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This occurs because the body hasn't gathered its defenses and learned to make the antibodies to light the virus.

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"The people who test negative and are actually positive and just haven't reacted yet are absolutely the most infectious they will ever be throughout the course of the disease." Hogan said.

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tion about the meaning of testing negative can lead testers to believe they are immune to the sirus and bill them into a false sense of security, Edwards said. This, at times, may lead some people to stop taking any kind of precau-

Home HIV test topic



During an open question & answer forum in the Student Union regarding the introduction of home

tions at Patrick Hogan (facing camera), a community heath educator. Hogan has been HIV positive for

... I know what it's like to get a test result over the phone.

Patrick Hogan Community Health

Choraliers' concert debut

By Mark Kregel

After a successful choral competition in Italy last summer, the SISU Choradiers and Concert Choir will have their debut concert today at 8 p.m. at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 Fremont Ave.

Fremont Ave.
The concert's theme is 'Pleas from the Heart' said choir president Jaime Kazacos.
The concert will leature music from a diverse background, said Kazacos. Music will include African spirituals. Mozart and arrangements by SJSU professor Greg Murai.
This will also be the first concert for acting director, Julie Ford Ford is filling in for Charlene Archibeque, who led the Choraliers to success in tale.

Ford was a Choralier in 1992 and was hand-

picked by Archibeque. Ford has broadened the repertoire to include African and jazz selections, said the choir's publicist, Learnie Weatherly. It is also the first season for many of the choir

nembers. "It's exiting," said Weatherly. "Anything could

happen."
Weatherly said the pace has been hectic in preparation for the debut concert. The group performed at several high schools on Wednesday and finished with a two-hour rehearsd.
"Everyone has the jitters," Kazacos said. "We went on the inmi-tour, and that gave everyone a breast of confidence."

boost of confidence.

This a lot of hard work, but fun, said Weatherly. They is a very enjoyable group and very talented.

The choir just came back from a retreat at Camp Campbell where they practiced for the fall

The Choraliers, a smaller ensemble of the Concert Choir won several awards over the summer on their trip to Gerozia, Italy. The group won second place in the classical music category and the Seghezzie Prize for best artistic intent. Archibique won first place for outstanding con-

Archibique is on sabbatical but will attend the debut concert.

• Fickets are \$8 for general admission. \$5

for seniors and non-SJSU students. SJSU students with a current student ID are admitted free.

Team creates new mobile hospital

state-of-the art mobile emergency medical reaches where that was included in the U.S. military budget recently passed by congress and signed by Fresident chrom, weording to Tomasz Migursky, SISU industria

The design associate professor.

The design was the result of a project commissioned by the Pentagon for \$00,000 in 1995. It was completed by students Tai Chung, Theckarai Leitphumpanya, SteLano Moris, Brian Perry and David Vindham.

we are investigating what our patent rights will be."

Mors said the project started as a whole class project during the first semeseter and then he, Chang,
Percy, Windham and Leitphumpanya refined all the

The students worked with the Walter Reed Army Instinute of Research who traveled to SISU from Washington, D.C. seven different times, Migursky said,

lot of the medical roues — triage (the evaluating of multiple casualties in a disaster situation to decide in what order the injuries must be treated) and what kind of equipment is acceled for the station."

Moris said the Walter Reed personnel watched the students' concept as it devloped and made sugges

The project was two concepts of a mobile hospital unit that can be set up in Jess than an hour by four people — called Aziec I and Azicc 2. The Aziec 2 model is capable of handling 20 operations in 24 hours and 80 operations within three days.

These small hospital units can be transported by helicopters and dropped at a significant site close to a battle or near a civilian disaster area.

Minurely, said it is important to company.

Migursky said it is important to remember that these units were designed with possible civilian appli-

They would be easer ally useful after a major earth quake when many transportation systems such as roads, railroads and bridges were knocked our,

The mobile field hospital project grew out of a provious project to create advanced paramedic first aid equipment and was commissioned by the military for



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Professor Temasz Migurski, top left, leads a team of student engineers, including (left to right). Stefano Moris, Tai Chung, Theekarat Lertphumpanya, Brian Perry. They designed a mobile emergency medical treatment center.

\$45,000, Migarsky said.

Moris and Thai said they both also worked in that project with the Walter Reed personnel.

Chung said that calculating the mathematics required to make the concepts reality was one of the most challenging part. He said the data fed to the team by the inilitary to make the hospital deployable

was difficult to incorporate.

Lertphumpanya said she came here from Thailand. after graduating from King Mongkut's Institute of

The team is gathered around one of the computers used in designing the mobile hospital. These hospitals use advanced technology by Silicon Graphics, Indy, SGI and Alias, among

Technology on a scholarship from that school. She said she was given the scholarship so that she can

return there and create a masters program.

Chung, Moris and Perry said they celebrated the news that the military had accepted their design with party which included Thai food cooked by

Lertphumpanya. She's a really good cook," Moris said. Chung and Perry agreed.

Spartan Speed Read

Logging old growth

Logging company to resture taking dead, dying and diseased trees from old growth forest.

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Afghan regime

Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers searched house to house Thursday for anyone suspected of collaborating with the former regime.

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Same sex harass

Same-sex sexual harassment is an issue courts around the country have been forced to address.

SJSU Dateline

Coming out day at SJSU **Today**

(Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week Discussion: Coming out of the Closet noon-2 p.m. Student Union Amphitheater)

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OPINION



Comeuppance comes in ironic forms

Boy gives baseball new black eye

By Jacquie McCrossin

t's going, Going! CAUGHT! by the truant 12-year-old with the magnetic base-L ball glove. And it's a game-deciding home-

In case you haven't heard, that's how it flew — or rather didn't fly — for the Baltimore Orioles at Yankee Stadium in the eighth inning of Game 1 of the American League champi

As the eighth-inning slam of New York's Derck Jeter took flight in the final seconds of the 4 - 4 game, Baltimore's Tony Tarasco backed to the wall in right-field, glove outstretched, ready to save the day. Suddenly, Tarasco heard the sound he had been waiting that glorious telltale snap of ball on

- a double take. The fielder's But, wait But, wait — a double take. The helder's glove was still empty. Tarasco's mouth flew open, as his attention snapped to the unbelievable melee happening overhead. Still leaning out from the right-field stands above him was an excited 12-year-old Yankees fan, who had stopped Jeter's flyball with his glove, causing it to bounce wildly into the stands over Tarasco's head before it evided his glove.

head before it reached his glove.

Pandemonium set in. A homerun was declared. The game was tied. The Yankees were winners, the Orioles were losers. Tarasco and others leaped about shouting at Umpire Rich Garcia for not calling interference when a spec tator touched the ball. There were lots of

unhappy Orioles, and lots of happy Yankees. Bernie Williams then went on to clinch a win

for New York with his eleventh-hour homer.
Few could argue that 12-year-old Yankees fan
Jeff Maier of Old Tappan, N.J. made the catch
of the day when he stopped Tarasco from mak-

ing his.

Though all this was indisputably unfortunate for the Baltimore Orioles and especially for Tarasco, they might take some satisfaction in seeing their misfortune as some well-deserved comeuppance for all-star second baseman Roberto Alomar.

