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Protesters picket showing of movie

By Eric Hermstad

Protesters against the movies "Pieces" and "Sweet Sixteen" gathered outside the Gould Cinema Friday night trying to convince people not to attend the movies.

The protest, backed by SJSU's Women's Center, consisted of about 25 people, three of them men, said Cindy Petty, toxicology graduate student.

"We had a real impact on everyone who approached the theater," she said.

Petty said that the protesters turned away at least 50 percent of the potential movie-goers.

"Maybe 15 or 20 people went inside," she said. "Those that went inside spent more time watching us than the film."

Petty described the movies as "generally pretty vulgar films."

Sam Grigsby, San Jose City College student and former employee of the Gould Theaters, said the protesters carried signs, chanted and stopped cars and gave them handouts.

"We didn't stop them, just informed them of what was going on inside," Petty said.

The protesters handed out a piece of paper

that said, "The graphic message of the two is disgustingly similar: Brutal violence against women is portrayed as erotic."

It said that the storyline behind "Pieces" was "a man's repeated hacking of several women, then sewing pieces of their bodies together to create 'the perfect woman.'"

The handout also described the "gruesome" advertisement for "Sweet Sixteen," and said that these movies are not "harmless fantasies" but that they have an effect on the increasing violence against women.

Petty said that at some theaters, the manager may not have the responsibility of choosing what and how long movies run. She thought that the double feature would probably run only a week at the Gould Theaters.

If the movies continue to run, they would picket again, she said.

Two Gould theater employees refused to comment Friday night.

The manager, Carl Clark, would only say "they didn't irritate me."

Later, he refused to comment further.



Kathryn Uzzardo

Janet Stanley protests outside Gould Cinema Friday night. Stanley and 27 others were picketing the showing of 'Pieces' and 'Sweet Sixteen.'

SJSU athlete pleads not guilty to theft

By Ken Leiser

Ted Hughes, the Spartan football player arrested Oct. 14 on charges of felony computer theft, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Friday in San Jose Municipal Court.

Hughes was charged with using an SJSU student's Bank of America Versatel card to make \$180 in withdrawals from her account, said Russ Lunsford, University Police information officer.

Hughes was also charged with petty theft, a misdemeanor, after he reportedly sold her books back to the Spartan Bookstore for \$44 — he also pleaded not guilty to this charge.

Hughes allegedly stole the woman's backpack that contained the bank card, her purse and the books, according to University Police.

Hughes was suspended from the team for the remainder of the season on Oct. 18 by head coach Jack Elway, who refused to disclose his reasons for suspending Hughes.

Elway said he will not rule out the possibility of allowing Hughes to play next season.

Meanwhile, Hughes will remain on scholarship pending the outcome of the case, Elway said.

Hughes, a junior and a former junior college All-American, transferred from San Bernardino Valley College this year. He was starting at defensive tackle at the time of his arrest.

If convicted of the computer theft charge, Hughes faces a maximum penalty of 16 months in a state prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Donald Postelle, an attorney who represented Hughes on Friday, refused comment.

A pretrial hearing for Hughes is scheduled for Nov. 14.

On Sept. 14, Hughes reportedly withdrew \$140 from a Versatel machine at the Bank of America at Fourth and San Carlos streets and then went to the branch near Eastridge Shopping Mall and withdrew \$40.

Budget cuts hit colleges; teachers lose jobs

By John Howard

Associated Press Writer

After two hours of emotional debate, Butte College's governing board announced the news to a tense audience: More than 15 percent of the school's 118 non-teaching employees would be dismissed, their jobs lost because money had run out.

At the rear of the crowded, muggy room, one man listened to his layoff notice and hugged his wife.

Another, a bearded worker in high-topped work boots, put his head between his hands and stared at the floor.

Similar scenes — layoffs disrupting employees' lives and school programs — occurred throughout California during late September and October, as the governing boards of virtually all of the state's 107 community colleges wrestled with profound budget cuts.

