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Jason Gable and his sister Kim comfort each other during Wednesday's memorial service for San Jose State University art major Nancy Leat, who died last Thursday after battling a heart condition. Jason and Nancy had dated for the past five-and-a-half years.

Student mourned by friends, family

Art major Nancy Leat, 22, remembered for her kindness, generosity and love of life

By Janet Pak
Daily Lifestyles Editor

San Jose State University student Nancy Leat was known for her generosity, kindness and bubbly personality, said friends, family and faculty members who knew her.

Leat, 22, passed away Friday. Funeral services were held Wednesday in her hometown of Sunnyvale.

During the hour-and-a-half long service with about 300 attendees, a pastor read a seven-page letter written by Nancy's father, mother and older sister.

In the letter, details of Nancy's color guard activities, her friendships and the moments that led to Nancy's heart condition were given.

The open casket funeral was decorated with flags and flowers at the side. On the table beside her casket were several trays of blue, purple and yellow pansies.

Audience members sang a hymn called "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee," followed by a small group of SJSU marching band members performing "Hail Spartans Hail," and "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown," with members clapping along. A special rendition of "Somewhere Out There," one of Nancy's favorite songs, was also performed.

After the letter was read, long-time friends and former co-workers shared stories and memories.

Kiyoe Congera, a high school friend of nine years, spoke about how Nancy would share her clothes with her, and brought a yellow shirt with a picture of a silly frog on the front that Nancy had given her.

Congera said it reminded her of Nancy's silliness, and how her friend would share old clothes.

Lesley Leat, her older sister, said she wanted people to take the flowers to plant something bright for Nancy.

"They're like little faces — sweet and cheerful because she was always a nice pleasant girl," Lesley said.

Lesley, 26, said she will miss spending time with Nancy, which always required special planning. Lesley said she imagined her sister would have one day married her long-term boyfriend, James Gable, and looked forward to giving her away at the ceremony.

She said the other day she was in a restaurant and saw four old couples, senior citizens, sitting together and it reminded her of Nancy.

It's the little things such as thinking about growing old together and getting that senior citizen discount she said she will miss.

Nancy also brought good karma wherever she went, Lesley said they went to Las Vegas for Nancy's 21st birthday and she won \$300 while her

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A.S. backs fee hike for more library hours

By Michelle Ochoa
Daily Staff Writer

A pilot run of extended library hours will be in effect for finals week said Alice Lee, vice president of Associated Students in Tuesday's meeting. Also addressed in the meeting was a student fee increase of \$14 to help pay for more library resources and the possible erection of a monument to Cesar Chavez.

According to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library's Web site, the entire library will be open until midnight from Wednesday, May 19 through Tuesday, May 25. Students will need to have their valid Tower Card in order to remain in the library after the usual closing times on those days.

If all goes well during finals week, Lee said the library will be open for an extra two hours a day during the fall semester.

A.S. passed the Instructional Related Activities Fee Alternative Consultant Statement by a majority vote.

By passing the statement, the A.S. agreed to advise interim President Joseph Crowley to talk to campus organizations about a \$14 student fee increase to support more library services, rather than sending the fee increase to a referendum and student vote.

This means that A.S. asks the

president to just adjust fees as needed after talking to organizations, said A.S. executive director Alfonso De Alba. The increase would take effect in the fall.

Monica Rascoe, vice president of student affairs, said the \$14 increase was for enrichment of the library and that it "attempted to address a number of critical issues in the library."

The fee increase would support the extended library hours, special collections and more technology resources, Lee said.

Some A.S. members didn't see the need for such a high increase in fees for services not all students would utilize.

John Lombardo, director of student resource affairs, was concerned that the increase wouldn't go to a student vote.

"The \$14 are not needed, because they're going to resources that are not required by the students," Lombardo said. He felt that generally, students have not requested more services beyond extended hours.

Huy Tran, director of governing affairs, was in favor of the statement. He said that students may need more than just books out of the library.

The \$14 increase would not be set to increase with inflation,

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Voters: No fee increase

A.S. ballot initiative for \$12 hike fails in referendum

By John Myers
Daily Staff Writer

A \$12 fee increase for the fall semester was voted down Wednesday in a special referendum administered by the San Jose State University Associated Students.

In Tuesday and Wednesday's vote, approximately 60 percent of the 673 votes were against the increase, said David Erlichman, chief elections officer of the A.S. Election Board. The turnout represents approximately 2.4 percent of eligible voters on campus, Erlichman said.

A total of 268 students voted in favor of the increase, and 405 voted against it.

