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By Bill Rucker
PENSACOLA, Fla. — Hurricane Opal thrashed the Florida Panhandle with gusts up to 144 mph Wednesday, flooding homes, knocking down power lines along the sugar-white beaches and sending tons of thousands of terrified people onto jammed highways. At least one person was killed.

The storm center hit the Air Force's Hurlburt Field, east of Pensacola, just after 6 p.m. EDT, and was moving north at 22 mph. Opal was expected to move across the Panhandle and into southern Alabama late Wednesday or Thursday.

With sustained winds of 125 mph, Opal was one of the strongest storms to hit the Gulf Coast since Hurricane Camille killed 264 people in 1969.

"I think this one is going to clean our clock," said Tom Balsich, who fled Pensacola. "Erie gave us a deep respect for knowing when to leave," he said, referring to the hurricanes that forced a similar exodus two months ago.

At least 60,000 were evacuated from a 150-mile stretch of Florida's Gulf coast, from Pensacola to Wakulla Beach south of Tallahassee, as the ninth hurricane of the Atlantic storm season hit.

"We're preparing for the very worst, extreme to catastrophic" damage, and state meteorologist Mike Rucker. "Within the eye wall, we're expecting total destruction of some homes and structures along the coast."

Opal, which left 10 people dead in Mexico, spun off at least seven tornadoes and caused flooding from storm surges of up to 15 feet.

The storm's first U.S. victim was a 76-year-old woman whose mobile home in Okaloosa County was destroyed by a hurricane-winded tornado.

Thousands who waited too long to evacuate were trapped in their homes. Those who did flee bottled up traffic on U.S. 98, the main route north toward Alabama — and on eastbound Interstate 10, where traffic crawled at 5 mph.

"People are turning around and going back home," said Tom Rache, the emergency management director for Santa Rosa County. "Now we're asking people who have left their homes to stay there."

An estimated 15,000 people sought refuge in 42 emergency shelters.

See **HURRICANE** page 2

**Poly task force brings a global plan to senate**

By Rebecca Nunez
Metro Daily Wire

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**Affirmative action topic at local forum**

By Travis Mooney
Hearst Daily Wire

In the wake of the O.J. Simpson trial, a group of people came together Tuesday to discuss a different racially-sensitive topic — affirmative action.

The San Luis Obispo City/County Library's community room filled with people of all types — white, Latino and black, young and old. They met, along with a panel of members of the surrounding communities, to discuss the impact of affirmative action on our society.

They talked about what it means, how it works, why it is under fire from politicians and what it would mean to do away with affirmative action programs.

Dave Congalton, a radio talk show host from KVBC and Rick Jackaway, the managing editor for the New Times, were the media moderators selected for the symposium.

The panel was comprised of six members: Eddie London, a representative from the NAACP of San Luis Obispo county; Gary Kirkland, a representative of the San Luis Obispo Libertarian party; Anna McDonald, Cal Poly's affirmative action officer; Arthur Bird, vice president for student development and services at Allen Hancock college; Allison Heath, president of the San Luis Obispo High School Student Association for Equality club; and Mary Maldonado, a student representative from the Student Association.

Congalton began the discussion by bringing up the Simpson verdict and directly questioning the panel if the decision was split along racial lines.

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THE GORDON ELLIOT SHOW returns for its second season in search of the "Great American Boxer Boys" to be part of the studio audience. Viewers are encouraged to submit photographs of their "Boxer Boy" candidates, including name, address and telephone number to THE GORDON ELLIOT SHOW BOXER BOY SEARCH, 331 West 57th Street, Suite 387, New York, N.Y. 10019

Today
Psychological Services/Student Affairs will be offering an opportunity for students to discuss reactions to the O.J. Simpson trial in building 124, room 227. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. For more information, call 756-2600.

A Health Professions Seminar discussing application strategies will be taking place in building 52, room E-28 at 11 a.m.

Upcoming
A half-day conference on obesity will take place Oct. 7 at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. The cost of the conference is $40 and pre-registration is requested. For more information, or to register, call 781-5940.

A one-day consumer seminar designed to create greater awareness about the pitfalls of building a house is being offered at Cal Poly on Oct 7. The program will be held in Engineering West B at 9 a.m. SCS's Environmental Council needs volunteers for tree watering and litter removal Oct. 7 and Oct. 8. For more information, call 756-5834.

