The Thanksgiving weekend gave the nation's retailers a solid start to the holiday season, but stores that expected shoppers to have less interest in bargain-hunting were disappointed.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other discounters had the strongest sales, attracting customers with specials on TVs, DVD players and toys. Department stores and mall-based apparel retailers were discounting less than they did last year, and their business was uneven.

"Sales appear to be better than last year, but the consumer is still value-oriented and is looking for sales," said Walter Loeb, who runs his own New York-based retail consulting firm.

A dozen people were standing in line Sunday morning at a Best Buy in Duluth, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta, waiting for doors to open at 10 a.m. Like many shoppers, Charles and Susan Lynch were willing to spend but hoping to get a good deal.

"I was unemployed this time last year so my economic situation has improved," said Charles Lynch, who was looking for a home theater system.
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National Roundup

SAN JOSE — At least five murders occurred over Thanksgiving weekend in a city renowned not only for its technology industry but also for its low crime rate.

The violence began Friday afternoon, when 44-year-old Jeff Souza and his wife, 44-year-old Beatrice Souza, were found dead in their San Jose home by Beatrice Souza’s son, John Villasenor. Police declined to say how the couple died, but neighbors heard Villasenor, who lived with his mother and stepfather, shouting that his parents had been shot. The Santa Clara County coroner’s report detailing how the victims died is expected to be released Monday.

San Jose Police spokeswoman Gina Tepoorten said they are not looking for any suspects.

SANTA BARBARA — Sheriff’s officials say they found several wireless microphones in a brushy area just outside their headquarters soon after Michael Jackson surrendered to face child molestation allegations.

The microphones could have been left behind accidentally, authorities said, but they consider that unlikely.

“It is being interpreted by the department as an attempt by somebody within the media to garner information that otherwise would not be available,” said Sgt. Chris Pappas.

MIAMI — The 2003 Atlantic hurricane season was busier than usual, with 14 named storms blamed for 62 deaths and the season’s end Sunday, but forecasters say it could have been worse.

Wilson, put the town on the market last July for $1.9 million. To buy the whole place, and a couple of people may be in line ahead of you.

The six-month hurricane season produced seven hurricanes, three of them major with sustained wind speeds of at least 111 mph.

“The government is determined to certainly force the U.S. to compensate for all financial and material losses it caused,” said North Korea by suspending work on the light water reactor, according to Rodong Sinmun, a North Korean state-run newspaper. The report was carried by KCNA, the North’s official news agency.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — More than 100 men and boys will be transferred in the next two months from the U.S. jail for terrorism suspects in Cuba, including a teenager who allegedly killed an American special operations soldier, a U.S. military official said.

The first of two new transfers is scheduled for the end of December, and the other in January, the official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The detainees would be released from U.S. custody, but it was unclear if any would face further detention or prosecution in their home countries.

The official did not say where the prisoners would be sent and a military spokeswoman declined Sunday to provide details about future transfers from the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

MOSUL, Iraq — The U.S. military said Sunday for the first time that the collision of two Black Hawk helicopters in Mosul — the single deadliest incident of the war for American forces — may have been caused by enemy fire.

Until now, the military had not publicly disclosed a possible cause of the Nov. 15 collision, which killed 17 soldiers.

World Roundup

ROME — Candlelight vigils, educational seminars and torchlight parades were planned around the globe Monday to mark World AIDS Day, while a U.S. delegation headed to hard-hit Africa to urge its leaders to increase awareness about the deadly virus.

Athletes were also getting into the spirit: The International Cricket Council said Sunday that players from Pakistan, New Zealand, West Indies, Zimbabwe, England and Sri Lanka would wear red ribbons during matches Monday to show their support for AIDS victims.

The United Nations reported last week that 2003 saw more deaths and infections from HIV and AIDS than ever before, with more than 3 million people killed and another 3 million infected.

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea says the United States should compensate for halting work on two nuclear reactors amid efforts to arrange a second round of six-nation talks on the communist state’s atomic weapons program.

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GAY MARRIAGE — The Massachusetts Legislature says gay couples in the state can get married, but may not be able to walk into city clerk offices and get marriage licenses.

Cambridge city council agreed.

The council unanimously passed a resolution calling for the city clerk to “take all necessary steps to remove any impediment to same-sex marriage and to issue marriage licenses as soon as it is legally possible.”

The resolution came in response to a state Supreme Judicial Court ruling that said banning gay marriages is unconstitutional in Massachusetts.

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**Arts & Culture**

**New University of Minnesota group discusses social ramifications of pants**

By Paula Haynes

MINNEAPOLIS — It was cold and snowy afteroons, and Erica Eads looked on in horror as a man wearing shorts crossed the street near the University of Minnesota.

