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EASY LISTENING

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ABOVE: Danny Ernst, a sophomore majoring in jazz performance, plays the bass during a performance of "Mar Negro," a composition put together by fellow student Hristo Vitchev for the jazz combo class held in the Music building Concert Hall on Wednesday.

RIGHT: Ben Anjo, a perspective masters student in jazz studies, plays "Mar Negro."



Proposal would ease obtaining A.S. funds

BY LYDIA SARRAILLE
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University Associated Students Finance Committee recommended Wednesday to change the way student organizations are funded.

Student organizations have thus far been able to request funding from A.S. for a limited number of purposes, such as costumes and publicity for special events and the purchase of equipment.

The revisions to the budget

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Local Muslims to mark end of holy month

Islamic month of fasting to end Friday

BY FARIDEH DADA
Daily Staff Writer

After a month of fasting, 1.6 billion Muslims throughout the world are waiting for the new moon to come out to celebrate Eid al-Fitr — festival of fast-breaking.

The first day of Shawwal — the 10th month of the Islamic Lunar Calendar — marks the end of fasting during the month of Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr, which is one of the biggest Islamic holidays.

According to the South Bay Islamic Association, Eid al-Fitr will be on Friday. It was determined after sighting the first moon Wednesday evening.

"After a month of fasting, Muslims have this one day to celebrate their accomplishments," said Imam Tahir Anwar of the South Bay Islamic Association.

Eid al-Fitr celebration begins with a special public morning prayer thanking of God for all of the blessings that he has provided for people, Imam Anwar said.

"Eid al-Fitr literally means returning to our nature as God created us," said Dian Alyan, outreach program director of the Muslim Community Association. "You can be like a newborn again."

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Bicycle riding to campus made easier

City creates new bike lane leading from train station to university

BY FARIDEH DADA
Daily Staff Writer

After years of waiting, bicycle riders have another option to ride their bikes on the new bike lane recently installed around the San Jose State University, said Eyedin Zonobi, Associated Students Transportation Solutions manager.

"For a long time there was only one lane coming to school and that was on Seventh Street, south of the campus," Zonobi said.

"This new bike lane on the north edge of the campus is coming from the train station."

Zonobi said people were not bringing their bicycles before the lane was installed.

"There was no incentive for them to ride their bikes," Zonobi said.

But now, he said, people feel comfortable and are encouraged to ride bicycles.

"People know that after they get off from the train, they can continue biking on a designated path to San Jose State," Zonobi said.

"As far as reducing traffic, we do not have any solid number now, but we can see that there is an increase in the number of bicycles on campus and we know that there are lots of people who are utilizing this lane," Zonobi said.

Andy Chow, commute specialist coordinator at A.S. Transportation Solutions, said the project was a major improvement and it will gradually prove its importance.

"The changes do not come overnight," Chow said.

Before the installation of the lane, he said, biking was not safe in the area because of the high volume of traffic and a large number of parked cars along the street. Now the bike lane divides bikers in a safer passage and they feel safer, Chow said.

Chow said A.S. Transportation Solutions was a vigorous supporter of the bike lane project implemented by the City of San Jose.

Santa Cruz buses to resume today

Highway 17 Express set to bring commuting students to SJSU

BY DAVIDA ROSS
Daily Staff Writer

The Santa Cruz bus strike — a labor dispute that left more than 20,000 riders stranded every day since it started Sept. 27 — is scheduled to end today.

A settlement between Santa Cruz County and the Metropolitan Transportation District was reached Saturday.

Although the agreement was reached on Saturday, the buses needed to be inspected by the California Highway Patrol since they have been idle for more than 30 days, pushing the run date back to today.

Once the buses start operat-

ing again, they will be running for free until Wednesday in an attempt to regain riders.

Although many people are relieved that the strike is over, some Santa Cruz residents feel there are still many issues left to be addressed.

Jessica Bryant, a junior majoring in nursing who commutes from Santa Cruz, said she has mixed feelings about the strike being over.

"I'm happy that it's finally over, but the strike made me so angry I'm not sure if I am going to ride the bus again for a while," Bryant said.

Bryant said the strike affected her tremendously because

without a reliable car, it was difficult to get over the hill to get to school.

Daniella Sardi, a senior majoring in communications, said she feels the strike is unfair to the people "who bought bus passes that were basically void for a month."

"People who purchased a bus pass should be able to get their month back somehow," Sardi said.

Andy Chow, commute coordinator for San Jose State Transportation Solutions, said people who bought an October bus pass would be able to trade

it in for a December pass.

"The transportation district realizes that people lost a month of service," Chow said. "So as long as a rider can show proof of purchase for an October bus pass, that pass can be exchanged for a December pass."

Chow said this exchange must be made at the Santa Cruz Metro Center and cannot be made on campus.

For students such as Bryant who purchased day passes, this exchange may not really help.

"Since I only have class three days a week, it is more

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Plants o' plenty ...

Frank Rossi, left, an instructor in the department of chemistry, contemplates a purchase at the Biology Students Association plant sale on Wednesday. Rossi eventually decided on a Begonia.

Opposing Views: *Has the state of the SJSU football program improved over the last year?*

YES *Head coach Tomey has brightened the future of the SJSU football program.*

The slogan "It's a new day in San Jose" flashes across the screen of the Spartan football Web site.

While this statement may be a bit optimistic, the San Jose State University football program is heading in the right direction.

Last year, head coach Fitz Hill was let go after four unsuccessful seasons with the Spartans — the last season resulting in a win-loss record of only two wins. In fact, every coach on last season's football program except two — special teams coordinator Keith Burns and running backs coach Charles Nash — was replaced this season.

Although the SJSU football program, under new head coach Dick Tomey, is slated to go for a similar record this year, fans must understand that change doesn't happen overnight.

Let me offer some positive insight into the future of SJSU football. To better understand the potential of the football program, we must first examine the coaching history of Tomey.

Tomey was the head coach at the University of Hawaii for 11 years. With a win-loss record of 63-46-3 at Hawaii, Tomey left as the all-time leader in NCAA Division I-A coaching victories for the university. Besides being the most winningest coach in the university's history, Tomey is credited with rebuilding Hawaii's football program at a time when it was floundering — sound familiar?