Agenda Items: (to Natasha Collins, Graphic Arts 526, Cal Poly 93407 — Phone: 746-1796 Fax: 756-6748

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HURRICANE: New Panama City Beach pier crumbles into Gulf of Mexico

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SYMPOSIUM: Panel, audience discussed the value of affirmative action

From page 1 exists," Bird said. "The trial, I think, isn't a racial one. If any­
exists, " Bird said. "The trial, I ques­tioned was ending affirm­
would be the first part of affirm­
McDonald. "And who's going to
permanent underclass," Anna
support that underclass?"

Other panel members agreed
that affirmative action is needed
to help pull minorities out of the
underclass.
"This country needs people to
produce," London said. "It needs
all its people to produce. Women
have ideas, minorities have
ideas; the country needs all those
ideas.

I've noticed more discrimina­
tion now than I did before," Lon­
don continued. "I think we're
sending the wrong message.
People are saying 'We've been
wanting to discriminate but they
might sue us. Now it's okay, the
government doesn't care.'"

Other members of the panel
saw affirmative action as a politi­
cal decision.
"When these decisions were
made (to start affirmative action)
they were political decisions,"
Bird said. "Now that there's an
attempt to roll back affirmative
action, it's a political decision."

Kirkwood, however, saw af­
firmative action as an attempt to
make reparations for past mis­
deeds.
"It's making the children pay
for the sins of the fathers," he
said. "I don't know that my
children should be punished for
my sins."

Other panelists disagreed.
"I think that the legislators in 1977
and 1978 were thinking about a
healthy environment for
our children rather than the sins
of our fathers," Maldonado said.
Another topic given much dis­
cussion was discrimination.
"If those white males feel they've
been discriminated against there's nothing to stop
them from filing — they don't
even call it reverse discrimina­
tion, just discrimination — case," London said.
Although equal opportunity
employment has been labeled a
"quota system" in the past, it is
no longer a set of hard and fast
rules, McDonald said.
"It's up to the employer to
carry out its own affirmative ac­
tion program," she said.
McDonald explained that as
long as employers attempt to fol­
low the guidelines, there is
usually no government involve­
ment.
Crowd reaction to the panel
and discussion was mixed.
"I think it's a good thing to
have," said Bob Gib, director of
Cal Poly's Ethnic Studies
program. "I think that (Kirkwood)
was to be respected. It was one against five.
"Whenever you want to try to
get to the truth of something you
need to have as many viewpoints
as possible," he continued. "(The
symposium) was kind of imp­
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The once and future O.J.

by Donna Haines

Editor, "I would like to thank Mr. Ian Choe for writing in with his own concerns about admissions use. In answer to your question, I am aware of nepotism in many institutions, not just in Cal Poly. As a result, she has a chemical, angry view of the police and the crime in general. We have a responsibility to allow the public to be involved in determining who is smart enough to graduate and become rich and famous, thereby giving the school bragging rights and the potential for alumni to be graduated. Perhaps it would be fair for colleges to look at these things in determining admissions standards."

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Affair is a veritable smorgasbord
by Rodrigo Espinosa

Drawing a parallel to events of June 1994, the American Airlines freeways again provided the televised background for the white vehicle carrying O.J. Simpson; this time, however, he was coming home. He was free — after months of incarceration, surviving the trial that will be remembered as the most bizarre media event of the late 20th century.

As Simpson was vindicated, another entity seemed to be convicted — the Los Angeles Police Department for questionable investigation, sloppy forensic work and racist coping.

Personally, I'm glad it's over and even more glad I didn't have to make the judge's decision. I once read a (I'm dating myself here) way out of this heinous crime for the police as the evidence mounted. There seemed to be no opportunity to absolve him of the crime. But the jury did.

Now that the story of the 90s is over and the defendant, who is next? What's next for the LAPD? Will Chief Willie Williams accept the challenge to eradicate alleged police tampering and collusion?

What about those who have had the misfortune to be in the wrong place at the wrong time and incur the misdirected wrath of some police officers like a friend or like? We share a sense of community and ethnic pride — the ones to be dealt with or removed."

In response to the police's policies on their judgment of who is smart enough to graduate and become rich and famous, thereby giving the school bragging rights and the potential for alumni to send back money to the school. As of now, the main criteria are grades, SAT scores, activities and having a job, supporting oneself through school, and others are currently looking at recruiters looking to hire Cal Poly graduates. Perhaps it would be fair for colleges to look at these things in determining admissions standards.

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Wildfire destroys structures, forces hundreds to flee homes

By Richard Cole
Associated Press

INVERNESS, Calif. — A wildfire fanned by strong winds roared across 7,500 acres of the Point Reyes National Seashore Wednesday, jumping a fire line laid down to the south by an army of 1,000 firefighters.