The Orioles's Alomar shocked the baseball world as well as the rest of us who have any class or manners, by spitting point-blank into the face of American League umpire John Hirschbeck earlier this month.

The Orioles were three games from the end of the season with the possibility of earning their first playoff berth in 13 years when Hirschbeck pronounced Alomar out in the first inning in Toronto. The disgusting and dispica-ble spit-heard-round-the-world landed in Hirschbeck's face as Alomar's expression of dis-satisfaction with the umpire's call.

The American League's spineless reaction to the modent was to suspend Alomar for just five regular-season games, allowing him to play as usual in the championship series. This only supported the suspicions of those who believe sports "heroes" are immune to the rules the test of us live by

protested the weak punishment dealt by American League President Gene Budig. "The message it sends is this: that major league umpires are on the field — and in this case,

the American League umpires — without any support whatsoever," Froemming said.

But, I have news for Froemming. Representing a sport as American as applie pie, we might say Alomar spit in the face of all Americans when he spit in the face of one of baseball's authority figure. And, there is support out there for the umpire. port out there for the umpire.

Violence in retaliation for the spat-upon ump

was feared when Alomar returned to New York, but even New Yorkers have more class than he has. They settled for booing and heckling Alomar during batting practice and pregame introductions and even more heavily during his first at-bat. Embarrassingly, he struck out in the first, much to the delight of heartly cheering

spectators. Some comeuppance, huh?

Of course, our 12-year-old hero may have some comeuppance coming, too. He told the school he was out for a dental appointment to attend the game. But, none can deny another sports "hero" may have believed he'd gotten away with murder had it not been for Maier.
Yes, O.J. has his Robert Kardashian, and

Alomar has his Jeff Maier. So. O.J., were you chipping golf balls or over-sleeping? Nobody really cares. Just watch your back, baby — America's watching.

National League umpire Bruce Froemming Jacquie McCrossin is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Blissful Ignorance Give the ol' Finger, make a nice Wave

riving over Highway 17, my friend yells at the driver in front of us. "You're a cocksucker," he screams, though the guy in front of us can't possibly hear him. "Move over, for Christ's sake and let me pass!" The driver in front of us stays in the left lane. We pass him in the right lane, my friend swearing loudly as we zoom past. The other driver ignores us.

I can't help wondering why we can't communicate better in our cars. This is California, the com-muter state, after all. Maybe a lan-

guage of gestures is what we need.
One gesture we already know, use and love is the Finger. Giving the Finger (with closed fist, extend the middle finger in a forceful manner) communicates clearly to the other driver precisely how pissed off you are. It works better than yelling (especially when all the car windows are rolled up).

Yelling rarely solves anything besides letting off a little steam. You're in a car going 65 m.p.h.; who's going to hear you? Besides, if you yell, it might make you sub-

ject to the Squawk.

The Squawk is a gesture of ridicule, and is therefore my favorite gesture. To execute the Squawk, you need to piss someone off enough to have them yelling at you even though your windows are closed. With face deadpan, lift an elbow, bend the hand at the wrist and touch the thumb to the fingers. Your hand should resemble the head of a bird. Proceed to open and close your fingers as if in imitation of a quacking duck.
"Quack, quack, quack," you tell the
other driver. "I can't hear you and
I don't care." Watch them turn beet red with indignation.
Actually I do not recommend

using either of these gestures when driving over Highway 17. You could be shot.

The other day I tried to park in the Fourth Street garage. It was mid-morning and the garage was full. For five minutes I sat in my car in the cold, concrete garage, listen-ing to the car radio, hoping some-one would move their car before I died. Finally a woman carrying her backpack trudged through the doorway. My heart beat faster as I put my car in gear and followed



R.W. BRADFORD

behind her. She strode determinedly to her car without a backward glance at the car dogging her heels. She opened her car door, pulled out her sweater, closed the door and walked away. I was indignant and amazed. Why hadn't she told me she was not leaving?

When stalking for parking, therefore, it is imperative that you ask your prey if they really are leaving. Use gestures. Shake your head back and forth with your eyebrows raised in an inquisitive fashion. At the same time, swirl your index finger in the air. If it helps, ask "Where?" aloud.

"Where?" aloud.

The answering gesture is either a shake of the head saying, "No," or a nod of head saying, "Yes."
Generous people may even point towards where their car is parked.
"I got the Wave the other day," my friend tells me and sits up straighter in his seat. The Wave is a most diving to me.

good thing to get.
You do the Wave to say one of two things. The Wave can mean "Thanks for the help," or it can mean "Sorry, I'm an idiot." You do the Wave to the other driver through your rear view mirror. It's easy. Just lift your right elbow and open your palm as if signaling

I've started doing the Wave recently, mostly when I merge onto the highway.

It feels a little dumb at first. After all, you are waving to strangers.

But then again, if it makes some-one sit up a little straighter and feel appreciated, then maybe it's not so dumb after all.

R.W. Bradford is the Spartan Daily Production Editor. If she ever gives you the Finger, run for your dear life. Her column appears every Friday.

Letters to the Editor

An ode to the PSSI tells faculty not to reply

In November, 1995, the Academic Senate passed a resolution to award Performance Salary Step Increases (PSSFs) to Unit 3 employees who had performed mentoriously in several categories. Out of 392 applicants for 1995-96, 89 received PSSIs, or 22.7 percent. For 1996-97, faculty and other Unit 3 personnel are invited to compete with one another to win a PSSI by submitting up to five pages of support documents. The following is my submis-

Ode To A Performance Salary Step

This is a most degrading way To get a minuscule raise in pay But unfortunately that's the game we play When institutionalized in higher learning

And yet I think I shall submit A poetic resume, puffed up a bit Typing's clean and all lines neat For with my peers I must compete

I have suddenly changed my mind

On a set date, we'll receive a rank Many will be upset, because it stank But most will remain, somewhat calm Being obedient soldiers, just like in Nam-

For deep within, I now do find That I can no longer, take this crap That's continually tossed into my lap.

Bureaucracy thrives, and minute by

All of us get trapped, so much deeper in it ilence to some, means you're letting it be But nonsense won't vanish, miraculously

So forget the typing, and the puffery

This financial incentive, is not for me It makes no sense, it has no rhyme. I have better ways to spend my time.

So to all of you, typing furiously You'll have to do it, but without me The two point four, is now out of reach I'll spend time, just trying to teach.

Once I thought, that's why I was hired But in tons of paperwork, we all are mired I'll leave that now, to the rest of you So to PSSI forms and others, I say adieu

Extricate yourself from the PSSI mess Do more and more, with less and less Don't encourage the forms, please don't

Instead of five pages, submit a poem of

Harvey Gotliffe journalism professor

marriage Same-sex supporters lack morals

I want to applaud John Louis on his opinion piece about same sex marriages After reading the front page article on gay and lesbian awareness week, I was especially disturbed by the resurfacing issue of gay marriage. I was relieved that, at long last, someone has made the voice of the "moral minority," as he put it, heard. The term 'political correctness' is nothing more than an aesthetic disguise for those refus ing to take a moral stand. As full of prob lems as society already is, much of it can be attributed to the breakdown of nuclear family and America's refusal to

take responsibility for its choices. Yes, in our free society, it is your choice to live a homosexual lifestyle, but it crosses the line when you want to pervert an institution, such as marriage, that represents something far too serious to be redefined

or distorted Lagree with Louis' feeling that raising children within this kind of lifestyle is confusing to them, not to men-tion irresponsible and downright selfish. Make your choices, but do not inflict them upon our existing moral unions or those too young and vulnerable to differentiate between truth and deception.

