295-4318.

### Nurses Christian Fellowship

Come to a Bible discussion about caring for those who are depressed at 11 a.m. in the Student Union's Montalvo Room. For more information, call Diane Stegmeir at (408) 279-6385.

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# Rewind

## Parents protest Broadway musical

CINCINNATI (AP) — Members of a group called Parents of Murdered Children plan to protest at the Broadway premiere Thursday of "The Capeman," Paul Simon's musical about a 16-year-old who killed two teen-agers in 1959.

"Mr. Simon can call it what he likes, a musical about attitudes, et cetera, but the bottom line is that it's a musical about a killer," said Nancy Ruhe-Munch, executive director of the Cincinnati-based group. "It re-victimizes those who have already been affected by the murder of a loved one."

Dan Klores, producer of "The Capeman," said the musical does not glamorize Salvador Agron, who became the youngest man ever on New York's death row.

"There are many, many parts of the story where he is completely denounced for his actions — for his unforgivable actions," Klores said.

## Hit your wife, get a divorce

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Country singer Tracy Lawrence was convicted and fined \$500 for hitting his estranged wife on the head during an argument.

Justice of the Peace Janet Smith decided Tuesday not to order counseling for Lawrence, saying it would be difficult to enforce and would "restrict his ability to make a living."

Stephanie Lawrence, 30, a former Dallas Cowboys cheerleader, said her husband struck her with a fist at least twice on Sept. 13 while they were in a tour bus in a hotel parking lot.

Lawrence, whose hits include "Any Fool Can See" and "Sticks and Stones," said he merely pushed his wife to protect himself.

The Lawrences are getting divorced.

## Lear's neighbors steam over garage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "All in the Family" producer Norman Lear built a four-story, 21-car garage with a tennis court on top on his property in a bucolic canyon in the Brentwood hills, and his neighbors don't like it one bit.

"To me, it's like gourmet food with a dead mouse right in the middle of it," neighbor Ester Naeim said.

Lear got a building permit for the garage in 1990, when city restrictions allowed it to be 45 feet high.

"We're going to have this aircraft carrier deck out there. It's incredibly ugly," neighbor Gene Albrecht said.

Rob Deutschman, who lives closest to Lear, said: "It looks like a helicopter landing pad."

## Too many U2 fans cool traffic

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — The first concert by U2 in Brazil was a big hit — maybe too big.

Gridlock froze traffic for hours Tuesday night on roads leading to the Nelson Piquet Autodrome. Many fans simply left their cars on the road and walked.

The usual 30-minute ride from the Ipanema beach district took more than three hours. Fans were still arriving when the band completed its last encore around midnight.

Those who managed to make the two-hour-plus concert saw U2 bring on a corps of Brazilian drummers from a popular samba group and wear the yellow jerseys of Brazil's national soccer team.

The Irish rock band is on a world tour.

## Quote for the day:

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Anonymous

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# Professor helps with disaster relief in Guam

By Yvette Anna Trejo  
Staff Writer

On Dec. 16, when most students at San Jose State University were still worried about final exams and grades, Super Typhoon Paka hit the territory of Guam.

As a result of the devastation, the American Red Cross sent volunteers to Guam to help with disaster relief.

Among the volunteers was SJSU Professor of Nursing Elizabeth Dietz.

Dietz stayed on the island of Guam for two weeks helping with mental health counseling as well as physical health services.

On her first tour of the disaster area, Dietz saw the destruction left by the 250 mph winds that whipped over the land and ravaged the territory. Paka affected 21,000 families on the island, leaving 6,000 homes destroyed and as many as 4,000 homes damaged.

Dietz is currently Coordinator of Disaster Health Services for the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the Red Cross. As coordinator, she is responsible for mental health services and physical health services. She also teaches a class through the American Red Cross about

disaster health services.

"I've absolutely never seen such devastation," said Dietz. "People were living on cement slabs and their houses were everywhere else."

According to Dietz, Paka actually consisted of two typhoons hitting the island within a period of 13 hours, leaving behind a path of mass destruction. Houses were left strewn across empty yards and palm trees were stripped of fronds. Any buildings that remained were badly damaged and nearly all of the vegetation had been uprooted.

Dietz helped go into homes and evaluate the families' situations and their emotional stability. In her evaluations Dietz asked, "Where are they at this moment? Are they capable of making decisions? Do they know where to go for services?"

The volunteers also provided disaster-related relief like replacing supplies, medicines and home appliances. She stressed the fact that the Red

Cross volunteers are not there to replace the local health care community, but are there to help the families get back on their feet and learn how to use their local health services.

Dietz has been in nursing since June of 1969 and has been a volunteer for the Red Cross for

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SJSU professor  
of nursing

17 years. She has had experience in several disaster situations including floods, fires, tornadoes and earthquakes. Paka, though, was the first typhoon disaster she has dealt with.

Carol Stevenson, a former Red Cross disaster health services student, decided to take the class after hearing Dietz talk about the training.

"She is extremely devoted to the Red Cross," said Stevenson. "It sounds like she's there when they need her. She makes a lot of sacrifices." Stevenson is now certified and waiting for a call of her own from the American Red Cross.

"Liz is great because she's a nurse. It's always a challenge to recruit enough nurses," said Red Cross spokeswoman Suzy McKee.

McKee said that Dietz also works with other volunteers if they have any issues or stress caused by the disaster. She said Dietz is well trained and has "a great attitude and exudes confidence."

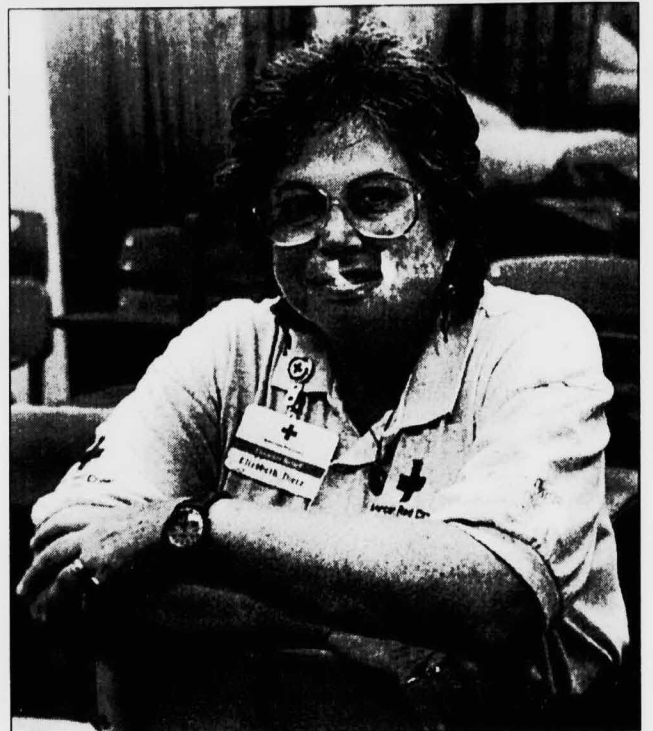
Associate Professor of Nursing Sue Malloy was recruited by Dietz a couple of years ago to assist with disaster relief.