Another testament to Tomey can be traced to his influence on Hawaii's stadium attendance records. Home attendance, which grew to 44,651 in his final year at Hawaii, was 20,236 in 1976, the season prior to his arrival — SJSU's average attendance is 10,441 in a stadium intended to hold twice that number.

Tomey then began coaching at the University of Arizona in 1987, where he led the Wildcats — a team that won only one bowl game in the 85 seasons before his arrival — to seven post-season bowl games.

Another promising glance into the future of Spartan football is the fact that we haven't really got a chance to see what Tomey's recruiting class can do. Most athletes recruited by Tomey are either red shirts or freshmen. It will be interesting to see how they develop as they gain experience and playing time.

Considering Tomey's track record, more valued recruits may be willing to commit to SJSU despite last season's record. The opportunity to play for the 1992 Pacific-10 "Coach of the Year" who coached five National Football League first-round draft picks, 20 All-Americans and 43 first-team All-Pacific-10 selections may attract a higher caliber of high school athlete to join the Spartan squad.

So although the slogan "It's a new day in San Jose" may be a bit premature, Tomey will definitely pave the way for a brighter tomorrow.



DAVIDA ROSS

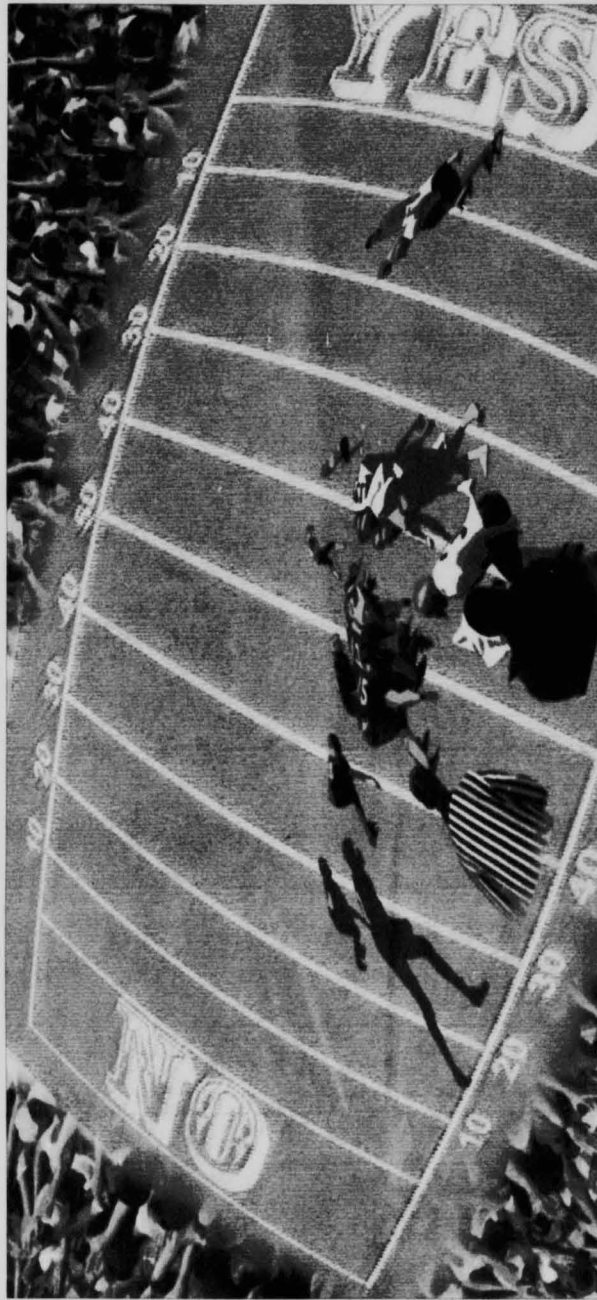


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NO *The Spartan football team has shown no improvement over the last year.*

It's a new day at San Jose State University, or so says the new athletics motto for the football team.

And who is to argue? The Spartans have a new head coach, with Dick Tomey taking the helm this year, replacing Fitz Hill.

The selection of Tomey to lead the Spartans was a bold move, considering Tomey heading into this season as the seventh-winningest active Division I-A coach with 158 wins in 24 seasons.

But even with Tomey's record, the team only has one win so far this season.

While there may be a new day at SJSU, it appears the team is still wiping the sleep from its eyes.

In the first eight games with Tomey, the Spartans have gone 1-7, compared to 2-6 by this point last season then finishing 2-9.

The Spartans are in danger of handing Tomey his worst record as a head coach since going 4-7 during the 1991 season at the University of Arizona.

SJSU's only win came against a Division II-A school — they haven't beaten a Division I-A team since a 70-63 win over Rice University in 2004 under coach Hill, setting an NCAA record for most points scored in a game.

The defense may not be giving up large numbers of points this year, but they are also not holding opponents back either. The Spartans are being outscored 284-188.

The Spartans are only scoring 23.5 points per game this season, compared to 26.375 after eight games last season.

Last year, SJSU scored points and held their own in a couple of games that could have gone their way — the Spartans almost ended 12-ranked Boise State's then 19-game winning streak until they lost in double overtime 56-49.

This year, the Spartans tend to only be good in one half of the game. In first quarters alone, the Spartans have been outscored 100-56.

Usually, SJSU lingers in the first half of the game then turns it on in the second to nearly win, as happened Oct. 1 against the University of Nevada in front of a national audience.

The lone exception was against Louisiana Tech University last Saturday where the team went into the locker room at half time tied 14-14, the first time SJSU didn't trail at the half all season.

However, the Spartans ended up losing 31-14.

It's a new day in San Jose, but perhaps the team needs to stop hitting the snooze button and wake up.



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"Yes. I think it's cool with the Spartan Squad because there's more school spirit."

Sarah Clark,
freshman,
graphic design



"Yes. More people are going to the games because more people are motivated and the coach seems better."

Jacqueline Cattolico,
junior,
child development



"Yes. The season's not over yet and they've already got a win so far."

Moninthe Cheas,
freshman,
undeclared



"Yes. I think it's improved from what I've heard."

Isabel Barron,
senior,
advertising



"No. If you spend more money and you're not bringing out results then (thumbs down)."

Angie Dang,
senior,
international business



"Yes. I think it has a bit. I think the coaching is what's been changed mostly."

Brian Towne,
senior,
physics

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SJSUCK

From Urkel to Cheney: Sitcom Crossovers shine insight on life

The world of sitcoms can be ridiculous sometimes.

