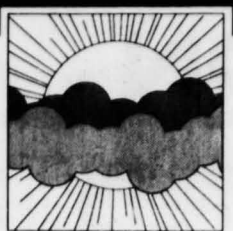




#### WEATHER

Cloudy, with  
slight chance  
of rain.  
Temps in the  
Low 60s to 70s.



#### OPINION

Genetically  
altered tomato  
could lead to  
better products.

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#### SPORTS

New assistant  
to women's  
basketball,  
Michelle Berto.

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# SPARTAN DAILY

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## Three candidates for CSU Monterey Presidential finalists announced

By Michelle Maitre  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University isn't the only California State University campus busy conducting a presidential search.

Three semifinalists for the presidency of CSU Monterey Bay, the system's newest acquisition and 21st campus, were announced by the CSU Trustees Selection Committee last month:

■ David W. Adamany, president of Detroit's Wayne State University since 1982. Adamany is a graduate of Harvard

Law School and has a doctorate and master's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin. Adamany was once vice president for academic affairs at Cal State Long Beach.

■ Tito Guerrero III, provost and vice president of academic affairs at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi. Guerrero holds a doctorate in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard. He was a Kellogg National Fellow from

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## Results of campus survey undisclosed

Report examines university atmosphere

By Joanne Griffith Domingue  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The campus climate survey is not a weather report.

"It's an assessment of how people are getting along with one another on campus," said Michael Ego, director of the campus climate survey. "It's not a race relations survey."

For two years professors gathered information then analyzed the data. The results arrived in the office of SJSU President J. Handel Evans on September 27.

His office is not commenting on the results.

"I prefer to not give it out to the press until it is out to the people on campus first (who worked on it)," said Daniel R. Buerger, executive assistant to the president.

Evans charged the human relations board to review the atmosphere on campus in May 1992. There were no precipitating factors which led to this concern, Buerger said.

Ego and his board members visited classrooms in Fall 1992 and had a random sample of 1,800 students complete a survey.

Sample questions asked things like, "Have you had any experience dealing with discrimination? Are you comfortable working with people of the same or different ethnic background?" said Peter Lee, SJSU professor of social work and a campus analyst who examined survey data.

All faculty and staff were also sent a survey, Ego said.

"I don't recall receiving it," said Bill Ashley, a professor in the SJSU college of business. "Sometimes I get more surveys than I'm interested in, and it gets tossed."

The survey didn't ring any bells with Kristin Dwyer, student assistant in the political science department.

"No one I spoke to knows anything about this (the survey)," she said.

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SJSU President J. Handel Evans helps Leonardo Calderon register to vote for the November general election in front of the Student Union.

## Evans gets out the vote

By Joanne Griffith Domingue  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

J. Handel Evans, San Jose State University president, registered to vote in 1972.

He helped students register during lunch hour at a table in front of the Student Union Tuesday.

"Step up and register to vote," called Jack Kurzweil, an SJSU professor in the electrical engineering department and president of the California Faculty Association.

The CFA sponsored the voter registration.

"It's your opportunity to have the president or vice president (Don Kassing, SJSU vice president for administration) register you to vote," he yelled.

Nina Fendel and Loretta Johnson, paid staff for the CFA, organized and set up the registration table. A plastic table cover, with six-inch red, white and blue stripes, stood out under the gray skies.

"This is part of a statewide massive nonpartisan voter registration on California State University campuses," Fendel said.

Fendel helped organize the Kathleen Brown rally on campus Sept. 29.

"Clearly we (CFA) have endorsed Kathleen Brown," she said. "But the voter registration is for anybody, any party — it is nonpartisan."

Before Evans arrived, Mason Kimont walked up to the table.

"Can I register?" he asked. "I just moved."

He was the first to register Tuesday.

SJSU senior Kim Weaver also just moved. Evans shook her hand and helped her register. Last election she didn't vote.

"But I'm voting this time," she said.

"On a sunny day, 30 students may register during an hour," Johnson said.

Tuesday's effort resulted in eight new registered voters.

## SJSU alumna Amy Tan to speak today

By Shelley Spackman  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Amy Tan, best-selling author and San Jose State University alumna, will discuss her writing tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the San Jose Civic Auditorium, 145 W. San Carlos St.

Tan, the author of "The Joy

Luck Club" and "The Kitchen God's Wife," will discuss her works in a presentation to benefit SJSU's Center for Literary Arts.

Tan is the first speaker in this year's Mercury News' Modern Masters Series, a series held by the SJSU Center for Literary

Arts and co-sponsored by the San Jose Mercury News.

"This series is designed to help support the center's other free programs," said Alan Soldofsky, SJSU professor of English and director of the Center for Literary Arts.

Soldofsky said the admission

charged for this series helps fund other programs, such as the Major Author Series and the Poets and Residence Program.

Tan graduated from SJSU in 1973 with a bachelor of art's degree in linguistics and English. She received a master's

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## Lecturer discusses Portuguese film

By June Pratt  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Imagine feeding more than 3,000 people for free at a celebration.

Portuguese-American communities, numbering 160 in California, begin planning for their annual celebration a year in advance.