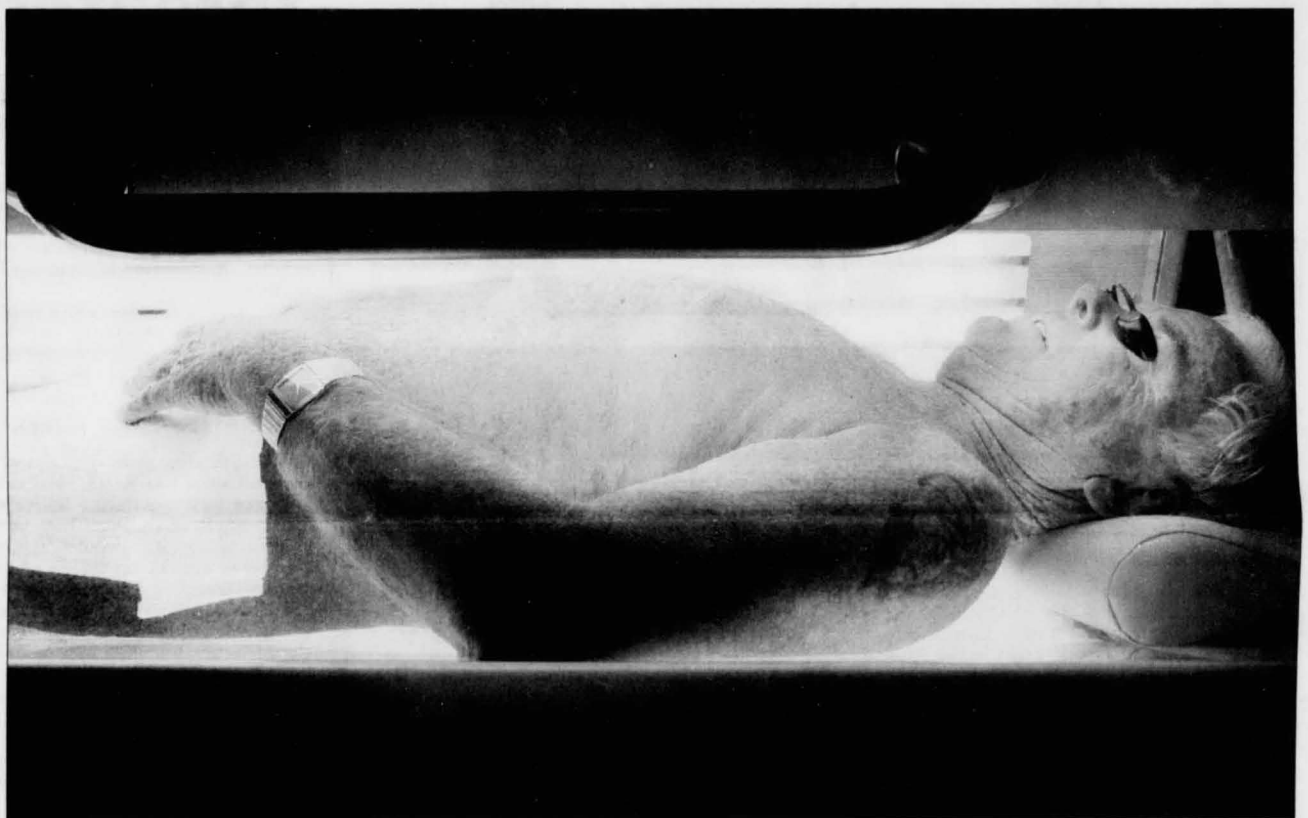
Had it passed, the increase would have faced final approval from SJSU interim President Joseph Crowley,

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VOTING RESULTS

\$12 Fee Increase	YES	NO
Total Votes	268	405

TANNING alternatives



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Gerard Opray lies inside a tanning bed at the Four Seasons Tanning Salon in Los Gatos on Tuesday. Opray, who has frequented the salon since December 1999, uses the false sunrays to treat his psoriasis. The light used at commercial tanning salons has become a popular alternative to phototherapy sessions at a dermatologist's office.

Ultraviolet bulbs and spray-on solutions attract salon-goers; doctor warns of possible risks

By Carly Roden
Daily Staff Writer

For students striving to obtain a golden hue before making their first poolside appearance of the summer, tanning beds are one way to remedy winter whiteness.

While some tanning salon owners say the

dangers of absorbing UV rays are not as serious as once thought, one dermatologist disagrees.

"Medically speaking, there is no such thing as a healthy tan," said Dr. Elizabeth Hughes, who works at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. "Every time you tan — especially if you burn — actually damages the skin."

Hughes, a member of the American Academy of

Dermatology, said the light in tanning beds is worse than natural sunlight, because it exposes the skin to more of the damaging rays at a faster rate.

"The bulbs are engineered to produce more ultraviolet light than you would normally get outside," Hughes said.

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Tugging sixth-graders toward college goals

By Rebecca Villaneda
Daily Associate Production Editor

Sixth-graders from Edenvale Elementary visited San Jose State University Wednesday to learn that college can be in their future.

SJSU Champs/Life Skills coordinator, Kirsten Foster, organized the event with Edenvale's Adopt a College Program, arranging for the 11- and 12-year-olds to get a tour of the university and meet several SJSU athletes.

Through the program, Edenvale promises its students a scholarship once they have been accepted to a college.

"We want to encourage them that college is a reality for them," said Laura Rich, one of the three teachers from Edenvale, which is located in south San Jose.

She said Edenvale hosts events on its campus to raise money for the scholarships. The annual pancake breakfast was already held, and a magic show, which is open to the public, is scheduled for May 20 at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Foster, an SJSU alumna, said this annual event at SJSU allows the children to get a picture of what a college athlete looks like. She said it shows them that athletes come in all shapes and sizes.