"I admire Liz for being able to pull up stakes and go at a moment's notice," said Malloy.

Dietz is now back teaching but is always on call for the Red Cross during her free time.

She has continued in her profession because she "liked the idea of helping and liked the idea of bringing people to a higher level of functioning."

Dietz says that even when she retires there will be a niche for her in nursing.



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Dr. Elizabeth Dietz recently returned from a disaster relief mission where she helped administer aid to patients after a typhoon devastated Guam. Dietz instructs a handful of nursing classes throughout the week at SJSU.

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# Nagano teams to medal

By Terri K. Milner  
Co-Executive Editor

The United States Olympic Committee has a bias.

It thinks many of the 200 American athletes will return with gold in hand from the Winter Games in Nagano, Japan in nine days.

Or at least Richard Shultz, executive director of the committee, does.

"In the past, the U.S. has not dominated in the Winter Olympics like the Summer Olympics, but that is changing," Shultz told a gathering of nearly 100 at the San Jose Fairmont last week.

Shultz pointed to the 1994 Winter Games for verification.

"In Lillehammer the U.S. won an all-time record of 13 medals," he said. "As for this year, the U.S. women's hockey team was dominated by Canada. This year they were 5 and 5 with a couple of ties, so they should be medal winners."

As if to verify his theory, Team USA beat Canada 4-3 at the San Jose Arena hours after Shultz's speech. And his prophecies did not stop there.

"The men's hockey team lingers on the verge of a gold medal," he said. "And I have never seen better opportunities for multiple medals than with (ladies figure skating team) Michelle Kwan, (Tara) Lipinski and (Nicole) Bobek."

Not that Shultz believes winning is what the Olympics is all about anyway.

"The basic philosophy of 'You don't win silver, you lose gold' turns me off," Shultz said. "The Olympics is not about winning the gold medal, it is about the preparation it takes to get there. If we can project positive role models, then whether we win medals or not is academic."

It is for this reason that Shultz does not have a problem with the fact that some of the athletes, particularly on the ladies figure skating team, are so young.

"I have been involved in athletics for 48 years and I've been asked about that in one form or another every year," Shultz said. "Nothing is more competitive than life. When they get to the elite level, they have learned to deal with the pressure. It's a positive thing when someone can be a positive role model at 14 like Ms. Lipinski."

The age issue in figure skating is one that has been long debated.

"These girls are too young to have the eyes of the world focused on them," said Mary Lowenstein of the South Bay Figure Skating Club. "The weight of the Olympics rest on their shoulders and they are too

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Baiul, who won the Olympic gold medal in 1994 for the Ukraine at 16, has since had run-ins with the law, cut back to sporadic practices and dropped her long-time coach who was also her adoptive parent. She then skated at the World Professional Championships last weekend, turning in a disastrous short program performance, falling on two of her planned jumps and turning a slated triple into a basic single jump.

"Oksana has not been the same since the Olympics," Lowenstein said. "It was too much for her. She won a gold medal in the Olympics at 16. Where do you go from there?"

There are those involved in the sport, however, who agree with Shultz.

"There has been a lot of talk about putting an age limit on the figure skating teams, especially the women," said Susan Filago, a sports analyst from San Francisco. "That would epitomize the word unfair. If they have the talent, then they should be given their chance to go for the gold."

Oftentimes it is not a fairness issue, it is one of health, sports therapist John Bilata said.

"Young athletes' joints are not fully developed and often cannot take the wear and tear of strenuous daily practices," Bilata said. "Figure skating is a technically demanding sport and one that puts extreme pressure on joints and bones. The younger the elite athlete, the more dangerous it can be to them."

Most recently, Kwan had been sidelined by a stress fracture in her toe, but returned for the U.S. Championships despite continuing pain.

It is an injury that will still be a concern in her Olympic performance.

But Olympic officials tend to be unwilling to mess with the sport that draws more attention than any other in the Winter Games.

"Viewership is huge right now," Filago said. "There are more figure skating events on TV right now than ever before. Whatever the formula is, it's working, so why change it?"

In 1994, more people tuned in to watch the Winter Olympics ladies figure skating events than the Super Bowl, largely due to the much ballyhooed skate-off between Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding. But it is an audience that has continued to remain loyal.

"Viewership is so high during the Winter Olympics because there are the sports junkies who will watch anything as long as it's sports, then there are the fans of the individual disciplines and then there are the women who usually don't watch sports but who tune in for this," Shultz said. "A big reason women watch more is because the media does a lot of research on the athletes themselves and they chronicle their hardships and struggles. The athletes' story is as important as the event itself."

The Winter Olympics are being televised by CBS and begin on February 7.

## Snake in the grass



Farusha, the 25-year-old boa — property of the Science Education & Resource Center — takes time to slither around campus to soak up some sun.

# Bottled water improves health of domestic pets

SAN JOSE (AP) — They come burdened with arthritis, heart disease, bad smells and impotence, but Joan Bohl's clients soon cast off their afflictions like crutches at a revival meeting.

According to testimonials, the lame begin to prance, the bald sprout bushels of healthy hair, the thin and weak develop robust appetites. And the secret to these miracles? According to Bohl, it's the water.

She's the inventor of Pawier, a vitamin-enriched bottled drink for dogs, cats, parrots — even her goldfish swim in the stuff. Pronounced with a French flair, the name resembles that of a certain chichi brand of bottled water. But Bohl claims that her product, which retails for \$2.95 per two-liter bottle, is not about prestige.

"The goal is to educate people

on how to keep their animals healthy," Bohl said. "If people need vitamins to stay healthy, why not these little guys?"

Bohl created Pawier several years ago after adopting Gidget, a scrawny sheltie whose former owner had planned to have her euthanized. Bohl says the bedraggled little sheepdog refused to drink tap water, forcing her to experiment with different concoctions.