Melissa Whitten magazine journalism

Prejudice against gays creates social barriers

I was dismayed to read the opinion piece condemning same-sex marriages. It such an old, tragic story in human history! We seem driven to draw lines among ourselves, separating the acceptable from the unacceptable. We villify those we reject with epithets such as "immoral," interior and "undeserving," and we support our judgments with self-serving interpretations of authorities such as religion, natural law, science and history. Oh, our righteous wrath in protecting goodness and truth can be sharp and fearsome!

Sadly, such narrowminded zeal usually is not about serving righteousness, but about maintaining power over others. The selfappointed gatekeepers of truth and defin-ers of acceptability have great power among us, whether they are operating in society, the church, the disciplines of academia, or anyplace else

There is a particular tragedy when the tradition of one who was fully devoted to breaking down the barriers that were created to divide people and whose very being was the embodiment of an inclusive, affirming, compassionate love for all humans is invoked to support such divisiveness and judgmentalism

We can do better, by affirming the goodness and diversity of creation and seeking to live together in relationships of mutuality and care, rather than hierarchy and power.

R. Richard Roe **UCCM** campus minister

Reader criticizes actions of leadership of A.S.

It is unbelievable to know the top three gentlemen of A.S. spending student funds for expensive office furniture. Twelve thousand is not a small amount, right? The A.S. president said he needed a desk, so he bought a desk with a "cheap price of \$1,138 and two leather executive chairs priced at \$2,000. He should remember that he is sitting in the A. S. room, not the oval office; he is the A. S. president in SJSU, not the president of the United

In addition, his office is the students, not the world leaders. With only \$500, I can purchase a new desk and a new chair at Service Merchandise. The other issue I would like to mention here is why we needed to purchase the sound sys-tem and place it in the controller's office? His office is not a dance classroom, is it? I understand that the annual A. S. budget is not much, so we would better use the funds for the needed plans which some-how relates to students' benefits. We voted in the A.S. executives to let them help the students, not to spend the narrow funds for their convenience. I hope they will check what they've done to see whether it was justified or not, and from that, do something else which is helpful to the students and in favor of SJSU students' inter-ests. Just like what the A.S. controller said. There's a lot of things that are supposed to be done that aren't done.

business administration

Athletics not purpose of university institution

Mike Traphagen's misguided commentary "Basketball team lacks publicity" (Oct. 6) demands a response. First, "Midnight Madness" is a silly event that does not belong at a respectable insutution of higher learning. Traphagen refers to an afternoon practice time as a time when "players from other schools are rolling out of bed after staying up late for their first prac-tice." Lassume that is when all of the faculty, staff and students that attend the event will also be rolling out of bed. It's embarrassing enough that our educational "leadership" does not have the guts to demand that NCAA tournament games be scheduled on dates when they do not conflict with midterms, and at times when most students at the participating schools are not in class. How much more embarrassuniversity community can stay up all night celebrating the basketball team's first prac-tice? Excuse me, celebrating the MEN'S basketball team's first practice

Correct me if I'm wrong, but the prima-ry purpose of a university is to provide academic instruction, not to give us an oppor tunity to cheer for athletic teams. Another frightening aspect of Traphagen's piece is that he believes that the university should have created this event FOR the men's basketball team, rather than just allowing the

I wonder if Traphagen also believes that the university should plan and create each issue of the Daily? I do not think any journalism student would appreciate that. I'm sure that if they truly desire a "Midnight Madness" in future years, the basketball team can create their own event.

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TODAY

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From The Heart;" 8 p.m.; Sunnyvale Presbyterian Sunnyvale Presbyterian
Church, 728 West Fremont
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PEOPLE

All the gossip that's fit to print

Twain project investigated

RAY BROOK, N.Y. (AP) — For country star Shania Twain, nothing could be more natural than making music in the mountains.

But officials are investigating whether wetlands were destroyed to build her studio in the Adirondack Mountains and whether it is in tune with local zoning restrictions.

Twain and her husband-producer, Robert "Mutt" Lange, claim their studio is being used for artisan's activity, which would exempt it from the need for a

"What do you do there? That's what we're trying to find out," said William Curran of the Adirondack

Park Agency, the local zoning authority.

Twain's multiplatinum "The Woman in Me" has produced four No. 1 singles, including "Any Man of Mine

Reeves sits in on trial

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Keanu Reeves' latest excellent adventure took him to the Duval County Courthouse to watch an armed robbery

The star of "Speed" and "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" wore a dark suit Wednesday as he sat in court and studied the lawyers in preparation for his

upcoming role in the movie "Devil's Advocate."
"There was a noted and substantial increase in
the female audience," said Circuit Judge Brad
Stetson, "specifically, employees of the courthouse who don't normally grace my court with their pres-

Reeves autographed a yellow sticky note for a

delighted bailiff and accepted a hug from a court-

Most of "Devil's Advocate" is being filmed in New York, but location scouts are visiting Florida, checking out churches. A Warner Bros. spokesman wouldn't discuss the movie's plot.

Ono stamping mad

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Yoko Ono and the surviv ing Beatles say a stamp distributor shouldn't be selling Fab Four stamps issued by Third World nations.

This is bootleg merchandise which is hiding behind the fact that small, Third World countries put a seal of approval on them," said their lawyer, Paul Licalsi.

They charge in a federal lawsuit that the International Collectors Society of Owings Mills, Md., violated licensing laws by selling stamps bearing Beatles likenesses from such nations as Chad, Madagascar, St. Vincent and Tanzania.

The lawsuit said the company even worked with some nations to get the stamps made, even though a minimal number were actually sold in post offices

in those countries. I don't believe the Beatles are any kind of cultural icons in Tanzania," Licalsi said. "This is pure profit, and a ripoff of Beatles fans and a ripoff of the Beatles."

But the company just wants to let it be

"What's wrong with buying the stamps, as many people do, and redistributing them to stamp collectors at a profit?" said the company's lawyer, Donald Robinson, who added that the stamps are recognized as legitimate postage.

Freeway attackers arrested

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Two young men were arrested Thursday in a monthlong series of freeway attacks that shattered motorists' windows.

California Highway Patrol officers pulled over a car Wednesday night and found a sawed-off shotgun, a 9 mm pistol and other items that could be used to break windows, authorities said. Two men in the car were later arrested.

A state official who spoke on condition of anonymity said CHP officers also raided a home on East Los Angeles on Wednesday night and seized slingshots and BB guns "that would seem to implicate the peo-

ple stopped."