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Stacey Ruesch / Daily Staff

Sophomore gymnast Amberly Klein, left, plays tug-of-war with sixth-grader Kamila Johnson, middle, and sophomore soccer player Johnny Gonzalez. Johnson was at San Jose State University with other sixth graders from Edenvale Elementary school as part of the Adopt-A-College program. Klein and Gonzalez were SJSU athletes volunteering to run the games the students played on Tower Lawn Wednesday afternoon.



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Nancy Leat's parents Barbara and Bob console Alisa Hackett, Nancy's manager of four years at KB Toys, during the memorial service for Nancy in Sunnyvale on Wednesday. About 300 guests came to pay their respects to Nancy and her family.

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sister lost \$20 within five minutes.

Robert J. Leat, her father, said Nancy meant the world to him and would want her friends to emulate Nancy's kindness to help others.

"That's what Nancy would've done, no matter what," Robert said. "She just did, she never said why."

He said Nancy had a heart condition called viral cardio myopathy, an enlargement of the heart resulting from a viral infection.

Leat was a well-liked member of the Spartan color guard, friends said.

Kiyoe Congera, Leat's best friend from high school, said she met Nancy in eighth grade when the nearby high school came to recruit students for its clubs. They clicked at the color guard meeting and stuck it out for four years, Congera said.

"We called ourselves 'the band geeks,'" Congera laughed. "It's just that the band and color guard are such a community where you get to know each other and spend so much time ... you get close with people."

The pair of friends attended Homestead High School in Cupertino and graduated in 1999.

Congera said she can't yet accept Nancy being gone.

She was aware of Leat's heart condition, but she said Nancy never wanted other people to worry.

"She never talked about it, like, in the sense of making people worry or feel sorry for her or anything like that," she said. "If Nancy talked about her heart, it was to warn people rather than have them feel sorry for her."

"She never talked about it and didn't let it stop her," said Alexa Brooks, an SJSU senior in the color guard. "There was an aura about her, and she was happy where she was."

"She decided to live as fully as she could," Brooks added.

Leat always had a smile on her face and liked to invite friends to her apartment, Brooks said.

"She was happy all the time, goofing around at practice and rehearsal," she said.

Brooks said Leat organized get-togethers with friends in the marching band and wouldn't allow for anyone to not join the fun. Cost was never an issue — if someone couldn't pay, she'd pay for that person, Brooks said.

Monica Bugaoan, a member of the SJSU color guard, recalled a time when she didn't have enough money to attend Leat's birthday celebration.

"She was very giving, and I don't know anybody that would pay for you when it was (her) birthday," Bugaoan said.

Scott Pierson, director of the SJSU Marching Band, remembers Leat for her passion and warmth.

"I thought she was completely fun,"

Pierson said. "She had this real love for performing and doing the color guard thing. She was totally friendly, bubbly — and I knew she was in for long haul because she loved the activity so much."

Pierson called Leat a team player who never complained.

Ellen Metzger, a professor in the geology department, said Leat was reliable and conscientious.

If she had to miss a class for a color guard competition, she would turn in her work ahead of time.

"I don't think I ever heard her complain," Metzger said.

Brooks said she and Leat worked together at SJSU to put on a winter guard show for students at Fremont High School.

"She was patient when she dealt with (the high school students)," she

said. "She was someone special to them — and they looked up to her as a mentor, friend and teacher."

Congera, Leat's high school friend, said Nancy enjoyed country music and the Dixie Chicks.

She also loved the Simpsons and used to collect plastic figurines and decorate her bedroom walls with them.

Ralph was her favorite character, Congera said.

Wiggys Sivertsen, director of Counseling Services, said she has been in touch with her parents and is helping them deal with their grief.

"These kinds of deaths are really sad," Sivertsen said. "We don't expect young people to die. When it happens it's always very shocking and painful for all the individuals that knew her and were a part of their life."

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Lee said.

Gabriel Reyes, assistant to the president for campus climate, spoke at Tuesday's meeting in a fund-raising attempt for a proposed monument to Cesar Chavez next to the Paseo de Cesar Chavez.

The monument would be set up like an archway near the bowl-like fountain on the side of the Paseo de Cesar Chavez that leads to the Student Union and would contain murals portraying campesino farm workers, scenes from Chavez's activism and pictures of Mahatma Gandhi and labor activist Dolores Huerta.

According to the video presentation shown by Reyes, the pictures of Gandhi and Huerta would represent that social change is possible through non-violent action.

Also discussed in the video was a possible redecoration of the tiles that lead to the path around the fountain, and replacing the benches surrounding the fountain with ones that coordinate with the Cesar Chavez theme.

The location for the monument has been approved by the university, Reyes said, but plans for archway are on hold until the \$95,000 needed to complete the monument is raised.

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who could have decided to veto it.

The \$12 was to be split equally between the A.S. Child Care Center and the A.S. campus recreation fund.

Crowley cannot choose to impose the fee now that the referendum has failed, said A.S. Executive Director Alfonso De Alba, who is a paid adviser for A.S.

"Executive Order 740 states very clearly that a (supportive) referendum is needed for student fees to be adjusted," De Alba said in an interview before the results of the vote were available.