Eventually she settled on purified water laced with vitamins, which Gidget happily guzzled. Gidget's skin and fur improved, Bohl said; her eyes brightened, her arthritis cleared up, and Pawier was born. Ten years old now, Gidget's pointy face pokes shyly from a haystack of lush fur. She wrestles energetically with her squeaky toy and follows Bohl's every step.

"Look at her go!" she said. "That doesn't look like arthritis, does it?"

Skeptics note that despite decades of use and study, vitamins have never been shown to cure arthritis, baldness, cancer or any condition other than a vitamin deficiency. And far from being underfed, most American pets are as tubby and overweight as their owners.

Bottled water — even with vitamins — is more than likely a waste of money for most pet owners, according to Peter Paris, a spokesman for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

But Bohl is undaunted by criticism.

A self-confessed "animal nut," Bohl looks nothing like the

stereotype of the rumpled cat lady in fur-covered slacks. Her gray hair is immaculate and her nails manicured; her home sparkles and her animals are the picture of pampered health.

She admits she likes animals better than humans, a lesson her ex-husbands have learned all too well. Years ago, one demanded that Bohl get rid of a dog before grumpily leaving for work.

"I cried all day long," she said. "And then, when he got home from work, I said, 'Pack your bags and go. You're out.'"

The secret to health is pure water and vitamins, Bohl believes. Not only do her animals get Pawier, she drinks it herself. A chilled two-liter bottle sits on her refrigerator shelf, and she always carries an extra for her-

self when she travels.

Bohl's views on nutrition are not shared by everyone. Veterinarians who advise the ASPCA on health matters say that few animals need vitamin supplements.

"Most standard pet food today provides a balanced diet of vitamins and minerals," Paris said. "Animals that need supplements should be under the supervision of a veterinarian."

"The problem with this product, as we see it, is that it's difficult to control an animal's intake of water," Paris said. "You don't know how much of a vitamin they would be getting."

But Bohl's supporters are passionate about Pawier. Her home office overflows with lurid stories, like the ones about the poodle whose tumors shrank and the puppy who shed the beetles infesting his fur.

Sam Blackford, owner of Sam's Downtown Feed and Pet Supply in San Jose, says that he doesn't sell a lot of Pawier, but that a handful of regular customers can't do without it.

"The key to products like this is the personal touch," Blackford said. "Joan is a very dedicated lady. This is a testament to her dedication to animals."



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## Rugby: Robless overcomes accident

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Jeanne Robless cleans the mud off her spikes after the Spartan women's rugby team defeated UC Santa Cruz 20-5. Robless has returned from a car accident early last year to play on the first ever women's team.

HEL.P. Institute in Malaysia, which is a junior college. She took an American degree program so that she could transfer to an American university.

After the transfer she became involved in KSJS, the SJSU radio station, and when she heard about a women's rugby team she jumped at the opportunity.

Her interest in the sport goes back to high school, where a physical education instructor introduced her to the game.

"My JC had a great men's rugby team," Robless said, which she credited with furthering her interest in the sport.

Fascinated with women's rugby, the opportunity to play it was exciting, she said.

The sport came naturally to Robless and she became the "hooker" for the team. Hooker is the position that throws the ball into play and kicks the ball back during a scrum (similar to a face-off in hockey).

"Jeanne kind of ended up there (hooker) because of her size," women's rugby coach Karl Laucher said about the 5'3", 120

lb. player. "She has picked up very well though. It takes a certain kind of personality."

Hooker is more of a set-up position, and rarely gets the opportunity to score. The lack of scoring doesn't bother her a bit, she says.

Being the youngest of five children helped teach her how to be more adaptive, which has helped her pick up rugby.

"She's got tremendous enthusiasm," Laucher said. "She even complains in a light-hearted way."

Her accident, which left her right shin almost exposed, has not been much of a problem though.

"Who could ever believe that someone could play rugby with a leg injury as serious as she has?" Laucher asked.

The only related injury came when she was kicked in the shin and had to leave the game, due to the extreme pain. The problem has been contained by wearing shin guards, but it is a constant reminder of her second chance.

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SJSU women's rugby coach

## Savage finishes SJSU career with trip to Florida

By Peggy Flynn  
Staff Writer

After finishing her career with 10 records, senior forward Stacie Savage continues to net Spartan firsts.

Savage, 22, was named to the USCAA/Umbro All-West Regional first team and selected to play in the 1998 Umbro Select All-Star Classic in Fort Lauderdale, from Jan. 29 to Feb. 1.

Savage's team comprises 32 Division I women's soccer players — including three from the Bay Area — Rita Hermiz of Stanford, Ashley Albrecht of Santa Clara University, and Courtney Carrol of UC Berkeley. The National Soccer Coaches Association of America selected 48 college seniors to participate in this event.

"I'm excited and nervous," Savage said. "It's harder to play highly-rated players, although I will definitely learn a lot from this experience."

Savage, who finished her career with a record 75 points and 32 goals, also set a mark with seven game-winning goals.

Savage attributes her success to hard work and a lot of fun. A stress fracture caused her to miss most of spring training, but she came back to set five single season records including 15 goals and 34 points in 21 matches.

"If you don't have fun while you're playing, you get burned out really fast," Savage said.

Women's soccer coach Phillippe Blin said that Savage deserved the honor

and has several opportunities available to her. Playing for a professional Japanese soccer team — one of the few in the world — is among her many choices.

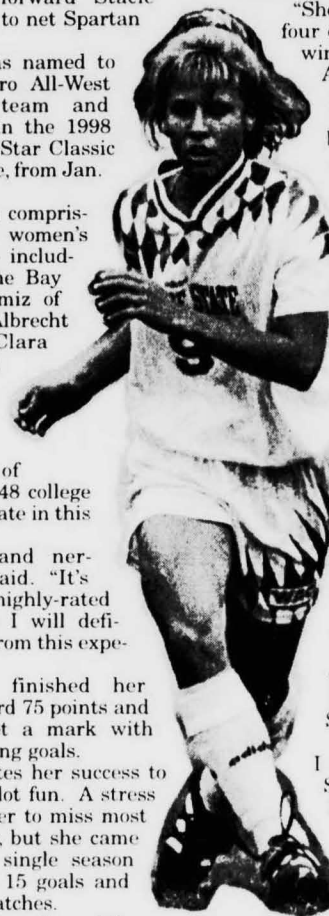
"She was chosen by the top four college coaches and has a window of opportunity at the All-Star Classic," Blin said. "The women's National Team coach will be there and may ask her to train with the team."

