Professor's dramatic stand saves oak trees

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By Steve Ender
Daily Staff Writer

Tiananmen Square, China 1989: A student protester steps in front of a moving tank and captures the world's attention as he speaks out against a repressive government. The protest, though insignificant at the time, serves as a catalyst for change.

Steiner Canyon, 1996: A Cal Poly English professor and environmentalist is facing similar stakes. Construction crews were prepared to demolish the hotly contested grove in Steiner Canyon, a 300-year-old oak grove. The professor's dramatic stand is saving not only the trees, but also an important environmental message.

Democracy did not prevail in China, but Marx scaled a victory last Thursday. He won his battle against the pipeline workers.

According to the Telegram-Tribune, the professor stood between a bulldozer and the planned path. Marx escaped unscathed, after exchanging a few unpleasantities with the workers.

Marx said he is not satisfied with the new proposal because he is skeptical of the contractor's ability to use trenching and boring techniques to take the pipeline under the trees, instead of simply going around the grove.

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Dole wins California as SLO polls report low-student turnout

By Mark Armstrong
Daily Staff Writer

It didn't seem like it would have that much of an impact, said Okubo. 'Dole had it pretty much won by the time I was only like the 90th voter.'

Galbraith spread his name among Cal Poly students Monday with a last-minute campaign trip through the University Union.

Galbraith, a Poly alum, has campaigned to the area surrounding Cal Poly, and Galbraith, a Poly alum, has campaigned much more than other candidates in recent years.

Okubo admitted that he voted for Blakely mostly because he recognized the name.

In the race for the Third District, freshman Sue Loo Okubo held a small lead over businessman Mike Ryan early in the election, but the two will face-off again in a November runoff.

Meanwhile, a Cal Poly student received mention on the Vivarin home page. The student did receive mention on the Vivarin homepage, designed by Cal Poly students.

Poly students shine in web-site design contest

By Michelle Castro
Daily Staff Writer

Vivarin home page. We're very proud of (Geahry),

Dole bears a few things to say to those people who insist on knowing peoples' cultural background.

Heads up home page designers - three of your Cal Poly peers recently competed in a home-page design contest and placed in the top 35.

More than 600 entries were received in the Vivarin 'There's No Place Like Home Page Con-
test,' according to the Vivarin web site.

The contest was described as the first World Wide Web (WWW) competition for university-based developers and content providers.

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Various plans exist on how the pipeline is going to affect the area surrounding Cal Poly, and Galbraith, a Poly alum, has campaigned much more than other candidates in recent years.

Although a Cal Poly student didn't win the grand prize - a $10,000 scholarship - each student did receive mention on the Vivarin home page.

The scholarship award went to late March. 'I would be surprised if we end up with 20 percent,' said Galbraith.

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Liberal studies senior Matthew Elsberd placed 10th, computer science sophomore Greg Taylor placed 25th, and the speech communication depart-
Tour today and get $96.00 off the 96/97 lease price! See you there!
Governors, business leaders raise standards on students

By Deb Riedmunn

PALSDES, N.Y. — As President Clinton complained about giving students "few passes" to the next grade, the nation's governors ended a two-day education summit Wednesday with a pledge to set tough academic standards in their states.

Clinton said students, teachers and schools need to be more accountable, and the governors promised to set up, within the next two years, tests that will assess whether students are meeting higher standards in their states.

After late-night partisan bickering, the governors issued a six-page policy statement aimed at rekindling the academic standards movement in the states — a grass-roots campaign, not one coming from Washington.

"The choice is clear," said Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, chairman of the National Governors Association, who led the summit with IBM Corp. Chairman Louis Gerstner. "By setting standards for our schools, our students will graduate with the skills they need to succeed.

"They will know how to write, how to read and how to compute, as well as how to comprehend. They will be able to command good jobs, good wages."

At the summit, 49 business leaders agreed to look at the high school transcripts of prospective hires, push parents to get involved in schools and play an active role in getting technology in the classroom.

They also agreed to make a state's academic standards and student performance a high priority in deciding where to build or expand operations.

Efforts to reach a consensus nearly collapsed early Wednesday. Some conservative Republican governors, including Virginia's George Allen, threatened not to sign the policy statement because they thought it did not adequately acknowledge state control over education.

"There were a few governors who stomped around," Thompson said. "I even lost my temper."

In his keynote address, Clinton expressed no support for his state's annual progress in setting standards. To review academic progress, the group agreed to explore the use of an international assessment.

