Menendez mistrial:
One jury locks up
By Carla Deutsch

LOS ANGELES — A mistrial was declared Thursday in the trial of Erik Menendez when his brother killed their parents for more help with legal issues.

The jury deliberating charges against his brother, Lyle, continued its talk after asking the court for more help with legal issues.

The mistrial came in the 10th day of deliberations by the 12-person jury.

Erik was grim-faced as he left the courtroom that he was "very upset" and would not talk after asking the court to assign the most qualified individuals to each military job.

One arrested as plot thickens
in skater beating
By David Foster

PORTLAND, Ore. — Arrest warrants were issued in the attack on the well-known skateboarder Nancy Kerrigan, authorities said Thursday. ABC News reported that a second person is being sought.

A 23-year-old Portland man, identified the man as Derick Smith of Phoenix, and charged with assault.

Roberts refused to give any flight from Phoenix; Port of Portland Airport on a flight.

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Remembering a King
Marchers call for campus to address African-American issues
By Pamela Slaughter

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Aspin allows more room for women in military
By Suzanne M. Schuler

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les Aspin moved Thursday to help open up non-combat jobs for female soldiers, saying expanding opportunities for women in the modern military "is right, and it's smart.

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Red ink trips first-ever ASI hiring freeze
By Lisa M. Hansen

Massive debts incurred by the ASI's Children's Center are forcing an ASI-wide hiring freeze virtually all open positions, the Board of Directors was told Wednesday night.

The freeze — which currently affects three ASI positions — gives officials the chance to bail out the ailing center, which is $120,000 in debt.

"The Children's Center is a great program," Vice President for Finance Shawn Reeves told the board. "But it could be the most heavily subsidized student program if we're not careful."

Center Director Hais Halley on Thursday explained the reason for the freeze.

"The costs to run the new facility were more than expected," she said. "We're also not bringing in enough parents' fees to meet the costs."

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The network also described a Portland man, Steve Stant, as the alleged hit man who carried out the attack on Kerrigan at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit on Jan. 6.

The assailant escaped after breaking the glass out of a locked arena door.

In Detroit, deputy police chief Benny Napoleon said "warrants have been issued," but he did not specify the number of warrants or who had been named. Portland authorities refused to confirm that warrants had been issued but said they expected to make arrests Thursday on conspiracy charges.

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have preferred a verdict.

The defendant appeared to look straight ahead as the mistrial was announced and the judge thanked the jury for nearly a half-year of service.

"You've made great sacrifices to be here," the judge said before dismissing the panelists.

District Attorney Gil Garcetti had already said that the case would be retried if there was a mistrial.

Erik, 23, and his brother, Lyle, 26, admit killing parents Jose and Kitty Menendez in their Beverly Hills mansion on Aug. 20, 1989, but claim it was self-defense.

Earlier in the day the jury sent a note to the judge saying that members' strong opinions had become "even more entrenched" as they tried harder for verdicts.

"The jury feels there is no possibility of reaching a verdict or verdicts without violence to our individual judgments," a note from the jury foreman said.

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Hall, who attended Cal Poly in 1978.

"In 1956, when I was six years old," he said, "I went to a restaurant with my uncle, who was an activist in college with Jesus Jackson. It was a bad scene. The people at the restaurant poured mustard on my head and spat on me."

Celebrations in the U.S. included several poems, songs and speeches — including one by a Cal Poly student whose friend recently was murdered on a street in Los Angeles.

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Mexico: One country, two worlds

By Pedro Arroyo

The recent peasant uprising in the Southern Mexican state of Chiapas has drawn national attention to the problems that indigenous people have faced in Mexico for a long time. The demand for being made by the rebels are basic. They demand ture independencia (land and liberty). These were also the basic ideas fought for almost 80 years ago by Emiliano Zapata and Francisco “Pancho” Villa during the Mexican Revolution. However, it seems little has changed for the indigenious people of Chiapas. The people in this area have long been denied land, a decent working wage, human living conditions, respect and social equality.

The recent rebellion comes as no surprise. Chiapas is the poorest and most economically depressed state in the union. The rebellion is a reaction to Mexico’s unclear and undefined social and economic policies toward the Indian population over the last 60 years. After the Mexican Revolution of 1910, the country’s policy toward Indians took a radical turn under the administration of President Lazaro Cardenas. His policy toward Indians was one of mutual respect and cooperation. Cardenas, who was part Indian, was the first president to give Indians the lands they needed.

However, his was one of the last administrations to consider Indians as an integral part of Mexican society. Most administrations dealt with the Indians on a superficial level. A recent example is the administration of President Luis Acheverria. He considered himself a counterpart of Cardenas and did little for the Indian populations of the country. Acheverria went so far as to redecorate his elaborate home with Indian rugs and native pottery, but this was as far as his relationship went with the indigenous population.

The government under the present leadership of President Carlos Salinas De Gortari has invested millions of dollars in education and social programs. But the system remains to be an image — an image that never quite existed for Indians in Mexico. The last two weeks have showed people that Mexico society must also change its attitude toward the native population. Most Mexicans are happy not to be Indians, and squirm at the idea of even being called one. Yet, the Mexican society has always prided itself on its indigenious past and the achievements that ancient societies made.

When you look at Mexico be without the pyramids, the calendar of the sun and its indigenious art, Mexicans take pride in their past, but seem to have little concern about the current conditions of the Indians. My father, who has lived and traveled throughout Chiapas says the Mexican government and society do not care about the Indians because they remind Mexicans of who they really are.