An all-around athlete, Savage began playing soccer at age 5, and was a four-time all-leaguer in softball and star basketball player at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale. Other honors include the Pacific Division Player of the Year in 1996 and the WAC Pacific Division's co-Player of the Year.

Blin said Savage's first priority is to graduate. As a child development major, Savage said working with children is her greatest reward.

"I just love interacting with them and seeing their eyes light up," Savage said.

Savage and her Division I teammates will play All-Star teams comprising Division I, II, III and NAIA players on Jan. 30 at Fort Lauderdale's Lockhart Stadium.



Sports Department File Photo

Stacie Savage is heading to the Umbro Select All Star Classic in Fort Lauderdale.

## Carlesimo, Warriors testify in Sprewell case

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — For the first time since the attack that rocked the NBA, Latrell Sprewell and coach P.J. Carlesimo met face to face Wednesday during a hearing over whether Sprewell's punishment was unduly severe.

"It was kind of odd, because they were both there," said Felton Spencer, one of three Warriors players who testified Wednesday.

Spencer said he was in the hearing room for two hours

and testified almost an hour.

"It was rather intense," he said, but added he couldn't talk about the content of his testimony.

Forward Joe Smith and guard Bimbo Coles also gave testimony Wednesday. In all, four Warriors have testified. Muggsy Bogues was called as a witness on Tuesday.

Assistant coaches Paul Westhead and Rod Higgins also testified Wednesday.

Carlesimo listened throughout the lengthy session but

hadn't yet taken his turn as a witness as the hearing dragging well into the night.

NBA spokesman Evan Silverman said neither Carlesimo nor Higgins would make the Warriors' flight to Seattle Wednesday night, leaving open the possibility that Carlesimo would testify on Thursday.

Smith, Sprewell's close friend, said as he entered the hearing that he was glad to finish his testimony.

The sessions are closed

and arbitrator John Feerick, dean of the Fordham Law School, has issued a gag order. The hearing ends Friday and resumes next week in New York.

Sprewell apologized to Carlesimo by phone a month ago, but the two had not been in the same room together since practice Dec. 1. At the time, the star guard choked Carlesimo and threatened to kill him, then returned 20 minutes later and attacked the coach again.

## Tiger paired with father at Pebble Beach tournament

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — One week after winning a tournament in his mother's native Thailand, Tiger Woods plays with his father for the first time as a pro at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

The tournament, which pairs pro golfers with the likes of actor Kevin Costner and rock star Alice Cooper, will have a larger purse and a smaller field when it starts Thursday.

The purse for the pros has been increased by \$600,000 to \$2.5 million this year, with a first prize of \$450,000. The field has been cut from 180 to 168 to speed play, especially if rain and fog make conditions difficult.

And there's a good chance of the weather interfering. The wind gusts during Wednesday's practice rounds and the Monterey Meteorological Center forecast rain Thursday morning and Friday night through Saturday morning, with showers

likely on Sunday as well.

The four-day tournament, played on the Pebble Beach, Poppy Hills and Spyglass Hill courses overlooking the Pacific Ocean, benefits charities ranging from the Alliance on Aging to the Carmel Music Society.

Woods will be paired with his father, Earl Woods, who had to miss last year's tournament because of quadruple heart bypass surgery.

They will be the tournament's only father-son team. Brad Faxon will be playing with his father. In the past, Johnny Miller, Raymond Floyd and Jack Nicklaus have been paired with their sons.

Tiger and Earl Woods will play in a foursome that includes defending champion Mark O'Meara, who played with his dad a few years ago and still remembers that occasion as "one of the greatest moments of my life."

Tiger Woods and O'Meara are neighbors and close friends, so the younger Woods will be surrounded by familiar faces — as well as quite a few security guards.

Tournament officials hope the crush of celebrity seekers will be less intense than last year when Woods was paired with Costner creating a fan frenzy.

Woods is trying to cut down on the number of tournaments he plays this year, but said he couldn't pass up an opportunity to play with his dad and five-time tournament champion O'Meara.

"Having dad here it's definitely more meaningful, there is no doubt about it," he said. "I'm there with my dad and I'm also there with one of my best friends."

Woods is coming off his greatest comeback as a pro. In the Johnnie Walker Classic last weekend in Thailand, Woods

made up an eight-shot deficit in the final round and defeated Ernie Els on the second playoff hole.

It was Woods' second victory in Thailand in a year and his eighth professional win in less than 16 months.

Earl Woods' golf game has stumbled in recent years, especially because of the time he missed while recovering from bypass surgery. But O'Meara thinks the elder Woods will thrive because of his partner.

"I think Tiger will hit it far enough. Maybe if he (Earl) could just absorb the liftoff from one of his drives and ride the afterburners, he will be all right," O'Meara said.

While Tiger Woods will be making a sentimental journey with his father, several celebrity golfers will be living a dream. Though people such as Jerry Rice are stars in other fields, they become giddy when talking

of the chance to play near Woods and other pros at Pebble Beach.

Rice, who missed most of this season for the San Francisco 49ers because of knee problems, said golf made the tough times a little easier.

"When I had the cast on I was chipping, I was putting. Golf really got me through the season," Rice said. "This is terrible to say, but when I sustained my injury I thought about my golf

game." Comedian Bill Murray and singer Huey Lewis won a five-hole celebrity challenge on Wednesday. The event included a tribute to singer John Denver, who played many times in the tournament and died in a plane crash near Monterey late last year.

### Spartan Shorts

Elin Carlsson, an SJSU junior from Osme, Sweden, was named the Western Athletic Conference Swimmer of the Week for the week ending Jan. 25.

Carlsson won three races and posted two of her best times this season in the swimming team's 149-131 win over Cal State Northridge.

In the 1,000-yard freestyle, Carlsson finished in 10:23.63, the sixth best time in the WAC during this school year. She showed her versatility by recording a 1:08.95 in the 100-meter breaststroke, her best time this season at that distance. Carlsson's achievements helped improve the women's swim team's dual record to 6-7.

(Spartan Shorts were compiled by Dennis Knight)

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**Friday, Jan. 30** — The Untouchables cruise over the hill from their Thursday night show at the Catalyst in Santa Cruz to crash the Cactus Club. As always at the Cactus, it's an 18-and-over show, so bring your little sister.