"The 'Feast of the Holy Spirit' celebration," said Dr. Heraldo Da Silva, associate lecturer of Portuguese and Spanish languages, "is a catalyst for religious renewal and social cohesiveness for these communities."

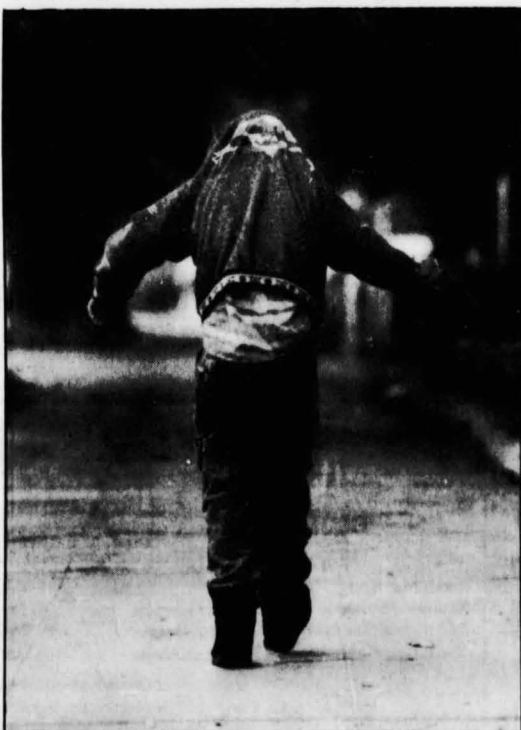
Portuguese-American communities in California cities such as Newark, Fremont, San Jose, Monterey and Chino celebrate with a church procession and a Roman Catholic mass. The festivities continue with a parade, a queen and her maids of honor. Next, a special meal is served to the entire community, including the poor and destitute, Da Silva said.

The film "Flight of the Dove" captures the enactment of that celebration in the Portuguese-American dairy community of Chino.

The film will be shown Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion.

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## Here comes the rain



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Using a sweater to keep dry from the first rainstorm of the season, elementary school student Michael Campos makes his way down Seventh Street on his way home.

## Moslem group embraces equality

Meeting focuses on women's roles in traditional Islamic cultures

By Makonnen Gebrehiwot  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Islam's recognition of Moslem women's equal rights and the important role women play in society was discussed during a meeting sponsored by the Muslim Students Association yesterday.

Guest speaker Amina Saddiqui, coordinator of the Islamic speaker bureau in the East Bay, said cultural influence and negative portrayal of Moslem women in books and films have helped taint the image people in the West have about the religion.

Saddiqui said the stereotypes can be eliminated, both by correcting the wrong information about Islam found in school textbooks and by involving more Moslem experts in school systems.

She is a graduate from Berkeley in Eastern studies and has been an activist in Moslem women issues for the past four

years. Saddiqui believes Moslem women have always been at the forefront since the early days of Islam.

"The supportive and faithful wife of the prophet Mohammed, Khadija, was the first convert to Islam. The first martyr of the religion is also a woman called Somaya who was killed because of her religious belief," Saddiqui said.

Neveen

Radwan, a graduating senior in applied math who attended the meeting, said the close contacts Moslem women develop while raising their children allows them to become the nurturing and teaching sources of the next generation.

"This makes us an important part of the family and society as a whole," Radwan said.

Radwan said the West is misled in its generalization of Islam. People see Islamic countries like Iran and Saudi Arabia as prime examples of cultures and

traditions that stand contrary to what Islam teaches.

"Islam encourages followers to become educated to be able

to learn to think for themselves. However, the majority are kept in the dark," Radwan said.

Jabeen Patel, a graduating senior in psychology, welcomed the idea of being able to address Islam's positive views about the place of women in society. She said her experience was different while she was living in India.

"Islam teaches equality. In the male dominated environ-

ment I was leaving, they are not practicing the religion the way it should be."

Jabeen Patel  
psychology major

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## Writer's Forum

## Heaven? It's up in Yuba City

It was Sunday, 1:30 in the afternoon, and I was in heaven.

The day started rather hectically. My girlfriend and I planned a day trip to visit some friends in Yuba City, a town about 30 miles north of Sacramento, and we woke up late.

We got on the road at about 10:30, an hour behind our planned departure time. In all our haste we forgot one important thing: to eat something.

There we were on Interstate 80 whizzing by restaurant after restaurant, determined to make it to our destination on time. We said we would be there at 12:30.

What was usually a two-and-a-half hour joy ride in the Geo Metro turned into a race against time. And in a Metro, that race is difficult.

If we didn't get there by kick-off for the Chargers game, our trip would be wasted. Our friend Greg, an avid Chargers fan, could disappear into any number of places.

We made it there on time with stomachs gurgling, hunger pains and \$10 in our pockets. We needed food bad. But where to go? The decision was simple. So when the Chargers' game finally started, we went on the hunt.

Anyone who goes on a lot of road trips knows the key to a successful one is good food along the way.

You can sample some of the best truck-stop food along our state's highways. But no matter what anyone says, even if a fast food restaurant has the same name from town to town,

the quality of food changes.

And there it was — the restaurant of choice, nestled in the parking lot of a mall on Colusa Avenue. Jack In The Box.

