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Hazardous homecoming



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Above, fans watch a San Jose firefighter spray down a transformer that caught fire before the San Jose State University vs. Southern Methodist University football game at Spartan Stadium Saturday. The game was cancelled and rescheduled for Dec. 4. The fire caused a power outage to the stadium lights. Top right, San Jose police officials explain to "Stormin'" Norman Ossman (center) why the game was cancelled. Ossman has never missed a Spartan home game in 15 years.

Fire, power failure cancel game

By Mike Osegueda
Daily staff writer

A full moon had been lingering over a pitch-black Spartan Stadium for an hour Saturday evening when Western Athletic Conference Commissioner Karl Benson announced San Jose State University's homecoming game against Southern Methodist University had been postponed.

The postponement stemmed from a power failure and ensuing evacuation of Spartan Stadium.

At 6 p.m., the scheduled kick-off time, announcer Don Hayward asked the crowd to leave because of a "slight problem."

That problem came in the form of a transformer that blew

in the north end zone. Around 5:15 p.m. a loud noise erupted and smoke began to fill the air above the stadium.

Nick Martinez, a broadcaster for KSJS who heard the noise, said it sounded similar to an explosion from a cannon.

"We all thought a cannon went off, like when you score a touchdown," Martinez said. "Then we saw a little smoke."

Seven minutes later another explosion startled the onlookers and six- to eight-foot flames emerged from the transformer.

SJSU junior Kristen Foster was distributing programs for the softball team in the area beneath the transformer when the second explosion occurred.

"There were three loud pops — they sounded like gun shots,"

Foster said. "Then the tree caught on fire immediately after."

Firefighters arrived at the scene about 30 minutes later, but the game's future was already in danger. One of the two scoreboards was working, and the stadium's lights were not working.

As Hayward explained to what was to be the Spartans' largest home crowd — an expected 21,000 people — of the season, "a night game is usually not played without lights."

Thus, he asked the fans already in attendance to evacuate the stadium area.

SJSU President Robert Caret said the decision to empty the seats was, in part to ensure the safety of the crowd.

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Chris Riley / Spartan Daily

Party goes on despite outage

By Clarissa Aljentera and
Mike Osegueda
Daily staff writers

Norman Ossman had his own personal record, and he didn't expect it to be broken Saturday.

"I haven't missed a home game in 15 years," Ossman said.

When he showed up to Spartan Stadium Saturday dressed head-to-toe in blue and gold, he didn't plan on his first missed game being the San Jose

State University homecoming game.

But, unfortunately for Ossman and the rest of the projected 21,000 fans that would fill the Stadium, two transformers in the north end zone had other plans.

Two transformers exploded, causing a power loss to the stadium and an eventual evacuation. At 6 p.m. fans were asked to leave the stadium for their own safety, leaving a parking lot full of displaced and disap-

pointed football fans.

"I'm very disappointed. I came all the way out from Elk Grove (near Sacramento)," SJSU alumnus Jim Patterson said.

Aside from Patterson, students who had come to participate in the homecoming events went away disappointed.

Mark Daigle, a senior majoring in business administration, was scheduled to hear his fate as part of the homecoming

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Setting a good example

MacArturos hope to inspire a new generation

By Donna Carmichael
Daily senior staff writer

Organizers of Saturday's Latina MacArturo Panel at Morris Dailey Auditorium called the event an offering of the soul, heart and mind, or "ofrendas del alma, del corazon, y de la mente."

Panelists included novelist and poet Sandra Cisneros; Ruth Behar, a cultural anthropologist and author; and Amalia Mesa-Bains, an arts administrator at California State University Monterey Bay.

All three are MacArthur fellowship winners. They visited SJSU as part of a MacArturos tour, engineered by Milpitas attorney Joaquin Avila, himself a MacArthur fellow for groundbreaking legal work on

behalf of minorities.

MacArthur fellowships, sometimes known as "genius grants," are no-strings-attached gifts of up to \$370,000, given to creative individuals making a difference in their communities, according to a tour program and the MacArthur Fellowship Web site.

Konnice Hoang, a sophomore in MIS and her friend Huy Nguyen, a senior also majoring in MIS, got class credit in Mexican-American studies 175 for attending the Latina panel.

"It was entertaining and educational and I now know a lot more about Latinas," Nguyen said.

Maria De La Cruz Romo, Equal Opportunity admissions coordinator at SJSU and orga-

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Glenn Fuentes / Spartan Daily

Novelist Sandra Cisneros signs autographs for students at the third annual Latina/Latino MacArthur Fellows reunion Saturday in Morris Dailey Auditorium at San Jose State University. Cisneros and nine other Latino recipients made a number of presentations in San Jose and other surrounding cities on Friday and Saturday.

U.S. bleak sín Latinos

By Christina Lucarotti
Daily staff writer

In a pitch-black auditorium, about 150 people were told to close their eyes and imagine life in the United States if every Mexican moved back to Mexico.

Performance artist Guillermo Gómez-Peña painted a vivid picture for the audience, suggesting that gas stations and restaurants would close and there would be no produce available, no gardeners and no baby sitters.

Banks would go bankrupt. The president would have to plea in broken Spanish with the remaining Mexicans to stay in the United States, and the United States would have to accept emergency supplies from the Mexican government.