Details about this entity that "has room for improvement" or "is crowded" can be outlined within 90 days, likely under the close scrutiny of Republican governors.

"I don't want this to turn into a quasi-governmental authority — not something that usurps the rights of the people or the states in charting the course of their own schools," Allen said.

"I don't want it to be some super school board that says if you want to put standards in, you have to go through us."

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For this female of the species...

Editor,

Although I am a woman, and therefore, according to Eric Carino, smarter and more motivated than my male peers (or at least Carino himself), I am puzzled as to why Carino is so concerned about female ability. However, if I know I could figure this out if a few more women were helping me. Could Carino be so confused about female anatomy that he thinks women have ovaries or uteruses in their heads, thereby leaving little room for a brain?

Or is he such an essentialist, such a chauvinist, that he thinks inability means something to do with intelligence and motivation?

More than my ignorance, I am offended by Carino’s stereotyping of women as “pissed off” and men as “slackers.” How arrogantly he speaks for both genders. How absolutely unwarrented and unhittable his feeble attempts at logic are. How pathetically he tries to pit men and women against each other.

Since I am a woman, and therefore smarter and more motivated than Carino can even imagine, I am sure that intelligent people (of all genders) will see through his arguments. With his narrow viewpoint, I am sure that intelligent people (of all genders) will see through his arguments.

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Olivie M. Wei
Landscape architecture sophomore

Cal Poly, the money vacuum

Editor,

When will Cal Poly stop charging us, for every little thing? I am running out of hearing all this talk about fee increases. I’ve been hearing lately that there is talk of a major fee increase. I’ve been hearing lately that there is talk of a major fee increase.

I tried to continue working and ignore him, but he persisted. Again he asked, “Then what are ya?” I told him that I am Mexican. It turned out that they had a bet on something that I am Mexican. It turned out that they had a bet on something.

For instance, I had some customers who would come in, say, “I’m Swedish — can’t you tell?” I was looked up and down and sniffed, sniffed. I was looked up and down and sniffed, sniffed.

Sure, it was frustrating to listen to his ignorant, racist comments. However it was not simply because he was insulting my race, it was something else. Maybe his neighbor’s yard was a mess and needed to be cleaned, but I didn’t understand how he correlated this with their ethnicity.

What did their race have to do with it? It’s like saying that all Asians are naturally intelligent, or that all blacks have rhythm and that whites don’t. There are all just stereotypes.

I understand that there are some who will find it easier to relate to what I am saying than others. This isn’t because of skin color, but because of personal experiences that some may have had. My family, who happens to be white, tells me he has never been asked about his ancestry by strangers, or told that he doesn’t look a certain way. But we have been told by one idiot that inter-racial couples have polka-dot babies. (Now what exactly does a polka-dot baby look like?) Through my experiences, I have learned just how racist people can be.

I was hesitant to write this commentary and pondered doing so for the last two quarters. Race is always a delicate issue to address. The reason I’m sharing some of my personal experiences is that I hope that educate people, who have not had the misfortune of experiencing racism first hand, of just how cruel it can be. So if you think that it can’t be all that bad, and that people must be exaggerating or are being overly sensitive — think again. And if you find yourself compelled to inquire about someone’s race, please exercise some diplomacy.

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Rita Jerome
Business freshman

Budgets and bulges

Editor,

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For instance, I had some customers who would come in, say, “I’m Swedish — can’t you tell?”

One man told me I was “too pretty to be Mexican.”

In some perverted way, he thought this was a compliment! He actually thought that by insulting my people and then disassociating me from them would somehow please me.

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PRIMARIES: ‘No’ votes for all the ‘Terrible 200s’

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Owitt’s pay by 17.7 percent.

Cumbler, 90 percent of the votes as of Wednesday morning.

In the race for Superior Court Judge, Municipal Court Judge Teresa Mullany hold a slight lead over District Attorney Barry LaFerber, and the two will have to meet one more time in November for another decision.

San Luis Obispo County’s Measure B looked to be overwhelmingly approved. The measure will cut county supervisor’s pay by 17.7 percent.

Proposition results in Tuesday’s election were:

• Proposition 192 (Yes) authorizes $2.7 billion to earthquake-proof the state Fish and Game Commission to develop a plan to manage mountain lions.

• Proposition 194 (Yes) keeps prisoners who work in prison from receiving unemployment benefits.

• Proposition 195 (Yes) stiffens penalties for first-degree murderers committed during a carjack- ing or during a carjacking kidnap-

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• Proposition 197 (No) requires the state Fish and Game Commission to meet one more time in November for another decision.