Another 8,000 acres may burn before the blaze hits a second southern fire line, firefighters said. Since starting Tuesday afternoon, the fire has destroyed 48 buildings and damaged another 12, most of them homes. More than 200 people have fled their homes.

The fire was 30 percent contained Wednesday afternoon, up from 20 percent earlier in the day, said Tom Tarp, California Department of Forestry incident commander.

"It's a difficult place, we've had a lot of problems ... with the continuing red flag warnings and the weather," with 5 percent humidity and winds up to 30 mph, Tarp said.

The fire was burning in dusty, dry Bishop pine and heavy undergrowth in the scenic 65,000-acre Point Reyes National Seashore. Flames began reaching the Pacific around 2 a.m., and firefighters made their first, failed stand on the southern fire line.

"This is our last chance for a long way going south," Marin County Fire Chief Steve Rowan said before the fire spotted south of the fire line. "If we don't catch it here, we have a lot of old, big timber that will burn."

Despite losing thousands of acres to the fire Wednesday, firefighters' chief concern was the fire moving northeast toward the buried embers briefly threatened to trap several teams of firefighters marred to set a backfire Wednesday afternoon, CDF spokesman Brian Zuhlner said.

The fire department. Rowan also mentioned positions available through the same area devastated by floods in 1982.

"It's like disaster heaped on disaster," Giacomini said. "Many of these victims whose houses burned down were flood victims in 1982."

Eppisode Cuervo, 41, who evacuated with her two cats, a dog and her computer, said she was worried about the condition of the seaside park.

"The deer and all the wild animals are burning," Cuervo said. "The park won't be the same for years. Everybody who lives here loves that park. It's not just the houses."

Jole Levine was running a pet shelter set up by the Marin Humane Society. About a dozen pets, including dogs, cats and a parakeet, were under her care.

"There's a lot of animals here," she said, then gestured to the smoldering ridge. "A lot of the owners have lost their homes."

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One in three young black men doing jail time

By Connie Cass
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost one in every three young black men is serving a criminal sentence — either prison, probation or parole, according to a study by an advocacy group. That's a dramatic increase from five years earlier, when the proportion was one in four.

The statistics released Wednesday are sure to fuel arguments about whether blacks are treated fairly by the criminal justice system — a theme that permeated the O.J. Simpson trial. It also is an issue cited by organizers of a national black men's march for unity and atonement.

"If this were basically white youth in this dilemma or sentenced at this level, we would assume something is wrong with the system, not something wrong with the children," said civil rights activist Jesse Jackson.

The report was released by The Sentencing Project, a research group that advocates for fairer treatment and alternatives to prison. It argues that the mandatory minimum sentences and stepped up enforcement that began with the 1980s "war on drugs" have fallen disproportionately on blacks and women.

The report says that explains why blacks accounted for 34 percent of all drug arrests in 1980, but the figure climbed to 39 percent in 1990.

Blacks make up 12 percent of the U.S. population. They are 74 percent of prisoners serving time on drug charges, the report said.

A Justice Department spokesman, John Russell, said the department "has no quarrel" with the report's numbers.

"But he disputed the suggestion that blacks are more likely to be prosecuted under federal drug laws than whites accused of the same offenses.

The numbers, said Russell, probably "reflect the social and economic factors that have a disproportionate effect on the African American community."

Black author and radio host Armstrong Williams said it's obvious that police target black youths more aggressively than whites — and that blacks are responsible for a disproportionate share of crime.

"The only hope is to teach young black men religion and morality and to change this racist system," he said. "We need to do it through the [O.J.] Simpson trial."

A Justice Department spokeswoman, Lois Farrahkan, and those who oppose it, have been united in declaring a crisis of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, who has been united in declaring a crisis of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

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The report focuses on blacks, though it notes that rates for both Hispanic men and women increased 18 percent. In 1994, 12.3 percent of young Hispanic men and 2.2 percent of Hispanic women were under criminal supervision.

For many black men, the statistics back up a conviction that police and courts don't dispance equal justice for black Americans.

Marc Mauer, co-author of the study, using U.S. Justice Department statistics, the report estimates that on any given day this year, 32 percent of black men ages 20 to 29 are serving a criminal sentence.

That's 827,400 young black men in jail or prison, or on probation or parole. It doesn't include those who are awaiting trial or who served time before they turned 20.