"That would be a pants-appropriate situation," she said.

And Eads should know. She's president of Tengo Pantalones, a newly registered university student group dedicated to discussing situations in which pants are appropriate.

Eads and two friends from her dorm came up with the idea last fall during a University of Minnesota secretary Charles Swan's laundry.

"I have pants," — now has 40 members, and the three founders said they have no idea what to do with them.

They've talked of holding a large forum with all in members to discuss pants, in addition to a clothing drive for pants, which would not accept shorts or skirts.

"We deal with pure pants only," Eads said.

The group said society does not often address pants-related issues.

"At Taco Bell, they have a sign that says 'No shirt, no shoes, no service,' but it doesn't say anything about pants," Eads said.

One thing the founders said they want to do is keep the club apolitical.

"Pants have nothing to do with abortion, religion or racism," Eads said.

But where Box Car failed in repet-

**blink-182 returns with mature attitude, refined effort**

By Sean Dailey

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Pop punk. Poser Punk. Mall Punk. No matter what you call it, blink-182 has matured. Since when are blink songs moving? It only makes sense that the band's latest album, features bittersweet vocals from the State of the Union address.

"Violence," with its abrasive guitars, has Delonge screaming "Like violence, you have me, forever and after / Like violence, you kill me."

That's not to say that the usual pop-punk singles aren't still thrown into the mix to add a bit of levity. Opening track "Feeling This" fits right in with the band's former efforts. "Go" is an equally fun song as well. The rest of the album does its best to break the conception of what a blink song is. "I Miss You" and "The Fallen Interlude" experiment with samples and drum machines.

With more than just the usual guitar/bass/drums combination, the album on the whole feels fuller than previous releases, and much more mature as well. "All of This," per-

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- (From left) Tom DeLonge, Travis Barker and Mark Hoppus of blink-182 show a grown-up side, which they are not normally accustomed to, on their new self-titled release. Stand out tracks on the disc include the experimental "I Miss You" and "All of This," which features Robert Smith of The Cure.

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AmeriCorps poised to get big funding increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Harried by management and money problems, the AmeriCorps national service program stands to get a huge funding boost from Congress that could swell its ranks of volunteers next year, an increase of more than 50 percent above the past fiscal year. It's also about $10 million more than the amount requested by President Bush for the struggling program.

Changing membership broadens scope

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Los Angeles (AP) — Drexton Farmer scored 26 points, including six 3-pointers, and Southern California got by Cal State Northridge 75-69. The Trojans won their ninth consecutive home opener despite blowing a 15-point lead Sunday. Senior guard Drexton Farmer started USC on a game-opening 9-0 run with a 3-pointer. The Matadors answered with 12 straight points before the Trojans regrouped and ran off 11 in a row to take a 20-12 lead. Farmer scored 15 of USC's first 23 points. Northridge (1-2) got within two points on a 7-0 run with 3:43 remaining in the first half, but USC connected on the Matadors 10-0 run and the half ahead 39-31.

Down White led four Northridge players in double figures with 11 points. Chris Dunn added 18 points. Joseph Parek had 12 and Ian Bivyan, 11. USC freshman guard Quinton Day didn't play for disciplinary reasons.
CAL POLY BASKETBALL

Back on the winning track

By Graham Womack

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Against the San Jose State Spartans Tuesday night Cal Poly's past hero's could not be found. Small forward Shane Schilling was out injured, center Vomie Dennis had 14 points but spent much of the game in foul trouble and, although he pulled down nine rebounds and dished out six assists on the game, forward Nick Enweiler did not score until the second half.

But it didn't matter. Continuing the trend of this season, different usage heroes led the Mustangs to victory. This time, reserve forward Mike Titchenal and senior two-guard Eric Jackson performed in the face of a quick and snappy Spartan defense.

"A lot of it was them focusing so much on Vomie and Nick," Jackson said. "... Titch and myself, we came out and scored some key baskets." Titchenal put the Mustangs ahead with a slew of three-pointers in the first half and Jackson scored 12 of his 14 points in the second, as the Mustangs hung on to beat the Spartans 70-62.

Following the Mustangs 73-62 loss to Colorado on Wednesday, Cal Poly improved to 2-1 and grabbed its first home win this season, before 2,640 fans at Mott Gym.

"We needed this one to get back on the track that we belong and that's the winning track," center Vlade Lisinac said.

Saturday night marked the first match between Cal Poly and San Jose State since 1935. Though the Spartans are coming off a 7-21 past season, the game Saturday was highly anticipated.

"Eight years ago, we were talking about the marquee game for Cal Poly being (against) San Jose State," Cal Poly coach Kevin Bradley said.