Gómez-Peña described the

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San Jose State University

Sharing restrooms breaks down some gender barriers



Off The Record

MELISSA MATCHAK

We've all seen the famous co-ed bathroom on "Ally McBeal." I'm sure there have been times when all of us — especially women — have used a restroom designated for the opposite sex, such as sneaking into the men's room when the line for the ladies' room is five miles long and the movie is about to start.

So why not make all bathrooms co-ed?

Some of you may drop your jaws in shock and disgust at such a foreign idea, but think about it. At home, most of us share a bathroom with a sibling of the opposite sex or with a spouse. Most porta-potties are used by men and women. Co-ed restrooms can also be found in fast food restaurants and gas station mini-marts.

Granted, these examples don't involve men and women using the same bathroom at the same time, but I don't see what the big deal is.

This is the end of the 20th century, and we're somehow still afraid of sharing bathrooms.

Is it because America as a society is shy and modest? I doubt that. Everywhere I look, I see half-naked or scantily clad men and women on billboards, magazine covers, in movies and on television. Sex is used to sell everything. Every cover of Cosmopolitan advertises a new sexual position or technique to be found within its pages. So why is it so taboo for men and women to perform perfectly normal bodily functions in the same room?

At some point, most all of us will be married and sharing a bathroom with a husband or wife every day. Co-ed bathrooms at home are the norm.

When I lived in the dorms, the bathrooms in each wing were designated for men or women. However, it never failed that at least twice a week, I would run into a guy in the women's bathroom, usually late at night. The excuse was always that it was ridiculous to walk all the way down to the other side of the building to use the restroom at 2 a.m. I agreed, and it never bothered me.

Perhaps I am less modest than most people, but I don't see why co-ed restrooms would be such a big deal. There are enough barriers between men and women — why further fuel the war between the sexes? Opening up restrooms could open lines of communication and understanding of gender-specific quirks. Of course, this opens up a whole new can of worms in terms of bathroom etiquette.

We all know that in most places in the United States, it is taboo for men to look at or speak to each other in the restroom. Women tend to be more relaxed about being in the bathroom, and chatting is not unusual. While the men's room in a professional place of business may be the deal-making "boy's club," the ladies' room is more of a sanctuary for "freshening up" and gossiping.

If the separate activities that go on in each gender's restroom were combined, perhaps some barriers would be broken. Men and women might see each other more equally. Women could get in on the secret business deals of the men's room, and men would not only be more hygiene-conscious, they would finally understand what takes women so long in the bathroom.

And hey, maybe there wouldn't be such long lines if everyone could share the same restrooms — the same amount of people in twice the stalls sounds like a great idea to me.

Melissa Matchak is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. "Off The Record" appears Mondays.



To protect, serve and spend students' money

As I slowly sauntered to class one morning, I was confronted with a huge, threatening monstrosity that blocked out the sun.

This steel wart, which has been referred to as the new University Police Department headquarters building, is stuck on the nose of the Seventh Street Garage.

I stared in awe at the steel beams that stretched to the sky and couldn't help but think: What a waste. What a waste of time. What a waste of money.

And — definitely — what a waste of space.

Two hundred student parking spaces could have been put right there on the corner of Seventh and San Salvador streets where this big piece of crap will be stuck. Nonetheless, students had no say.

I continued on across our glorious campus. Just for kicks, I thought I would stroll by the current facilities of the UPD. What I saw astonished and amazed me.

Indeed, there was a beautiful, quaint station functioning as any campus police headquarters would. A handful of officers were scattered across the porch steps, drinking their morning coffee, protecting, serving and doing normal cop things.

Numerous police cars lined the lot. Exactly why does this campus need what looked like an exaggerated force of 30 cruisers, when we probably only have enough officers to fill three cars, including the trucks?

A big van sat at the end of the lot occupying a 20-minute parking slot. The weathered writing on the side read "University Command Post." Unless it was in case we had a riot or a hostage situation, I really could not figure out why San Jose State University owned a "Command Post." The best solution I could come up with was that it was really a catering truck disguised as a police vehicle to mislead hungry students, hence the coffee.

I later discovered the Command Post was actually a mobile dispatch unit used on rare occasions, such as earthquakes or other natural disasters, which render the stationary dispatcher inoperable.

Around the back side of the building sat a large trailer titled "California State University Critical Response Unit." Never in my life have I seen a police trailer, unless it contained horses.

All this useless equipment bothered me. University money was being used to purchase items that may never be used. The just-in-case scenario isn't enough. This money should have gone toward computers, parking or something that might be of real use to students.

Don't get me wrong. UPD does a fantastic job of pro-



SNICKERMOUTH

Chris Riley

tecting the students and the campus. I just feel student money is being wasted.

Since it seems as though UPD is on a roll, I am providing a shopping list of a few things they should purchase to help keep SJSU safe.

First, a necessity to the department, a harbor patrol boat is definitely needed at the Aquatic Center. You just never

know when a nuclear weapons deal is going to go down in the deep end of the pool.

Speaking of nuclear weapons, the Scheller House would be a perfect place for a rocket silo. Just tear down that old house. How can you compare a hundred years of history to protecting the campus?