They simply just aren't realistic. I mean, besides the fact that the Fonx can waterski over sharks, or that a family of monsters can live on the block of Anytown, USA, or that the fat dude from "The King of Queens" can bag a hot wife — even considering all this — sitcom characters always frequent the same coffee shops, bars, restaurants and hangouts every day of their mundane (yet somehow strangely watchable) lives and interact with the same circle of friends, enemies and supporting characters on an almost perpetual basis.

Most of the time.

Every once in a while, when the planets align or a network is in desperate need of a marketing ploy, the fleeting art of the Sitcom Crossover rears its head. The Sitcom Crossover takes place when characters from two previously unrelated shows clash, with varying results.

Many students might remember when Steve Urkel from "Family Matters" made the cross-country hop over to "Full House" to help Stephanie Tanner with a self-image problem. In the episode of "Full House," Stephanie is burdened with some new glasses, and fears her friends and classmates will make fun of her. Stephanie's friend, Julie, has a cousin who just so happens to be visiting from Chicago and who also just so happens to be Steve Urkel. Urkel, of course, wears glasses and teaches Stephanie to make other huggs with her instead of at her, and everybody hugs,

the audience "Awww"s and Michelle belts out "You got it, dude!" Just another day at the Tanner house.

"Full House" and "Family Matters" were mainstays of ABC's wildly popular Friday night TGIF lineup. "Step by Step" joined the fray in 1991 and once again the Sitcom Crossover emerged. Urkel, whose ubiquity may or may not be proof of a higher power, was again involved.

This time, in "Family Matters," Urkel fashions a jetpack to get out of a tightrope walking contest (what?) but it goes haywire and he ends up in Wisconsin, landing in the "Step by Step" family's backyard. Before returning to his own show, Urkel this time helps out Al, the middle, tomboyish girl of the Lambert family, by taking her to the school dance, which she previously had no date for. There, Urkel further solidifies himself a seat in hell by teaching everybody his Urkel Dance. The lyrics begin as so: "Now, if you want to do the Steve Urkel Dance / All you have to do is hitch up your pants." Ugh. It goes on: "Bend your knees and stick up your pelvis / I'm telling you baby, it's better than Elvis." He whines and snorts his way to the chorus, which goes like this: "Do the Urkel, do the Ur-ur-ur-ur-urkel." I may be mistaken on the number of "urs," but I can't type anymore without succumbing to the urge to buy an ice pick and then use it to gouge out my eardrums.

It should be noted that the Sitcom Crossover is different from the Sitcom Spinoff, in which one show

begets another show, a la "Frasier" from "Cheers" or "The Jeffersons" from "All in the Family." It's kind of like how Eve was spawned by Adam's rib, but with a laugh track and a quirky neighbor.

Many shows have utilized the Sitcom Crossover. Paul Buchman from "Mad About You" was once found to be subletting an apartment occupied by none other than Kramer from "Seinfeld." I'm pretty sure Blossom from "Blossom" once visited the "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." And once a bunch of characters from four different shows, "Coach," "The Drew Carey Show," "Grace Under Fire" and "Ellen," all somehow interacted in Las Vegas.

These (sometimes ... OK, rarely) hilarious convergences of sitcom universes stimulate network buzz and cross-pollinate show ratings, and is seen as a big deal by viewers and television big wigs alike. However, they can serve a larger purpose.

The techniques of corporate programming fat cats have jaded the public and trained us to think in 30-minute timeslots. We're forced to atomize everything — we have the need to section real life off into bite-sized, easy-to-understand, digestible morsels.

For instance, in politics, everyone is slapped with a label and sent on their way: Republicans, Democrats, Independents, conservatives, liberals. But Washington is actually way more integrated than this. Members of Congress, whether Republican or Democrat, regularly dine with each other, visit each

others' summer homes and launder money together. Likewise, Steve Urkel can piss off Uncle Jesse or that dude from "Kickboxer 2" because they all live in the same world.

Recently, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby has been playing the role of the tragic, leaky chief of staff for Vice President Dick Cheney. His story line is that he let slip the identity of CIA agent Valerie Plame, and Cheney had no idea about anything. But let's look a little closer.

The Washington Post reports that Libby and Cheney used to regularly carpool to work together in the same motorcade. I'm sure they had plenty to talk about, and not just about how "Seinfeld" and "Mad About You" characters exist in the same universe, yet George Costanza hates the television show "Mad About You."

The Sitcom Crossover is a window into the integrated lives of sitcom characters, and should represent the integrated lives of all of us as well. There's way more to everything than what you see on television.

Kevin Yuen is the Spartan Daily A&E editor. "SJSUCK" runs every other Thursday.



KEVIN YUEN

SPARTA GUIDE

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TODAY

School of Art and Design

There will be an exhibition of student art from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, contact the gallery office at 924-4330.

Career Center

Resume Critique Drop-in will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information, contact Marisa Staker at 924-6171.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

The Alpha Omega Student Fellowship will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. For more information, contact Kay Polintan at 938-1610.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia

There will be a Bible study at 7 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Diane Kim at 499-7153.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry chapel. For more information, contact Fr. Jose Rubio at 938-1610.

Counseling Services

There will be a general process group from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 201 of the Administration

building. For more information, contact Ellen Lin or Rachel Kitazono at 924-5910.

Counseling Services

There will be an Asian American and Pacific Islander discussion series from noon to 1:20 p.m. in room 269 of the Administration building. For more information, contact Ellen Lin or Lynda Yoshikawa at 924-5910.

SJSU Women's Rugby Club

There will be practice from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on 10th and Alma streets. For more information, contact Melody Ocampo at (530) 574-0575.

Student Life and Leadership

Applications are being accepted to learn how to train students to address issues of diversity and become counselors. You can pick up an application in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center in the Student Union. For more information, contact Nam Ngyuen at 924-5963.

Listening Hour Concert Series

There will be a piano recital from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

Students for Justice and Co.

There will be a rally against the special election from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Paseo de Cesar Chavez. For more information,

contact Ali at 857-3010 or Arsy at (831) 239-9370.

Associated Students

Details will be given on a three-on-three basketball tournament at 4:30 p.m. in the General Services Office. For more information, contact Dana Moore at 924-6228.