Faced with a fall semester loss of 114,000 students from a previous statewide enrollment of 1.4 million, California's 73-year-old community college system is on the brink of historic change.

Changes include the sweeping elimination of many night classes and part-time instructors.

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Women athletes shatter goal in fund-raiser

By Dean Kahl

Records are made to be broken. And that's exactly what SJSU's women's athletics did on Saturday.

With an estimate of \$50,000 to raise, the Walk for Women of Sparta shattered that goal by raising \$84,011.

On Monday morning, more than \$300 in donations came into the Spartan Athletic Office.

"We're greatly appreciative of all the work the women put into the race," said SJSU director of women's athletics Mary Zimmerman, who was one of the events tri-coordinators.

More than 100 Spartan women athletes came out to cheer on the 56 women walkers. The walkers were led by SJSU president Gail Fullerton, Santa Clara County Supervisor Susanne Wilson, former SJSU women's athletic director Joyce Malone and Zimmerman.

In addition, San Jose city

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County Supervisor Suzanne Wilson is cheered on during "Women's Walk for Sparta."

Liza Murphy



Carl Bloice

... editor of People's World

'Grandma' breaks 'Red' image

By Mark Johnson and Karen Woods

If one were to paint an imaginary picture of the perfect grandmother type it would probably resemble Elizabeth Nicholas very closely.

Nicholas is a petite woman in her late 70s with ivory-white hair and kind, knowing eyes that still smile with the magic of youth. She loves conversation and is both willing and able to speak with anyone on a wide variety of subjects.

But the subject that is closest to her heart is the one that would probably shatter her grandmother type image. Nicholas is dedicated to the Communist Party.

She says the thing that impresses her most about the party is its reputation for "organizing the unorganized."

Some of her early work involved organizing Santa Clara County cannery workers in an effort to get them a charter with the AFL-CIO labor organizations. She was successful and continued to work with the cannery workers until her career ended in 1936 when she was blacklisted.

She worked a variety of jobs between that time and 1951, the beginning of the McCarthy era, when she went

underground for four years.

She found work as a cook in Santa Clara Valley, but the FBI discovered her whereabouts, contacted her boss and asked him if he was aware she was a member of the Communist Party.

Nicholas said her boss retained her as cook and told the FBI to "mind its own business."

"These people didn't care if I was with the Communist Party as long as I was a good cook," she said.

Although she has since retired from her job as a professional cook, Nicholas did provide the fresh-baked brownies and cookies for last week's Communist Party meeting at the Olinde Community Center in San Jose.

Nicholas was one of 30 local citizens who came to hear Carl Bloice, editor of People's World, speak on the subject of the communist movement in the United States.

Bloice, who is also a member of the central committee of the Communist Party of the United States of America, stressed the disadvantages of the current capitalist system and argued for a change to a socialist form of government.

He condemned the "What's good for General Motors is good for the country" attitude, and said "we have to

establish a political coalition in the country to tell monopolists no, to prevent exploitation."

Being a communist, Bloice said, "has to do with being prepared over the long haul... We won't have change in the country for a long time."

He also criticized the Reagan administration concerning the 200 Marines killed in Beirut, stating that "Ronald Reagan didn't say a word when they were getting killed one a day."

He also denounced Reagan's attitude toward the Soviet Union.

"Anti-Sovietism runs through everything Ronald Reagan says. He feeds it to the American people for breakfast, lunch and dinner."

Elizabeth Nicholas applauded vigorously as Bloice concluded his speech.

Nicholas, who joined the communist party some 60 years ago at the age of 18, said her father, who was a European socialist, asked her at that time, "Elizabeth, do you know you're going into a hard life?"

Hard life or no, Nicholas said "I have survived it this long and hope I can go on to serve the Party for at least a few more years."