The A.S. Board of Directors can always decide to run the polls again, he said.

"The possibility is there, but in what shape is something to be determined by the A.S. board," De Alba said. "Now we're with a new board and they will decide whether to do it or not."

The board's 2004-05 directors were sworn in during a meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Chief Elections Officer Erlich-

man said the referendum's low turnout might have been due to preparation time.

"I feel that if we had had more time, we would have received a better turnout," he said. "We could have advertised more and made the students more aware."

Erlichman said only 244 votes, 36 percent of the total, were cast on Tuesday.

"We put up more signs on Tuesday to get the word out," he said.

Other than the lack of time to prepare, Erlichman said he feels his staff got the job of running the voting done well.

"These people came in bright and early and worked all day long," he said. "They put in all the effort, like making sure the proper papers were posted as it says in the (Election Regulation Manual). They went above and beyond."

The members of the Election Board — which consists of the chief elections officer, an adviser and four committee members — are all paid, Erlichman said. In order to staff the voting booths, the board hired temp workers from Manpower, Inc.

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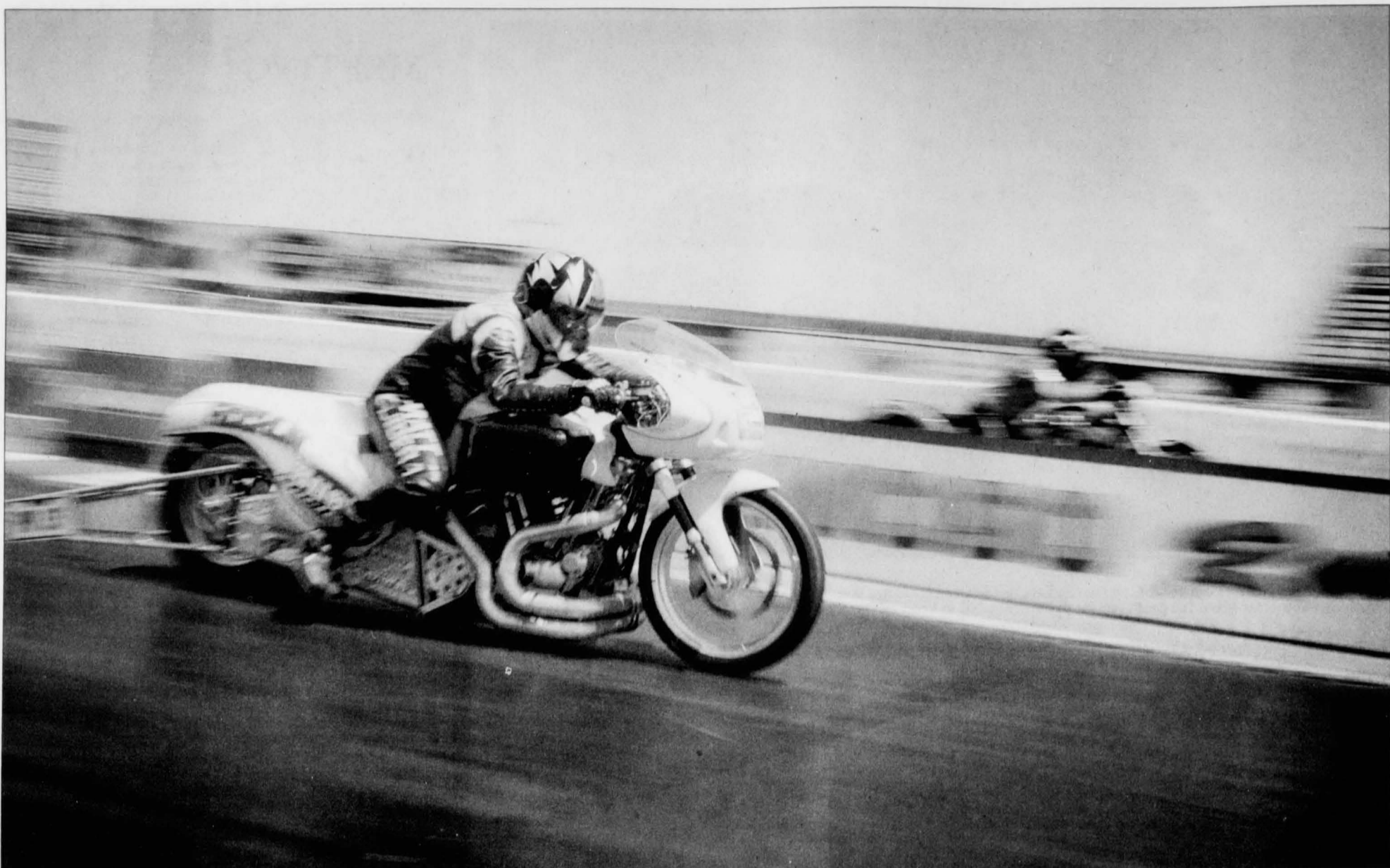
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Matt Guidera, left, a member of team MV Guidera Rocklin Motorsports, races in a qualifying round at Famoso Raceway on May 1.