The estimate was based on 1994 figures, which show 30.2 percent of young black men serving criminal sentences last year, compared with 6.7 percent of young white men.

Among black women, the figure was 4.4 percent, and among white women, 1.4 percent.

Although the women's convictions remain much less frequent, they have been growing at a faster rate since the 1980 report.

The number of young black women under criminal justice supervision increased 74 percent by 1994; 40 percent more white women are serving sentences.

Black men doing time increased 31 percent, and white men 8 percent.

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Cal Poly juniors Michael Troxell, Larry Anter, Trigg Garner and Jon Watkins combined their diverse musical backgrounds to create the San Luis Obispo-based band, Opus. Practicing in a garage complete with carpeted walls and burning incense, Opus combines each of their personal playing styles to compile songs with ska, rock and funk accents. Influenced by Chris Cornell of Soundgarden and Marvin Gaye, lead singer Michael Troxell, 20, discovered his vocal talent when singing in a musical his senior year at Point Loma High School in San Diego. Troxell writes the majority of the band's lyrics. He views writing as a release and an opportunity to get what's inside, out.

See Opus Page B4
Thurs., October 21, 8:15 p.m. / Photo courtesy of SLO County Symphony

SLO Symphony tunes up for classical season

By Jennifer English

Sandy Sigurdson, fund-raiser for the symphony, "We are reaching out to a younger audience, trying to keep classical music alive."

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In any given community, it can be said that 3 percent are followers of classical music — if we can be said that 3 percent are followers, that's 6,000 people and a few social taboos. I was curious to push the limits and break a plethora of problems.

The symphony offers student tickets for $10, and is concerned with making sure students can get into see our performances," said Nowak. "It's a very vigorous symphony for a town this size," said Cliff Swanson, head of Cal Poly's music department and former conductor. "We have a real commitment to the community that ours is students."

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Breastra. They are like hands in the new movie Showgirls.

They're normal — everyone has them. And since the temperature in Las Vegas is rarely (if ever) below freezing, no one in the movie needs to cover them with gloves. In fact, they're really friendly hands — the girls offer them to everybody to shake.

And you become immune to breasts within the first 15 minutes of Showgirls. At least you really need to if you hope to survive the movie. Telling the story of a young woman's journey to self-realization and independence in Las Vegas, Showgirls pulls no punches in showing the sexier side of the "City that Never Sleeps."

That seedy side includes a heavy dose of nudity. Nomi, a 22-year-old who obviously has some serious problems, comes to Las Vegas to dance. Within five minutes, she is robbed of all her worldly possessions, has her first serious, violent breakdown and somehow makes a new best friend. Nomi gets a place to live and a glimpse of her dream through her roommate, who is a costume designer for a local television show. The two roommates get from Nomi is questionable. "She's a real testament to the community that ours is here and thriving," Nowak said.

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Duo sings laughter, sentiment in music

Small Potatoes, the Chicago-based duo of Jacquie Manning and Rich Prexioso, played at the Coalesce Bookstore chapel in Morro Bay on Thursday night at 7 p.m. / Photo courtesy of S.L.O. Folk Music Society

By Eddie Galvez

The sound of acoustic guitars, a mandolin and other percussion instruments filled the honeysuckle, vine-draped Garden Chapel this Thursday in Morro Bay, with feel-good music that lifted the spirit.

Small Potatoes, a Chicago-based duo of Jacquie Manning and Rich Prexioso, were at the Coalesce Bookstore chapel in Morro Bay on Thursday at 7 p.m. Approximately 60 "new age" people gathered to listen to a mix of folk music ranging from Celtic to cowboy to gospel.

"We don't like to limit ourselves because there is so much good music out there," Manning said. "Anything we do, we do it because it's fun."

These musicians are spuds of a different kind. The generous married couple's flair created the perfect combination of humor and emotions.

Some songs made the audience want to dance. People tapped their feet to the uplifting tunes. "I want to be ready."

With lush plants and a stained glass window towering above, the musicians created a feeling of peace which set the spirit at ease.

"We enjoy playing in California because the audiences are more open to different types of music than back East," Manning said.

That sentiment was captured through the Small Potatoes' great voices and personalities, making their performance definitely worthwhile.

Calendar

Thursday, October 5
- K. Rohler & the Kingpins play at 9:30 at Mother's Tavern. $2 cover.
- Radio KAOS rocks SLO Brew at 9:30. $2 cover.
- Racks at Belaidi dances live at Nectar of the Beam at 7. No cover.
- Monte Mills belts out country western at McIntock's Saloon at 9:30. No cover.
- Alfredo Diaz performs tap at the Marian Theatre. Tickets are $8-10 at 922-8313.