I've been to Jack In The Box in hundreds of places, from big cities to small towns. I even have my own little names for it; "Jack in the Crack," "Yack in the Sack," to name a few.

I only eat there a couple times a month, so I always look forward to it. But this time, little did I know I would be dining in heaven on earth.

I ordered my usual: spicy crispy chicken sandwich, onion rings and a Super Quencher root beer. I got my number, sat down, and after a wait of no longer than three minutes, my feast was ready.

I couldn't help but salivate as I walked my meal to the table next to a buzzing neon sign. The scent of onion rings wafted up from the tray and into my hungry nostrils.

I sat, opened the wrapper on my sandwich and bit in. I heard angels singing and harps playing. I looked to the kitchen and saw that the short order cook behind the counter had a faint glow around his head. My meal was prepared by God himself.

Just when I thought it couldn't get any better, I tried an onion ring. The heavens opened up and I heard the voice of God (the short order cook) in my head.

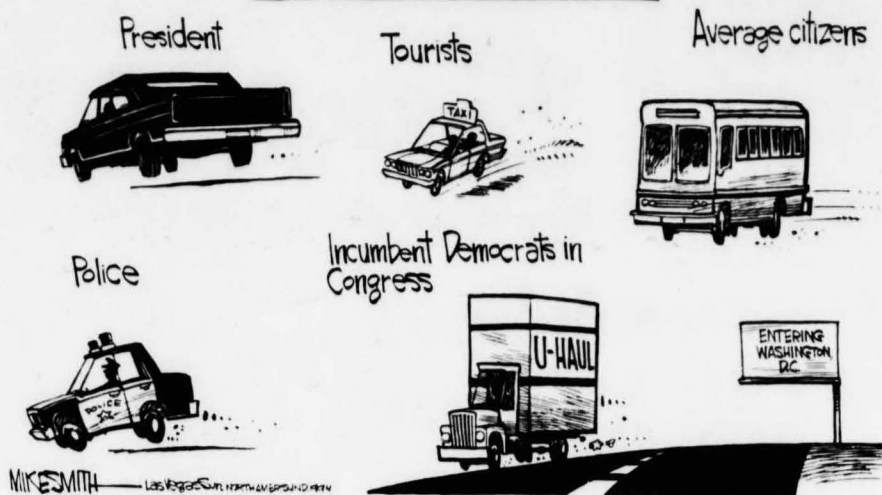
"Tell them, and they will come," he said.

I'm telling you, Jack In The Box at 1111 Colusa Ave. in Yuba City is heaven on earth.



A.J. Nomai  
staff reporter

## Vehicles of Washington, D.C.



## The Word From Elysium

## Why yes, these are altered genes



Kevin Moore  
columnist

I saw a man from the Pure Food Campaign on television the other day. He was protesting the introduction of the new genetically engineered Flavor Saver tomatoes to supermarket shelves.

He warned that genetically engineered produce is dangerous because it is produced by gene splicing.

An obvious technophobe, his abysmal ignorance was immediately apparent. It was obvious he didn't understand the first thing about either genetic engineering or tomatoes.

If he had, he would be hailing the new produce as a major step in making our food supplies more pure, not less.

The new tomatoes make use of genes found in naturally occurring wild varieties, which allow them to be vine ripened before they're shipped and still have a shelf life about two weeks longer than standard varieties.

Ordinary tomatoes, on the other hand, are picked while still green to avoid spoilage and then treated with ethylene gas to make them appear ripe.

There is nothing any more pure or natural about ordinary produce than the types produced by gene splicing. Humans have engaged in genetic engineering since the first food crops were planted in the misty dawn of history.

Sheep have been bred to have white fleeces so the wool could be more easily dyed. Seed has been chosen from the largest, most productive fruits and vegetables for the next season's planting. Hybridization of plants and animals has produced bigger, stronger varieties.

With gene splicing, scientists can now identify desirable and undesirable genes to produce an end result in one shot rather than taking decades or even centuries of laborious hybridization and selection.

The main difference between gene splicing and

the old hit-or-miss methods is that it allows the introduction of DNA from entirely different species.

Genes from legumes (beans, clover, etc.) could be introduced to allow crops to grow without fertilizers and enrich the soil in the process.

Annual crops could be made perennial to avoid the costs and problems associated with frequent tillage. Grains could be made succulent to grow in desert environments without the need for irrigation.

Cotton and wool could be grown in rainbow colors, eliminating the need for toxic chemical dyes. All crops could be made disease and pest resistant through the introduction of selected genes, making pesticides and herbicides obsolete.

There has been some criticism that such crops could become weedy, growing along roadsides and in vacant lots without the need for constant human cultivation.

Excuse me if I'm especially dense, but I really can't see anything wrong with food plants that can compete successfully with foxtails, dandelions and jimsonweed.

I don't understand how crops grown without the erosion and chemical contamination associated with traditional agriculture are a bad thing.

Most of all, I don't understand how untreated, vine ripened tomatoes are inferior to green, chemically treated ones.

With nearly 100 new genetically engineered produce varieties seeking government approval for marketing, it looks like gene splicing is here to stay. Get used to it.