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Reservation gambling ruling blow to Native Americans

By Richard Cornic
Associted Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a major victory for states' rights, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that Congress cannot force states to federal court to settle disputes over gambling on Indian reservations.

The 5-4 decision, reached over vigorous dissent, has immediate impact for about half the states, where Indian gambling is a $6 billion-a-year industry. More importantly, the court signaled a fundamental shift in the balance of powers between states and the federal government.

But just how that new alignment affects other aspects of American law may not be fully known for decades.

The court said Congress cannot attempt to resolve stalled negotiations between states and tribes over reservation gambling by making states and their officials targets of federal lawsuits.

“One dissenting justice called the ruling "shocking" and "profoundly misguided," but the court's majority said he was exaggerating.

The decision "represents a clear restructing of the balance of power between states and the federal government," said Bruce Bowen, the law professor who represented Florida's Seminole Indian tribe in the case.

The nation's Indian tribes were the nominal losers, but their setback could be slight. Federal law still allows them to seek help from the secretary of the interior when state officials balk at tribal plans for gambling operations.

"The big picture is: States win, Congress loses and the tribes are still holding their cards," Bowen said.

Still, Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles called the ruling "a significant victory for the people of Florida."

"Casino gambling — whether it be in our communities or on an Indian reservation — is a bad bet for our people," he said. This ruling strengthens our hand in the effort to defend our communities from casino gambling."

Chiles acknowledged that the secretary of the interior now will be the sole federal arbiter of disputes between states and Indian tribes over gambling. But a tribe also might opt for suing in a state court if frustrated with state officials' reaction to its gambling plans.

"Wednesday's ruling was extraordinary in two ways. First, it ended for Congress nearly 160 years of virtual free rein in making laws affecting American Indians. Congress still has great power in that field, the court said, but cannot subject states to federal lawsuits.

Second, the decision breathed new life into the Constitution's 11th Amendment, which protects states from being sued in federal courts against their will.

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Writing in dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens used words like "shocking" and "profoundly misguided" to describe what the court had done.

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Greenspan sails through third term confirmation hearings before Senate

By Marcia Bartusiak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Alan Greenspan breezed through his confirmation hearing for a third term as Federal Reserve chairman, with senators raising few questions about his record or his views on interest rates.

Greenspan and two other nominees, White House budget director Alice Rivlin and St. Louis economist Laurence Meyer, were praised extensively by Republicans and Democrats for their qualifications to be on the Fed board.

After the hearing, Banking Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato, who called Greenspan the "world's preeminent central banker," said his panel would vote on the nominations Wednesday. He predicted the full Senate would act this week.

Greenspan, 70, was first selected as Fed chairman by Ronald Reagan in 1987, reappointed by George Bush in 1990 and then by President Clinton last month.

While the hearing was under way, the Fed announced that central bank policymakers had decided to leave interest rates unchanged after cutting them at their previous two meetings in December and January.

Financial markets took the news in stride with the Dow Jones industrial average finishing the day up 26.74 points at 5,670.60.

The Fed had been widely expected to stand pat after a March 8 report showed the unemployment rate dropping to 5.5 per cent from 5.6 percent the previous month.

Analysts said the Fed's decision to leave interest rates unchanged and the optimistic comments by Greenspan, Rivlin and Meyer on Wednesday signaling a prolonged period when the Fed board will keep rates unchanged.

"The economy seems at this stage to be running at a reasonably good clip," Greenspan told the committee. This time last month, he had warned about a "slip-up" start to the year.

"In general, Greenspan gave a remarkably upbeat assessment of economic prospects," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. Jones said the Fed may be content to leave rates alone until after the November election.

After Republicans took control of the Senate in 1994, Clinton never seriously considered anyone other than the Republican Greenspan for the chairman's post. As part of a package of proposals, the president offered two prominent Democratic economists to fill two other vacancies on the seven-member board, including Rivlin as vice chairman.

However, all three nominees were confirmed from the same economics textbook Tuesday.

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Imagine bringing to life your favorite story from childhood — creating your own Narnia, designing your own chocolate factory, or picking out the perfect Bilbo Baggins.

That is exactly what Mary Murie is doing; her inspiration is "The Secret Garden" and her canvas is the stage. Murie is directing Pacific Light Opera Theatre's (PLOT) version of the Tony-award-winning Broadway musical, but to her it's more than just another job.

"It's been my favorite story since childhood," she said. "This may sound morbid, but there's some things you have to do before you die, and I wanted to direct this show."