Friday, October 6
- The Seattle Mime theatre performs at 2 p.m. at the Cal Poly Theatre. Tickets range from $4-15 and are available at 766-1412.
- Guy and Dorothy bring blues and folk to Linnaea Cafe at 9. No cover.
- Bus Set delivers folkadale at SLO Brew at 9:30. $3 cover.
- David Smith performs acoustic style at McIntock's Saloon at 9:30 p.m. No cover.
- Rodrigues plays at Osos Street Bube at 9:30. No cover.
- King Earnest plays guitar at 9:30 at Mother's Tavern. $3 cover.

Saturday, October 7
- Mark Humphries combines folk and country at Linnaea Cafe at 9. No cover.
- Louis Ortega & the Wild Jalapenos add flavor to Mother's Tavern at 9:30. $3 cover.
- Rock Steady Puss plays reggae at SLO Brew at 9:30. $3 cover.
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FALL RUSH 1995
OPUS: Combining members' input gives Opus its singular musical style

From page 81 Opus songs don't have a specific theme or message directed toward their listeners, Truesell said. "Our songs definitely have a mood, but our band is so different in thought that there's no way we could all say one thing," he said.

Although Truesell contributes a number of lyrics, the band walks through each song together, adding their own touch until everyone agrees.

Bassist Anter, a human development junior, said he likes to play everyone's song ideas and music because it presents a challenge to him. "Because we have such different backgrounds, we are constantly working songs to a pulp until we come together in consensus," Anter said.

Anter learned on the acoustic guitar, but picked up the bass when he was a freshman at Cal Poly. With a background knowledge of music theory, he said he strives to become more than just a bass player. "A jazz musician is the epitome of a good musician, and I'm reaching to play at that caliber," Anter said, smiling.

Also contributing lyrics, Anter hopes to deliver a message people can relate to. Music changed his life and opened his eyes to some of life's realities, he said.

"The band is a great outlet to be creative," Anter said. "It's also a rewarding opportunity to be involved in bringing people together to have a good time."

Opus, formed in November 1994, played at the U.U. hour last year, giving Cal Poly students one of their first appearances. Despite the lack of rain, Opus continued to play while some people danced up front.

"We don't go out there to give a theatrical performance, but we do give 100 percent and have fun," Garner said.

Garner, a Laguna Beach High School graduate, started seriously playing the drums when he was 16 years old. Playing with Opus has broadened his musical horizons, he said, allowing him to develop his own style.

"I would never give up music now," Garner said. "If I had it my way, we'd be practicing every day."

It's difficult juggling everyone's schedule to practice all of the time, Garner added.

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French troops force coup leader to give up president

By Tom Cohen
Associated Press

MORONI, Comoros Islands —
Cornered by French commandos, a veteran mercenary freed the Comoros president Wednesday and haggled for a way out of his latest coup-gone-bad.

Six hundred French troops stormed this African island nation by plane and speedboat at dawn, threw together a bizarre convoy of firetrucks and a mobile airplane stairway and headed for coupmaker Bob Denard's compound. At least three people were killed during the landing, but not a shot was fired at the compound.

Denard, interviewed Wednesday night by French television stations, said he expected to surrender Thursday. "I'm not going to resist," Denard said. "I await nothing more, except to leave honorably. ... It's a question of hours." Earlier, he had said negotiations were continuing.

As the tide moved against Denard, Comorian Prime Minister Mohammed Caabi el Yachroutu, who hid out in the French Embassy following the coup, announced in a fax sent to Paris that he had formed a coalition government supported by 13 parties.

Yachroutu also announced on Radio Comoros an amnesty for soldiers allied with Denard.

French Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Raymond Germann initially told a news conference in Paris that Denard had given up and freed President Said Mohamed Djohar, held captive since last Thursday's coup. But ministry staff corrected Germann and said the surrender had not been confirmed. They did confirm Djohar had been taken to the French Embassy after his release.

Denard nonetheless seemed beaten in the latest of a string of coup attempts in his three-decade career as Africa's most notorious mercenary, with France's 600 elite troops — armed with bazookas and machine guns — cornering him in the Comoros military headquarters.

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Juror influenced by glove exhibition, Fuhrman views

By Richard Freeman
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One cop lied, another was a racist, the gloves didn’t fit on O.J. Simpson’s hands and one was planted on the grounds of his estate, the gloves didn’t fit on O.J. Simpson’s hands and one was planted on the grounds of his estate, a juror said Wednesday.