Orientation Advisers

Applications to become an orientation adviser are due Friday in Student Life and Leadership. For more information, contact Julie Salandanan at 924-5972.

Art of Living

Snacks will be served at a free seminar on the science of breath from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Shyamalaat 802-4876.

FRIDAY

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JAMAICA DYER



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tuition increase is a bad idea

I would like to commend Rebecca Balderas, the A.S. director of legislative affairs, for her passionate and brilliant presentation to the Board of Trustees concerning fee increases.

She represented students very well, and she worked hard in the tradition of all us who have had the legislative affairs position.

Just as Ms. Balderas is showing excellent judgment in organizing students to vote and protest fees, we should remember that we can only do ourselves wrong by supporting campus fee increases.

Indeed, the A.S. management, which presides over one of the most bloated administrative budgets in the CSU, is opposed to student funds going to campus organizations, and is trying to convince the university to impose a campus fee for clubs.

A top-heavy A.S. management, which cannot seem to produce meeting minutes or agendas, is undermining any protest against fee increases by not allowing student funds to be used for students.

Let's all get behind Ms. Balderas by opposing fees.

Let's also demand from our student leaders some budget cutting from the bureaucracy at Scheller House for more funds for clubs and Greek life organizations.

James Rowen, graduate student, urban planning

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LANE - A.S. Transportation Solutions survey estimates that 375 SJSU students use bikes to travel to campus

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The new bike lane on San Fernando Street is about a mile long and is drawn from Almaden Boulevard to 10th Street.

"It does not matter how long that is," Chow said. "As long as it can help the traffic hazard in downtown San Jose, it is great progress."

Based on a survey conducted last year by A.S. Transportation Solutions, it is estimated that 375 people use their bikes to travel to SJSU, Chow said. More than 20 percent of people use public transportation, according to the survey.

Most of them are people who are living near enough to the campus to use their bicycles, Chow said adding that the five bicycle enclosures throughout the campus are an encouragement for people to ride their bikes.

Jeremy Nguyen, majoring in chemistry, said he rides his bike to school before it gets cold.

Nguyen, who did not know about the new bike lane, said bike cages are great facilities for students.

"This campus has a very good transportation service. I think it is a great campus," he said.

Thomas Byrd, a student majoring in business, uses his bicycle to get to the light rail station. He said

he used to drive his car but after increasing the fees, he decided to bike.

"It is cheaper to ride bike and it helps a better and healthier environment," he said.

Byrd did not know about the new bike lane, but he said, "I am going to check it out, that's for sure."

Kevin Nguyen, a student majoring in biochemistry, rides his bicycle every day to school.

"It is so hard to find parking space and the fee is so high for parking so I use my bicycle," he said.

Nguyen said he did not know about the new bike lane and rides along the street.

"If we have a new lane, I will definitely use it," he said.

Sergey Loginov, a mass communications graduate student, was also unaware of the new bike lane, though he said he rides his bike mostly at nights. Traffic is not a problem at that time for him, he said.

Loginov said what discourages him to ride his bike is the bike-riding regulations on the campus.

Loginov said there are some areas on the campus in which biking is prohibited and he was once close to be penalized by a police.

Loginov said there is not enough notice for the students to know about these prohibited areas and the regulations, and this un-

awareness makes big troubles.

"The large pedestrian plazas like Ninth Street, Seventh Street, and San Carlos are free zones and people can ride bicycles," Zonobi said. However, bicycle ridership is not allowed in narrow paths, such as between the art building and Student Union, because of high number of pedestrians.

Zonobi said the bicycle rules and regulations fall under the president office and the University Police Department enforces them.

"When students ride their bikes in the areas they are not supposed to, UPD doesn't give them a ticket right away," Zonobi said. "It gives them a warning the first time and

maybe a ticket the second time."

He said the Parking Traffic and Transit Advisory Committee is examining the old rules and regulations closely and new rules and regulations will be instituted.

"We found out that the rules and regulations are very old, over 15 years old," Zonobi said. "Since then the campus has gone through a lot of physical changes so we are looking to revise and improve these regulations."

He said that bicycle signs and paths need to be instituted all around the campus so the bike riders would have a clear understanding of where they can ride and where they cannot.

Google to offer books listed as public domain

MOUNTAIN VIEW (AP) — Google Inc.'s Internet-leading search engine on Thursday will begin serving up the entire contents of books and government documents that aren't entangled in a copyright battle over how much material can be scanned and indexed from five major libraries.

The list of Google's so-called "public domain" works — volumes no longer protected by copyright — include Henry James novels, Civil War histories, Congressional acts and biographies of wealthy New Yorkers.

Google said the material represents the first large batch of public domain books and documents to be indexed in its search engine since the Mountain View-based company announced an ambitious library-scanning project late last year.

The program is designed to make more library material available through a few clicks of a computer mouse and attract more people to click on the highly profitable ads that Google displays on its Web site.

During the next several years, Google wants to create digital versions of millions of books stacked in the New York Public Library and four university libraries — Stanford, Harvard, Michigan and Oxford.

Google declined to disclose how many books have been scanned from the libraries so far. The project is expected to require years to complete.

But a bitter copyright dispute is threatening to crimp Google's plans. The Authors Guild and five major publishers are suing to prevent Google from scanning copyrighted material in the libraries without explicit permission. Because it plans to show only snippets from copyrighted books, Google argues its scanning project constitutes "fair use" of the material.

Google postponed the scanning of copyrighted books in August to give writers and publishers more time to opt out of the program. The scanning of copyrighted material resumed this week, with an emphasis on books no longer in print.

FUNDS - New rules for student organization funding being considered

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policies would allow students to request funding for additional purposes and with greater ease.

The proposed changes were to allow student organizations to request funds more than once a semester, to request funds for airline travel, for venues, for special liability insurance. Another proposed change is to broaden the definition of "apparel" that can be funded for student organizations.

The committee will discuss raising the amount of money available to student organizations at its next meeting on Nov. 15, Ramos said.

Student groups currently have a pool totaling \$110,000 to request funds from, Ramos said, which averages out to about \$400 per club.

Ramos hopes the committee will recommend that the board increase the amount to between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

"This is to some a concern, but to me, I don't see where the concern is," he said in an interview after the committee's meeting Wednesday.