**Friday, Jan. 30** — Gwyneth Paltrow and the crown prince of Generation X, Ethan Hawke, come together in the screen adaptation of Charles Dickens' "Great Expectations." This flick also stars Robert De Niro. It's rated "R" so maybe Miss Paltrow will flash you a little skin for your \$7.50.

**Friday, Jan. 30** — "Desperate Measures" opens nationwide, starring Michael Keaton and Andy Garcia. Keaton plays a deranged psycho and if you've ever seen "Pacific Heights," you know he does a pretty good job of it. The life of a small, sick child hangs in the balance so you have no choice but to root for the good guys, right?

**Saturday, Jan. 31** — The Cow Palace in San Francisco gets turned into the Pooch Palace for the weekend as it's taken over by the Golden Gate Kennel Dog Show. All those small, fluffy dogs with the inbred genes will be there trying to fetch their masters another couple bucks. Bring your bitches.

**Saturday, Jan. 31** — Third Eye Blind brings bubble gum noise to the Warfield in San Francisco, with Smashmouth and the Space Monkeys. This is an all ages show, so bring lots of infants to throw in the pit.

**Tuesday, Feb. 3** — Busta Rhymes comes to the Maritime Hall in San Francisco in support of his new album, "When Disaster Strikes..." Put your \$20 where the ticket seller's eyes can see.

**Tuesday, Feb. 3** — Blues prodigy Jonny Lang will pack 'em into the Fillmore in San Francisco, proving that you don't have to be old and decrepit to have the blues, puberty is enough. So... what were you doing when you were 17?

**Wednesday, Feb. 4** — The Edge in Palo Alto will be invaded by thirtysomethings reliving their dead-and-buried high school years as the Blue Oyster Cult comes to town. Don't fear the reaper, guys.

# Turning trash into treasure



Chris Riley/Spartan Daily

Seven eclectic collections are waiting for visitors in the Natalie and James Thompson Gallery.

By Yvette Anna Trejo  
Staff Writer

Toothbrushes, shoes, Roman noses, bugs, red Xs, crosses and chromatic extrusions. What could these things possibly have in common? All are collections on display in the Natalie & James Thompson Art Gallery located in the Art Building.

"The Impulse to Collect: A Collection of Amazing Collections" is not like the average stamp or keychain collection, but instead has taken the hobby of collecting a little further.

Originally, curators Tony May and Theta Belcher did not have a concept in mind when they began looking for collections.

"We thought we'd look for a while and look for something curious and interesting. We looked for obsessive collections," May said.

Of the collections available to

the curators, only seven could be shown due to limited spacing.

"All seven (collections) struck as being rather extraordinary. They represent a compulsion to collect. Some are small but interesting because the objects themselves are extraordinary," May said.

San Jose State University professor of art education Pam Sharp El Shayeb offered a collection of terra cotta Roman noses. The noses are believed to have originated from human facial casts.

The collection belongs to her husband Ibrahim El Shayeb who collected the noses over a 10-year span. The noses were found in the desert near Lake Fayoum about 50 miles east of Cairo, Egypt.

"I'm glad someone can see it. It's just been in boxes," Sharp El Shayeb said.

Sharp El Shayeb believes that the noses are from the site of a

Roman village or settlement, which was probably also a military base.

"They were probably from funeral masks," Sharp El Shayeb said, "so when someone died they'd put this clay mask on the face."

San Jose resident Ernie Reda has a collection of his own on display which consists of nearly 1,000 crosses. His complete collection at home, however, exceeds 15,000.

"It all came about from a promise I made to God," Reda said.

Reda has shown the crosses all over the Santa Clara Valley and in other locations as well.

"I'm willing to donate (the collection) to the right organization," Reda said.

On Feb. 3 there will be a public presentation and gallery walk through. The collections will be on display through February 20. Admission is free.

# Celebrity worship on Web expands

NEW YORK (AP) — Sexy, sultry Pamela Anderson Lee, former "Baywatch" star, has 67. "Batman and Robin" co-star Alicia Silverstone, 91. Kate Winslet, star of the disaster epic "Titanic," only five.

We're talking World Wide Web sites here. (What did you think we were counting?)

These are sites built by fans and cataloged by Yahoo!, one of the most popular search engines on the Web. Numbers were obtained through an informal count of Web sites for popular stars of music, television and film. Stars like Harrison Ford, Will Smith and Courtney Cox.

"On the Web, you can obsess 24 hours a day," said Jon Katz, media critic for HotWired, an online magazine. The Web is "a phenomenal medium for celebrity worship."

While it might surprise some fans that Lee is not No. 1, neither is "Lois & Clark's" Teri Hatcher, a popular Net fixture for fan adoration, who has 53 sites.

No, the actress who earns the unofficial title of "Queen of the Net" is Gillian Anderson, who plays FBI agent Dana Scully on Fox television's enigmatic "The X-Files." By recent count on Yahoo!, Anderson has 99 sites devoted to her. That handily tops Lee, who has what some might consider the unfair advantage of being naked in many of her pictures.

Surprised? "Anderson is all over the Net," Katz said.

Both Anderson and "X-Files" co-star David Duchovny have worked the Net — Duchovny to

a lesser degree — granting online interviews to Web sites and to America Online, although neither was available for comment for this article, according to their managers.

Duchovny has 41 sites. The Artist Formerly Known as Prince has 46. Hanson, a teen-heartthrob band consisting of three brothers and the insanelly catchy single "MMMBop," has 67.

Pair the instant communication of the Web with celebrity worship and you come up with a feast of eye candy for star-hunting netheads. Fans can toil for days to amass collections of pictures, interviews and recordings for their Web sites, all in homage to their favorite celebs.

Camille Paglia, author of several books on American pop culture, recalled her own days of star worship. As a teen-ager, Paglia collected 599 photographs of Elizabeth Taylor and harassed Barbra Streisand's arranger, Peter Matz, at home.

"If I was 13 now, oh my God!" she said, a little wistfully. "If I were young today, I would just go wild."

Going wild is what being a fan is all about. The Web is a 24-hour orgy of star worship, Katz said. Celebrity worship knows no borders or time zones. Fans scattered across continents can communicate, swap pictures or tell stories instantly.

Anderson and Duchovny have marketed themselves well on the Web, adding to their star status. "They're as close to the king and queen of the Net as you can get," Katz said.