Murie is taking special joy in overseeing the show, which is based on the book of the same name. Written by Frances Hodgson Burnett, "The Secret Garden" is an enduring story of love, tragedy and redemption set in both India and England of the Victorian Era.
Cyberjunkies, click on this: http://www.theeastvillage.com. Duncan needs a green card. Maria has amnesia after getting hit by a bicycle messenger, and she forgot that she's in love with Eve's brother, Owen. Eve is sleeping with her best friend, Mick. And Norm was abducted by aliens while at a men's retreat. At a school reunion, Eve's friends and together they reflect on and question their lives and loves. Portman. Rowe O'Donnell portrays a quick-tempered, love-know-it-all, who claims the only problem with relationships is the same old story: "man can't commit." But don't fret, this is not your typical romantic comedy, as the dialogue is believable and the characters are dysfunctional enough to be real. Both sides of relationships are equally represented by the all-star cast and judging by the laughs in the theater, both men and women can enjoy the humor. All of the cast members worked well together to create a funny movie with heart, including fighting, laughs, tears and triumph.

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'The East Village' brings soap opera appeal to cyberspace

By Michelle Castlin
July 15 1996

‘Girls' all-star cast looks at love lives

By Reeni Sklar
July 15 1996

Are you feeling like you will never find the perfect love? Well, you can commiserate with the movie "Beautiful Girls," a thoughtful comedy about reevaluating relationships. It stars Timothy Hutton, Matt Dillon, Rosie O'Donnell, Uma Thurman, Lauren Holly and Natalie Portman.

All eyes in the Palm Theater were on Hutton, who gives a charming performance as Will, a man coming back to his small hometown for his 10-year high school reunion. He meets up with all of his old friends and together they reflect on and question their lives and loves. Dillon convincingly plays Steve, Hutton's friend who is mentally stuck in his senior year of high school.

As the snow falls in the Little New England town, the men look for the ideal woman. After several learning experiences, they realize that they should look right to the women they previously ignored.

Thurman breezes in as Dana, a woman who teaches the men to let go of their quest for models and provides them with some insight into a woman's thoughts.

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Singer Soraya blends culture of Columbia in latest album

By Carl Ferranti
Daily Staff Writer

Hushed, impassioned vocals that articulate bitter-sweet, romantic confessions are the sound heard on singer-songwriter Soraya's latest album titled, "On Nights Like This." In a Billboard press release, the title of the album refers to coming to grips with the death of her mother, the breathtaking textures of "On Nights Like This" were her chance to not only explore her musical roots, but express her musicality in a highly personal manner that fits their emotional openness.

"Soraya has a distinctive voice," El-Baz said, "but is often compared to Joan Osborne and Joni Mitchell." According to an Island Record press release, the title of the album was her chance to not only explore her musical roots, but express her musicality in a highly personal manner that fits their emotional openness.

"I don't want to just explore my songs in English are shocked to learn that there's a Spanish album also, and vice versa." The final track of "On Nights Like This" allows for a glimpse into Soraya's "other" side in a track titled, "Pueblito Viejo." Soraya presents her songs in a manner that fits their emotional openness.

This is the story of Oscar Wilde's play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," which is being performed at The Great American Melodrama (TGAM) until April 27. The play, which was first performed on the English stage 100 years ago, is a hilarious love story and is not as hard to follow as it sounds. TGAM is the perfect setting for the production. Its actors and actresses only make the comedy more enjoyable.

Philip Jones, who played the Rev. Canon Chasuble, picked up where Hepner left off. Jones, a veteran actor who has appeared in movies such as "The Birds" and "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," played a man of the cloth who was smitten with Miss Fairfax (Allison Suddarth). Their onstage demeanor was well-matched. Soraya's stories are autobiographical. "I don't want to just explore what happened in my life. I was an English major in college so I know the value of a good story," Soraya said.

"I found that writing about personal things keeps me half sane." However, one should not get the impression that her music is simply a cheap form of therapy; rather than hide from the truth, Soraya quickly attracted the attention of Island Records because of her natural ability to convey her passion of music in both English and Spanish.

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Soraya quickly attracted the attention of Island Records because of her natural ability to convey her passion of music in both English and Spanish. In a Billboard press release, Soraya responded in an interview with Billboard magazine by saying, "When I first started writing songs I was trying to reach deep inside myself, but I've found that writing about personal things keeps me half sane." Melodrama brings Wilde's story to a hilarious reality.
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GARDEN: The plot follows a young orphan's life

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In the center of the story is Mary Lennox. She is the spoiled daughter of wealthy parents, but her world soon turns upside down as her parents are killed by cholera while the family is living in India. She is sent to live with her Uncle Archie in England: a widowed, bitter man who lives with his ailing son Colin in a huge, though lonely house.