Attackers believed to firing BB or pellet guns and high-powered slingshots have punctured or blown out windows on 241 vehicles since Sept. 11 along Southern California freeways. No one has been hurt.

This is very serious business," Gov. Pete Wilson said, announcing the weapons seizure. "It is not a prank. We will not treat it as a prank. It is assault with a deadly weapon."

CHP Officer Rob Lund said investigators got their break in the case after a call to a CHP tip line led to the arrest Tuesday of a robbery suspect. Officers said the woman may have given up the names of the free-

Further details of the arrests were withheld pend-

ing a Thursday afternoon news conference.

The shattering attacks have unnerved commuters who travel the hundreds of miles of freeways crisscrossing Southern California. Most of the attacks have been within 10 miles of downtown Los Angeles. Several of the incidents are thought to have been

copycat attacks.
Mario Contreras, 32, of Los Angeles became a vic tim Monday night on the Pomona Freeway. "When I heard a pop, I thought I just blew a tire," he said. "I looked in my rear mirror and my window was shat-

The attacks had been on Contreras' mind at the time. "I was saying, 'I hope it doesn't happen to me, he recalled. Moments later, "they got me

A day for the Yankee kid

NEW YORK (AP) - Yankee want to wring his little neck.

The most crucial glovework in the opening game of the American League championship series became a tale of two cities Thursday: New York bestowed instant celebrity on 12-year-old Jeffrey Maier, the fan whose quick glove boosted his beloved Bronx Bombers to a victory, while Baltimore cried larceny

Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke

fans are toasting him. Orioles fans want to wring his little neck. ence Thursday by saying the stolen catch showed New York doesn't have a true zero-tolerance policy toward crime.

"We were robbed and they saw it and nobody did anything about Schmoke said.

WBAL radio's talk show phone lines were inundated with callers outraged about the kid and about right field umpire Rich Garcia's failure to call interference. Another station urged listeners to

In New York, callers to WFAN's all-sports radio shows somehow

were less irate. Jeffrey's eighth-inning lean-and-

lettrey's eighth-inning lean-and-grab of a Derek Jeter homer that looked like it could be caught landed him on ABC's "Good Morning America." A deli in his hometown, Old Tappan, N.J., ran a Jeff Maier lunch special. (It includes a turkey sandwich.) And the pint-sized star received an ovathe pint-sized star received an ovation inside The All-Star Cafe.

have made a mistate

that will change their lives

forever.

Python kills man feeding it

NEW YORK (AP) - A young man preparing to feed a live chicken to his 44-pound pet python was killed after the 13-foot-long snake apparently mistook him for food and coiled around him.

Rescue workers managed to free 19-year-old Grant Williams from believed that the snake had mistakthe snake's grip, but he died an hour later.

neighbor called 911 Wednesday afternoon to report that the young man was bleeding Foley, a police department after Williams' death. spokesman. When emergency workers arrived, they had to pry the snake off Williams, Foley said.

Williams was unconscious and paramedics attempted to revive him en route to a hospital, where he died, Foley said. Williams' mother. Carmalita.

said she begged her son to get rid of the snake Williams and his 17-year-old

brother, Lamar, hoped to make careers out of caring for big snakes, which are becoming increasing popular as pets.

"I went to the hospital and they

said the snake had suffocated Bronx Zoo, police said. him," Lamar Williams said. "And I thought they were joking me because my brother is as big as me and I know he could handle it, but something went wrong.

Friends and family said they en Williams for food. Williams had purchased a live chicken earlier in the day and apparently had been preparing to feed the snake when he was attacked. The box containin the hallway of his Bronx aparting the chicken was found with its ment house, said Officer Martin cover off and the bird still inside

> Frank Indiviglio, a reptile expert there, said pythons usually don't prey on humans but it can happen, particularly if a human has a scent from an animal on their hands, "and instinct takes over and it constricts."

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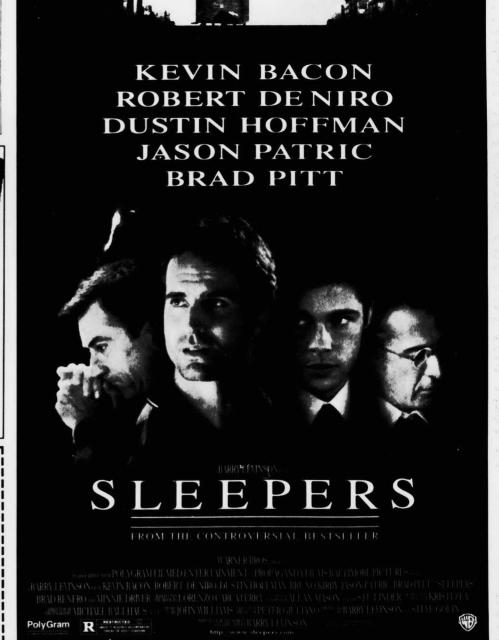
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SPORTS

Sports at a glance

Schedule

Football

◆ The Spartans revive an old rivalry when the visit Fresno State University, 7 p.m.

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Volleyball

 The team hopes to turn things around, 7p.m. tonight when UNLV visits Spartan
Gym. After deteating the
Rebels, the Spartans host
Air Force at 7 p.m. Saturday

Men's soccer

 The soccer team won't be in action again until they host UNLV, 7:30 p.m. Friday. Oct. 18 at Spartan Stadium

Women's soccer

◆ The Spartans are in Hawai'i for a game tonight and will be in San Diego to take on the Aztecs on Sunday.

Cross Country

◆ The next meet for the SJSU runners is Saturday in Invitational in San Bruno.

SJSU hockey

◆ The hockey club is in Utah beginning today to face the University of Utah, Utah State University and Webber State University.

SJSU rugby

◆ The first game for the rugby club will take place 3p.m. tomorrow at Santa Clara for the Broncos' homecom

See story on this page.

Basketball

◆ The Big West champions begin practice on Oct. 15.

Radio

Radio coverage ◆ KSJS 90.5 FM will broadcast

the football game Saturday from Fresno at

KSJS will broadcast the volleyball game at 6:55p.m.

Spartans pay a visit to old rivals

When the SJSU football team travels to Fresno State University Saturday to renew the long-time rivalry, the defense will be anticipating feasting on a steady stream of

SJSU plays FSU in Fresno at 7 p.m. for the first time since 1994 when the Bulldogs defeated the Spartans 45-13. SJSU leads the

FSU has given up the ball 19 times in its four games and is averaging a -3.25 take away to giveaway turnover ration, ranking last in the nation

The Spartan defense is looking forward to continuing their recent spate of forcing interceptions and fumbles to give the offense a chance to shake out of its seasonlong slump.

The Spartans have forced 14 turnovers this year, six in the last two games, including four in the 45-22 loss to Wyoming last

FSU coach Jim Sweeney said the turnovers have been impeding the Bulldogs' progress.





"I think we are improving," Sweeney said. "I just hope we stop turning the ball over."

If the FSU offense can hang on to the ball, it may be a long day for the Spartans.