Early on, anyone expecting a marquee game may have demanded a money back. The Mustangs fell behind 12-8 in the opening minutes, missing volumes of shots, including six of seven from three-point land, before Titchenal started making three-pointers.

FILE PHOTO: MUSTANG DAILY

Eric Jackson had 14 points and four steals in Saturday's win.

His first three-pointer cut the Spartan lead to 12-11. By the time Titchenal made his third shot from downtown, less than three minutes later at 8:22, the Mustangs had a 21-15 advantage. Cal Poly pushed the lead to 29-20 before the Spartans went on a 14-4 run to take a 34-33 lead into halftime.

Bromley could have embarked on a locker-room tirade with the Spartans shooting just 35 percent on the half, including 19 percent from beyond the arc. Instead, he reminded the Mustangs that the right players were getting looks and taking shots, and the shots merely weren't falling.

"We were persistent," Lisinac said. "In the second half, we knew what we had to do." Jackson scored five points in the opening minutes after the break to put the Mustangs up 40-36, and the Spartans never regained the lead. The score stayed as close as 41-34 with 7:19 left, but the Spartans then missed three of four free throws and clamped up on the boards in the ensuing six minutes.

Dennis fouled out with 0:45 left and, Spartan Davis turned the game into a free-throw fest with a 7-2 run. Even these points, which brought his game-high total to 16 points, couldn't help surmount the Mustangs.

"We have to be the aggressors," Lisinac said. "That's coach's words. And I think we were that tonight."

The Mustangs pulled down a season-high 44 boards to the Spartans' 40, marking the first time in Cal Poly's history the team has out-rebounded an opponent. Additionally, the Mustangs out shot, 46 assists and forced 16 turnovers. Cal Poly also improved their shooting to 44 percent in the second half. It would have been over 50 percent if not for 1-6 three-point shooting.

"Ultimately, the Mustangs' performance and depth were enough to impress Jackson.

"This team warrants the hope it's getting," Jackson said.

Friday: Mustangs cannot close deal against Colorado

• Mustangs get within five points in closing minutes but cannot pull out another upset

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Junior center David Harrison scored 22 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked four shots for Cal Poly in a 73-62 victory over Cal Poly in a non-conference men's basketball game before a sellout crowd of 1,072 Wednesday night in Mott Gym.

Harrison led 10 of his 18 floor shots and seven of his rebounds were on the offensive end of the floor. Senior guard Spudie Anderson added 10 points while senior forward Blair Wilton contributed 14 points and 10 boards off the bench.

Cal Poly (1-3) was paced by junior center Vomie Dennis with 19 points and seven rebounds. Junior forward Nick Enweiler added 15 points and seven rebounds while senior guard Eric Jackson scored 12 points.

Cal Poly went on a 25-5 run in the first half to turn a 16-11 deficit into a 46-21 advantage with 2:21 remaining. Freshman guard Marcus Hall capped the run with a layup.

The Buffaloes settled for a 38-28 lead at the break. Cal Poly slowly closed the gap in the second half and marked by four points, 38-34, with 5:30 remaining on a 21-foot three-pointer by Nick Enweiler from the left side of the key. It was Colorado 64-59 with two minutes to go when Cal Poly missed three consecutive shots. The Buffaloes outscored the Mustangs 9-3 the rest of the way, sinking seven of nine free throws.

The Mustangs were coming off a 64-59 win at Colorado State, which took place just two days prior to the Colorado game.

Wednesday: Women suffer first loss of season

Arkansas State outscores Mustangs by 21 in second half on way to blowout win

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Arkansas State shot 34 percent from the floor and scored over 40 points in each half as Cal Poly in a non-conference women's basketball game Tuesday night.

Katie Caraway led the way for the Lady Indians with 22 points, hitting seven of nine floor shots and all four of her free throws. Amber Abraham added 14 points while Carriese Webster had 13 and Brooke Shelly had 12.

Cal Poly had a trio of double-digit scorers, led by freshman point guard Spudie Anderson with 17 points and five assists. Junior forward Katy Paterson added 10 points and six rebounds while senior guard Carissa Taylor came off the bench to contribute 10 points.

Arkansas State, now 2-0 on the season, led 43-37 at halftime but steadily pulled away in the second half as Cal Poly made just 28 percent of its floor shots after the break and finished at 41 percent. Cal Poly out-rebounded Arkansas State 36-29 but turned the ball over 31 times, five more than the Lady Indians. The Mustangs also were called for 27 personal fouls, with forward Kimeye Greens-Davis fouling out.

The loss was the first for Cal Poly in three games this season. The Mustangs had beaten the Lady Indians 73-68 a year ago in Mott Gym.

Cal Poly returns with a pair of home games next week in Mott Gym. The Mustangs host Air Force on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. and UC Davis on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m.