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# Nurses' strike puts hospitals in flurry

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Registered nurses at 54 Kaiser Permanente medical facilities in California began a two-day strike Wednesday, leaving hospitals from Fresno to Sacramento scrambling to find beds for patients amid a nasty flu season.

"The number of people filling beds hasn't been this high since 1981," said Nathan Nayman, regional vice president for the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California.

And the strike by nurses at the HMO that serves one out of every three Northern Californians is only exacerbating the problem, he added.

The 220 hospitals Nayman's organization represents are an average of 90 percent filled, he said. And that percentage is even higher at some facilities, including those in Alameda, Contra Costa and Solano counties, where officials declared public health states of emergency. San Francisco health officials ordered city hospitals to take critical care patients even if they're full.

Many hospitals in Northern California have been placed on "internal disaster mode," Nayman said. That means staffers brought in on mandatory overtime, elective surgeries are being canceled and doctors are making rounds twice a day in an attempt to find patients ready for release.

The University of California-Davis Medical Center in Sacramento — where gardeners and painters were being trained to make beds, get supplies and fill water cups — received state approval Wednesday to add bed space. The hospital, which has a capacity of 457 patients, had more than 471 on hand, including a few pregnant women diverted from Kaiser facilities.

"Our nurses are very tired," said Carol Robinson, director of patient care services at UC Davis. "But the extra help is boosting morale."

Meanwhile, Kaiser said its facilities were experiencing "moderate to minimal disruptions" because of the strike, which was called early Wednesday after last-ditch talks between Kaiser and the California Nurses Association failed.

The Oakland-based HMO flew in about 250 nurses at a cost of \$10 million a day to help cover for striking nurses. The extra help included nursing supervisors from Southern California facilities and nurses from out of state.

But nurses refused to call off the strike unless negotiations actually were under way — something Kaiser wasn't willing to do.

"We did not go to that meeting to negotiate a contract," Kaiser spokesman Tom Debley said. "We had our two executives go there as a show of good faith."

While Kaiser has been willing to negotiate on salary — offering a 2 percent-a-year raise for six years to nurses in the San Francisco Bay area and 2 percent a year to all Northern California nurses based on performance — the main point of contention remains staffing levels. Union officials claim Kaiser's cost-cutting tactics have hurt the quality of patient care.

"Nurses are angry. If we do not stand for our patients, nobody will," said Rosemary Wood, a nurse and member of the union's bargaining team who was on strike with about 70 nurses at an outpatient facility in Pleasanton.

She said many nurses were willing to leave the picket line to help with any major crises at Kaiser facilities — an offer Kaiser has rejected. In addition to picketing, Wood said striking nurses formed a referral network to offer their services to non-Kaiser hospitals.

This is the fourth time since their contract expired last January that the nurses have walked off the job. The last strike by the CNA, which has roughly 7,000 members, was in November.

This time, Kaiser nurses face significant opposition from other unions. Service Employees International Union, Local 250, the union that represents most Kaiser employees, is advising members to cross picket lines.

The AFL-CIO also has advised the CNA to participate in the national labor-management partnership it has forged with Kaiser, rather than striking.

However, some members of other unions decided to join the picket lines Wednesday, including a few union carpenters at Kaiser Fresno.

"I'm a patient here and I could see the overload," carpenter Doug Whipple said. "I could see how hard it is to get an appointment. It's hoop after hoop and line after line. I could see the frustration on the faces of people working here."

But some inside the facility weren't so sympathetic, including Fresno resident Cheryl Auchard, who brought her 11-year-old daughter to Kaiser for an X-ray.

The nurses "should be thankful they got a job," Auchard said. "There's a lot of people out there who don't have jobs or don't get paid on time."

The strike is scheduled to end at 7 a.m. Friday. No talks were scheduled in the meantime, according to officials from both sides.

Even if the strike is resolved, healthcare officials statewide said the hospital emergency — due to the flu epidemic, an overall shortage of nurses and cuts in the number of hospital beds — would likely continue into February.

# Senate refuses to overturn two health care vetoes

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Despite warnings that lives were at stake, Senate Republicans blocked attempts Wednesday to override Gov. Pete Wilson's vetoes of bills designed to help fight diabetes and prostate cancer.

By votes of 24-13 and 23-13, the Senate upheld the Republican governor's vetoes of measures that would require health insurers to cover prostate cancer screenings and insulin and other items needed to treat diabetes.

At least 27 votes, a two-thirds majority, were required for an override. Republicans cast most of the no votes, and Democrats most of the aye votes.

The bills were among nine health measures that Wilson vetoed last year, saying the state should wait for a task force report before deciding how to reform so-called health maintenance organizations.

Those recommendations are in, but

the authors of the prostate cancer and diabetes bills, Sens. Betty Karnette, D-Long Beach, and Hilda Solis, D-El Monte, said the report didn't cover their proposals.

"This is not an issue that should divide us by party. There are thousands, if not millions, of people affected by this deadly disease," said Solis, referring to diabetes.

"Send a message, not only to the governor but to the (health care) industry, that they need to be more responsive to consumers."

But Sen. Ray Haynes, R-Temecula, said lawmakers should "stick to the recommendations of the task force."

"I don't think there's anybody who questions the need for some HMO reforms," he said. "But if we do the wrong reform you increase the price of health care."

Taking somewhat the same approach, Wilson sent lawmakers a

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— Sen. Ray Haynes  
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message saying he wanted legislation that would improve care but at the same time not impose "costly mandates

that would bankrupt our health care system."

But Sen. Steve Peace, D-El Cajon, said Wilson's task force was dominated by representatives of the health care industry, and that HMOs had gone too far in the direction of restricting care to limit costs.

"This thing is broken," he said. "The governor's task force was an absolute, abject farce."

Karnette said her prostate cancer testing bill could help control health care costs by catching the disease in its early stages.

"If we save one life it's worth it," she said.

"I am not here to pick a fight with the governor," she added. "I am really doing this to save more lives."

Sen. John Burton, D-San Francisco, said it was silly that California law requires doctors to inform patients about the availability of a blood test to

detect prostate cancer but that health insurers aren't required to pay for it.

And Sen. Leroy Greene, D-Carmichael, said he has prostate cancer. "I'm not the only one (in the Senate) that does. The attitude changes when you have the problem," he told Republicans.

But Sen. Jim Brulte, R-Rancho Cucamonga, charged that the override attempts were a "political drill to put pressure on the governor" and told Karnette, "If you could absolutely guarantee that if we pass this bill you could save lives then we would all support it."