The Bulldogs feature another in a long line of FSU wide receivers who may play in

line of FSU wide receivers who may play in the NFL one day. Brian Roberson averages nearly seven catches per game for 103 yards. If he does play on the next level Roberson would join Jahine Arnold, David Dunn, Henry Ellard, Malcolm Floyd, Charlie Jones and Tydus Winans as former Bulldogs play-

ng in the NFL.
SJSU safety Jake Redmond said Roberson is just like any of the other great wide receivers SJSU has faced this year. "I think he's an extremely good athlete all

They didn't run against Utah and Auburn. They probably think they have an excellent chance to run against

John Ralston football head coach

around," Redmond said. "He's just in a dif-ferent jersey. That's what you expect when you move from the Big West to the WAC." But Fresno's running game may be the

difference in the game.

Fresno has, not one, but two running backs averaging over 75 yards per game in Michael Pittman and Michael Gray.

"They didn't run against Utah and Auburn (two of FSU losses)," said SJSU coach John Ralston. "They probably think they have an excellent chance to run against

Why not? Everyone else has thought the same thing. And with the exception of Stanford, everyone did run against the Stanford, everyone did run against the Spartans. The Spartans are giving up 244.2 rushing yards per game, which ranks 108 in the country. Two WAC teams are below them, Rice at 109 and UNLV is last.

The defense has managed to come up with big plays put the offense in the posi-

But the offense avoids scoring like it might be contagious. SJSU averages 15.2 points a game, not enough when the defense gives up 39.5 points each week.

The FSU defense won't roll over and

allow the Spartans to finally burst out of

"They just fly to the ball," said Ralston.
"They have a good, strong defensive line that reacts well."

Down 'n dirty

Rugy team begins season

By Christine Ann Bacas

When Spartan Rugby Club President Mike Annab arrived at SJSU, he said he wanted to get involved in athletics but didn't have the size or ability to play col-legiate baseball, football or basket

"... Intramural just wasn't chal-lenging enough," Annab said. "So for me it was just a natural gravitation toward rugby.

The Spartan rugby team will play its first game of the season Saturday at Santa Clara University According to head rugby coach Mike McDonald, the team's goal is to improve on last year's 6-5

"The strengths of the Rugby Club this year are returning experience and talented new players

SJSU's Rugby Club was founded 25 years ago. Annab said the Spartans compete in the Northern California Rugby Football Union, and the players do not play on a scholarship.

"The players and coaches pay for everything themselves. We do fundraising, which brings in some money and helps to underwrite expenses," Annab said, "but it definitely won't pay for things such as international touring." Vice-president Michael Noghrey

said joining the rugby team was one of the best things he has done in his college career.



PHOTO BY SEAN GALVIN - SPARTAN DAILY

Assistant coach Phil Tosti, left, helps members of the SJSU rugby team practice their scrum as they prepare for the first game of the season, Saturday at Santa Clara University.

e a lot of friends. It was also a cat way to relieve stress and

have fun, he said.

Although rugby is most commonly though of as a wiolent sport, Annab said that is a mith he wants to dispet. Rugby is not as violent as people think. It does have the potential to be violent, but because of the code of honor inherent in rugby, it doesn't happen.

you don't want done to your self. In my three years playing at SISU. I've never witnessed a serious injury. The worst I've seen is a

ach McDonald said the team members have a high-level of commitment to the sport. They are out there because they really want to be 4t's not like they have thousands of fans cheering for them. They are there because ndividually committed,

Noghrey said they are constantly trying to recruit people for the team. "Everywhere, we look for players," Noghrey said. "When we're at the gym, we ask people to come out to practice. We teach them the game and keep them coming out to practice."

Students interested in joining the rugby team don't need to tryout, Annab said. "We take all players from all different sizes and shapes, and athletic ability." he shapes, and athletic ability," he said. "We also like to encourage

members of fraternities to get interested in rugby. The majority of members on the team are in, or have been in, fraternities.

Winning is not the rugby team's only goal, Annab said. "We're trying to allow the returning players to have a fulfilling, winning season," Annab said, "but we also want to create a social environ-ment where people can feel like they're part of San Jose State on a deeper level than just coming to classes and going home.

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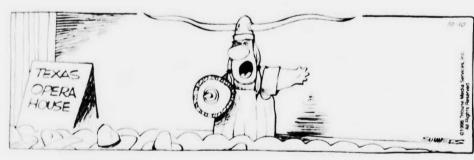
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Protests continue over logging

SCOTIA, Calif. (AP) — State forestry officials cleared the way Thursday for Pacific Lumber Co. to resume salvage logging in an old-growth redwood forest, as a stop-work order against the company expired.
"The order has been rescinded

and they fully intend to go back in (Friday) morning," said Humboldt County sheriff's Capt. Gary Philp.

The order issued by the California Department of Forestry expired at 4 p.m. Thursday, allowing the company to resume taking dead, diving and diseased trees. dead, dying and diseased trees— all fallen timber—from 450 acres in the Bell-Lawrence tract northeast of the Headwaters Forest.

The CDF had ordered a temporary halt to the three-day-old salvage operation after Pacific Lumber loggers knocked down a 10-inch-wide hemlock while dragging a fallen tree out to a skid road.

Environmentalists continued scattered protests against the salvage operation. About 100 protesters were gathered Thursday at a

base camp east of Fortuna.

Two people were held on felony onspiracy charges after they were arrested for trespassing near Pacific Lumber's Carlotta mill, toting food, backpacks and supplies. On Wednesday, 22 environmentality were arrested from the pacific statement of the pacifi ists were arrested near Pacific Lumber's Carlotta mill, site of more than 1,000 arrests during a civil disobedience demonstration on Sept. 15.

"They were arrested on conspiracy (to trespass) charges because

They were arrested on conspiracy (to trespass) charges because they were caught with a large amount of supplies

> **Gary Philp** Humboldt county sheriff

they were caught with a large amount of supplies," Philp said. About 200 people have been arrested in numerous small

protests during the past three weeks, he added.

Environmentalists are opposed to salvage logging in the Headwaters, and have sought a

ban on the practice throughout the 60,000-acre forest complex. To date, the courts and state regulators have rejected their requests.

On Sept. 28, Texas financier Charles Hurwitz, who controls Pacific Lumber, signed an agreement with state and federal offi-cials to turn 7,500 acres of

Headwaters land into a public preserve, in return for \$380 million worth of government property and

The agreement barred salvage logging in the 7,500 acres, but not on other property in the forest; Pacific Lumber owns about 200,000 acres throughout Humboldt County, including extensive stands of ancient red-

Judy Bari, a leader of the environmental activist group Earth First!, said a demonstration was planned Oct. 19 in the Humboldt County area, and said the daily

protests would continue "until the end of the logging season." "There's going to be a constant barrage of protests up there. There are quite a few people committed

to this," she added.

There was no response from Pacific Lumber to a reporter's telephoned request for information.

Meanwhile, the Sierra Club and the Environmental Protection Information Center of Garberville planned a legal challenge to a Board of Forestry's action Wednesday that rejected the environmentalists' attempt to block the logging.

The board voted 4-2 in favor of the environmentalists' request. But the nine-member board's counsel said at least five "yes" votes were required. Two members disqualified themselves from voting, and one seat was vacant.