Detective Mark Fuhrman scaled Gathered outside the wall that At Simpson’s estate, more than a hundred reporters had gathered inside the wall. The detective Mark Fuhrman scaled the morning after the murders. Simpson was nowhere to be seen. A rumor new conference never materialized. Simpson’s business lawyer, LeRoy Taft, emerged from the mansion after a four-hour visit and delivered a brief report to those waiting. “He’s doing fine,” Taft said. “You’ll hear from him when he’s ready.”

Simpson representatives have suggested if he speaks at all it will be on a pay-per-view TV special, similar to those staged boxing matches. The event could net Simpson millions of dollars.

Summations ended a week ago, but attorneys kept arguing — this time with each other. F. Lee Bailey responded to an interview in which Robert Shapiro attacked Johnnie Cochran Jr. for playing up race and vowed never to speak to Bailey again. Lawyer called Shapiro a "little black puppy."

In Lake Forest, Ms. Simpson’s grave became a sort of memorial to battered women, with a quiet succession of well-wishers, most flowers and notes. "It has been a difficult time for Ms. Simpson and her friends as well as her family," said Anise Aschenbach, a 61-year-old retiree, told ABC-TV her mother was probably guilty but voted to acquit "because of Mark Fuhrman” and a lack of evidence. The jury was made up of nine black members, two whites and one Hispanic.

Another black juror, Lionel "Los" Cryer, told the Los Angeles Times he and other jurors kept finding holes in the prosecution case and concluded there were many opportunities for contamination of evidence. “It was garbage in, garbage out,” he said. There was a problem with what was being presented to prosecutors for testifying from LAPD.”

And when Rosborough, a 29-year-old Compton resident and postal worker, was asked if she thought evidence was planted, she said: “I had my reason to believe that some of that could’ve been true.”

But, she said, she didn’t believe Fuhrman was probably guilty but didn’t base her final decision on the glove.

Simpson’s new life, meantime, was the subject of much speculation.

Around Simpson’s house, the Police Department that Simpson’s lawyers portrayed as incompetent and racist was protecting the neighborhood, keeping out all vehicles but those of residents and people with non-Simpson business. The streets were quiet except for the occasional pool service truck or dog grooming van driving by — and more than a hundred reporters camped outside Simpson’s estate. Reporters were lined up and photographers were perched on ladders to peer over the wall onto the grounds, where police said they found a glove behind a guest house and where blood drops were discovered on the driveway.

Simpson had not been spotted since Tuesday night. Numerous cars and limousines have come and gone since he arrived home and it was unknown if he left in one of them.

Before his arrest, Simpson slurred reporters by using a bodyguard decay posing as Simpson. The end of the trial didn’t bring the end of speeche from Simpson’s attorneys.

The defense “dream team” was mired in a swamp of feuding and combative politics that broke into the open Tuesday even as the lawyers were celebrating victory.

Bailey said Shapiro was bitten over losing statues on the team and at being overlooked on a speech that could’ve been Mark Fuhrman’s racism.

“Kind of a sick little puppy,” Bailey said Wednesday on NBC’s "Today." “I think it’s Bob’s shattered ego.” Shapiro was observing the Jewish holiday Wednesday and said to be unavailable for comment.
OREFICE: Angela was a steal for Poly

From page 12
American talent," said former high school cross country coach Greg DeNike. "I always anticipated her going on to college and succeeding, but she has outdone herself.”

While in high school, she was Northern League Champion four years in a row, and won the California Interscholastic Federation (C.I.F.) title her senior year.

"I feel fortunate that I had the chance to coach Angela," DeNike said. "After being the captain her sophomore year, she led by example for the rest of her years here at Arroyo Grande High.

"Angela has the capacity to master anything that is placed in front of her," he said.

After high school came the decision of where to attend college. Orefice looked into Cal State Northridge and a few out-of-state schools.

But she decided on Cal Poly for three reasons: she could still be close to home, the athletic program at Cal Poly was good, and her father is a graduate of Cal Poly, she said. Now that she is here, she feels she made an excellent choice and is especially pleased with her coach Terry Crawford.

"Terry has helped me out in all aspects of life and is a wonderful role model, and I really look up to her," Orefice said.

Although Orefice runs well in high school, Orefice had no superiors marks until she blossomed as a college freshman.

Although Orefice was not recruited to Cal Poly by Crawford, she said she feels Crawford has been inspirational.