He said he was willing to work with Karnette to draft a more limited measure.

In a related development, the Senate voted 36-0 to send the Assembly a bill by Sen. Herschel Rosenthal, D-Los Angeles, that would require health care plans to protect the confidentiality of patients' medical records.

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Clinton, Gore rally support in America's heartland

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) - Far from the embarrasing... Clinton was welcomed with thunderous cheers in America's heartland Wednesday as Vice President Al Gore urged Americans to "join me in supporting him and standing by his side."

"We have had an incredible day," Clinton enthused. But before he could fly to his next stop in Wisconsin, Air Force One got stuck in the mud taxiing for takeoff - an unfortunate bit of symbolism for the besieged president. A backup plane was brought in.

Bouyed by the rousing reception here and at his State of the Union address, Clinton did not comment directly on the allegations of an affair with a young intern and a cover-up. But he might have had his problems in mind as he joked about the boisterous music and overflow crowd that greeted him at the University of Illinois.

"I wish I could take the pep band with me for the next month or two wherever I go," the president said. He came here to extol his education initiatives and his call for a Social Security fix.

Clinton told the mostly youthful audience he had never worried about Social Security at their age. "I thought I would live forever, always young," said Clinton, now 51.

Passing farm fields and businesses, hundreds of

people gave friendly waves as Clinton's motorcade rode by. "Fact, not fiction," read one sign outside the arena. "Kill the overkill," said another.

Awaiting Clinton in La Crosse, Wis., was a large sign in block letters in the snow on the banks of the Mississippi River: "IMPEACH."

All 12,000 tickets for the University of Illinois event were quickly grabbed up, distributed by the school and Democratic supporters. After addressing university crowd, Clinton and Gore addressed thousands of cheering supporters at two overflow rallies.

"You can't imagine the good it does me and the president to hear that warm welcome," Gore said. "It does us more good than I can tell you."

A huge crowd also waited for Clinton for hours at an outdoor rally in frigid temperatures in La Crosse. Sponsors said 20,000 tickets were distributed.

The Illinois and Wisconsin events were arranged before the sensational allegations broke. But the appearances were tailor-made for a besieged president trying to show the world that he still commands attention and support.

"We love you, Bill," a man shouted at Assembly Hall, the flying saucer-shaped arena where Clinton and Gore spoke. The president, after his speech, stepped down from his stage and reached out to hundreds of people eager to shake his hand.

"The outpouring of love for this president has

been so profound today," Sen. Carol Mosely Braun, D-Ill., said.

While not addressing his own troubles, Clinton spoke of another president who was determined to focus on peoples' concerns despite weighty matters. Each night, Clinton said, he retired to a study that was Abraham Lincoln's waiting room during the Civil War. It was there that Lincoln reserved time to meet with individual citizens who wanted a government job or had another case to plead.

"When he was asked why he did this," Clinton said, "he said, 'I have to remember that people are concerned about things and I want this war to be over so all of us can go back to thinking about things like that.'"

"So, he always thought what life would be like when the war was over," Clinton said.

Clinton's supporters were eager to back the president. "I'm just so excited I can't hardly stand it," said Diane Weidner, who works at the university. But about the charges facing Clinton, she said, "I really don't know what I think."

Roger Boen, the Vermilion County Democratic chairman, said, "I haven't heard one negative saying" from any Democrat about Clinton's problems. "I would believe him if he's a Republican or a Democrat until it's proven," Boen said. "I never have felt like I should be a judge."

Debbie White, 40, of Villa Grove, said she believes the allegations but she came to see Clinton anyway to hear about his education program.

"I respect the office that he holds, but I don't necessarily respect him," she said. "If I were speaking with him one-on-one, I would probably ask him about these private-life issues he's dealing with right now."

Gore, who flew to Champaign to appear with Clinton, whipped up the audience for the president, shouting into the microphone about the administration's successes. Gore's speech fired them up.

"We're going to stand by him and support him and help him," Gore declared. "He is the president of the country. He is also my friend. And want to ask you now - every single one of you - to join me in supporting him and standing by his side."

The president appeared amused and grateful for Gore's introduction, suggesting it sounded like it came from a Southern preacher. "I wish I had people walking the aisles and passing the plate," Clinton joked. Referring to Gore's animation, the president said, "He must have gotten 30 minutes more sleep than I did last night."

Leaving the White House on his trip, the president stopped by the Diplomatic Reception Room and hugged his wife, Hillary, after she gave another television interview defending her husband.

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### Aries

March 21 to April 20

You are impatient to a fault and always want to have the first orgasm. You are also an independent pioneer spirit who lives for challenge and loves to win. You will achieve both this week. Famous Arian: Marlon Brando.

### Taurus

April 21 to May 20

To your credit, you are a reliable person and possess extreme willpower. You are often described as inflexible, however, and that can only mean one thing: the only sexual position you recognize is missionary. Don't be afraid to try new things in the upcoming week. Famous Taurean: Barbra Streisand.

### Gemini

May 21 to June 21

The twins that compose your sign are at war. On the one hand, you are witty and considered quite the comedian by your peers. On the other hand, your moral fiber is lacking: you are always on the lookout for new people to fiddle with your diddle. Relax. You don't have to impress people, you are an attention-grabber just as you are. Famous Gemini: Marilyn Monroe.

### Cancer

June 22 to July 22

You are so laid back you almost fall over. People are drawn to you because stress rolls off your back and you take everything in stride. However, movers and shakers view you as a slacker. If the only thing you've actively participated in recently is passing a bong, it's time to motivate. And there's no time like the present. Famous Cancerian: Henry VIII.

### Leo

July 23 to August 22

You are faithful and loving... which shows itself in your desire to rub up against people in public places. But you are also seen as bossy and interfering, so cool it and let those around you take the reins for awhile. Famous Leonian: Napoleon Bonaparte.

### Virgo

August 23 to September 22

You are practical, diligent and intelligent. Unfortunately, you are also finicky and over-critical. Focus in on your good qualities or else you might as well try kissing your ass good-bye. It's a practice you could become well acquainted with soon if you don't. Famous Virgoan: Queen Elizabeth I.

### Libra

September 23 to October 22

Hey you! Reading the Spartan Daily while on the can is a waste of your time, so get off the pot and get on with your life. While you are easygoing and peaceable, you are also a procrastinator and have become apathetic. Instead of reading about what everyone else is doing, why don't you get out and do something noteworthy yourself? You obviously have the talent and the time has come... Famous Libran: Bruce Springsteen.