I think it would really be in the best interests of the students if the UPD purchased a helicopter. A helio pad could put on top of the Fourth Street garage. What's a few more lost student parking spaces? The students obviously don't matter, anyway.

What about a battery of small artillery cannons? The campus must be prepared if the South rises again.

I bet we could keep our beloved president of Bob from looking for another job if we had a motorcade to escort him to work every day. In fact, I'm sure he wouldn't mind having an armored car, either.

What about the safety education of the students? The nation has McGruff the crime dog. I suggest we come up with our own UPD educational mascot.

How about Moch the money-grubbing pooch? He could instruct students how not to put soap in the fountains, how to misuse student funds or how to not smoke dope behind the Event Center.

Seriously, not too long ago the downtown area was a virtual melting pot for rapists, murders, thieves and other undesirables and there was a use for this now stagnating equipment. However, given the current improved downtown image and the increased San Jose Police Department presence, is all this extra equipment and new station completely necessary?

The university needs to focus more on students and worry less about what could happen. Let the city worry about natural disasters, riots and the stupid things that UPD doesn't need to spend its precious time with.

I don't want my education to end up like the useless things on campus. I do agree that University Police protection on campus is extremely necessary.

I just want my experience and education from SJSU to be a positive one, not a waste of space, not a waste of money and — definitely — not a waste of time.

Chris Riley is the Spartan Daily production editor.

Feeding the travel bug doesn't have to cost a fortune

Learning To Fly

LEAH BOWER



Ah, the call of the wild. Or, in my case the call of anywhere in the world except where I am now.

When I lived in Alaska, I wanted to be in California. Now that I'm here, go figure, I want to be somewhere else.

If you too are a victim of wanderlust, indulge the urge while you are still young enough to sleep in a tent precariously perched on a sloped, rocky hillside.

So, here are my tips for the college traveler.

Get bargain airfares, but only through companies you are familiar with. This means don't buy a non-refundable ticket on Sketchy Skyways from Bob's Discount Scam, I mean Travel, Company.

Instead, I recommend checking with Council Travel in Palo Alto. I just picked up a round-trip ticket from San Francisco to Frankfurt, Germany, for \$360 — including fees and taxes.

The price was good, but not unbelievable. If you think your travel deal is too good to be true, chances are your instincts are right. Call the Better Business Bureau to check on a questionable company before shelling out your hard-earned cash. So you don't have much moolah? Check into flights in the spring and fall — off-seasons for many destinations.

Now you are in Frankfurt for spring break — OK, so I'll be in Frankfurt, but just pretend you are in my shoes — and you are sitting at the airport with a backpack that outweighs you by 20 pounds. How do you get around?

First, check into getting a Eurail pass. If you are under 26, you're eligible for a significantly cheaper youth pass. I am sliding in right under the wire at 25, so here is one more reason to get your travels in before you start finding gray hair.

Tooting along from Frankfurt to Rome, you suddenly realize you have nowhere to stay. Whoops. If, like me, you are on the Ramen and mac-n-cheese budget, look into staying at hostels instead of seedy, cockroach-ridden hotels. If your budget guide calls a hotel "quaint" or "rustic," which translates to decrepit or frightening, look for a hostel. You can make advance reservations at many hostels, which cost about \$15 to \$20 per night. Check out International Youth Hostel Federation's Web site, at www.iyh.org, for more information.

However, staying in a hostel usually entails sharing sleeping space with 20 or more strangers, so make sure you have a lock on your gear — especially your passport, plane ticket and money. Bring a lightweight sleep sack and a towel, or expect to shell out more money to rent them.

The rugged at heart can check out campground accommodations at www.bus-about.com, but staying in the wild will require lugging a tent around.

The best single thing you can do to make traveling anywhere in the world easier is plan ahead. The last place I want to be is lost, broke and unable to speak German in the midst of Frankfurt.

Solidify your travel plan before you leave, make sure you have a cushion of money to fall back on and keep in contact with family or friends.

Then kick back with a foamy mug of German brew, slather some butter on your fresh-baked bread and enjoy the hot men in short lederhosen.

Leah Bower is the Spartan Daily managing editor. "Learning To Fly" appears Mondays.

Today

Nutrition and Food Science Department

Body composition analysis, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Central Classroom building, Room 221. For more information, call James Burke at 924-3377.

Nursing Department

Flu shots, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Health building, Room 311. For more information, call Dr. Dietz at 924-4646.

School of Art and Design

Student galleries art exhibitions — pre-thesis reviews — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the art and industrial studies buildings. For more information, call John or Jenny at 924-4330.

Spartan Dining

Monday Night Football, 6 p.m. in the Market Café. For more information, call Vickie at 924-1882.

KSJS' Monday Night Live

Hip-hop featuring Illmatik and DJ Manabees, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on 90.5. For more information, call Shannon Wright at 924-4578.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily mass, 12:10 p.m. to 12:35 p.m. at the Campus Ministry Center, 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call the Rev. Bob Barry at 938-1610.

Lutheran Student Fellowship

"Lost and found in the cosmos": Fall lecture series featuring Dr. Robert Newton, 7 p.m. at the First Immanuel Lutheran Church, 374 S.

Sparta Guide

Third St. For more information, call Tim Gerdes at 292-5404.