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You can't jam in a traffic jam

Screeeeeee! Oh noooooo — traffic jam. I should have known. After all, this is the day I slept longer than my alarm clock, melted a hole in my blouse with a too-hot iron, and scorched my oatmeal. What could be more perfect? Nothing like a little traffic jam to top off morning jitters. It forces you to take a break from an otherwise hectic day, survey the lovely landscape of bumpers and



Jennifer Koss
Staff Writer

blacktop and sniff the gentle fragrance of Eau de Burning Rubber. And the delightful sounds of the metal menagerie — squealing tires, squawking brakes and oh, just listen to the accomplished motorists in the horn section. Delightful, simply DELightful, as W.C. Fields would say. What a day for a daydream. Nothing to do but sit back, put my feet up and relax. Now, if I only had a martini... but wait, it's not the cocktail hour yet. No, it's more like the fool's hour — the drivers that don't know how to drive but fool themselves into thinking they can. They're doing a smashing good job of it, too. I know I'm bored when I find myself focusing on the artistic placement of the center divide. Frustration starts creeping up my spine. If we were moving any faster we'd be standing still. KFRG informs me that Bay Area traffic is moving just fine. Frustration increases speed to a slow crawl. I wish these cars would do the same. Why are these jams on Highway 17 never reported?

If only I knew what the problem was, I wouldn't be so frustrated. But to sit perfectly still for 15 minutes, inch forward painfully slow for 15 more, then suddenly resume normal speed with no clue as to what happened — that's frustration. If curiosity killed the cat, it's skinning me alive! I cannot stand not knowing, can't tolerate sloth with no reason. I get upset, I get nervous, I get... now, now, just calm down, I tell myself. Concentrate on the stately beauty of the sand truck up ahead. Notice the snug lines of the dust robe it's wearing. Wow, this is really getting exciting. The redwoods may be beautiful, but at this moment in time, I'd just as soon be in Indiana — no hills, curves or Highway 17. Of course, I'll change my tune once I get off this blasted mountain — it's frustration that makes me think so irrationally. The leadfoot in the car behind me creates a little diversion. He sure knows how to tailgate — must be a pro. I'd sure like to give him a little boxing lesson — with him playing the part of the punching bag. Grrrrrrrrrrrr! My toes itch to fondle the gas pedal, but have to content themselves with the brake. Suppressing this anger is killing me. I feel like a helium balloon about to burst. Just one little pinprick and it's all over; insanity is just a carlength away. I'd dig my fingernails into the upholstery but I don't have any fingernails left. Nervous habits are hard to break, especially when you're car's perched on a hill, you're standing on the brake and the only thing moving is your blood pressure. Next time I visit the Santa Cruz Boardwalk, I'm going to take a ride on the bumper cars. The thought cools my boiling blood for a moment. Oh, to be able to crash into leadfoots, to smash my way through traffic jams. Suddenly, the sun comes out, the jam begins to undulate and the long string of cars once more coils its gleaming pathway over the hill. My temperature gauge slinks back down to normal and my blood pressure soon follows. What a lovely day for a drive.



IT BECAME NECESSARY TO DESTROY THE COUNTRY TO SAVE IT.

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From Where I Sit
Diane Murphy

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U.S. is abusing its influence

Editor: I thought Sam White's opinion "Hating Russia: It's our 'duty,'" was a breath of fresh air. I'm sick as hell of hearing a constant barrage of hate rhetoric against the Soviets. Now, I'm not a Soviet sympathizer. I think they have an oppressive, paranoid government. But we are no angels. We do have freedom of speech, religion, etc., and I'm very proud of that. But I wish I could be prouder of my country. We have military bases everywhere, supposedly protecting the free world. We shouldn't be the world's police force. Our Central Intelligence Agency is infamous for setting up coups, toppling governments and replacing them with