Drag races fuel enthusiast's
NEED FOR SPEED

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ANDREW HENDERSHOT /
DAILY STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Driving on a rural country road just south of Bakersfield, in what seemed to be the middle of nowhere, searching for some sign of my destination, I started to wonder if I had taken a wrong turn.

In all directions, the only thing visible was farmland. Just as I was about to turn around, I heard a sound that assured me I was heading in the right direction — the unmistakable roar of a top fuel big twin Harley Davidson drag bike engine.

As I pulled into the hot, dusty parking lot of Famoso Raceway a familiar smell filled my nose and cleared my sinuses — it was the smell of nitro fuel. I had made it to the S&S Cycle California Nationals, an All Harley Drag Racing Association sanctioned event.

The races, held May 1 and 2, included 14 different classes of drag bikes ranging from street-legal motorcycles to top fuel customs that can only be ridden on a track.

The most popular class with the hundreds of spectators was the top fuel dragsters — capable of covering the quarter mile track in less than seven seconds and reaching a top speed of more than 200 miles per hour.

FIRST PERSON



Nathan Walton, a member of the Black Sheep Motorcycle Club, watches the drag races at Famoso Raceway near Bakersfield on May 1.

Before the start of each race, the riders or "pilots," did a "burnout" by holding the front break and spinning the rear wheel, which created a huge cloud of smoke from the burning rubber.

The pilots then moved their massive machines to the starting line and waited for the all-important green light that sent them speeding down the drag strip.

Between the races there were other activities for the spectators to enjoy.

On the "midway" vendors showcased their products that were geared towards the Harley Davidson enthusiasts. Patrons could buy everything from chrome parts for their motorcycles, to t-shirts, to complete custom-built "choppers."

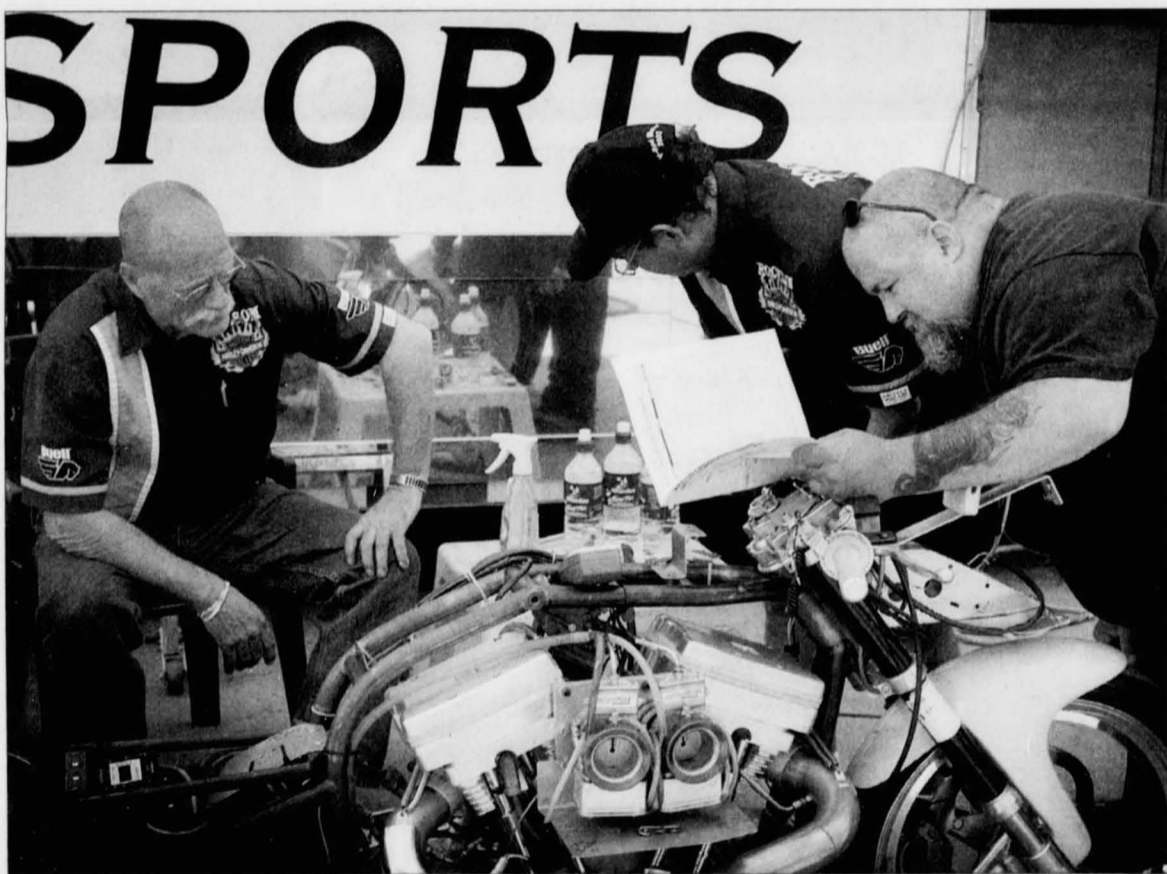
Refreshments at the event came in the form of carnival-style food — beer and various things on a stick.

After draining their wallets on parts, food and beer, race fans had the opportunity to watch drag teams as they tuned their high-performance machines in preparation for the next run down the track.