Pedro Arroyo is a political science senior.
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**Leaders shake hands, drop arms Clinton, Yeltsin further pledge to diffuse nuclear arsenals**

By Nancy Beres

MOSCOW — President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin pledged Thursday to press ahead with reforms that will “make life better” for their two countries. The two also were ready to stop aiming nuclear missiles at each other’s countries.

Towles said. “But it was $11,151,” Yeltsin said. “You can have your dacha, the two leaders agreed over dinner at Yeltsin’s country home.”

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Wilson said the senate members have reservations supervisor Reeves said. “We are hoping to get it (this) on the agenda?”

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Wilson said the senate members will have two resolutions presented to them at their Jan. 18 meeting. They will then have to choose between the two.

The first resolution is to make a switch to the trimester system. This would include those 15- week semesters, 90-minute classes and two-week breaks between semesters, Wilson said.

The second resolution, he said, would be a decision to step back from the brink of a decision and take more time to weigh options.

Wilson said part of this process might be to review curriculum.

“If curriculum drives the calendar, then let’s take a closer look at the curriculum,” he said.

The ASI resolution would place the student government in support of the second resolution.

At Wednesday’s meeting, several college representatives debated the topic hotly. “ASI is the student voice,” said Tony Torres, a College of Engineering representative. Torres encouraged the board to pass the resolution.

Collage of Engineering representative Rob Martin and College of Business representative Michele Schiller said they didn’t think enough information was available at the meeting. They spearheaded the drive to postpone a decision.

“TI don’t think this group is ready to vote,” Martin said. “Why is this on the agenda?”

Schiller agreed. “We are taking a stand on (something) we have no control over,” she said. “We need to go back to our constituents and talk it over with them.”

Wilson said he hopes ASI will come to a decision on the recommendation, although he did not specify whether student opinion would sway the Academic Senate at this time.

Wilson said he personally supports the quarter system. If ASI would like to have more student interaction, he said, it should hold a campus-wide referendum.

“Unfortunately, we haven’t surveyed the students,” Wilson said. “We don’t know how they feel.”

He said from what he’s heard, most students would be in favor of the current system.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Kooch said Thursday the general feeling among administration is support for Baker and the trimester system.

“I think most of the administration accepts the leadership of the president,” Kooch said. “We haven’t heard any strong feelings expressed to the contrary.”

He said the administration does, however, feel strongly about getting a decision made as soon as possible.

“We are hoping to get it decided soon,” he said. “It’s really a big job (to switch systems).” At any rate, I can’t see it happening before 1996, no matter what.”

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A debt of $11,151 was projected for the second year.

“First for six months of the second year, the debt should have been half of $11,151,” Towles said. “But it was $123,000 greater than that.”

Towles said original projections showed that the center should be self-supporting by 1990, but he does not anticipate that happening.

“I don’t anticipate a profit from the center, even if it breaks even,” he said.

As a result, ASI can not afford to fill up vacant employee slots. The event marks the first time ASI has had a hiring freeze has had to be instituted, according to ASI President Mark Marquam Pirro.

The positions of Rec Sports administrative assistant, Information Reservations supervisor and Operating manager will end June 30.

Keeping the positions open will save “around $100,000,” Reeves said.

The position ASI officials may recruit for is executive director — a position left open when former director Roger Conn left ASI last spring.

Reeves said the budget must be corrected or other areas of ASI will lose their subsidy money. Reeves did not specify exactly who would be affected if those cuts were made.

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• $16.50 for children over the age of three;
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**WOMEN: Greater role for female soldiers granted by Sec. Aspin**

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However, the Army and the Navy must now define which jobs will remain off-limits to women. That could mean that the services could balk at taking women in such areas as air defense or field artillery units.

The most lethal specialties and units in the Army and the Marine Corps that are used to search and destroy the enemy — such as infantry and armor units — will not be affected by Aspin's new announcement.

Aspin gave Jan. 20 as a potential departure date when he resigned last month, but he may remain in office until his successor, retired Adm. Bobby Inman, is confirmed by the Senate.

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Sunday. Steve Young of the San Francisco 49ers takes seven-steps back into the pocket and finds a wide receiver Jerry Rice. But the Angels and tall, curly-haired head still in on the quarterback. Do you hope Snuth hits it? We do. The question, who they would want to win between the two sports events.

Since San Luis Obispo is quite a distance from any pro team, the miles on the road are manage and a bigger choice to attend sports events. San Luis Obispo residents have the sports advantage of receiving Northern and Southern California games. "It's beautiful here, but it's not a very good place for sports fans," explained Julie Parkhurst, an agribusiness senior.

San Luis Obispo fans may lack the big hype for sports, but that doesn't mean people living here don't enjoy watching their favorite team on television. One student from the Bay Area senior Chris Thorson, said he didn't leave heart in S F. "It's my son's favorite team. May lose but will cover yours." Another unscientific survey of 30 students revealed the teams they most often tuned their television sets into were the 49ers, Los Angeles Kings, Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Dodgers. All led their fields as favorites in their respective leagues the NFL, NBA, MLS and Major League Baseball.

The San Jose Sharks and Boston Bruins also received votes as NHL favorites, while the Oakland A's, San Francisco Giants and Atlanta Braves had a close in Major League Baseball. In the NBA, it was the Chicago Bulls and Phoenix Suns distantly trailing the Lakers a few polls behind. The Raiders topped the NFL list with the Dallas Cowboys making a presence on the list.

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