Tuesday

Institute of Management Accountants

Importance of public accounting experience for careers in the industry, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe room, Student Union. For more information, call Gina Bateman at 244-6487.

American Library Association Student Chapter

Lecture by Sanford Berman, nationally prominent author, editor, social activist, cataloguer, 7 p.m. in the Engineering Building auditorium, Room 189. For more information, call David Cismowski at 998-8316.

Marketing Association

Dr. Jeff Krawitz, part-time professor and marketing consultant will share valuable tips and information about marketing, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Almaden room, Student Union. Food and refresh-

ments provided, all students welcome. For more information, call Arlene at 870-2086.

Chicano Commencement

Weekly meeting, 7 p.m. in the Chicano Resource Center. For more information, call Celeste at 259-5630 or Alejandra at 971-7942.

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REALITY CHECK ®



by Dave Whamond

NEWS

San Jose State University

Panel

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nizer of the panel portion of the MacArthur tour in San Jose, said the event was not just for Latinas.

"This is about sharing Chicano (Hispanic-American) culture with all our students," she said.

Maria Ferrer, a local politician in the Morgan Hill district, moderated the event.

"I was near tears several times," Ferrer told Mesa-Bains when the 90-minute program ended.

This is the third annual Latino/Latina MacArthur Fellows reunion.

Panelists said they wanted to share with their community something of what they had been given.

"We want it to be easier for the next generation," Mesa-Bains said.

Mesa-Bains touched hearts and minds as she described the women in her family, particularly a beloved grandmother, "a real brujita" (a witch, in the positive sense) and her education at SJSU.

"At home, I was Mexican, at school they told me I was American. I asked my mother, 'What am I?' " Mesa-Bains said, her voice filled with emotion.

Mesa-Bains described her time at SJSU three decades ago as isolated.

"I graduated in 1966 and there wasn't any support or anyone to identify with. I was one of just a handful of Latinas here," she said.

Mesa-Bains received her baccalaureate degree in art and went on to the University of California at Berkeley, where she completed a master's and a doctorate degree in psychology.

"When I was here (at SJSU), there were these fraternities and sororities known as Greeks," Mesa-Bains said, describing how they set the tone, which she said was very ostracizing.

She painted a vivid picture of herself sitting alone on one of the benches near Tower Hall.

"They said 'no, I don't think I want to marry. No I don't think I'll have kids — these little firecracker friends of mine.'"

— Sandra Cisneros
award-winning author
who spoke in San Jose this weekend

"I would just sit there feeling very alone and wonder what I was doing here and where I was going. There was no mentoring back then," Mesa-Bains said.

Noted author Cisneros shook her head in affirmation every time Mesa-Bains spoke throughout the day.

"I am just so amazed every time she opens her mouth and speaks — she is so smart," Cisneros said.

Cisneros, author of "The House on Mango Street," which has sold a million copies in the United States, talked about the writing process and how it is connected to something greater than oneself.

"Anyone can publish but it takes a lifetime to learn to write well — writing and publishing are two very different things," she said.

Cisneros said good writing always brings one closer to the truth. She had no role model for the writer's life, she said.

"I thought a writer was someone who sat on the beach with a typewriter all day. I had no idea how you got there," said the popular author who likes to say she grew up in a family with seven fathers.

According to biographies, Cisneros, 45, grew up poor in Chicago with six brothers who expected her to be more of a traditional Latina. The family spent much time moving back and forth between the United States and Mexico.

She said it was only when a Latina friend with artistic aspirations visited her in Chicago that she realized how hard it was to

realize one's dreams after breaking from the mold of cultural expectations.

"My friend looked around my little apartment and said, 'How did you do it?' " Cisneros said, remembering her tiny flat, filled with the keepsakes she likes to collect.

Cisneros paid tribute to her inspirational Latina friends who balked against pressure to conform, preferring to do their own thing as individuals.

"They said 'no, I don't think I want to marry. No I don't think I'll have kids — these little firecracker friends of mine,'" she said.

Cisneros admitted she was terrified to have a baby.

"But 14-year-olds have them," she said.

Cisneros, wearing a hand-made shawl and large silver earrings, touched the shawl and said writing is like fabric.

"Writing is weaving. The women who weave these things don't know how to write but they are my role models," she said.

Beloved objects and heirlooms figured into the stories each panelist shared.

Ruth Behar, a Cuban Jew, fled to New York City during the communist revolution in 1961. Her family left Cuba in haste with few possessions.

Recently, Behar said she went back to Cuba and reconnected with her past and her childhood nanny — a Cuban of African ancestry. Behar is weaving her nanny into a yet-unnamed historical novel. The book will combine strands of Behar's exotic family past, the history of her nanny and

the Caribbean Island nation that is so close to her heart.

After the panel, Behar gave a poetry reading and shared fragments of her unfinished novel at Fuel 44, a club in downtown San Jose.

Yvonne Castillo Rios, one of the Latina panel organizers, commented on the synergy between the panel members and the audience, which at times got high spirited.

"Our culture is very interactive. It's more circular than linear," Castillo Rios said.

Panelists and audience members reacted enthusiastically to an artist whose stage name is Kristi. The singer, wearing a huge gold sombrero with matching treader pants and bolero, brought the house down as she belted out some colorful mariachi numbers during the program.