Kevin Moore is a Daily columnist. His column appears every Wednesday.

## Campus Viewpoint

## Toss the compass—just point me north

Times may have changed now to the point where we may not be discovering new worlds as in the time of Christopher Columbus. But knowing which way is north, south, east or west is still important today in our daily lives.

Though we may not know which way is north by mere perception, maps and familiar side streets steer us through the hustle and bustle of city life in our constant quest to reach destinations.

As we head to work in the morning, to school, an appointment, to a movie or a game at the San Jose Arena, we are constantly following directions.

Many times our knowledge of the true north — in relation to the north pole and prime meridian — is oblivious to us as it is lost in an array of scribbled and hard-to-read directions. Our prime concern is reaching our wanted destination.

When people get lost, they ask for directions. Well most of the time, unless they are like me and drive in circles until their head hurts. But what if the gas attendant you ask says, "Go 60

degrees north and 80 degrees west and you will be there." We would strangle him and ask him, "What planet are you from?"

In San Jose, north can be known by lining up with 10th Street.

But our perception of what is north could actually be something else — as if we were going up San Fernando Street toward the museum. We are not necessarily going north, (going east) but we are going north on San Fernando Street.

It has come to the point that whatever we believe is north can be accepted as north as long as it fulfills our needs of direction. It is more practical and goes along with using your own sense of orientation.

Geographer Charles Trowbridge was one of the first to comment on this in 1913. He noted that some people in a city always seemed to have a good sense of orientation, while others "are subject to confusion as to direction when emerging from theaters, subways, etc."

He believed people with good orientation basically used streets and familiar landmarks

to guide them, such as buildings, houses and public facilities.

In the book "All Possible Worlds" by Geoffrey J. Martin and Preston E. James it states, "The history of geographical ideas is the record of human efforts to gain more and more logical and useful knowledge of the human habitat and of human spread over the earth."

What if someone tells you to go north from your destination to get to their house?

Do most people jump all the neighbors fences in the vicinity that are blocking the path of true north?

No, because we have adjusted to streets and freeways which have industrialized our cities with help of geography. People are simply using the knowledge of sense of direction as they have before to get from one place to another with the help of maps, streets, landmarks and scribbled directions.

Eddie Zacapa  
Junior  
Journalism

## Letter to the Editor

## Women voters: let your voice be heard

Dear Editor:

The deadline for registration for the 1994 gubernatorial election is Oct. 11. If you haven't already registered, please come to the Women's Resource Center (WRC) in the Administration Building, rm 217.

Applications for Absentee Ballots are also available in the WRC. The WRC is working in conjunction with the Women For Women Vote Project.

We are especially interested in helping to mobilize the 1.4 million women in the state of California who have been labeled "occasional voters."

While many occasional voters felt it was important to vote in the recent presidential election, they did not choose to vote in the gubernatorial primary election.

In the primary, we decided who could run in the gubernatorial election. Now that the first

choice has already been made, make the second choice yours.

Let your voice be heard. Absentee ballots allow us to vote from home; they are sent directly to your address and count just as much as the votes of those who go to the polls on election day.

The deadline to vote by mail (absentee ballot) is Nov. 1.

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# Sparta Guide

SJSU'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

## today

**Anthropology & Behavioral Science Club**  
Film: "Black Orpheus," 3pm, WSQ 04. Call Debbie, 971-9602.

**Arab Student Club**  
Meeting, 11:30am-12:30pm, front of cafeteria.

**Associated Students**  
Board Meeting, 3pm, SU Council Chambers. Call Mike, 924-6416.

**Bulwer-Lytton English Club**  
Meeting, 12:30pm, FO 104. Call Lara Stunnen, 293-0183.

**Career Planning & Placement**  
U.S. Citizens Getting Started in International Careers, 12:30pm, SU Costanoan Room. Call 924-6033.

**Catholic Campus Ministry**  
Wednesday Night Discussion: "Jesus is Dead. Not!" 7:30pm, Campus Interfaith Center. Call Fr Mark, 298-0204.

**Disabled Students Association**  
BBQ, Noon-2pm, Campus Barbecue Pit. Call Denise, 297-7393.

**Fantasy/Strategy Club**  
Meeting, 5-10pm, SU Costanoan Room.

**Hospitality Management Club**  
Second General Meeting, 9-10:30am and 2:30-3:30pm, IS 239. Call Sara, 924-3197.

**Linguistics & Language Development Student Association**  
Meeting, 12:30-1:30pm, ART 137. Call 924-4413.

**Mountaineers of SJSU**  
Bouldering (Bring your rock shoes and/or bike), 4pm, meet at San Carlos & 4th St hot dog stand to carpool to the Mazzones. Call Eric, 395-7515.

**Physics Club**  
Meeting, 12:30pm, SCI 253. Call 924-5239.

**Recreation & Leisure Studies**  
Drop in Carnival: "Toss it, Shoot it, Guess it, Win it!" 11:30am-12:30pm, Art Quad. Call Bridget, 286-5149 and "Pin Down Your Prize," 2-3pm, SU Bowling Center. Call Tami, (415) 968-8617.