"She is the reason I want to go into coaching," Orefice said. "She is just an awesome person and a coach."

Orefice has had some impressive years at Cal Poly. Her freshman and sophomore years, she was an All-American and during her sophomore year she was an All-American in track placing 13th at Nationals.

"Angela has been one of, if not the, top distance runner here this year and she is the main reason the team is running in a tight group," Crawford said.

One major factor Orefice has had to face was making the transition to Division I.

"I think it was exciting to change to Division I and definitely more challenging," Orefice said.

Orefice’s most recent victory was at the 31st Annual Fresno Cross Country Invitational, where she placed first with a mile pace time of 5:39 and an overall time of 17:33.

While running has had mostly high points, she said she feels as though her education is a real challenge. Orefice entered Cal Poly as a liberal arts major and said she is enjoying school more now.

Orefice’s future plans are simply to graduate and then go into teaching. For current plans, she is simply hoping for a successful senior year.

"I see Angela having a great senior year and really helping the team along," Crawford said.

Orefice has set high goals for herself, and there seem to be no obstacles standing in her way. "Angela has the potential to go as far as she wants in her running career," Shaw said.

Ohio State hungry for Penn State

Fifth-ranked Ohio State wants to settle a score Saturday at No. 12 Penn State. The score the Buckeyes have in mind is 63-14.

That was their losing margin last year at Happy Valley — Ohio State’s worst defeat in 48 years.

It’s a game the Buckeyes haven’t forgotten. At their indoor practice field this week, the score is posted on a bulletin board.

“They’ll come here ready to play and try to give us a dose of what happened last year,” Penn State coach Joe Paterno said.

Last year, Penn State beat Ohio State and went on to complete a perfect season. The roles could be reversed this year.

The Buckeyes are 4-0 after last week’s emotional win over Notre Dame, and appear to have enough talent to make a run at their first national championship since 1968.

Quarterback Bobby Hoying is the Big Ten’s top passer, tailback Eddie George is No. 2 in rushing, and receiver Terry Glenn leads the league in scoring.

Penn State (3-1) is coming off a 17-9 lose to Wisconsin that ended the Nittany Lions’ 20-game winning streak. Although they’re playing at home Saturday, the Lions are a 1-point underdog.
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World Series Predictions

I'm going out on a limb with my World Series prediction. Here, I'm calling the Idaho Mariners vs. the Cincinnati Reds. Cleveland's on top themselves and everyone's already seen 'Major Leagues.' And Atlanta is not going to get it done with those pitchers in the rotation. Oh yeah, and all you Dodger fans, enjoy your last three games of the season.

Jerrry Rice = Cal Ripken

Here's a guy who deserves some Cal Ripken-like attention.

Jerrry Rice of the 49ers has never missed a game in his life — not even in high school, college or pro football. Pretty impressive if you consider the abuse receivers take in the NFL.

In the News

Ripken's Back! Hockey's Back! You've got to love a sport that makes football look timid...

And of course, something to make you smile today...Nowaday's back and ready to do some more Naked Gun!

Other Predictions

#3 Ohio State #12 Penn State

In what could be the best game of the weekend, look for Penn State to bounce back and upset Ohio State at home, 23-14.

Cincinnati # Tampa Bay

Look for quarterback Jeff Blake, the APC's leading passer, to go nuts on Tampa, 33-12.

Pedro's pick of the week: Green Bay #1 Dallas

A stunner. Dallas will fall for their second game in a row at home to Troy Aikman, 34-24.

NATIONAL: Pedrotti predicts the Mariners and Reds in Series

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TODAY'S GAMES

• There are no games scheduled today.

TOMORROW'S GAMES

• Women's soccer vs. Gonzaga University @ Gonzaga, 4 p.m.
• Volleyball vs. CSU Northridge @ Northridge, 7 p.m.
• Men's soccer vs. Bay Area Football Club @ Mustang Stadium, 7 p.m.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

The men's soccer game against Merlo College Friday night has been canceled. Instead, the Mustangs will host the Bay Area Football Club. This is a non-NCAA exhibition and does not count towards the Mustangs' standings (6-2-1).