Kristi — otherwise known as Christina Saucedo — is a sophomore at SJSU. Saucedo plays the local circuit doing mariachi.

"I went to a private school where I was the only Latina. I had no one to identify with and I almost lost my culture. This really puts me in touch with my heritage and my identity," she said.

Saucedo said Cisneros is an impressive and important role model because she reached her goal as a writer.

"It's hard for Latina girls. They are expected to keep the cycle going," Saucedo said, referring to the traditional female role.

Mesa-Bains underscored the juncture the Latina and Latino community is at in the United States.

"The future is racing toward us so fast, we hardly know how to assess it. We have to preserve our precious past before it is too late," she said.

Mesa-Bains said she and the other MacArthur recipients were getting back more from the tour than they were able to give.

"This has helped me bring resolution to a part of my life," said Mesa-Bains, referring in part to her visit to SJSU — a first, in many years.

Artist

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scene as a "total brownout."

At the end of the meditation, Gómez-Peña reminded the audience that despite our country's dependence on the Mexican population, the United States remains anti-immigrant.

Mike Hamernick, an art education master's student at San Jose State University, was not surprised that "Apocalypse Manana" — A Spanglish Oratorio, meaning it was performed in both Spanish and English — focused on the dependence of the United States on other cultures.

"It took a comical approach to looking at Eurocentric globalization and multiculturalism," Hamernick said. "They got their point across and showed how Americans have taken Mexican culture and made it their own but still call it Mexican."

About 10 pieces, centering around cultural clashes between European-Americans and Mexican-Americans, were performed by Gómez-Peña and Roberto Sifuentes on Saturday night.

Rudy Gonzalez, a local artist, attended the performance in hopes of being

inspired.

"I am trying to find what it is that I need to put into my art to make people look at it," Gonzalez said. "He (Guillermo) is probably the key person that has actually challenged me to go deeper, and instead of showing people, shove it into their faces."

The performance focused on Mexican identity in the United States and was part of the third annual Latina/Latino MacArthur Fellows reunion.

Gomez-Peña, along with 11 other MacArthur recipients including Sandra Cisneros and Joaquin G. Avila, gave presentations in San Jose over the weekend.

The MacArthur Foundation is a national organization that gives a \$250,000 award to cultural, political and social leaders, said Ramón Martínez, from the reunion planning committee.

"A lot of people refer to it as genius awards," Martínez said.

The performance had been originally scheduled for Friday night at the Center for Employment Training, but because of a fuse blowout the show was rescheduled for Saturday night. Admission was free.

Court decides fate of the 'better' pizza

DALLAS (AP) — The boasts have dripped from pizza billboards for decades, now a federal court is being asked to decide if one company has the right to claim the better pizza.

On Monday, Pizza Hut and Papa John's square off in federal court over the upstart's slogan — "Better Ingredients, Better Pizza."

Pizza Hut, the nation's largest pizza chain, says the motto is deceptive and implies its own chain uses second-rate ingredients.

Papa John's International Inc. says the slogan is no different from Pizza Hut's: "The Best Pizza Under One Roof." It countersued claiming a new Pizza Hut ad puts Papa John's chairman John Schnatter in an unsavory light.

What the court will have to decide is whether the Papa John's slogan is a specific claim of prod-

uct superiority that must be supported or if it's just common boasting, known in the advertising business as "puffery," trademark lawyers say.

Both companies are under a judge's gag order preventing them from commenting directly on the litigation.

Pizza Hut spokesman Jay Allison said his company sued because it believes the slogan dupes customers into thinking they're getting fresh tomato sauce "when in fact they use cooked and concentrated tomato sauce, stored in cans for up to 18 months."

Papa John's spokeswoman Karen Sherman responded: "All I can tell you is our advertising is truthful and accurate, and we're confident we'll prevail at trial."

The outcome is unlikely to give either chain a bigger slice of the \$25 billion pizza business, analysts say.

Church has different take on horror

VENTURA (AP) — Using fake blood and Christian actors, two Ventura County churches are reenacting a drug overdose, school shooting, teen suicide and an abortion to shock visitors to their Hell House into turning their lives over to Jesus.

Abundant Life Pentecostal Church of God in Santa Paula and Ventura Baptist Church will host theatrical tours this week aimed at showing teen-agers and their parents the grisly consequences of sin.

"I feel like we're throwing a lifeline to them," said Linda Totty, who hosts the tour at the Abundant Life Church with husband, Rev. Jerry Totty. "This world is really rocking with hate and violence. At the helm is Satan."

The program has alarmed some activists and religious leaders, who say the in-your-face tours use fear to batter people into faith.

"It's certainly not the approach Jesus took," said Monsignor Peter O'Reilly of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church in Thousand Oaks. "A relationship based on fear is the lowest level of relationship. It's master-slave."

Santa Paula's Hell House uses teen-age actors to portray a Columbine-like school shooting and bloody dolls to depict an abortion.

The Tottys brought in a real car for a fake fatal accident caused by a drunken driver.

They use Limburger cheese to add a nasty smell and fake blood from a Halloween accessories store.