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Get ready for fleet week

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Navy's Blue Angels dipped, flipped and twirled through San Francisco skies Thursday in preparation for the 16th annual Fleet Week air

The festival honoring maritime services begins Friday and includes a parade of Navy ships and tours of the vessels.

The Blue Angels, the Navy's sixplane precision flying team, has been showing off flight maneuvers since 1946. At its 40th anniversary a decade ago, the team debuted F/A-18 Hornets, the fighter-attack aircrafts used in wartime front

The team is touring the country before settling in El Centro for

winter training. Earlier this week, Sean Tucker took his own black biplane named Challenger II for a whirl over the San Francisco Bay, calling the view "incredible — the backdrop is

"We fly at the edge of the edges," said Tucker, 44, who is not

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)

Colleen Clay and Karen Vernon plunked down \$35, exchanged a

kiss and posed for photographs to become Oakland's first registered

same-sex couple.

They were among 10 couples

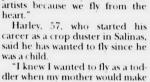
Francisco Bay area, Berkeley, Palo Alto, Marin County and San Francisco also have registries.

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partners

a Blue Angel but will be performing this weekend with aerobatic pilot Wayne Harley. "We're aerial artists because we fly from the

A parade of Navy ships will sail under the Golden Gate Bridge.



the spoon an airplane and my mouth the hangar, 'he said.

This year, Tucker's 15-year-old son, Eric, will serve as announcer when his father takes to the air.

"My son is the next generation,"

Tucker said. "It requires a lot of discipline and training. But once you get there, flying is the great-



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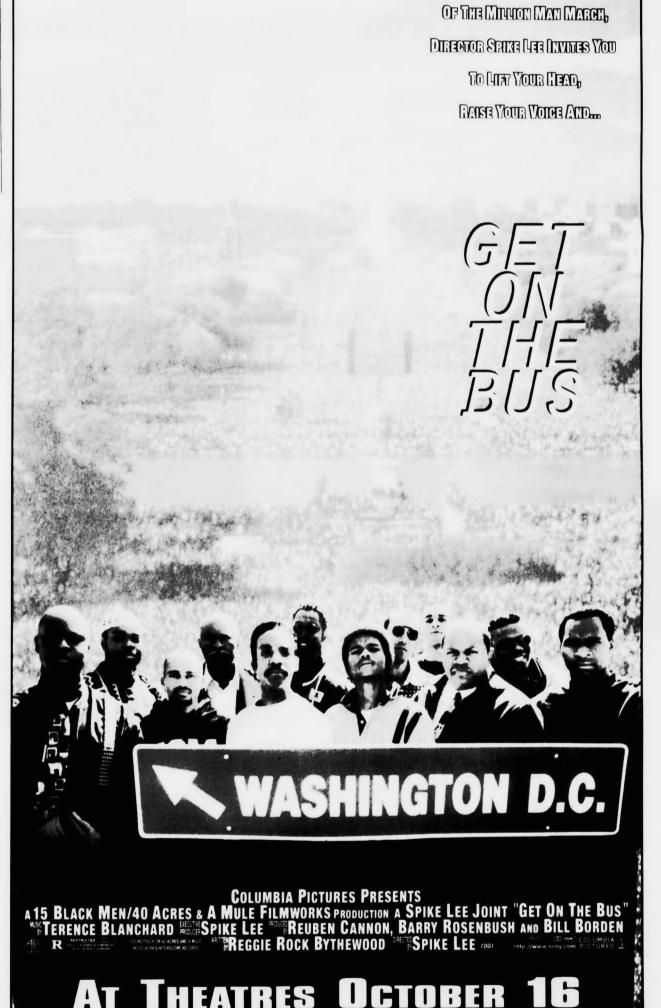
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WORLD EVENTS

Taliban fighters reinforce front

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers searched house-to-house Thursday for anyone suspected of collaborating with the former regime, unleashing a wave of fear among ethnic minorities.

In Baghram, near the front line, a resident was dragged from his home and summarily executed by Taliban soldiers who claimed he collaborated with the former government and killed a rebel fighter, said travelers arriving in the capital.

Taliban forces also set fire to two other homes, saying the occupants had fired in the direction of their soldiers.

In northern Afghanistan, meanwhile, three Afghan factions reportedly formed a military alliance against the Taliban.

In suburbs of the capital of Kabul, terrified residents said heavily armed Taliban troops were rounding up members of Afghanistan's Tajik or Panjshiri ethnic minority groups and accusing them of collaborating with the former government.

The Taliban are mostly Pashtuns, the country's dominant ethnic group, and fear has grown among minorities that they will be targeted for revenge.

In the northern suburb of Khair Khana,

Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers searched house-to-house Thursday for anyone suspected of collaborating with the former regime, unleashing a wave of fear among ethnic

bearded Taliban troops patrolled the streets in pickup trucks and tanks, leaning on the horns as they careened down dusty roads and frightened residents scurried out of the way. All the fighters were armed with Kalashnikov rifles, and many carried rocket launchers.

minorities.

Foreign journalists returning from the front line reported heavy artillery and small arms fire Thursday near Baghram military base, about 25 miles north of the capital.

But there were conflicting reports about its origin. Taliban fighters in the area said it was a minor skirmish, while several residents of nearby Baghram village called it an uprising against Taliban rule.

Travelers arriving in Kabul from the front said Taliban soldiers had erected a makeshift prison outside Charikar, about 40 miles north of Kabul.

Inside a wire mesh cage, several terrified men sat trembling and hunched over with their eyes closed, the witnesses said. An angry Taliban fighter guarding them said they were accused of killing two Taliban soldiers. He refused to say what their punishment would be.

Several people from the Panjshir Valley, the stronghold of former military chief Ahmed Shah Massood, were also picked up Thursday during a series of house-tohouse searches, the travelers said.

Amnesty International has condemned Kabul's new rulers for what it called a "reign of terror," saying at least 1,000 people have been arrested since the Taliban religious army swept into Kabul two weeks

The Taliban administration has denied the charges.

Taliban Information Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi accused foreign journalists Thursday of filing "false" reports and warned they could be expelled.

"I advise you not to release any news that has not been confirmed by the concerned authorities of the Taliban," he said. "Do not misuse the goodwill of the Taliban."

The Taliban, who now control roughly two-thirds of Afghanistan, have moved swiftly to impose their strict version of Islamic rule.

They have banned women from the workplace, including hospitals where they make up roughly half the work force, and have closed schools for girls. They have forced men to wear beards and skullcaps or turbans, and have demanded regular mosque attendance for prayers.

They have banned music, most games, including soccer, and have closed beauty parlors, health clubs and gymnasiums.

The only other fighting force in Afghanistan is commanded by the powerful northern militia leader, Rashid Dostum, an ethnic Uzbek.

Some fear if fighting breaks out between Dostum and the Taliban forces it will quickly grow into a vicious ethnic war.

Dostum met with Afghanistan's ousted president and military commander on

Thursday, as well as representatives of the small Shiite Muslim group Hezbe-

The BBC reported the three groups had formed a defense alliance against the Taliban and had invited political leaders to Dostum's headquarters in Mazar-e-Sharif to discuss the formation of a new government. The report could not be confirmed immediately.