Her new life could not be more different, or less cheerful, for the young girl. The one bright spot she finds is an abandoned garden, locked since her aunt died while giving birth to Colin. The garden is the key to changing her life, and the lives, of all those around her.

It is a difficult story to bring to the stage, but Murie was up to the challenge, along with music director Stephen Tush and choreographer/sets designer Jason Sumabat. Murie recently directed PLOT's "Annie" and San Luis Obispo station's "Sharks Patrol These Waters." They seem to storyboard the style of the album, and are more like experimental, fun songs for the band. But the rest of the CD makes up for the last songs, which stray from Morphine's deep sound and hypnotic style.

Thursday, March 28
- Roosie Rocks rocks SLO Brew at 9:30. No cover.
- Monty Mills plays at McLintocks Saloon at 10. No cover.
- Opossum rocks Oos Street Subs at 9. No cover.
- Testifiers plays blues and ggae at SLO Brew at 9:30. No cover.
- Frogs and Peach at 9. No cover.
- Trio Vanguard plays at Frog and Peach at 9. No cover.
- The "Brushstrokes '96" exhibit opens Mar. 17 through April 19 and features art in oils, acrylics and pastels which will be juried by Ted Goersche at the SLO Art Center at Mission Plaza. A reception will be held on Mar. 17 at 5 p.m.
- Cal Poly Choral will perform the Home Concert featuring works by Bach, Beethoven and Debussy on Mar. 30 at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of SLO. Tickets are $7.50 and available through the box office at 756-1421.
- The Brazilian jazz group Vivaldo will perform at The Barn in Moonstone Garden on Mar. 31 at 4:30 and 7:15 p.m. Tickets range from $12 to $20 at 927-0567.

Morphine is a select, musical pain-killer

By Rebecca Nordquist

It may sound like an anesthetic or a sedative, but Morphine is the music business' best kept secret.

You won't hear its music on the radio too often — in fact, the only San Luis Obispo station I've heard them on is KCFR — but when you do, it's a treat.

So far, this Boston-based band has released three exceptional CDs: "Good," "Cure For Pain" and "Yes.

Its third and latest CD, "No," gives its listeners an album full of 12 beautifully-composed songs. Without the use of any guitars, Morphine uses the combination of a two-string slide bass, a triper, a tenor sax, a baritone and the drums to create its one-of-a-kind blues, low-rock sound.

The album's strong point lies with the band's ability to use its deep sound of the two-string slide bass, then Billy Conway on the drums and Dana Colley on the saxophone join in.

Sandman's voice and lyrics bring the song together, making it one of the album's best. The words exemplify the music. "I finally see things all your way," then the music takes over again, leading the listener through the song. "Whisper" also begins with the bass sound which sings throughout the entire song. This song could easily get away with not having lyrics because of the incredible sounds of each of its instruments.

Many of the songs could stand alone without lyrics because of the beauty and orchestration of the music. Morphine composes and performs music that moves the soul.

However, I still haven't been able to warm up to three of the songs at the end: "The Jury," "True Love" and "Sharks Patrol These Waters." They seem to stray from the style of the album, and are more like experimental, fun songs for the band. But the rest of the CD makes up for the last songs, which stray from Morphine's deep sound and hypnotic style.
New technology allows images to be viewed like a video on the Internet

By Evan Ramstad

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Ailing Apple Computer Inc. expects to lose $700 million in the current quarter and will cut 1,300 of its 14,500 employees.

The coolness of the PC market. "They're taking the opportunity to write off everything they can possibly write off. ... They're doing the right thing for the company," Amelio said.

"The inventory write-downs and restructuring charges are critical first steps in orchestrating the comeback of the company," Amelio said.

Apple, based in Cupertino, Calif., has been struggling with persistent problems that have sent its profits, stock price and market share tumbling.

The company has higher development costs than its competition because it uniquely designs everything, from hardware and software.

"We obviously need to make the networks bigger but we can also make them more efficient and that is happening," McNees said.

"We're taking the big hit now — both the inventory write-down and restructuring charges, along with $700 million of negative cash flow. That is more costly, but will improve the data at those companies," McNealy said.

"Apple, which lost $69 million in the third quarter of last year, is expecting to lose $700 million in the current quarter. But the delivery, or downloading, of large video files is more complex than that," McNealy said.