U.S. puppet governments. Defenders of freedom of choice; for every Soviet atrocity there's and U.S. atrocity. Our government, with "shoot from the lip" Reagan at the helm, is on a bloody rampage to expand our influence. Grenada is the most recent example. Again, Reagan justified his internationally criminal actions with anti-communist rhetoric. Rhetoric is a tool and Reagan, is good at using it. It all comes down to POWER. There aren't really any good guys or bad guys. There's just some very powerful countries trying to grab as much of the world as possible. As long as both the Soviet and U.S. citizens let their governments get away with oppression by blinding them with hate, we are as guilty as they are. No —

worse, because we have the power to stop them.
Michael Hubenthal
Computer Mathematics
senior

Writer's opinion filled with generalizations, reader says

Editor: After reading Sam White's opinion piece on American attitudes toward the Soviet Union and its people, and after reading countless other pretentious articles in the Daily, I felt it time to speak up about such journalistic arrogance. White generalized on every point he made, contending that (all) Americans hate the Soviets for some intangible reason, and that "Ronnie" should talk to Russia before it is too late. He also purported some other foolishness about American citizens wishes concerning the Soviets — we want to nuke them. It's this kind of journalistic insolence that fosters the very ignorance to logic and facts concerning world affairs that White laughed at. But, having read this rag for a few years now, it seems obvious that you guys will print just about anything one of your staff writers spew. Good luck finding a job in the real world, White.
Stafford Hebert
Music
junior

Football fans: Clean up your act

Editor: School spirit has become violent. At a recent football game, my friends and I were enjoying ourselves and cheering on the team when suddenly I felt something strike the back of my neck. I didn't know what hit me. My arm was streaked with blood. Fellow fans sitting around me started questioning me: "Are you all right?" Still in a daze, I looked down at the ground and discovered what hit me. It was an empty beer bottle, which was shattered when it hit my neck. The tiny splinter of glass cut my arm and knee. This kind of behavior among SJSU students is outrageous. Sure everyone should have a good time at football games, but not at the expense of the safety of others. I hope the person who threw that bottle realizes that if it had hit me in the right spot on my head, I could have been seriously injured. Thanks a lot Spartan fan, hope you had a great time!
Sheri Ahlberg
Public Relations
senior

Dr. Anderson's comic strip paints a clear picture of life

Editor: Dr. Anderson's "Life on Earth" is fabulous! It's hard for me to believe that every person on this campus does not read it as faithfully as I do. Unfortunately, I know why they don't. There seems to be a cloud of moral hypocrisy and righteous indignation that hangs so distressfully over our culture, forcing us to restrain the skillful painter who paints an ugly portrait and not the absurd society that posed for it. I, for one, am willing to look in the mirror. Thank you, Doctor
Claire Image
Art
senior

The good guys?

Dear Ron, How is everything going? How's Nancy? I know you're really busy, what with Grenada and Lebanon and all, but I've been wanting to drop you a line. You see, I have been plagued by this one question of late. Ron, are we the good guys or the bad guys? It's not really your fault that I'm confused. In fact, you seem to lay it on the line. But I'm getting so many other inputs that my roles are a little mixed up. Let's see... in Korea we were the good guys; in Vietnam we were the bad guys; in Iran we were the good guys; in El Salvador, bad (or is it good, I don't remember) and in Grenada we're the good guys. Honestly Ron, it used to be so much easier, didn't it? Why, when I was a little tomboy I played combat with my friends. If I was the American, I was the good guy and whoever got stuck with the German accent was the bad guy. If Johnny Regula, the boy down the street, had the bell-shaped helmet and the swastika, he lost that day. If we played cowboys and Indians or cops and robbers, we always knew who would be the winner. It was always the good guy, of course. Why can't the lines be as clear today? I know you're doing your best, sir. Really I do. The media may be fogging things up with tons of analysis and in-depth perspectives, but when you come on the air you put it in simple terms. The Cubans in Grenada are "leftist thugs." Anyone can understand what that means. It's another way of saying they're the bad guys, right? If you could only get the commentators to keep their mouths shut after you've put things in such black and white terms, I think I'd be okay. Why must they cloud things up with so many superfluous facts? I understood completely when you said we needed to send troops to Grenada to "help in the restoration of democratic institutions." And when you called the country "a Soviet-Cuban colony being readied as a major military bastion to export terror and undermine democracy," well, I'm not stupid — that's bad, really bad. What other choice is there but to send in troops knowing that — and only that? I can really understand why the press has been kept at arms length on the Grenada thing. After all, what would they do but add to the confusion? We have the black and white of it, don't we Ron? So anyway, I imagine the media is already getting in there digging out more and more of the details. I'm sure that by the time you get this letter, I'll be really confused about the whole affair. I just wish that the press could be a little more like you. It's so much simpler to view things in black and white — the communists are bad, we're good and to hell with all the grays. Ah well, hang in there. Give my love to Nancy.
Your friend,
Diane Murphy
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Women have a right to choose