Before Thursday's meeting, Dostum said he had not entered the fighting. He had urged the Taliban to stop their assault on former government soldiers and to come to the negotiating table.

They have refused.

Dostum controls seven northern provinces as well as the Salang Highway, the only road linking Kabul with northern Afghanistan and Central Asia. Some of his well-disciplined soldiers were conscripts in the former communist government, and Dostum's equipment includes several Russian fighter jets.

In northern Afghanistan, meanwhile, three Afghan factions reportedly formed a military alliance against the Taliban.

Fighting breaks out on Zaire-Burundi border

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP) — Fighting broke out Thursday between the Zairian army and a group of stateless Tutsis after two massacres at missionary hospitals in eastern Zaire.

Flames and smoke filled the sky above Uvira, an eastern Zairian town, about 12 miles across Lake Tanganyika from the Burundian capital of Bujumbura. Aid workers reached by radio said the fire and fighting was taking place in a village in the hills just north of Uvira.

The fighting follows two attacks on hospitals over the weekend that left 50 people dead. Both are

blamed on a Tutsi subgroup known as the Banyamulenge, who have lived in Zaire for decades but have been essentially stateless since their citizenship was revoked in 1981.

U.N. spokesman Sylvana Foa said Thursday that the security situation in eastern Zaire had grown "explosive" since government troops ordered about 400,000 Banyamulenge to leave within a week or face full-scale war.

In a statement Thursday, U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said dozens of people had been killed and injured in eastern Zaire in recent days.

On Sunday, marauders swept through a Swedish missionary hospital near Lemera, in eastern Zaire, killing at least 38 people, most of them patients who were shot or stabbed in their beds, mission officials said Thursday in Stockholm, Sweden.

Twelve other people were killed in an attack on a nearby Roman Catholic missionary station, said Dag Bohlin, a spokesman for the Swedish Free Pentecostal Church, which runs the hospital.

Bohlin said 28 patients were killed in their beds, either bayonetFighting broke out Thursday between the Zairian army and a group of stateless Tutsis after two massacres at missionary hospitals in eastern Zaire.

ed or shot in the mouth. Another six patients were killed in the hospital's garden as they attempted to flee and four hospital workers also were killed, Bohlin said. In addition, one nurse was kidnapped and her fate was unknown, he said. The hospital workers all were Zairian, Bohlin said. Those killed at the Catholic missionary station were two priests and 10 others, all Zairians.

The attackers were believed to be Banyamulenge who were angry with the missions for treating Hutus.

The Banyamulenge, who are considered Tutsis, immigrated to eastern Zaire from Rwanda decades ago. They were granted Zairian citizenship under a government decree issued in 1972, but

the decree was revoked nine years later.

The Zairian government began pressuring the Banyamulenge to leave the country after more than a million Rwandans, mostly Hutus, fled to eastern Zaire two years ago to escape genocide in Rwanda.

U.N. officials say Rwanda does not want to accept the Banyamulenge, in effect making them stateless.

"This has become explosive," Foa said. "All of this is compounded with the fact that we have 1.1 million Rwandan refugees in the area."





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Same-sex harassment case appealed

BOSTON (AP) — The boys-will-be-boys heory of play may have reached its outer imit at a Massachusetts lumber yard.

There, according to a sexual harass ment case before the state's highest court, three men say two male supervisors con-stantly subjected them to raunchy comments and gestures. The company argues the case isn't sexual harassment because all the men involved are heterosexual.

Same-sex sexual harassment is an issue courts around the country have been forced to address, and they have reached onflicting conclusions that ultimately may have to be resolved by the U.S. Supreme

Supreme Judicial Court has taken up the

and 1990, Melynchenko, James Quill and Stephen LaRochelle, all now in their early 30s, worked at a West Springfield branch of the national chain 84 Lumber Co. All three eventually quit.

The men they accused, Richard Raab and Eliasel Roque, were fired after the allegations were raised.

The employees sued the company, and state judge awarded each \$75,000 in 1993 on the grounds of sexual harass-

Judge Daniel Ford ruled that the men's xual orientation was irrelevant and that the real issue was the "intimidating, hos-tile, humiliating and sexually offensive work environment."

Among other things, the employees said Raab grabbed their genitals, fondled their buttocks, exposed himself to them and asked for sexual favors. Raab announced over the lumber yard's loudspeaker that Quill had given him sexual favors, and he taunted Quill's girlfriend, according to court documents

Two of the employees claimed to be so ychologically damaged they ended up in

near Pittsburgh, said that it doesn't condone such behavior but that 84 Lumber would be liable for same-gender sexual harassment only if gay men had harassed heterosexual men, or vice-versa.

"It's locker room conduct" and the victims have a case under workers' compensation law, but it's not sexual harassment, said Jay Presser, one of the company's

He said sexual discrimination laws should be "aimed at enhancing the oppor-tunities for people who have traditionally not been in the workplace."

Lawyers for the three employees said

the case is clearly sexual harassment, no matter what the sexual orientation or gender of those involved.

The lumber company "would want you to believe that this is the kind of stuff guys do," said the employees' lawyer Timothy Ryan, who argued the case before the high court Wednesday.

Massachusetts law defines sexual harassment as any unwelcome sexual advances' or requests for sexual favors, and makes no distinction for gender.

Federal law also makes no gender distinctions, but federal judges have arrived at differing decisions.

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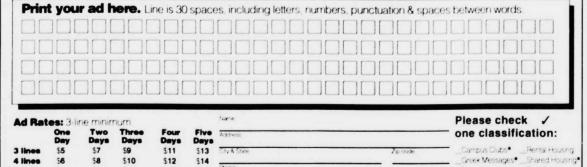
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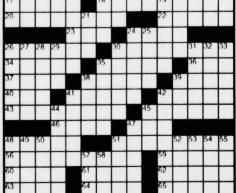
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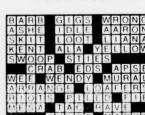
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6:30 a.m. on a gray muggy day on Manhattan's patrician Upper East Side and 3-year-old Benji is out of

It's clear the minute he exits his Tudor-style high-rise. He shows none of the joie de vivre you come to expect from golden retrievers head slumps, and he lunges at fellow

dogs.
At the other end of the leash is Jim Buck, pioneer in a field known as urban dog handling, principal of Jim Buck's School for Dogs and all-around dog adviser to Manhattan's

"We are going to pat him, pat him, pat him. Talk to him, talk to him, talk to him," Buck says, "We are going to teach him that sweetness is better than a chip on your shoulder."

But more the anothing Buck is

But more than anything, Buck is going to walk him, walk him, walk him. Not the conventional kind of walks — one dog at a time, in a quaint dog park. Buck's walks are pack walks, 12 dogs at a time, five hours at a whack, on bustling Manhattan sidewalks at the height of the morning commute

Twelve dogs of differing breeds heeding their master, at one with their fellow dogs' moods and needs. That, says Buck, is the path to happy, well-adjusted and respectful hounds.