What does it mean to ride a drag bike? It means riding a motorcycle at wide-open throttle. It is pushing a machine to its limit and sometimes beyond, and flirting with disaster. It also means achieving an adrenalin rush like no other.

All of us who ride motorcycles, whether on a track or on the street, can relate to what it means. Perhaps that's why we met in the middle of nowhere for a weekend of speed.

SPORTS



Steve Smith, right, consults with Vic Guidera, middle, and Bob Newman, left, about the team MV Guidera Rocklin Motorsports' drag bike between races.



LEFT: Riders line up in the staging area in preparation for qualifying races at Famoso Raceway near Bakersfield on May 1. Many of the motorcycles entered in the drag races are also street-legal.

ABOVE: A racer does a "burnout" to improve tire traction during his run down the track at Famoso Raceway near Bakersfield on May 1.

In Greece, a race to finish Olympics

Associated Press

MARATHON, Greece—Athletes have been running the mostly uphill route from this village to Athens for about 2,500 years, ever since a swift soldier named Phidippides legged the 26.2 miles to deliver news of a military victory over the Persians. But with just three months to go until the Olympic Games return to Greece, the ancient path is hardly fit for the world's best modern-day marathoners.

Hundreds of dump trucks, excavators, cement mixers and laborers with old-fashioned pickaxes are working double shifts to widen the racecourse along a narrow highway, but are far behind schedule.

About half the route remains under construction. In Marathon, the starting line is nowhere to be seen; even the local work crews say they aren't sure where it's supposed to go.

The asphalt ribbon is one of numerous venues that are still unfinished as Athens scrambles to prepare for the Aug. 13-29 Olympics.

The Olympic Stadium — site of the Opening Ceremonies and the track and field events — needs seats, not to mention an 18,000-ton roof that began sliding into place only this week. Across the region, the sound of jackhammers echoes with the building

of new roads, subways and sidewalks. Everything is dusty.

With so much undone, it came as a huge relief to the host city Wednesday when visitors from the International Olympic Committee wrapped up a three-day final inspection tour and pronounced themselves confident that everything would be ready on time.

Denis Oswald, the IOC's chief overseer for the Athens Games, said he was impressed with the progress and credited the Greeks for picking up the pace. "I can really witness the progress," he said.

"In the past we had doubts," Oswald acknowledged at a news conference. "I am very happy to report all these doubts have disappeared. ... No single project is at risk and we know everything will be delivered on time."

In 2000, the IOC threatened to take the Olympics away from Athens because the Greeks, plagued by political bickering and government spending controls, had failed to show much headway since being awarded the Games three years earlier.

Since then, Greece has labored to prove that a small country — population 11 million — can successfully put on a \$6.5 billion athletic spectacle. Complicating matters have been escalating demands for better security

measures after the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States, followed by bombings in Istanbul last November and in Madrid two months ago.

"In 2000, we began meeting under the shadow of a yellow card and, since then, we have done seven years' work in just four years' time," Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, president of the Athens 2004 organizing committee, said after the IOC finished its tour Wednesday. "This is a fact and it's proof of what we Greeks can do when we work in a focused and professional way. ... When the world's best athletes come to Greece for the historic homecoming of the Olympic Games, we will be ready to welcome them."

There are still plenty of obstacles. Athens officials tout the planned 75,000-seat stadium, with its bowlegged glass-and-steel roof, as the architectural centerpiece of this year's Olympics.

But where Sydney completed its Olympic Stadium 18 months prior to the start of the 2000 Games, Greece waited until last year to finalize the construction contracts.

After repeated delays, there was some talk of pulling the plug on the roof altogether for fear that the enduring image of the Opening Ceremonies would be of a half-finished edifice.

Similar concerns had already

prompted a decision to scrap plans for a covered aquatic center and leave it as an open-air swimming area instead.

But under pressure from the IOC, contractors began slowly raising the stadium roof with cranes on Monday and pledged to cap it off by the end of the month.

Landscaping provides another challenge. Because of all the construction activity, the land around the main athletic complex is a dust bowl that a single heavy rain could turn into a quagmire of mud.

Officials promise tens of thousands of trees, shrubs and other plants, but not until July — the hottest month of the year in Athens, hardly a conducive time for vegetation.

Traffic congestion throughout Athens, a ringing headache in normal times, has peaked because the Greek government is building so many new roads and transit lines to accommodate the expected crowds for the Olympics.

Many Athenians say they are willing to put up with the inconvenience because they figure the improvements will pay off in the long term. And despite the ticking clock and all the planning problems, they say they are confident that the transportation network will be ready.

Berg seemed oblivious to dangers, friends in Iraq say

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — To the people whom Nick Berg befriended here, he was an affable, strapping American who talked a good game about business but seemed oblivious to the dangers that raged around him and increasingly targeted Westerners.

The night before Berg checked out of the Al-Fanar hotel, he had a beer with an acquaintance and spoke of going home. The next day, April 10, he left, suitcase in hand. A month later he was found dead.

Somewhere along the way, suspected Islamic militants snatched the 26-year-old Pennsylvanian, then beheaded him before a video camera and on Tuesday, posted the horrific images on the Internet. His family blames the U.S. military for jeopardizing his life by having detained him in late March when he had planned to leave, a charge the army denies.