POLY BRIEFS

ISAA Women's Meet 10/18

1. U. North Carolina 10-0-0
2. Notre Dame 9-0-0
3. Portland 9-0-1
4. Hartford 8-0-0
5. SMU 10-0-0
6. Virginia 9-0-2
7. Santa Clara 7-2-1
8. Manhattan 9-0-0
9. U Conn 9-1-1
10. Stanford 8-1-0
11. North Carolina St. 8-1-0
12. William and Mary 6-2-0
13. U Mass 6-2-0
14. Duke 6-4-0
15. Texas A&M 5-3-0
16. Wyoming 5-3-0
17. Clemson 7-3-0
18. Oregon St. 8-2-0
19. Rutgers 8-2-0
20. Vanderbilt 6-4-0
21. Minnesota 9-0-0
22. UC Irvine 7-0-0
23. Harvard 6-1-1
24. Michigan St. 6-3-0
25. UNC-Greensboro 8-2-0

SPORTS

by Anthony Pedrotti

National Scene

Coors Field

The Colorado Rockies clinched a wild card berth last weekend and became the quickest expansion team to make the playoffs, but aren't any of you a little sketchy about that field they've played half of their games on? Players just need to lay the pipe on the ball and it's over the fence at Coors Field. Scientists have said the ball travels an extra 11 feet because of the altitude, but the fences are at the same height as everywhere else. A telling statistic... 120 of the Rockies 146 home runs came at their home field...

College Football

I love college football, but here's what a sport that badly needs some kind of national championship game. I mean, we snore through games like Florida vs. Tennessee and Humboldt State that end up 7-0, but regardless of the criterion, these powerhouse programs have to do it. With at least three or four teams ending up undefeated, the decision then goes to the sportswriters to decide who's the best in the nation by how hard their schedules were and how badly they beat up on small schools. Imagine the excitement...

Young team plays big on road

By Mike Singleton

Cal Poly started its road trip with back-to-back wins,
just blasted them," head coach Craig Cummins said. "We had the upper hand for most of the game, but they didn't fold." The Gaels would prove more difficult to tame, as the match went five games. Cal Poly started well, winning the first game 15-12 and take the match. "It wasn't a match that we couldn't get the sideliner when we needed it," Chernis said of game five. "We weren't able to get that last, crucial point. "The Mustangs are very disciplined in what they do," he said. "They don't do any fancy stuff, but they do what they do very well." Cummins said he was proud of his young volleyball team, and said that winning back-to-back games on the road was "dutch." "We had to work pretty hard to win those two games," Cummins said. "We had to work pretty hard to win those two games," Cummins

The Mustangs have great balance," said Cal Poly head coach Jim Chernis. "They were playing solid volleyball." Cal Poly dominated game four, taking the win 15-9. The Gaels made things interesting in game five, staying with the Mustangs until Cal Poly pulled ahead 16-15 to take the game and the match. "We were in a rotation that..." For many Cal Poly students, when alarms sound their annoying beeping noise, silence prevails by simply hitting the snooze button. The typical student then drifts back to sleep for as long as possible before dragging themselves out of bed and off to class. But this is not typical for physical education senior Angela Orefice.

After arriving at school before the dew has time to dry off the grass, Orefice has already begun her morning workout on the track. She then attends her first class at 8 a.m., and continues through until 5 p.m. Once school is over, she heads back to the track for a 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. workout. Eventually, at 6 p.m., she ends up back at her Arroyo Grande home where she studies and attempts to be back in bed by 11 p.m.

Orefice is the top cross country runner at Cal Poly and cannot remember a time when she was not running. "I started running in the fourth grade and I haven't had any major injuries to take me away from the sport," Orefice said. "Her dedication and commitment to running has restricted the amount of time she has to explore other interests."

"I just love running; however, I also enjoy playing the piano when time permits. But mostly, I just enjoy being outside," Orefice said.

While attending Arroyo Grande High School, she participated in both track and cross country, Orefice said. "Angela has always had an All-American will and now, over time, she has developed an All-American mind." See OREIFE page 10

by Allen Levitt

Daily Staff Writer

SPORTS WORKSHOP

Angela Orefice loves to run. Her dedication to cross country makes her the best female runner at Cal Poly. And one of the best in California.

by Mike Singleton

Daily Staff Writer

After two nights in the Bay Area, the Cal Poly volleyball team returned to San Luis Obispo with two wins which improved its record to 7-0. The Mustangs defeated the University of San Francisco Dons on Wednesday and Monday night, 3-1. The St. Mary's Gaels made things interesting in game four, going five. "We weren't able to get that last, crucial point. "The Mustangs are very disciplined in what they do," he said. "They don't do any fancy stuff, but they do what they do very well." Cummins said he was proud of his young volleyball team, and said that winning back-to-back games on the road was "dutch." "We had to work pretty hard to win those two games," Cummins said. "We had to work pretty hard to win those two games," Cummins

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