**Sikh Student Association**  
Meeting, 1:30-2pm, SU Guadalupe Room. Call Parvinder, 924-8736.

**SJSU College Republicans**  
"Meet the Candidates: Bob Wick, Frank Jewett," 2pm, SU Pacheco Room. Call Ed, 249-1516.

## thursday

**AIIESEC**  
World Forum: "Pacific Rim Marketplace." Call 924-3453 or 295-1355.

**CAL MECA Project**  
Meeting, 6pm, Chicano Research Center, WLC. Call Patty, 279-6917.

**Career Planning & Placement**  
Resume Critique, 2:30-4pm, SU Costanoan Room and Foreign Servicer Exam Applications available in BC 13 and On-Campus Interview Orientation, 12:30 pm, ENG 189. Call 924-6033.

**Chicano Library Resource Center**  
"Do Something Meaningful-Teach," 4-5pm, WLN 307. Call Jeff, 924-2707 or 924-2815.

**Child Development Club**  
Meeting, 11:30am-12:30pm, SH 335 and 3-4pm, SH 311. Call Janeth, 298-7521.

**Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Student Alliance**  
Open Mike, Afternoon of the Arts, 2pm, SU Guadalupe Room. Call Hyde, 287-8351.

**The Listening Hour**  
SJSU Concert Choir: Renaissance to Contemporary Music, 12:30-1:15pm, MUS Concert Hall. Call 924-4631.

**Meteorology Department**  
Seminar: Snowpack-Enhancement, Research in the Sierra Nevada, Noon, DH 615. Call 924-5200.

**Pre Dental Student Association**  
Meeting, 1:30-2:30pm, DH 344. Call Phuong, 227-2600.

**Prevention Education Program (PEP)**  
SODAAA Meeting, 5pm, ADM 269. Call Kenneth, 924-5945.

**Sigma Gamma Rho**  
Informational, 7pm, SU Music Listening Room. Call 294-2206.

**SJSU Theatre Arts**  
New Visions Playhouse, 1pm, University Theatre. Call 924-4555.

Sparta Guide is free!! and available to students, faculty & staff associations. Deadline is 5pm two days before publication. Forms available at DBH 209. Entries may be edited to allow for space restrictions.

## Monterey: Finalists announced for new post

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1987-1990.

Peter P. Smith, dean of the graduate school of education and human development at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Smith, founder and first president of the Community College of Vermont, holds a doctorate in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard. Smith was formerly lieutenant governor of Vermont and represented

Vermont for one term in the House of Representatives.

The three candidates visited the campus individually last week and met with faculty, staff and community members "to get a feeling for the different community groups and be introduced to the campus," said Richard Westing, a spokesman with CSU Monterey Bay's public affairs office.

The candidates met with nine groups: faculty and staff,

agricultural leaders, community service groups, elected officials, business and union representatives, Latinos, and students and alumni of other schools in the CSU system, Westing said.

Meeting attendees had an opportunity to meet the candidates and ask them questions.

"Each of the attendees filled out a little comment form (on the candidate) which will be evaluated by the search committee," Westing

said. "The search committee will then send a recommendation to the board of trustees."

Colleen Bentley-Adler, spokeswoman for the CSU Chancellor's Office, said the board of trustees will interview the candidates at the Oct. 20 board meeting and are expected to name the new president a few days later.

CSU Monterey Bay is expected to open in September 1995 with less than 1,000 students.

## Women

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ment I was leaving, they are not practicing the religion the way it should be," Patel said.

Patel came to the United States five years ago. Influenced by her cousin, she began to attend Sunday Islamic school regularly.

"What I was taught in the past was more culturally based. Now, I have much more knowledge about myself as a moslem woman," Patel said.

Asharf Assaf, a Palestinian who is an accounting junior, said the discussion helps develop a perspective of the need to accept moslem women as equal partners.

He said it was equally important the meeting emphasized that men and women have to collaborate rather than focusing on placing blame.

There were only three women at the event, the rest of the attendees were men.

Saddiqui is encouraged by the current trend happening in some Islamic countries where believers, especially women, are going back to the actual source of Islamic teachings.

"The responsibility is on the shoulders of the new generation. The correct Islamic teachings are found when we are able to cross beyond the interference of tradition and western influence," Saddiqui said.

## Film

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cussion facilitated by Da Silva at the Pacific Hotel meeting room of the San Jose Historical Museum in Kelley Park.

The museum association is sponsoring the film in cooperation with the California Council for the Humanities in anticipation of the ground-breaking for the Portuguese museum building, said Kathleen Muller, administrator for the association.

"The museum building will be a replica of the 'Imperio,' a Portuguese-American community hall which once stood adjacent to the present location of Five Wounds Catholic Church on East Santa Clara Street.

Built to honor the Holy Spirit, community halls were the site of celebrations and festivals in Italy in the 13th century and later in the Azore Islands,

where generations of families carried on the tradition, gathering wheat, wine and provisions to store in these halls for the annual event, said Da Silva.

Portuguese-American communities in San Jose, Mountain View, Milpitas and Santa Clara have contributed funding and 60 percent of labor costs toward the building of the replica, said Joe Machado, president of the Portuguese Heritage Society.