Let's set the record straight. Being able to choose is a basic right. It doesn't matter what the subject or situation is — drugs, religion, sex, educa-



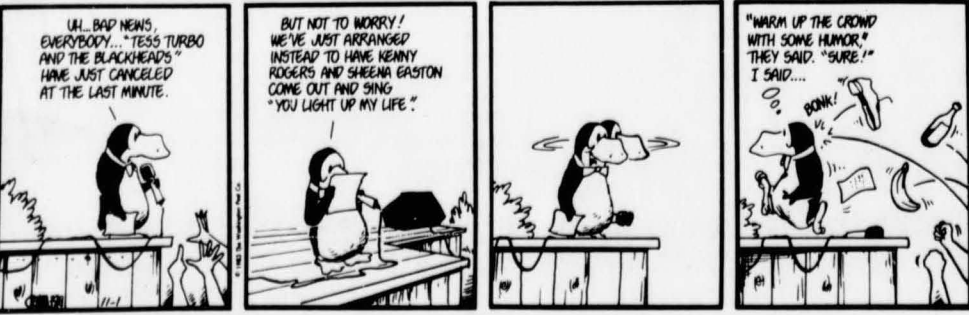
Luther Mitchell
Staff Writer

tion, alcohol, etc. We all have a right to say yes or no. Abortion is one subject in which the right to choose is extremely important. Take away people's right to choose, and you take away their pride and dignity. After all, ladies, how would you like it if existing laws stated "It is against the law for all women to have an abortion." I am in favor of abortion. I believe a woman should be entitled to have an abortion because she is a human being. Depriving a woman's right to have an abortion is telling her she must give birth, regardless of her economic, religious, or social beliefs. To me it means telling her she will end up in jail for doing what she thinks is best. Anti-abortionists only look at the situation from the would-be-born baby's view. They feel that life begins at conception, a zygote is a human, and that early termination is grounds for "murder." They make it sound as if the mother were taking a gun and shooting the fetus.

I disagree with these arguments. How can these people call a zygote a person when it hasn't even become a fetus? How can they call a fetus a person when it hasn't taken on human characteristics, such as arms, eyes, and legs? Pro-abortionists look at the situation as if they were in the woman's position. They ask themselves, will another child affect me economically? Will I be able to finish my education? Am I really ready to have a child? Do I want to have the child of a rapist? Right-to-lifers rarely ask themselves what they would do if they were in fact pregnant. How soon they forget that a woman's destiny, in addition to the new life, is at stake. They give the impression that the mother should take the backseat to the baby. A woman who wants an abortion is looking for an easy way out, they say. But a woman should be able to determine what she does with her body, without outside interference. She doesn't need to hear comments such as "You can't kill that innocent baby." "You should be ashamed of yourself," or "It is your duty to go through with the pregnancy." I am not saying that a woman shouldn't take advice, but that she shouldn't let outside parties dictate what she can and cannot do. The old axiom of "everybody knows what's best for everybody else" pops up again. The same idea applies to abortion. The right to make a choice is the issue. Ladies, you have to ask yourselves, "Would I rather live in a place that offers freedom of choice, or in one where the concept is extinct?" I'm not a woman, and I'll never get pregnant but being human is something we have in common.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