One of the more controversial scenes is the funeral of an AIDS victim that, Mrs. Totty says, illustrates that homosexuality is a sin that destroys lives.

Pat Hoffman, a Ventura chaplain who ministers to people suffering from AIDS, said this sort of depiction leads to hatred.

"These are the kind of messages that have laid the groundwork for the hate crimes in this nation against gay people," she said.

Hoffman noted that many churches have adopted policies of compassion in dealing with AIDS.

Organizers defend the real-life horrors as no more graphic than scenes that appear on television and in movies.

The Tottys assert that Satan leads people into the scenarios portrayed in the tour, ranging from an occult priestess who stabs a person to death to a demonic spirit who convinces a teen-ager to shoot himself in the head.

"Satan is out to kill, steal and destroy," Mrs. Totty said. "Jesus is out to give life."

The programs originated at a Denver church about five years ago and have been adapted by conservative groups across the country.

"We're simply making a statement that

you need to consider the choices in life," said the Rev. Keenan Roberts, an associate pastor from the Abundant Life Christian Center in Arvada, Colo., who helped launch Hell House tours.

But Rev. Dan Stevens of Eastminster Presbyterian Church of Ventura said Christian messengers should focus on the loving redemption nature of God, not strong-arming people into conversion.

The Rev. Ken Knott, youth pastor of Ventura Baptist, is organizing a slightly less extreme program.

He expects 1,000 people to watch his Youth Extreme group put on a tour called the House of Consequence Thursday night.

"We want them to understand that if they die without Christ, they'll spend eternity in a Christ-less hell," he said.

Peggy Bowman, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, is bothered by what she says is the implication that people who support the right to abortion cannot be Christian.

She also said she's concerned by a portrait of faith predicated on fear.

"Most mainstream Protestant churches believe in a God who is about love and acceptance and that we're all unique and of God's creation," she said. "This message of a vengeful God, we can't really relate to."

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SPORTS

San Jose State University

SJSU tripped up again

By Clarissa Aljentera
Daily staff writer

The result was the same but the teams were different.

Spartan Aman Kebreab almost single-handedly pulled his team away from defeat Sunday, but his two goals weren't enough as the Fresno State University Bulldogs defeated the Spartans in overtime.

It was the same story on Wednesday against the University of San Francisco Dons — the Spartans were defeated in overtime 3-2. Kebreab contributed two goals for his team in the first half, but it wasn't enough for a Spartan 'W.'

This time the San Jose State University men's soccer team fell to the Bulldogs 3-2 at Spartan Stadium. Going into the game, Fresno was last place in the Western Athletic Conference. Both teams are 2-3 in WAC play.

The game was decided 59 seconds into overtime off a Hugo Alcaraz goal.

Alcaraz dribbled the ball, unfazed by the oncoming Spartan defenders, and knocked it into the left corner of the net, just past the outstretched hands of Spartan goalie Gilbert Vega.

Vega had two saves and Bulldog goalie Jeremy Proud had 10 saves. The Spartans outshot their opponent 17-8.

Spartan team captain Chad Harper was disappointed with the loss in what he considered one of the most important games of the season.

"We had just a couple of bad mistakes," Harper said. "There isn't much to say about the game except we lost the most important game of the season."

The Bulldogs put the pressure



Spartan midfielder Lars Lyssand couldn't get past defender Adam Maurer near the goal in the last few minutes of the first half. Fresno

State University beat San Jose State University 3-2 in overtime Sunday at Spartan Stadium.

Chris Corpora / Spartan Daily

on the Spartans early on after an Adam Maurer penalty kick in the 30th minute of the game.

Twenty-two seconds later Kebreab responded with a goal to tie the game 1-1.

Kebreab, off a Henning Iverson assist, was able to put the ball away in the right corner of the goal.

Bulldog Ron Davis helped his

team regain control in the 46th minute with his first goal of the game. Davis, unassisted, lofted the ball into the left corner of the net.

Kebreab was there once again to answer by scoring his second goal.

He knocked the ball into the middle of the net just past Proud.

Kebreab, who has scored five

goals in three games, agreed with Harper about the loss.

"Scoring goals isn't enough — it is a shame to lose the biggest game of the season," Kebreab said.

Spartan head coach Gary St. Clair was baffled with the loss.

"Our players are playing inconsistently and with so little com-punction," St. Clair said. "They

need to step up or we will find someone else to play. It is completely unacceptable to give up six goals in two matches."

The Spartans are 5-8-2 overall.

■ In other Spartan sports:

The women's soccer team clinched a berth in WAC playoffs with a 2-1 win against the University of Texas El Paso Sunday. SJSU is 12-6-1.

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Transformer may cancel WAC game

After two weeks of road woes in the state of Texas, the Spartan football team came home to more bad luck.

The Spartans' game with Southern Methodist University was postponed until Dec. 4 after a blown transformer caused Spartan Stadium's power to fail.

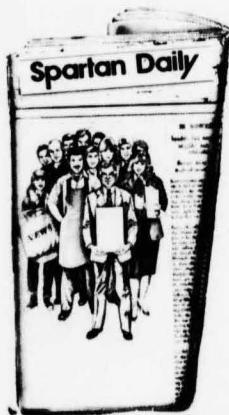
The game will only be made up if it will determine a WAC champion or make either team eligible for a bowl.