The committee will discuss the amount of money available on Nov. 15, but the board of directors will receive the funding criteria recommendations before Wednesday.

Ramos, who is also the chair of the finance committee, decided to recommend the changes to the student after attending a student organization leadership conference on Oct. 8.

During the conference, representatives from each of the student organizations from SJSU were asked what changes they would make to the financing process they use to acquire funds from A.S.

The committee will meet again to make the funding criteria recommendations to the board before its meeting on Nov. 9, Ramos said.

The majority of the requests members of student organizations made were to allow for a wider variety of activities that would qualify for funding, said Erik Chang, a member of the finance committee.

"I think the changes are a great idea," Chang said, adding that the organization he belongs to, Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honors society, has had trouble in the past with acquiring funds.

Ramos said the worst problem facing student organizations when it comes to fund requests is the necessity for special liability insurance, which the university requires for most events.

"When they can't get funding for insurance, they often can't afford to hold the event at all, and this happens to a lot of student

orgs," Ramos said.

Ramos withdrew the recommendation he made at a previous finance committee meeting to allow student organizations to request funding for special liability insurance. The topic of liability insurance will be taken up again at the committee's Nov. 15 meeting.

He reasoned that the high cost of this insurance necessitates a special pool of money be set up to provide the insurance and that the process be separate from normal funding requests.

This recommendation will be discussed at a future finance committee meeting.

The recommendation to allow for multiple financial requests instead of limiting student organizations to one request per semester as is currently the case split the committee members.

Emily Molino, A.S. director of programming, said she does not believe that A.S. should allow for more than one request per semester.

"Student orgs should be planning ahead," Molino said. "We can't be the only source of funding for them."

Molino said allowing organizations to put more than one event in a funding request might solve the

problem without allowing students to crowd board agendas with superfluous requests.

Eppy Santiago, director of community affairs, disagreed with Molino.

"We should be giving (student organizations) as much money as we can, they made it clear that that is what they want," he said.

Ramos broke the tie that occurred over this issue and approved the recommendation that student organizations be allowed to request funds more than once a semester at the discretion of the controller.

The finance committee will recommend to the A.S. Board of Directors that airline travel for members of student organizations be eligible for funding with the stipulation that A.S. is held harmless for liability.

Lastly, costs for uniforms, T-shirts and graduation apparel will be eligible for funding if the board adopts the committee's recommendation.

The A.S. Board of Directors plans to discuss the funding criteria recommendations during its next meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the A.S. House.

Spartan Daily Executive Editor John Myers contributed to this story.

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BUS - Metro to offer pass exchanges

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affordable to buy the day pass," Bryant said. "It doesn't seem fair that I can't get a month back."

Bryant said she is upset about the strike but cannot ignore the convenience of taking the bus to school.

"As upset as I am, I probably will end up using the bus again," she said.

Anti-Bush protestors set S.F. police officer's uniform ablaze

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The uniform of a San Francisco police officer caught fire after a Molotov cocktail was hurled near an anti-Bush protest Wednesday afternoon in downtown San Francisco.

A large crowd made its way

from the Civic Center down Market Street, blocking traffic during the afternoon commute.

"My partner and I are standing here monitoring the crowd and all of a sudden I heard glass breaking, and the bottle apparently hit right there and gasoline spilled and the

next thing I know my shoulder is on fire," police officer Gary Constantine told television station KRON.

Just when it looked like the protest was wrapping up in the evening, some protesters sat down in the middle of a busy intersection

to block more traffic. The group refused police requests to disperse so they were arrested at the scene, according to police.

A large sign unfurled in front of City Hall read: "Bush step down. Take your whole program with you."

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ABOVE: Pamphlets and information about different study abroad programs were given to students on campus along Paseo de Cesar Chavez. More study abroad information can be found at the Study Abroad office located in room 223A of the Administration building.

LEFT: Tatiana Mancias, right, a senior majoring in communication studies and Spanish, talks to Jose Gonzalez, a freshman majoring in music, about studying abroad in France.

RAMADAN - Celebration at fairgrounds

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She said that every year human beings go through life and make mistakes. The month of Ramadan is a month of reflection and self-evaluation, and after that, a new life will begin with an attempt to start a better year, a better life trying to benefit others and making fewer mistakes.

Ibrahim Ali, a San Jose State University student majoring in business management, said her goal in the month of Ramadan was to get closer to God, read more Quran and be a better person.

"My focus was only God," Ali said. "Food, pleasure and any other interactions had to be thrown out of the window."

Ali, who said is excited to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, said it is celebrated differently depending on one's own culture.

"In Somalia we celebrate Eid al-Fitr for two days," she said. Most people buy new clothes, go out for a social pray and give money to little kids.

"Eid al-Fitr is not a commercial holiday like most of the other holidays," Ali said. "It is about you and God and closing Ramadan."

"Eid al-Fitr for Muslims is like Christmas for Christians," Muryum Ahmed, an SJSU mathematics student said. "Exchanging gifts is the same but of course the way it is celebrated is very different."

Ahmed said Sunni Muslims in India celebrate Eid al-Fitr on one day while in some other cultures it is celebrated for three days.

After the Eid prayer, she said, she with her family will visit their relatives and friends, give gifts, and make phone calls to distant relatives to give well-wishes for the holiday.

"It is a fun day," Ahmed said. "I do not come to school on Eid al-Fitr."

It is obligatory for Muslims to pay Zakat-ul-Fitr or charity to the needy prior to the Eid prayer, Ahmed said. The amount of charity is based on everyone's income and it can be made in the form of actual money or commodities.

Sonia Bhatti, an SJSU business finance student, is planning to spend the day with her family and friends.

"Eid al-Fitr is an important day because it brings family together," Bhatti said, whose family may visit from Michigan for the Eid celebration.

The Eid al-Fitr celebration in San Jose will be at the Santa Clara County Fairground at Seventh Street and Tully Road.

After the prayer services, different caterers have been arranged to be there to prepare lunch, Imam Anwar said. Holding bazaar and rides and show for children, as well as clothing and book stalls, are other side programs of the celebration.

Man and buck wrestle to the death, man wins

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP) — For 40 exhausting minutes, Wayne Goldsberry battled a buck with his bare hands in his daughter's bedroom.

Goldsberry finally subdued the five-point whitetail deer that crashed through a bedroom window at his daughter's home Friday. When it was over, blood splattered the walls and the deer lay dead on the bedroom floor, its neck broken.