"Otherwise, the cost, if contracted out, would have been \$200,000," he said.

The film was produced by the Arts Foundation of San Bernardino County and will be shown by the Museum Association through a grant from the California Council for the Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Survey

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vey)," she said.

Buerger filled it out.

"I don't know how long it took (to complete)," he said. "It didn't matter to me because these things are important."

"The process (two years of data gathering) took awhile," Ego said, "longer than anticipated. But it was worth the time and effort. We're a very diverse campus, and it is important to see if there are problems."

Ego turned the results of the survey over to President

Evans in July.

A team of SJSU analysts, led by Lee, spent the summer processing the raw data.

The findings, Buerger said, will go to SJSU Vice President Dean M. Batt's new group on developing a sense of community on campus.

"We don't want the report to just sit there now that we've taken all this effort to do it," Buerger said.

"Costs were minimal because we used our own in-house resident experts instead of paying a consultant \$10,000."

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## Author: 'The Joy Luck Club' author to visit local bookstore

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degree in linguistics in 1974.

Her critically acclaimed and best-selling novel, "The Joy Luck Club" focuses on the lives of Chinese-American women, specifically the generational conflict that exists among Chinese-American mothers and daughters.

Critics praised the book for dealing with the tension that exists when these women adjust to American culture.

A special reception following Tan's presentation will be held at the Silicon Valley Capital Club.

The benefit reception will present Tan and illustrator Gretchen Shields in a discussion of their new children's

book, "The Chinese Siamese Cat."

Admission to the reception is \$55 and includes a book signed by the author and illustrator. Proceeds will benefit the SJSU Center for Literary Arts.

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# New coach prepares for success

By Makonnen Gebrehiwot  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Even before Michelle Bento started attending college, she knew coaching would be her future career. The promotion to San Jose State University women's basketball as the new assistant head coach position came as no surprise.

"I always felt (this is) where I belonged. I wanted to get into coaching from the start," Bento said.

After four productive years as a point guard for the Fresno State Bulldogs (1987-91), she was promoted from graduate assistant to her new post Sept. 15, replacing Sharon Turner who left the position for Long Beach State.

Head coach Karen Smith believes Bento can become a strong contributor for the basketball program, which gained its first winning season in 10 years last season.

"She will not only bring new enthusiasm, her addition will work out well as she will help us improve the point guards which is really our inexperienced position," Smith said.

Bento realized from the start she had to expand her knowledge about the game and develop her expertise in the field of sports.

Her dream alone will not ensure her a successful transition from player to coaching.

On the playing field she picked up leadership skills and coaching methods from it. She did her undergraduate studies in physical education at Fresno State. She is currently pursuing her post-graduate studies in sports management at SJSU.

Bento's career took off at Mountain View High School where she scored a career record 1,417 points, including 526 as a senior. Her talent was recognized with her nomination to various all-star teams and the All-Peninsula player of the year award in 1987.

However, her playing skill was not restricted just to basketball. Her ability to play in volleyball and softball, attracted college scouts in large numbers.

She received offers from 11 colleges in softball, six in volleyball,



SJSU's new assistant women's basketball coach Michelle Bento spins a basketball on her finger. Bento was a point guard for the Fresno Bulldogs' basketball team from 1987-1991 before coming to SJSU.

ball, in addition to the other 25 colleges who were trying to land her on their teams' roster.

Bento finally settled at Fresno State. She explained her choice of the Bulldogs because, "of the great athletic and academic programs and great community support".

Her success did not end at the high school level. She made the conference All-Freshman team on her way to an all time second rank finish in career assists.

She also held Fresno State's three-point field goal accuracy for two consecutive years and was a starter on the softball team her senior year.

Her former coach Bob Spencer spoke highly in recognition of her talent. Spencer called her one of the two best passers he had ever coached during his 35-year career at both the high school and college level.

"I was tough on Michelle because I expected a lot from her. She was key to much of our success when she was here," Spencer said.

Her new career as a coach

represents a new challenge for Bento. Unlike last year, she will be fully involved in recruiting and working with the team on a full-time basis this season.

Spencer said the experience

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Michelle Bento  
Women's Basketball Assistant Coach

Bento she received as a graduate assistant and the tutelage she is continuing to get from an experienced coach like Karen Smith, will help her adjust well in her new role.

"Being able to lead by example has been her strongest forte this far. As far as I know her, she has never been a person who beats around the bush.

Michelle is the kind of person who tells it as she sees it," Spencer said.

Coach Smith agreed. "Being a player not long ago, she can understand and relate with what the players are going through. She can now communicate and share her experience at the coaching level," she said.

Bento does not regard that attaining a coaching job at such a young age would be a distraction.

"I am no longer one of the players. I have to draw the line and the players' reaction has been positive so far," she said.

Bento got the opportunity she has been looking for. She does not regard the responsibility as just an opportunity to fulfill her dream.

Her individual goal is to learn and gain more experience about coaching takes second place.

For now, all she is thinking about is helping the team finish in the top three spots for the women's basketball season.

As for her basketball playing days, she is preparing herself to make an impact right off the bat.