If the game is not made up, it will be the first ever WAC football game canceled.

Two years ago, a game between Tulsa and Colorado State was postponed due to a snow storm but made up the next day.

The Spartans (3-4, 1-2) travel back to the state of Texas when they play the University of Texas El Paso. SMU will play conference leading Rice this week.

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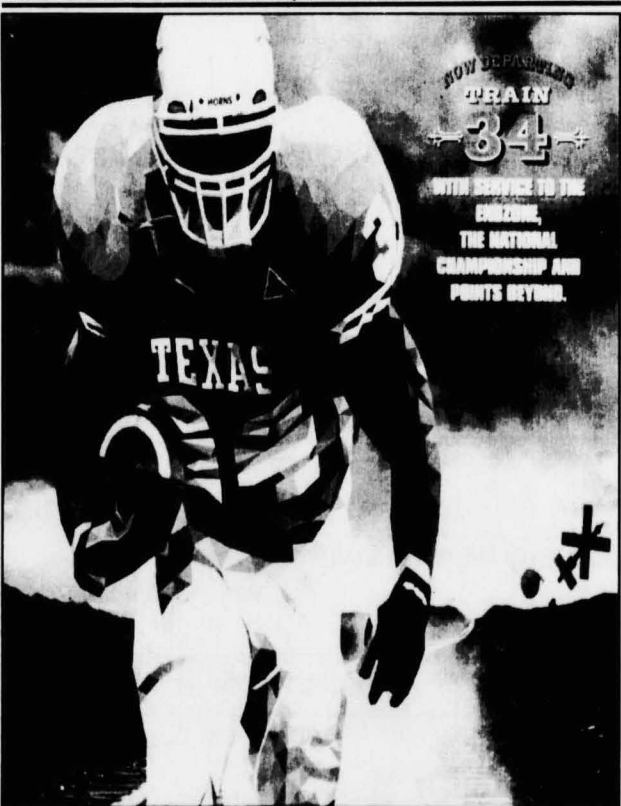
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NEWS

San Jose State University

Outage

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"We had to get the people out of the stadium by dark," Caret said.

As ushers explained to fans what was going on and SJSU cheerleaders performed their routines on the field, WAC officials and athletic directors worked behind the scenes to figure out what to do about the game.

After two hours of deliberations Benson said the only feasible solution was to postpone the game until Dec. 4 when both team's regular seasons would have concluded. However, the game will only be played if it is necessary to determine a Western Athletic Conference champion or qualify either team for a bowl game. A team must win at least six games to be eligible for a bowl game. Currently, the Spartans are 3-4 while the Mustangs are 1-5.

"We tried to weigh all the options and tried to evaluate the various possibilities in the best interest of both team's student athletes," Benson said.

Benson said SMU's travel plans were a major concern when deciding whether to play Sunday.

"We gave serious considerations to playing the game tomorrow (Sunday), but we found out that SMU could not be guaranteed travel accommodations that would get them back to Dallas tomorrow (Sunday)," Benson said. "Once that was established that ended up being the determining factor why the game will not be played tomorrow (Sunday)."

SMU was scheduled to travel to Texas after Saturday's game and arrive early Sunday to prepare for an upcoming game with WAC-leading Rice University.

"Playing tomorrow (Sunday) was preferable, but it just wasn't to be," SJSU Athletic Director Chuck Bell said. "There's no way it would be fair to SMU to keep them here until Monday and play Rice next Saturday. We would be on the road Friday to play UTEP (University of Texas-El Paso) so that wasn't fair."

Using generators to provide

power for the game was not a workable option, Bell said.

"We looked at the possibilities of generators and thought that finding the generators that would service the needs and hooking them up might take eight to 10 hours at best," Bell said.

With the game subtracted from homecoming activities, Caret said Saturday would go down in history as a homecoming to remember.

"It's nothing anyone predicts," Caret said. "I talked to some of the other athletic directors that have been around 25 to 30 years each, and none of them has experienced anything like this before either. It's just one of those things."

As of Sunday, no cause had been discovered for the transformer's failure.

Clarissa Aljentera contributed to this report.

Fans

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court, but now he will have the inconvenience of having to wait at least two weeks.

"I'm pretty disappointed — it is tough for everyone who arranged their schedule," Daigle said. "It is tough to get people here."

Daigle's family was unable to attend the events on Saturday, but could possibly come to SJSU when the homecoming court is slated to be announced in the Spartans' next home game against the University of Hawai'i on Nov. 6.

"From my understanding it is to be rescheduled for halftime against Hawai'i," Daigle said.

The postponement of the homecoming announcement was a hindrance to the activities, but SJSU President Robert Caret was pleased with the remainder of Saturday's events.

"Most of the pregame activities had been going on all day," Caret said. "There were lunches and barbecues — those continued. Some postgame activities occurred earlier than we would have liked."

But Associated Students President Leo Davila enjoyed the day's events despite the canceled game. Students were able to partake in the free music and food provided by A.S.

"It was one of the better tailgates in recent years. People were having a good time dancing and enjoying the free food," Davila said.

Caret said students asked to continue tailgating activities in the lot behind the stadium. The lights in the lot were left on so students could enjoy the live DJ even after the official postponement was announced.