According to those who knew him, Berg was one of a small number of small-time freelance businessmen who have come to this volatile, war-scarred country hoping to make a buck and maybe, in the words of his parents, do some good.

But he ran afoul of, first, Iraqi law and then suspicious American investigators. And then, perhaps, of his own cavalier sense of adventure.

Iraqi police picked him up in the northern city of Mosul on March 24, 10 days after he arrived in Iraq for the second time in the last few months. Berg told friends he was arrested following a night of drunken mischief. He was jailed for 13 days and interrogated not once but three times by the FBI. The U.S. Army insists they never took custody of him from the Iraqi police.

Berg later told friends he had been accused of spying — though it wasn't clear whether he meant his accusers were the Americans or the Iraqis, or both. He told friends an Israeli stamp in his passport had made the Iraqis especially hostile. Berg was Jewish, and his family speculated that his religion might have been a factor in his kidnapers' decision to kill him.

In Baghdad, Berg customarily stayed at the shabby Al-Fanar hotel, where rooms go for \$30 a night. His overlooked the turgid Tigris River. Other residents recalled on Wednesday the cheerful American entrepreneur who loved talking about communication towers.

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A and B rays are different sections of the ultraviolet spectrum that stimulate skin cells to produce melanin, which is what gives skin its pigment, she said, but both UVA and UVB rays cause damage by mutating the cells.

According to an article from the Web site for the American Cancer Society, people 35 and younger who regularly use tanning beds are eight times more likely to develop melanoma skin cancer than those who never use them. Even occasional use can increase the risk threefold.

Sun Savvy Body & Tan in San Jose offers only "mist-on" tanning booths, according to Penny Aruta, the store's manager. Aruta said the salon's owners are opposed to the use of tanning beds, because of the health risks they pose.

"They've seen the effects that beds have on the skin," Aruta said.

According to Aruta, "mist-on" tanning booths spray both sides of the body with a bronzing solution, similar to the self-tanners found in drug stores. Application takes about 15 minutes and lasts for five to seven days.

"Because the technology is more advanced, it produces a better tan than the store-bought ones," Aruta said. "It comes out much more even, and it doesn't look orange."

Aruta said this form of tanning is safe, because it does not use ultraviolet light to produce color. She said she has never read any reports indicating the solution could be hazardous to health.

"It's becoming more popular because people are concerned with health risks," Aruta said. "I think they feel more secure knowing they're not getting any UV rays."

Hughes said spray-on tans are a good alternative to beds, because they do not pose any known health risks.

"The spray only sets into the very top layer of the skin, which is dead already," Hughes said.

The solution does not actually produce color within the skin — rather, it is applied like paint, said Hughes.

Stephanie Rose, owner of Four Seasons Tanning in Los Gatos, said she has been in the skin-care and beauty industry for 19 years and is aware of the controversy surrounding the use of tanning beds.

According to Rose, Four Seasons Tanning has four types of beds, which are classified by their level of UVB rays. The basic bed uses 8 to 10 percent UVB rays and is the cheapest at \$8 per session. The most expensive option is a bronzing bed that uses only UVA rays and costs \$30 per session.

"My motto is 'safe tanning,'" Rose said. "Being safe means not burning. That means wearing sunscreen outside, keeping your skin hydrated and not overdoing it."

Rose said there is a lot of continuing education in the tanning industry and she requires her staff to attend classes through the International Smart Tan Network, an educational institute for indoor tanning salons.

According to the institute's Web site, professionals learn "how to maximize the potential benefits of sun exposure while minimizing the potential risks associated with either too much or too little sunlight."

Rose said she and her staff consult with each client to determine what sort of regimen best suits their body's needs.

"If a customer has ever had any kind of melanoma or has a history

of it in their family, they should never go into a tanning salon, unless it's for a spray-on," Rose said.

When dealing with such clients, Rose said she and her staff immediately inform the person that they do not recommend them using tanning beds.

"Most people won't argue with you, but if they insist, they can sign a release form," Rose said.

Even clients without a history of skin cancer are sometimes "steered away" from using tanning beds because of potential risks. Rose said people with very fair skin have lower levels of melanin and can get sunburned faster, and she would recommend they use one of the artificial options.

The Four Seasons staff also makes

recommendations based on what will produce the best result for the client.

"If you normally don't tan during regular sun exposure, you won't tan in a bed," Rose said.

Rose said tanning can have positive effects and she has several clients whose doctors recommended tanning to treat certain skin disorders, including psoriasis, which causes itchy, scaly skin.

While Hughes agrees that ultraviolet light can be used to treat some skin disorders, she said she administers such treatment in her office and would never recommend use of a tanning bed to a patient.

"They could get excessive doses of UV rays without knowing it, because

it's not regulated or monitored in the same way," Hughes said. "I keep very close tabs on my patients and cover any parts of the skin that don't need treatment."

According to Rose, other patients come to the salon for artificial, spray-on tans, which can be used to "shade in" or "shadow" skin discoloration and spots, making them less noticeable.

Rose said in addition to spray-on tanning booths, the salon offers an airbrushing option for customized color and a more precise application.