## Big West Conference names Paz-Soldan Player of the Week

Spartan Daily Staff Report

Junior outside hitter Paloa Paz-Soldan (Lima, Peru) has been named the Big West Conference volleyball Player of the Week.

Paz-Soldan led the Spartans in two victories last week over New Mexico State and Nevada.

Paz-Soldan then had 28 kills, 14 digs and hit .360 at Nevada. For the week, she averaged 9.0 kills per game and hit .407.

She also averaged nine kills per game for the week, recording 26 kills in the 3-0 win over New Mexico State and adding 28 more kills in a 3-0 win over Nevada.

Paz-Soldan ranks fifth in the country in kills per game hitting .291. Paz-Soldan has had four 20+ kills matches this season including a school record 38 vs. BYU on Sept. 10.

San Jose State University is currently 8-3 overall and 4-1 in the Big West Conference.

The Spartans have a five match and 15 game winning streak going into this week-end's competition against Cal State Fullerton and league leader #9 UC Santa Barbara.

Paz-Soldan was also named the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Player of the Week.

Her kills per game average, dig average and hitting percentage led the team in both matches.

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# California desert may become park land

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposal to create 6.6 million acres of wilderness and federal parkland in the California desert overcame a key hurdle in Congress on Tuesday with a tentative compromise aimed at getting final approval.

But final passage was not yet assured as Congress neared adjournment and small groups of lawmakers in both the House

and Senate appeared intent on slowing down, if not blocking, the legislation.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who had made the California desert issue a top legislative priority, said "there is a package together" ready for final action by House and Senate negotiators.

A House-Senate conference was expected to approve that

package later Tuesday, opening the way for floor consideration by both chambers later in the week. If the bill passes Congress, it likely will be on Friday, expected to be the final day of the congressional session, aides said.

The legislation would create the biggest wilderness area in the country outside Alaska, covering more than 6.6 million

acres of newly protected land in the southeastern California desert. It calls for creation of two national parks and a park "preserve" as well as scattered areas of protected wilderness totaling 3.75 million acres.

But California lawmakers from the desert region have strongly opposed the measure, arguing that it deprives people living there of their rightful use of the land.

In an expression of their frustration, those lawmakers forced a string of 10 procedural votes Tuesday lasting four hours — a rare and time-consuming tactic — before agreeing to send the bill to the conference with the Senate.

Procedural delays still could sidetrack the legislation in the Senate.

"I think there will be a filibuster," conceded Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., who helped craft the compromise. But Johnston said he thinks there is enough time left to get the bill passed if there are — as supporters believe — the 60 votes needed to cut off debate before a final vote Friday.

Environmentalists have fought for years to get protection for the desert area.

## Murder of doctor unjustified

Better ways to halt abortions, judge says

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A federal judge refused today to allow a man accused of fatally shooting an abortion doctor and escort to use a justifiable homicide defense.

"There are legal alternatives, certainly legal alternatives far less intrusive and far less evil" than killing someone to stop abortions, U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson said.

The defendant, Paul Hill, had contended he chose the lesser of two evils by attacking a doctor and his escort rather than allowing abortions to be performed.

Defense attorney Maureen Duignan argued that Hill had tried legal ways of preventing abortions, including picketing clinics, speaking to doctors, and doing media interviews. She added that others had tried methods ranging from opening crisis pregnancy centers to bombing clinics but all had failed to prevent abortions.

The prosecution saw it another way. "He laid in wait and shot two elderly men in the head with buckshot and he asks the law to protect him," said Assistant U.S. Attorney David McGee.

Hill, who has openly advocated the killing of abortion providers, is charged with violating federal clinic protection and firearms laws in the July 29 slayings of Dr. John Britton, 69, and his volunteer escort, retired Air Force Lt. Col. James H. Barrett, 74, outside a clinic. It is the first court test of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances law, enacted earlier this year.

In his ruling, Vinson held that the defense had failed to provide evidence the abortions were illegal or any proof of imminent harm.