### Scorpio

October 23 to November 22

You are intense, profound and calm. Despite your cool demeanor, even you feel the need for release occasionally. You probably wet the bed until an outrageously late age and still occasionally do. Those "wet dreams" you think you've been having? Think again. Famous Scorpion: Charles, Prince of Wales.

### Sagittarius

November 23 to December 21

You are optimistic (sometimes a touch too much!) and prize your freedom above all else. But you are also irresponsible and superficial so pull your nose out of your superior's ass and put it to the grindstone instead. The latter might not do you as much good, but it's time to learn the value of hard work. Famous Sagittarian: Jim Morrison.

### Capricorn

December 22 to January 20

Richard Nixon was a Capricorn. Enough said.

### Aquarius

January 21 to February 19

If you spent less time staring at yourself in the mirror you'd... probably look horrid. But the narcissistic side of you would wither and die — and that would be a definite plus. It would also highlight your positive attributes, such as your originality and inventiveness. Break your mirror, muscle through seven years of bad luck and be a better person for your trouble. Famous Aquarian: Ronald Reagan.

### Pisces

February 20 to March 20

You are popular. That's because Pisceans generally like to flaunt their genitalia. You are, however, imaginative and intuitive. One of your most endearing traits is your naivete. Life is waiting for you to experience it this week. Go for it. Famous Piscean: Kurt Cobain.

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## Diridon: Sheds light on traffic

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Diridon said. It will help students "understand in detail what makes politics work."

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"He's right smack in the middle of SJSU's commuter problems," Christensen said. "He'll help students understand the issues behind the problems."

Although Diridon was not hired to solve the traffic problems around campus, he agreed he can help shed some light on the situation.

"The campus community needs to be much more deeply involved in planning and implementing transportation programs," Diridon said, "especially with a campus so congested with traffic and

parking."

Christensen said Diridon follows three others in the series of "Leader-in-Residence" programs, which were designed to honor local leaders who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

Like Diridon, the first three instructors have specialized expertise in the field of politics as well. In 1994, Susanne Wilson, a former Santa Clara County Supervisor, focused on ethics in politics. A year later, Conrad Rushing, a judge, taught in the area of literature and the law. Last year, Dan McCorquodale, a former state senator, stressed the importance of contemporary California politics.

Next spring, Christensen has two candidates in mind to fill Diridon's vacancy, though no one has been confirmed.

"We've invited Mayor (Susan) Hammer and Becky Morgan, head of Joint Venture Silicon Valley, to teach the class next semester," Christensen said.

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units are combined to create a full-time equivalent student.

So what does it all mean?

"We could be, at this campus, in for a very nice budget increase," Burton said.

Once the legislature reviews the governor's budget, it is sent back to the governor's office for a

May review.

"We won't be able to spend the money until July 1, once the budget's actually gone through and the governor's signed it," Burton said. "Generally, there isn't an awful lot of change to the legislature."

The deadline for the legislature to pass the state's budget is June 15.

## Lewinsky portrayed as 'sex obsessed' by lover

PORTLAND (AP) — Monica Lewinsky twisted the truth and was obsessed with sex, a lawyer for a former lover — her married former high school drama instructor — said today.

Attorney Terry Giles also said Lewinsky sent his clients documents that might shed light on how she got "access to certain files in the White House, and why an intern would have access to those files."

"At first blush, they would appear to be files that you wouldn't expect an intern to be able to lay their hands on," Giles said.

The attorney made his comments a day after his client Andy Bleiler, 32, revealed the affair at a news conference with his wife, Kathy.

Bleiler worked in the drama department at Beverly Hills High School, which Lewinsky

as having a pattern of twisting facts, especially to enhance her version of her own self-image," said Giles, of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

Lewinsky's lawyer, William Ginsburg, confirmed his 24-year-old client had an affair with Bleiler but dismissed its importance.

"She has had relationships with men. That is neither shocking nor is it surprising," Ginsburg said.

"This is a former schoolteacher having sex with a teenager," Ginsburg told CNN today. "He's saying she was the vixen who could not be resisted, the siren on the rocks. That's unbelievable."

Bleiler said the affair continued during the two years Lewinsky attended Lewis & Clark College here, and after she graduated in 1995 and left for Washington.

Bleiler, now a theater technician at the Vancouver (Wash.) School of Arts and Academics, said the relationship ended last April after his wife found out about it. That happened when she learned Lewinsky had bragged about the affair to college acquaintances.

Lewinsky told Bleiler she was "frustrated and agitated" that oral sex was all the "high-ranking White House official" wanted to have, Giles said.

The attorney added that Lewinsky confided in the couple long after she went to work at the White House. He said she never mentioned Clinton specifically, but referred to the White House

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## Future teachers face new standards

LONG BEACH (AP)—Teachers would have to pass a series of tests and spend their first two classroom years with an experienced mentor under a plan to improve standards by reworking the rules for getting state credentials.

California State University trustees welcomed the plan, which was presented Tuesday by their Committee on Educational Policy.

"I think this is the right way to go," said Milton Gordon, president of Cal State Fullerton. "Of all our priorities, teacher education is right near the top."

Cal State trains about 60 percent of the state's public school teachers, who are in increasing demand.

An estimated 250,000 new teachers will be needed over the next decade to reduce class sizes and meet staffing requirements.

National performance evaluations have ranked California at or near the bottom of state lists, and the CSU plan is one of several aimed at improvement. Two state senators are working with the state Teacher Credentialing Commission to draft legislation from the recommendations. More than 100 steps are recommended.

Public schools would be required to work with universities to design programs giving early classroom experience to future teachers. The approach is also intended to make sure university course work matches local needs.

"We already do this in Anaheim," said Louise Adler of Cal State Fullerton. "They round up the students and we go out and provide the education."

The year-long program with Anaheim City School District

lets more than a dozen teachers-in-training stay after class to finish their university course work without commuting to a college campus.

The report, "California's Future: Highly Qualified Teachers for All Students," also outlines a mentor program for new teachers.

A version in place at Fullerton has won national awards and reduced the dropout rate for new teachers.

"There is a concern that as many as 30 percent of new teachers leave the field in three years," said Bill Wilson, who oversees teacher training for the university system.

New Chancellor Charles B. Reed said he supports the plan and asked his staff for a report on how all the training initiatives line up.

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