"It's an animal community. That's what it is. I just happen to be the head of it. I'm the top dog, as they

Home by home, in a sort of car pool for canines, Buck gathers his class and, for the benefit of a guest walker, introduces each dog with an affectionate, encapsulating sound

Chloe, a yellow Lab: "A bit of a knucklehead, but that is the breed." Flapjack, a chocolate Lab: Nothing but an erection on four

legs."
Millie, another yellow Lab: "Just as tough as they come, but honest. She

is my sergeant-at-arms.

As the pack swells, Buck arranges the dogs according to temperament. Rambunctions dogs get short leashes and inside positions, while the meeker students wind up with longer tethers and outside slots. The grown-up and even-keeled of the

NEW YORK (AP) - It's barely bunch serve as buffers between the more needy dogs.

Buck uses his legs to enforce an imaginary dividing line between the dogs on his right and left flanks, nudging them forward or backward.

leftward or rightward as they stray.
"Packs of dogs should be joyous things, but when dogs first come in. it's a little like boot camp. You have to shape them up," says Buck.

Dog handling was a birthright for Buck, a self-described "Park Avenue brat" whose parents were scions of leading banking and shipping fami-

Uncle James A. Farrell owned ing hounds. greyhounds and smooth-haired fox terriers; Uncle John J. Farrell bred sheltes and foxhounds;

Grandfather C.A. Buck raised American pointers, and Uncle Leonard Buck had a cham-

pionship stable of cocker spaniels. Buck entered the dog-show circuit early, taking one of James A. Farrell's terriers into a competition ring in Rowayton, Conn.,

Rowaton, Conti.,
at the age of 6.

He was in his
early 30s, working
as an electronics salesman, when he

came across an Airedale mauling a city. German shepherd. With the rock in

"I wish someone had done that earlier," the Airedale's owner told Buck, and then proceeded to hire him as a trainer.

Through word of mouth and visi-bility, Buck built up his business, while working to persuade his par-ents that he was a bona fide dog pro-fessional rather than "just another kennel boy.

Many of his customers were his former prep-schoolmates who had blossomed into investment bankers

and corporate lawyers.

Their kids were clamoring for dogs, but they didn't know what advise and sort out their existential canine crises: one owner called late at night because her dog was eveing her strangely. Another phoned with the news that her dog had swallowed

Not only was it economically sensible for Buck to group-train his clients dogs but, as he learned at the knee of his uncles and grandfathers. dogs that spend time around other dogs are more sociable and respon sive. The goal was to create chem-istry within a pack, as one might among a team of sled dogs or hunt-

Buck also began peddling another radical notion; dog fit ness — a direct ness — a direct challenge to the then popular idea that dog

should "robust" (read: plump). In the northern reach of Central Park, he would let the dogs off-leash to run off

Jim Buck their pent-up energy by glecfully chasing squirrels and rats from down-town." It was his

way of re-creating the country in the

New Yorkers did double takes at German shepherd. With the rock in his hand, he hit the aggressor dog in the head, forcing its retreat.

"I wish someone had done that earlier," the Airedale's owner told

"Buck and his gaggle of pooches marching down the street like a troop of Boy Scouts.

"Buck) really was a happening in

New York," said Lewis Berman, an Upper East Side veterinarian. "Now eople just take him for granted." Life magazine sent the late and

tamed Alfred Eisenstaedt to docu-ment Buck and his brood, but Buck anted to "make a circus out of it Life assigned another photograph

The resulting pictures depict Buck and several of his leggy tenade employees holding spirals of leashes and dressed smartly in matching vel-

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To Buck, most dog walkers are phonies and flunkies. Among his claims their leashes get tangled; they tie their dogs to parking meters; they slow the pace of the walk to gaze at store window displays, and they know

nothing about canine lineage.
"I call them maid service," he says

"They are goof ups."

Buck is up at 4 a.m. without an alarm, and on the streets from 5 a.m. until after 10 a.m. The rest of the day looks like this: Lunch at 2 p.m. paperwork and private lessons

the owners, too) at 3 p.m., Scotch at 6 p.m., in bed by 7 p.m. In blizzards and heat spells, every Monday through Friday, Buck is out with the dogs, though ever mindful of their well being. In the winter, he walks on the sunny side of the street, in the summer, on the shady side.

in the summer, on the shady side. In demeanor, Buck, who is lean and has picteing eyes, is exactly what he strives for with his dogs.

He is polite and sociable, shouting a "Howdy, tellas" to doormen and elderly men sitting on stoops along his route. He shows up on time and never drinks his whiskey until the day's work is done. He is determined, doling out business cards in search of "Park Ave. pupplies."

It's 7:30 a.m., and the Manhattan tableau is unfolding. Men and women stride purposefully toward the subway, messengers on bikes and Rollerblades weave through traffic, Fifth Avenue turns into Yellow Cab

Buck is trudging up an incline on 92nd Street, around him a wiggling wash of browns, creams, yellows,

Buck begins to steer his 12 disci-les across the street when, suddenly, ne stops to do his business.

Retaming a light grip on two fists of leashes arrayed neatly across his palms and fingers. Buck draws a piece of folded newspaper from his back pocket as if unsheathing a

Test

From page 1

educator, said she was worried that counseling might be compromised due to the home test. People would be able to access their results over the phone. Davis said if someone tested negative they would be directed to a recording on the phone instead of talking to a counselor.

However, having a person to break the news is not a guarantee for appropriate counseling and treatment, Hogan

"This is particularly of concern to me because on the phone was exactly how I found out that I was HIV positive. So I know what it's like to get a test result over the phone," Hogan said. Another issue was the technical language used

in the booklets available with the home test kits. Martha O'Connell, coor dinator of Gay and Lesbian Awareness

Week, said, "what you read in the booklet is gibberish," and it is difficult to understand the contents

unless a person has good knowledge about AIDS. Even so, Hogan said, overall, he supported home testing as an alter-

"Realistically, many people still may not be willing to go out and get tested. So on that level I support the home test," Hogan said. "However, there are concerns. So, at least in our area, with agencies like the univer-sity where we can put information out to students, staff and faculty, it's our responsibility to

urge some caution. The Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week will be having a National Coming Out Day at SJSU National today from noon to 2 p.m. at the Student Union Amphitheater.

Kevorkian assists in another suicide

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) - Dr. Jack Keyorkian assisted in another suicide, that of a Texas man who was suffering from

multiple sclerosis, his lawer said Thursday.

Kevorkian drove to William Beaumont Hospital in this Detroit suburb about 3 a.m., telling a security guard that "he had a patient in the car.... The patient was declared dead shortly thereafter," said spokeswoman Yette Monet.

Wallace Joseph Spolar of El Paso had been left paralyzed by the multiple sclerosis, said Kevorkian's lawyer Geoffrey Fieger.

He gave the man's age as 69, while Monet said documents left at the hospital, including insurance information, indicated he

was 70. Fieger said Spolar sought Kevorkian's help because he was afraid of ending up in "one of those rat-infested nursing homes to be warehoused by 'Nurse Ratched," referring to the cold-hearted nurse in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

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