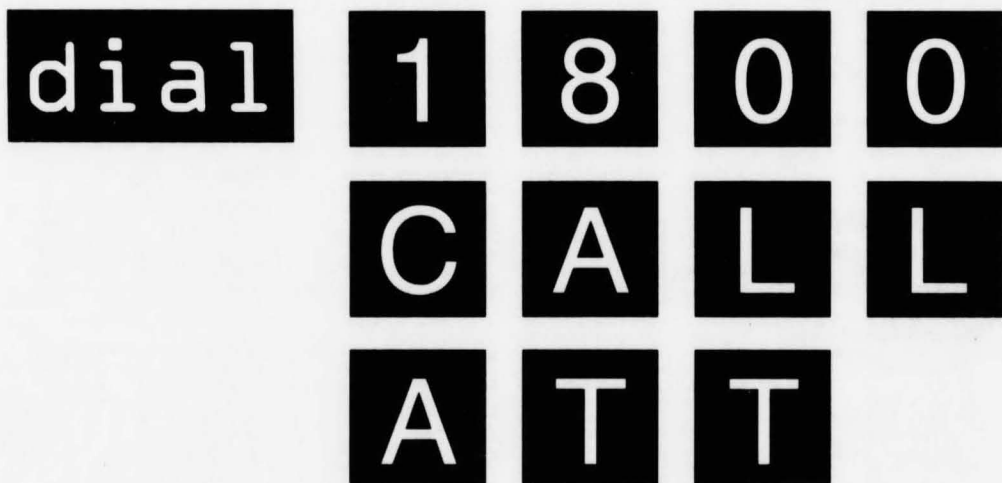
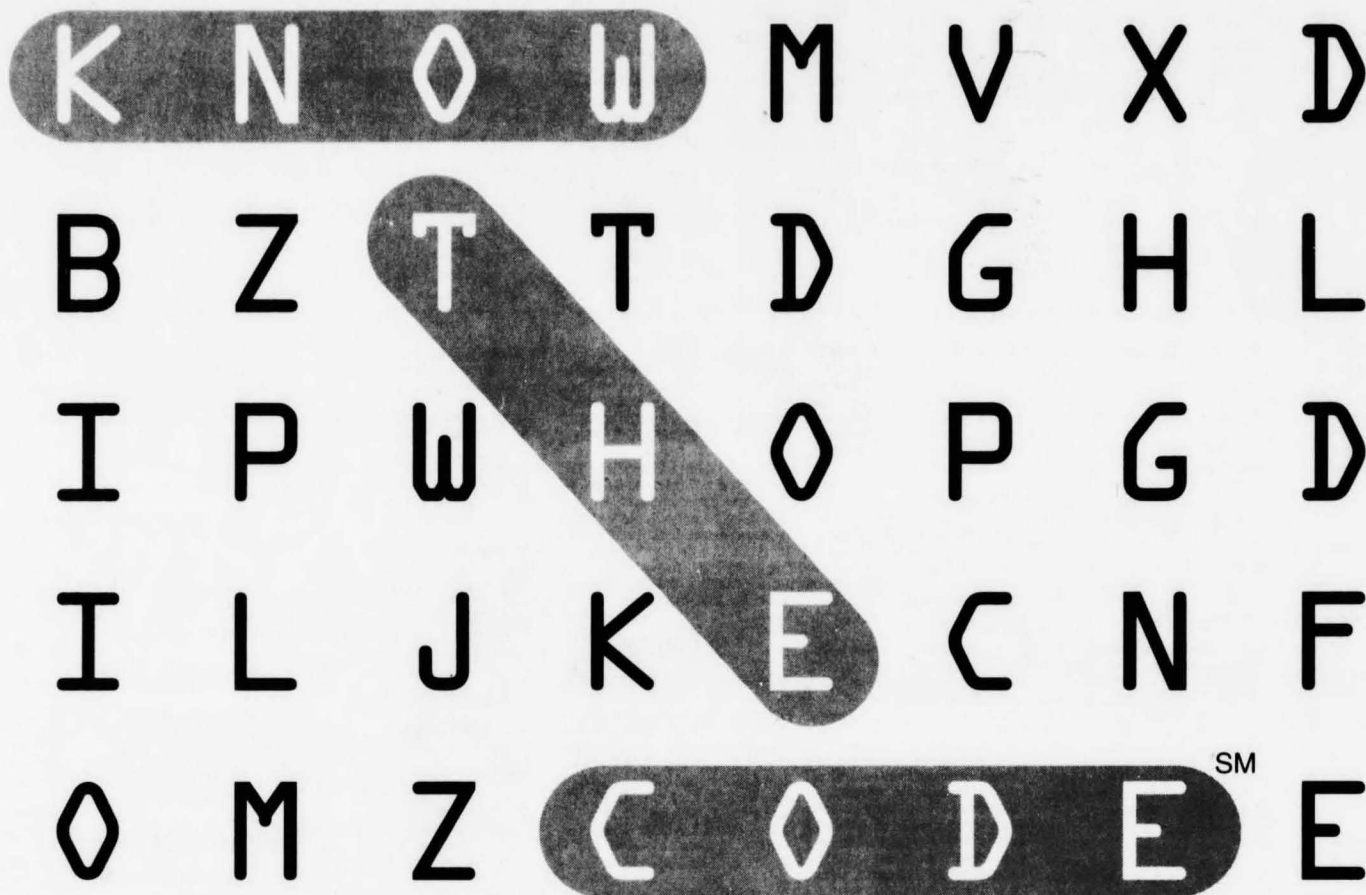
Hill's team tried to show abortions performed at the Ladies Center clinic were illegal, in part because machines used to perform them were miscalibrated. The defense cited a magazine article that described Britton repairing abortion equipment in a garage.

In arguing its motion, the defense's only witness was Ladies Center administrator Linda Taggart, who testified that its equipment was in good working order. The suction machines Brittain removed from the clinic were never returned but replaced with new ones, she said.

Vinson granted the defense permission Monday to obtain records from the state Bureau of Vital Statistics, which Hill's team had hoped would prove the clinic had aborted viable fetuses. But Assistant U.S. Public Defender Roderick Vereen said he was unable even to reach the bureau, much less get any records, before this morning's session.

Taggart testified that in her 20 years at the center, its policy had been to abort only first-trimester fetuses. They could not survive outside the womb.

Hill also is to be tried on murder and attempted murder charges in state court Jan. 30.



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