"It's a great breakthrough, but it's not easy," he said.

"They're expecting a loss for the March quarter, but the company has a plan," McNealy said.

"The problem to solve was making such large files easy to e-mail. ... They're doing the right thing," McNealy said.
By Jennifer Bowles

Los Angeles — The last time Jeanne Hamilton saw Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt was in 1972, when she and other jurors convicted the former Black Panther of murdering a schoolteacher.

Hamilton now believes they sent an innocent man to prison.

Pratt, 48, and his lawyers plan to return to court Thursday to seek a new trial. Hamilton wants to be there.

"I'm scared to death, and I want to look at him and tell him I'm sorry," said Hamilton, a schoolteacher.

Pratt contended he was in Oakland, 400 miles away, the night Carolyn Olsen, 27, was shot to death in 1968 during a robbery on a Santa Monica tennis court. Her husband, Kenneth Olsen, was wounded. Pratt is in a Northern California prison and has served 24 years of a life sentence.

Pratt's case has become a cause celebre, prompting protests and drawing support from Amnesty International, the American Civil Liberties Union and members of Congress.

Defense attorneys say prosecutors withheld key evidence as part of an FBI frame-up.

"I didn't know I was up against the entire government," said Johnnie Cochran Jr., who as a young lawyer years before the O.J. Simpson case represented Pratt.

Cochran has failed four times to get a new trial. This time, he says he has more evidence and six witnesses who will verify Pratt's whereabouts. The defense claims he knew who committed the crime, although both men are now dead.

The defense this time also has the help of crusading Senate minority leader Jim McCloskey, whose Princeton, N.J.-based Centurion Ministries specializes in exonerating wrongly convicted.

It was largely due to McCloskey's report on the Pratt case that led District Attorney Gil Garcetti to agree to review the case in 1993. Frustrated at no response, Cochran and co-counsel Stuart Hanlon filed a request to overturn the conviction, and a judge set a deadline for the district attorney to reply this week.

Prosecutors, however, have asked Superior Court Judge Michael Cowell for a three-month extension to gather FBI documents.

At Thursday's hearing, the two sides are expected to take up the request.

FBI spokeswoman Kiara Andrich refused to comment on allegations of an FBI frame-up of Pratt. And Deputy District Attorney Brentford J. Ferreira, who is reviewing the case, would not say whether he believes he had a fair trial.

While there's disagreement on the fairness of Pratt's trial, there's no dispute the case is deeply rooted in the political turbulence of the late 1960s.

In 1968, Pratt, a decorated Vietnam veteran, was attending University of California at Los Angeles when he joined the Black Panthers. He was quickly promoted in the party hierarchy after two leaders were killed by a rival organization. That promotion, according to McCloskey, led to a rivalry with fellow member Julius Butler.

It was Butler a few years later who became the prosecution's key witness against Pratt.

The Black Panthers, clad in their black berets and leather jackets, openly armed themselves and engaged in shootouts with police, leading FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to call the group the most dangerous threat to national security.

Pratt himself became a target of the FBI's COINTELPRO, aimed at undermining radicals, retired FBI agent M. Wesley Swarrington said in his 1995 book "An Agent's Expose." And, according to FBI memos, Butler was an FBI informant long before he accused Pratt of the murder, McCloskey said.

"It makes sense: The FBI wanted to get rid of Pratt, and Butler disowned him. So they hooked up to pin this unsolved crime on him," McCloskey said.

Butler, now a retired lawyer, is chairman of the First African Methodist Episcopal church in South Central Los Angeles, one of the city's most influential black congregations. He did not return calls for comment.

Jurors and defense attorneys believe they were not told of any FBI involvement in the case during the trial, and FBI wiretap records that proved Pratt was in Oakland at the time of the murder could strengthen that argument, observers say.

Pratt's case was further damaged because none of the Black Panthers came forward as witnesses.

Huey Newton, who co-founded the Panthers, had ordered members not to help Pratt because of a split within the party. Between Newton and Eldridge Cleaver, by the time Pratt came to trial, he had been expelled from the Black Panthers for siding with Cleaver.

Since Newton's death in 1989, as seen in PANTHER page 10.
Free-thinking Roman Catholics may be excommunicated in May

By Jeff Zephyr
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — When Joan Johnson was a parochial school, the nuns taught her to pray and obey. But they also encouraged her to think independently.

Because of that, Mrs. Johnson says, she faces excommunication from the Roman Catholic Church.

Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz of the Lincoln Diocese has threatened to excommunicate parishioners who belong to 12 groups, including Planned Parenthood, Call to Action and Catholics for a Free Choice. In a warning in the diocesan newspaper, he told Catholics to sever ties with the groups by May 15 or consider themselves excommunicated.

Mrs. Johnson doubts that she will quit Call to Action Nebraska, which wants the church to lift a ban on birth control, and married men to become priests — issues that Pope John Paul II excommunicated.

"My conscience tells me I have to go on with this," said Mrs. Johnson, a 55-year-old nurse who attended Mass more than once a week. "God's going to ask me at the end of my life, 'Did you do what you thought was right?' I feel this is right."

Other groups on the bishop's list include the Hemlock Society, which campaigns for legalizing assisted suicide, and secret Masonic organizations such as Rainbow Girls, whose teenage members volunteer in hospitals, perform community service and read Scripture at their meetings. The Vietnamese have plans to restore the Masons' secret beliefs and oaths to be incompatible with the Catholic faith.

Catholic scholars said Bruskewitz is the only bishop in modern times to threaten such a blanket excommunication. Most excommunications are done privately and do not address large groups of people.

"Under excommunication, Catholics may attend Mass but are forbidden to receive Holy Communion or other sacraments, except marriage in the church."

The bishop does not plan to issue formal notice of excommunication to individuals, and he admitted he has no way of knowing if someone who is excommunicated is heading to the altar.

"It rests on the conscience of the person," Bruskewitz said. "There are about 85,000 members. Scholars say it is one of the two most conservative dioceses in the country; it does not allow girls to serve at the altar."

The bishop has the power to issue a blanket excommunication, said the Rev. Thomas Green, a canon law professor at Catholic University in Washington. "Whether he should do it is another question," Green said. "It does seem to be a little bit strange."

McBrien said members of the Lincoln diocese should ignore the warning.

"This edict is so irresponsible that no one is bound by it," he said. "If a sufficient number of priests in the Lincoln diocese try to actually enforce it, there will be public scenes in churches. Things will begin to snowball."

The bishop has given no specific order to priests on how to carry out or enforce the excommunication. Two priests in the diocese would not give their opinion of the bishop's edict, saying they felt uncomfortable discussing it.

Mrs. Johnson plans to continue attending Mass even if she is excommunicated but has not decided whether she will receive Holy Communion.

"It breaks my heart that it comes to this," she said.

McBrien doubled the warning and said bishops across the U.S. may follow suit. The organization, which has 24 chapters in 15 states, recently formed a Nebraska chapter.

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Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said the Senate had already given Clinton many of the increases he requested and warned, "I believe it is time to tell the president, Enough is enough, and if you want to be a big spender, Mr. President, we're not going to help you.

Though no final decisions had been made, some lawmakers and aides said if no final agreement had been reached by Thursday night, Congress would send Clinton a measure keeping agencies open through April 20. If so, that would be the 12th short-term bill enacted since fiscal 1996 began on Oct. 1 — and it would let Congress commence a two-week Easter break this weekend and give them a week of bargaining when they return.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., accused Republicans of intransigence in insisting that the bills retain language allowing increased logging on federal lands, easier development of wetlands and California's Mojave Desert.

"So as long as that continues, the prospects for any resolution seem to be very dim," he said.

Besides eliminating the environmental language, the White House has been seeking an additional $8 billion for education, high technology and other Clinton priorities, much of it to keep spending at 1995 levels.

The Senate has restored nearly half of that amount, but the administration is insisting on $1.6 billion more for Head Start, veterans medical care and other programs. The two sides have focused recently on how much of that money to restore, and which offsetting savings would be used to pay for it.

Though this is unusually late for Congress to still be struggling over annual spending bills, it is not the latest ever, according to Democratic staff of the House Budget Committee.

Since fiscal years were given an Oct. 1 starting date in 1977, one or more of the 13 annual measures were unfinished on March 31 or later four times: 1977, 1981, 1982 and 1992. In 1991, final action on five of them occurred on June 9.

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six Panthers, including former chairman Bobby Seale, have given sworn statements saying Pratt was with them in Oakland.

Jurors also were never told that Olsen's husband, who has since died, identified another man as the killer before fingering Pratt two years later.

That particularly angers Hamilton because it was one of her strongest reasons to convict: "It was hard to doubt the husband of the victim."

She and two other jurors have signed affidavits saying that if they had known about Butler being an FBI informant and Olsen making a prior identification, they would have never voted guilty, the defense says.