Still, issues of refunds are left up in the air.

SJSU Athletic Director Chuck Bell said reimbursement for parking and tickets will be decided later. Tickets from Saturday's game would be accepted at the makeup date.

"There will be some form of refunds, or if the game is played Dec. 4 those tickets will be available," Bell said.

The matchup between SJSU and SMU will have to take place at another venue because the Women's College Cup will take place at Spartan Stadium at that time, Bell said.

While administration can monetarily make up the postponement of the game to the fans, the homecoming experience can't be duplicated.

"You can't repeat homecoming," Bell said. "This may be one of the most memorable homecomings that never happened."

Christy Lemire, a SMU alumna and her husband, Chris, a SJSU alumnus, had flown in from Dallas to watch their respective teams.

"I was really bummed because if our school can beat anybody, it is San Jose State University," Lemire said. "This would have been the first time our schools played each other."



Mai-Ling Fook and Jason Restivo swing dance Saturday night at the tailgating area outside of Spartan Stadium. Restivo, the reigning

homecoming king, keeps his title for the next two weeks because the festivities were postponed due to a blown transformer in the stadium.

Glen Fuentes / Spartan Daily

Davis brought false hope to advocates

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When candidate Gray Davis promised to end the "era of wedge issues" and reminded voters of his opposition to the Proposition 209 affirmative action ban, most civil rights advocates figured they knew what he meant.

After 16 years of Republican governors and nasty initiative battles over illegal immigrants and affirmative action, the state was finally about to elect a Democrat who was on their side, needed their support and would listen to their concerns.

And although Davis said he wasn't about to seek repeal of voter-approved measures limiting programs for minorities and women, at least he would implement and interpret them sympathetically, and take the advocates' side in court cases.

Or so the thinking went. A year later, some feel betrayed, and have even accused Davis of racism for vetoing a bill to require police to track the race of drivers stopped for traffic violations.

Others feel vindicated by the bills Davis signed to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination at school, increase their protections in the workplace, offer health benefits to same-sex partners of state employees, and limit employers' ability to fire older workers to save money.

Immigrants'-rights groups feel relieved now that Davis has finally dropped the state's defense of Proposition 187, the initiative eliminating public education and other state benefits for illegal immigrants.

But most are still trying to figure Davis out. It's not an uncommon reaction to a governor who has seemingly sought a middle ground, however elusive, on every issue.

"It's a mixed record. There's clearly room for improvement," said Francisco Lobaco, lobbyist for the American Civil Liberties Union. He said Davis showed "great courage" on gay rights but gave "a slap in the face to minorities" on racial issues.

"The problem with the middle in civil rights is, almost no one is there," said Erwin Chemerinsky, a liberal University of Southern California law professor appointed by Davis to recommend alternatives to Proposition 209. "Ultimately both sides end up quite disappointed."

That may be an overstatement. Davis wins praise from partisans as diverse as Ward Connerly, the

University of California regent who sponsored Proposition 209, and liberal assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl.

But the middle path in civil rights has often been hard for Davis to locate, particularly on race.

The most glaring example was his veto of the "driving while black or brown" bill, which would have required the largest police departments in California to keep track of the race of drivers stopped for traffic violations.

Caught between the minorities and civil rights advocates who lobbied hard for the bill and the police unions who opposed it, Davis said he saw no evidence of a statewide problem and that the bill would pose a burden without producing meaningful new information.

At the same time, he said he found racial profiling by police "abhorrent," ordered the California Highway Patrol to keep racial data for three years and urged cities and counties to do likewise.

That didn't mollify Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, a veteran black politician. Davis' veto was "a statement that he doesn't care anything at all about me as an African-American," said Carson, surrounded by more than three dozen local officials and business and minority leaders on the county courthouse steps.

He offered no supporting evidence for the racism accusation, and Davis spokesman Michael Bustamante dismissed it by pointing to the governor's lifelong support of civil rights.

But the issue has national resonance, with New Jersey's admission of racial profiling by state

troopers. President Clinton's orders that federal police collect such data, and the accounts of prominent minorities nationwide of dubious police stops.

As for Proposition 209, the 1996 initiative that prohibited race and sex preferences in state and local government, education and contracting, Davis has confounded friends and foes alike by largely adopting the policies, though not the rhetorical style, of former Gov. Pete Wilson, who championed the measure.

As a candidate, Davis gleefully told audiences he looked forward to Connerly's departure from the regents, while Connerly said he shuddered to think of Davis implementing 209. Now Connerly praises Davis.

"He's a different governor than he was a candidate," Connerly said recently. "As governor, he has been balanced and true to his word that he would respect the will of the people. We have a cordial relationship, a very respectful one."

Liberals have only themselves to blame for misinterpreting Davis' promise to end the "era of wedge issues," meaningless political jargon that could apply to any controversy, said Eugene Volokh, a conservative UCLA law professor and adviser to the 209 campaign.

Bustamante had his own interpretation: "Since he's become governor, he has worked very hard to lower the decibel level on the politics of division."

Sometimes, the level has been practically inaudible. Several civil rights lawyers say meetings with Davis' staff, unavailable under Wilson, have been polite listening sessions, with no explanation of the governor's views.

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