Goldsberry was at his daughter's home when he heard glass breaking. He went back to check on the noise and found the deer.

"I was standing about like this peeking around the corner when the deer came out of the bedroom," said Goldsberry. The deer ran down the hall and into the master bedroom — "jumping back and forth across the bed."

Goldsberry entered the bedroom to confront the deer and, after a brief struggle, emerged to tell his wife to call police. After returning to the bedroom, the fight continued. Goldsberry finally was able to grip the animal and twist its neck, killing it.

Goldsberry, sore from the struggle, dragged the dead animal out of the house.

"He got kicked several times. He was walking bowlegged for a while," Deputy Doug Gay said.

At this time of year, a buck that sees its reflection in a window often charges, believing it is fighting off a rival, Gay said.

Goldsberry intended to have the deer processed for its meat.

Number of registered voters sees increase

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Nearly 16 million Californians are eligible to vote in Tuesday's special election, and almost one-fifth of them are registered as independents, according to figures released Wednesday.

The number of registered voters represents a slight increase from the 2003 recall election that elevated Arnold Schwarzenegger to the governor's seat.

The secretary of state's office said 15.9 million — 70.7 percent of the state's eligible adults — registered to vote by the Oct. 24 deadline. That's up from the 15.4 mil-

lion Californians who were registered to vote in the 2003 special election that recalled Gov. Gray Davis and elected Schwarzenegger to replace him.

But it's below the 16.5 million that qualified to vote in last November's presidential election.

Nearly 6.8 million registered as Democrats, or 42.7 percent of the electorate. The 5.5 million Republicans make up nearly 34.8 percent.

But both major parties have lost ground to independents. Those registering as decline-to-state have increased their share of the elector-

ate to nearly 18.1 percent, up from 16 percent in 2003.

Overall, the percentage of Californians who are members of a political party has dropped from 83.3 percent to 81.4 percent during the last two years.

"At the moment, a lot of people regard both major parties as unattractive," said Jack Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College in Southern California. "That's partly due to the polarization of politics. The Democrats might be a little too liberal and the Republicans a little too conservative."

Recent polls show that Democrats and independents are least likely to support Schwarzenegger's "year of reform" agenda. He is promoting four initiatives on Tuesday's ballot: Proposition 74, which would lengthen the time it takes teachers to gain tenure; Proposition 75, which requires unions to get members' permission to use dues for political purposes; Proposition 76, a state spending cap; and Proposition 77, a measure that would change the way congressional and legislative districts are drawn.

Popular hip-hop artists feud over Hurricane Katrina

NEW YORK (AP) — Rap feuds aren't usually about differing opinions on President Bush. However, that appears to be the case between 50 Cent and Kanye West.

50 says he disagrees with West's infamous statement that "George Bush doesn't care about black people," proclaimed during a September telethon for Hurricane Katrina victims.

"I think people responded to it the best way they can," 50 told ContactMusic.com. "What

Kanye West was saying, I don't know where that came from."

Instead, 50 said, "The New Orleans disaster was meant to happen. It was an act of God."

It wouldn't be the first time 50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, made comments that weren't flattering of West. In a September interview with MTV, 50 — while otherwise complimentary of the popular "Gold Digger" rapper — said: "I feel like Kanye West is successful because of me."

"After 50 Cent, (hip-hop fans) was looking for something non-confrontational, and they went after first thing that came along. That was Kanye West, and his record took off."

West's second album, "Late Registration," has remained near the top of the charts since debuting Aug. 30.

50 stars in the upcoming film "Get Rich or Die Tryin'," a biopic of the rapper that is set to open Nov. 9.

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Students wear out thumbs at mtvU Gamer's Ball

Participants compete for prizes, ditch class

BY KELLEY LUGEA
Daily Staff Writer

Students and video game enthusiasts gathered inside a tent on campus for the Gamer's Ball on Wednesday to participate in tournaments and test new video games.

More than 2,000 people showed up for the event throughout the day, which began at 11 a.m. and ended after the highly anticipated "Halo 2" tournament around 4 p.m., said B.J. "Honkey" Lange, host of the Gamer's Ball.

"We create a chance for gamers to meet other gamers," Lange said. "It's all about the dedication to the games, people enjoying it and getting involved."

Lange chose the contestants randomly from the audience to participate in the video game tournaments. For the "Halo 2" tournament he chose 64 players to compete in eight qualifying rounds. The eight winners of those rounds then went on to battle it out in the championship game.

"I missed my history class to go pick up my friend so we could play in the tournament," said Randy Santa Maria, an English major who finished second in the "Halo 2" action.

His friend Johnny Sath, a student at Chabot College, dominated the game to become the "Halo 2" tournament winner. After winning, Sath immediately bolted off stage in excitement, hurdling over the sets ropes.

Sath went home with an XBOX 360 gaming console, worth more than \$400, which will not be for sale until November 22nd.

"I play a lot of local tournaments for money and also online against the pros," Sath said. "I was so excited to win the new XBOX, that's why I jumped over the ropes."

Santa Maria wasn't the only student to miss class in order to play in the gaming tournaments. When Lange polled the crowd

as to who was ditching class, many students erupted in cheers.

"I am supposed to be in an engineering class," said Ernesto Gonzalez. "I play 'Halo' almost every day. It is worth missing class for the chance to win a free XBOX 360."

Besides "Halo 2," there were several other games for students to play in the tournaments and compete for prizes, including "Dance Dance Revolution," "Burnout Revenge," "Marvel Nemesis," and "Madden NFL Football '06."

Winners of these tournaments went home with a free copy of their respective games.

Reza Habib was one of the winners and took away the game Madden NFL Football '06 after overcoming all of the other Madden gamers.

"I like this game because any team can win even if you are the worst team in the league," Habib said. "You just need to be aggressive and eventually the game will go in your favor."

Along with video games, poker players also competed in video poker tournaments, with the winner receiving a copy of the unreleased video game "Stacked" and a poker set.

"There are so many people that want to play poker it is insane," Lange said. "They love to play Texas Hold 'Em."

The event was presented by mtvU, a college campus based television network that shows MTV college news and music videos from up and coming bands. The channel is broadcast on over 730 college campuses nationwide, including San Jose State University.