"We were victims. We were pawns of the government. We were set up," Hamilton said. "It's so difficult to put into words. It's such an injustice."

"In my heart of hearts, I think he's innocent. There's no question in my mind," she said.

Pratt has been denied parole 16 times. It will be four years before he comes up for review again.

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The suit by Randa and Chauk Kamel is at least the 46th since the University of California, Irvine, closed its prestigious Center for Reproductive Health last June. Former patients allege that its director, Dr. Ricardo H. Asch, or others took patients' eggs or embryos from storage and gave them to other women, some of whom had later had babies. Asch and his two partners have denied any wrongdoing.

The suit filed in Orange County Superior Court on Friday alleges that several eggs are missing from the eight that Mrs. Kamel left during treatment from January to March 1995. Neither Asch nor the school has been able to account for them satisfactorily, said attorney Steven L. Zalbig.

Mrs. Kamel did not get pregnant, and the couple returned to Lebanon.
JORDAN, Mont. — "I want to see blood!" a man in the Hell Creek Bar bellowed. "I've lived with this for two years, and it's running my life. I want it over!"

A companion confided: "He has two brothers in there."

The FBI’s four-day standoff with militant anti-government "freemen" at a farmhouse outside Jordan was as sad and bitter as a family feud. For some in this Chicago-area county of about 1,500, that's exactly what it is.

Residents who had dismissed the freemen as eccentrics or troublemakers straightened up to get out in 1994, when the group refused to pay taxes and bank loans, refused to move off forested property, posted bounties for the "arrest" of police and judges, and seized federal property, threatening to arrest or shoot neighboring ranchers who grazed their sheep and cattle in the land.

Before the FBI arrived, many people thought the ranchers would have to take matters into their own hands.

"We want the FBI here. We worked for months to get them here, and we're darned glad they're here," said rancher R.L. Bliss.

Ranch hand Terry Kastner said: "They're so goddamned brainwashed. I wish they'd go in there and shoot 'em all. It would save the taxpayers a lot of money and time."

The freemen reject almost all government authority. They said their compound, Justus Township, insist they have their own laws and courts and have given themselves titles such as "federal citizens of the peace" and "cons­table."

Neighbors say they are heavily armed.

A dozen freemen face federal charges of collecting millions of dollars in bogus checks and money orders and threatening to kidnap and murder a federal judge.

LeRoy Schweitzer and Daniel Peterson, both arrested Mon­day and jailed.

Schweitzer, Peterson and others also face state charges of criminal syndicalism, or advocating violence for political aims.

The federal indictment was issued last May, and many of the individuals were wanted on state charges up to a year earlier. But authorities had held off making arrests for fear of another bloody confrontation like the 1992 stand­off at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, or the 1979 Waco, Texas, siege.

New York, men and children are holed up at the 900-acre wheat and sheep farm, sur­rounded by ride-taking federal agents scattered across the bleak snow-covered countryside 30 miles northwest of Jordan.

The freemen’s cause has at­tracted right-wing militia mem­bers from outside the area, worying and angering townspople.

So when the FBI finally — and "finally" is the word everyone uses — moved against them, the overwhelming reac­tion here was relief.

"Particularly when we found out they had caught two of the ringleaders," one said. "We're just plain glad, after a lot of years of having to pay the taxpayers a lot of money to keep the government running if budget differen­ces aren't settled by a short-term measure, he told reporters. "We don't want the government to close under any circumstances."

Gingrich’s comments reflected an election-year determination by Republicans to avoid a repeat of the first two partial shut­downs, which shuttered agencies a total of 27 days and for which Republicans reapsted most public blame.

Sharing that viewpoint, House Appropriations Com­mittee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La., prodded his colleagues in a letter of his own, saying, "It’s time to declare victory!" He noted that whatever compromise Congress and the White House reached in the 1998 spending bills will save at least $23 billion from 1996 levels — more than what would have been required under last year’s failed budget-balancing ef­fort.

Livingston said House Republicans seemed ready to ac­cept higher spending for schools and Medicare that the more moderate Senate has approved. Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., said the GOP had raised the provision allowing log­gers to cut the Alaska’s Tongass nation­al forest.

But Democrats remained un­happy, saying Republicans have done little to satisfy the White House. Rep. Sidney Yates, D-Ill., warned that the GOP's letter addressed for "the ash heap" unless it was changed. He wanted a letter addressed to both sides and signed by 34 Democratic senators enough to sustain a veto by Clinton — urging that environmental provisions be dropped.

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