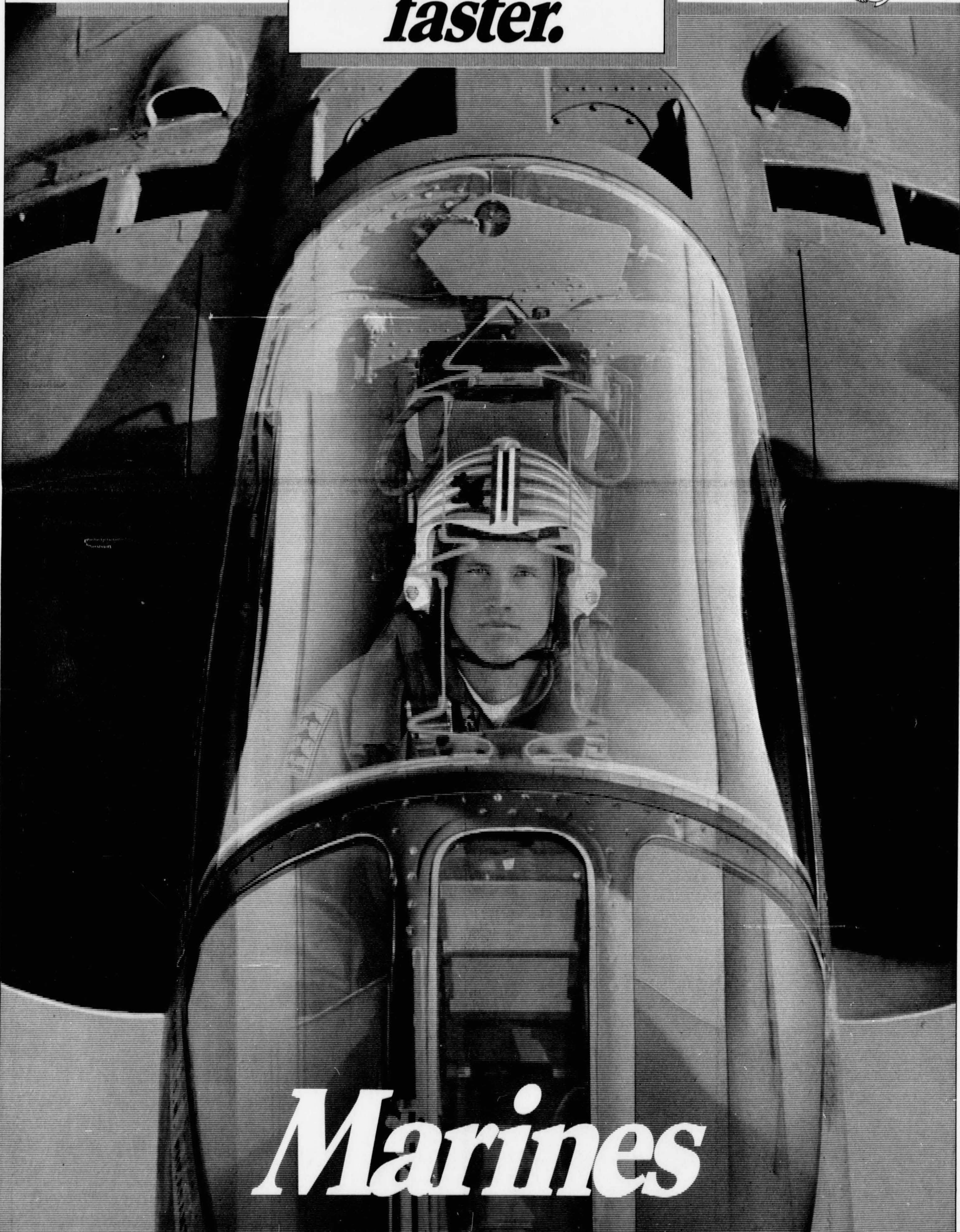
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