The Gamer's Ball will continue touring college campuses throughout the West Coast and Southwestern states before coming to a close on November 9 at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.



KEVIN WHITE / DAILY STAFF

ABOVE: A staff member from the Gamer's Ball asks for volunteers from the crowd to play the video game "Halo 2" in a multi-person tournament on Wednesday. Top prize for the competition was a new XBOX 360 gaming console. The system is not yet available but is scheduled for commercial release later this month.

RIGHT: Mike Dore, right, a junior majoring in business, concentrates on his moves alongside others while playing the video game "Halo" during competition Wednesday. Prizes on hand ranged from copies of video games to a new XBOX 360 gaming console.



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Disney lays 'Chicken Little' into film

BY CHRISTINA YOUNG
Daily Staff Writer

Although Disney's version of the tale of "Chicken Little" deviates from the traditional telling of the foolish chicken who mistook a falling acorn for his poultry friends, "Chicken Little" is thoroughly entertaining for anyone who enjoys an inventive plot and clever humor — or cute, furry little animals, for that matter.

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Foxy Loxy, Goosey Loosey and other familiar characters of the traditional story are in the film, as well as some new acquaintances, such as Fish Out of Water and Abby Mallard, an ugly duckling borrowed from another fairy tale.

The citizens of Oakey Oaks have not forgotten the first time Chicken Little rang the school bell and claimed that the sky was falling. He caused widespread panic, resulting in considerable damage to his hometown.

Little runs with the "unpopular" kids, as his physical education instructor calls them, at his high school. He's known as "that crazy chicken" around town. Even his father, who is a local legend, suggests that his son "lay low."

All Little wants to do is make his father proud. Just when he finally succeeds in accomplishing this, he is horrified when another piece of the sky falls into his bedroom.

The little chicken is faced with a choice. Should he keep quiet and enjoy the glory of being a winner in his father's eyes, or risk being hated

by Oakey Oaks again by alerting the town?

Pixar Animation Studios, the computer animation company that partnered with Disney for "Toy Story" and "The Incredibles," had no part in the production of "Chicken Little." In truth, the fact that Disney manufactured the movie's computer-generated animation on its own this time around makes little difference.

Every visual detail, from the downy fuzz that moves with every emotion registered on Little's face to the long, orange fur of a gibberish-speaking baby alien, is enough to make an observant viewer smile in appreciation.

The focus on Little's strained relationship with his dad, a single parent whose wife has passed away, is a bit on the sappy side, but not so overdone that it upsets the rest of the creative plot.

Disney weaves in an alien encounter into the fairytale and offers an imaginative explanation as to what really fell on Little's head — and it isn't an acorn — without making the far-fetched concept seem ridiculous.

Chicken Little is voiced by Zach Braff the television sitcom "Scrubs" and the movie "Garden State." Other cast members include Steve Zahn, Joan Cusack and a water cooler, which supplies the voice of Fish.

"Chicken Little" will be released in theaters Friday.

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Directed by Mark Dindal
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'Shopgirl' does justice to novel

BY KELLEY LUGEA
Daily Staff Writer

Based on the novella by Steve Martin, the film "Shopgirl" explores love in a realistic fashion instead of tying it up in a pretty bow like so

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many movies in its genre often do. It is the poignant romantic comedy for grown-ups that displays relationships for what they truly are, just a part of life, and not a happily-ever-after love fest.

Mirabelle (Claire Danes) is a "plain Jane" who works at the glove counter at Saks Fifth Avenue in Beverly Hills after moving from Vermont to become an artist. She lives in the slums of Los Angeles and can barely make the minimum payments on her college loans.

Her dating life is nonexistent until she meets Ray Porter (Steve Martin), a wealthy older man who sweeps her off her feet with expensive gifts and elegant outings. Their relationship is seemingly perfect in Mirabelle's mind, but to Ray it is one that will never amount to anything more than a casual fling. He is often out of town and she is left pin-

ing for him behind her glove counter.

Mirabelle is also being pursued by Jeremy (Jason Schwartzman), a goofy young bachelor who is the antithesis of Ray. Initially, Jeremy comes off as a cheap, unromantic 20-something but ultimately wins the audience over with his whole-hearted affection for Mirabelle. In a sense, he can give her everything that Ray cannot.

Danes gives a superb performance as a "normal" girl. At times, she is quite stoic to the pristine world around her, but it makes her emotional moments feel all the more real. She portrays a stranger in unfamiliar territory to a tee.

Both male roles, while vastly different, are played well. Martin fills the shoes of the older man who cannot completely give himself to Mirabelle. Although the audience senses he does truly love her, he never allows himself to fully admit it. Schwartzman, on the other hand, professes his love at every opportunity. He brings the comedy part of this romantic comedy with his painfully honest confessions. Even though Jeremy becomes more mature towards the end of the film he never loses the strange likeability he establishes in the beginning.

From start to finish Martin narrates with small passages from the original

book. The narration is unusual but not unwanted. It breathes new life into the old formula of boy-meets-girl. Each passage reiterates the message of the movie, that this is not a fairytale.

The look of the film is bright and clean. From Ray's elaborate home in the hills to Mirabelle's run down apartment, the colors are vibrant and pop on the screen. Mirabelle's simple wardrobe establishes her character as a modest girl in a complex city.

Martin excellently adapted his best-selling novella into a screenplay that flows nicely. The dialogue is hilarious from Schwartzman and heartfelt from Danes. It stays true to the melancholy yet satisfying feel of the quick read as it unfolds on screen.

Shopgirl is an intelligent adult take on the traditional date movie. The relationships are authentic and the characters are everyday people. This is a perfect film for an audience who can understand that life sometimes gets in the way of love.

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Football team hopes to breathe new life into old feud

Spartans to face off against 21st-ranked Fresno State

BY JIMMY DURKIN
Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University's football rivalry with Fresno State University dates back to 1921, but given the Bulldogs' recent dominance, coach Dick Tomey has said the Spartans need to work at making it a rivalry again.

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Next game:
Saturday at Fresno State

"Our guys realize the history of the San Jose State-Fresno State rivalry," Tomey said. "But, they understand that San Jose State has not been holding up their end of the rivalry in recent years. We need to hold up our end of the bargain and make it a rivalry," he said.

SJSU, which will face Fresno State at 6 p.m. Saturday at Bulldog Stadium, hasn't beaten Fresno State since a 42-7 victory over the Bulldogs on Nov. 17, 1990, at Spartan Stadium.

The Spartans' last win at Bulldog Stadium was a 20-16 victory on Oct. 17, 1987.

SJSU senior tight end Bryan Watje said he is looking forward to what he expects to be a highly intense atmosphere in Fresno.

"They're wild over there in Fresno, to say the least," Watje said. "It's going to be good, a lot of people booing you and saying stuff to you. I like it, it gets me excited."

Senior cornerback Trestin George said the team's familiarity with each other makes the rivalry more heated.

"You've got guys on the other

team that you know and you've been playing with these same guys for years and years," George said. "You just hate them. It's a tough rivalry, it's a scrappy game."

"We don't wear red this week. We hate Fresno, we're going to go down there and let them know. But you hate a team so much because you respect them so much," George added.

SJSU (0-5 Western Athletic Conference, 1-7 overall) has more than the intensity of the rivalry to deal with. Fresno State is currently ranked No. 24 in the Bowl Championship Series rankings and is 6-1 overall this season and 4-0 in the WAC.

"They're arguably the best team in our conference," Tomey said. "First of all, they hammer you with the run."

"The team takes on the personality of their coach, and Pat Hill is a tough offensive line coach and their offense is very tough," Tomey said.

Watje said with the Spartans out of postseason contention, this game against the Bulldogs becomes their biggest game of the season.

"We're looking forward to it — they're our biggest rival," Watje said. "They're the best team in the conference right now. This is pretty much like our bowl game for us. This is what we're looking forward to."

Keys to victory

Tomey said one of the biggest factors to success will be limiting the Bulldogs' rushing attack. Fresno State leads the WAC in rushing with 208.5 yards per game and has the conference's top rusher in senior Wendell Mathis, who's averaging 100.9 rushing yards per game and has 11 touchdowns on

the ground.

"We're going to play a team with a terrific running game," Tomey said. "They're a team that you have to rise to the occasion and play better or they're going to embarrass you. I guarantee you we're going down there to compete to win."

George agreed with his coach, adding that the team will need to bring its "A" game.

"Pat Hill and his whole group of guys are really scrappy and they really get after it in the running game," George added. "We just have to bring our hard hats and our lunch pail and get ready to play ball."

George also said SJSU needs to match the physicality of Fresno State to be able to stay competitive.

"We just have to go down there with the mentality that we're going to fight just like they're going to fight and make it a football game," George said.

"We're both football teams and we have the talent, just like they have the talent. We've got the guys that can fight, just like they do."

Coaches' history

Tomey and Fresno State coach Pat Hill have a history dating back to 1990 when Hill was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach for Tomey at the University of Arizona.

"I have tremendous respect for not only (Hill), but their special teams coach John Baxter, who was also a member of our staff, and the rest of their staff," Tomey said.

Hill reciprocated those sentiments about his feelings for Tomey.

"I've got a lot of respect for (Tomey)," Hill said. "He gave me a



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Spartan quarterback Adam Tafra drops back to pass during San Jose State University's homecoming game against the University of Hawai'i on Oct. 22. SJSU travels to Fresno to play Fresno State University, which is ranked 24th in the Bowl Championship Series poll, at 6 p.m. Saturday at Bulldog Stadium. The Spartans last defeated the Bulldogs in Fresno on Oct. 17, 1987.

job many years ago and it was great working with him."

Tomey complimented the way Hill has turned the Bulldogs' program into one of the elite programs in the nation.

"They have a very mature pro-

gram," Tomey said. "Their record in bowl games, as of late, is outstanding. There's nothing but good things to say about their program and obviously, we would love to over time be able to simulate their success."

Raiders to drop seat licensing

OAKLAND (AP) — The Raiders and the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Authority announced a plan Wednesday to end nearly a decade of legal acrimony, by dropping existing lawsuits and ending an unsuccessful seat licensing plan.

The so-called personal seat licenses — part of a deal the team and authority worked out 10 years ago to bring the Raiders back home from Los Angeles — became a focal point of the team's fraud lawsuit against the authority that ended in 2003 with a \$34.2 million jury award in the team's favor.

The licenses were required to buy season tickets and cost between \$250 and \$4,000 depending on seat location.

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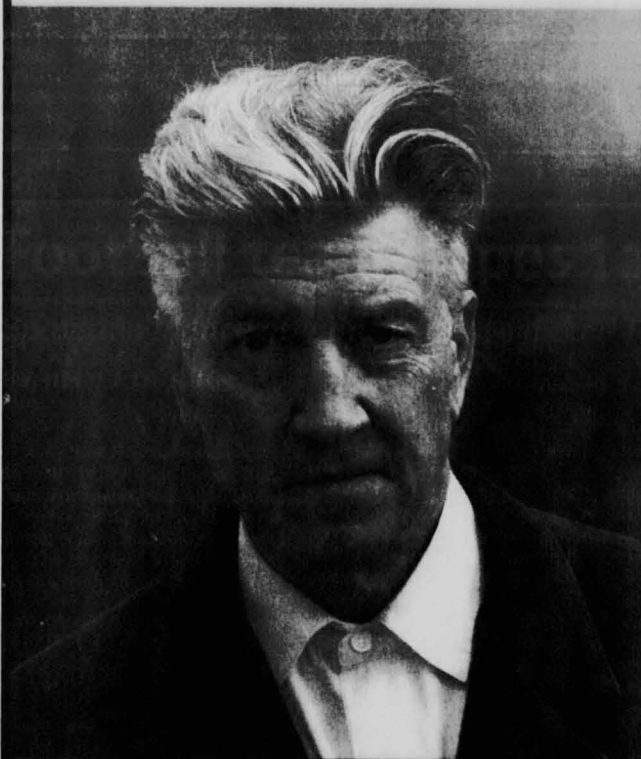
Because the games rarely sold out, fans who bought left-over tickets on game day wound up sitting next to disgruntled fans who had paid a premium for a right to sit there.

The license program, set up in 1995, was supposed to cover the \$200 million in publicly financed bonds that paid for the expansion of what is now McAfee Coliseum, along with a practice facility and other entitlements to lure the Raiders back after 13 years in Los Angeles.

The team claimed in its lawsuit that it was misled by the authority with the false promise that the stadium would sell out.

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