Regardless of what method of tanning is used, Rose said it is important for clients to be informed.

"As with anything else, you should ask questions and make sure the person knows what they're talking about," Rose said.

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"It's important to show the kids the importance of a college degree," Foster said. "Because after all, college sports can only take you so far."

Spartan gymnasts and men's and women's soccer team members interacted with the sixth graders on Tower Lawn early Wednesday afternoon as they played tug-of-war, trust and respect games and the human knot game.

The games teach communication and leadership, Foster said.

Gymnast Shirla Choy, a senior majoring in kinesiology, said she volunteered for this event so she can set a good example for the children.

"I love helping kids, and I hope through this they can learn to be good role models themselves," she said.

When the fun was over, the sixth graders, their teachers and the SJSU athletes huddled together for a hearty "Spartans!"

Many of the children ran to hug their new friends and told them how much fun they had. The athletes thanked the students from Edenvale and encouraged them to attend games and to continue doing well in school.

Eleven-year-old Bich Le said she could see herself becoming a Spartan.

"It is a pretty and big school," she said. "I had fun today, it was cool."



Maria Mendoza, center, participates in a trust game with her classmates from Edenvale Elementary school in San Jose. The sixth-graders were on campus as part of the Adopt-A-College Program. They toured San Jose State University and met student athletes who ran the games they were playing on Tower Lawn Wednesday afternoon.

Stacey Ruesch / Daily Staff

Octopus finds love in old age

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — It looks like J-1 is in love.

After meeting the very fetching and slightly younger Aurora, he changed color and his eight arms became intertwined with hers. Then, the two retreated to a secluded corner to get to know each other better.

We're talking about giant Pacific octopuses here.

Aquarists at the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward introduced the 5-year-old J-1 to Aurora on Tuesday morning. The two really hit it off. Spermatozoa were seen hanging from J-1's siphon.

"We really were not sure he had it in him," SeaLife Center aquarium curator Richard Hocking said Wednesday.

Love almost passed J-1 by. At 5 years of age and 52 pounds, he's reaching the end of the line for his species, the largest octopus in the world. J-1 is in a period of decline that occurs before octopus die. His skin is eroding. His suckers have divots.

"He's not as strong as he used to be," said aquarist Deanna Trobaugh.

With so little time left, J-1 wasn't going to let the sweet Aurora slip through his eight octopus arms. While she had to make the first move, he caught on quickly, especially for an octopus who was collected on a beach near Seldovia in 1999 when he was about the size of a quarter and has lived the bachelor life since.

"They both were gripping the back wall of the tank. He just about covered her completely," Hocking said.

The two remained intertwined for about eight hours. It's possible that during that time when J-1 was exploring Aurora's mantle with his many suckered arms that he passed his sperm packet to her, Hocking said.

What the aquarium staff does know is that when they separated, J-1 flashed some colors, turning almost white and then dark red.

New study shows big drop in books sold

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Not even Harry Potter could prevent a big drop in book sales in 2003.

With a struggling economy and competition for time from other media, 23 million fewer books were sold last year than in 2002, according to a report issued Wednesday by the Book Industry Study Group, a non-for-profit research organization.

Sales fell to 2.222 billion books, down from 2.245 billion in 2002. The decline was in both

hardcovers and paperbacks, in children's books and general trade releases. Even sales of religious titles, often cited as a growing part of the publishing industry, were flat.

"We believe this is due to a variety of factors, the biggest being the used book market," said Albert N. Greco, an industry consultant and a professor of business at the graduate school of Fordham University.

"People are looking for bargains, especially in college textbooks, where we believe millions of used books are being bought. Also, books are

competing with magazines, cable, radio, music and movies."

Thanks to higher prices, net revenues did rise to \$27.8 billion in 2003, a 2.5 percent increase. They are projected to reach \$33.5 billion in 2008.

But the 2003 figures show a continued trend of increasing production and declining demand. More than 100,000 books were published last year, yet fewer people were buying them. Sales dropped despite such high-profile releases as "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the memoirs of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton,

and Dan Brown's religious thriller, "The Da Vinci Code."

"One book cannot make you," Greco said. "You have to look at how many books are not selling well. There's a parallel to Hollywood, where a lot of movies flop."

The Book Industry Study Group's report, titled "Book Industry Trends 2004," includes several downbeat assessments from publishing officials. Bob Miller, president of Hyperion, declares that "the pie we're all looking to share is not growing," and "flat is the new up."

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Kris Roxas, back left, and Bryan Moriarty act out a scene from the play "Ivanov," written by Anton Chekov while Ben Hsu, front left, and Connie Co watch during their intermediate acting class Monday morning in HGH 103. Roxas and Moriarty were previewing their scene before their final presentation Wednesday morning. According to the instructor Laura Long, the intermediate acting class always ends with the study of Chekov.

Body scanner for custom clothes shines light on future of textiles

Associated Press

CARY, N.C. — A five-by-nine foot box that resembles a small recording studio may symbolize the future of the troubled American textile industry.

The machine — a digital scanner that can register more than 200,000 data points on the body — generates patterns for custom-made clothing that is faster and cheaper to make than any that could be turned out by a Hong Kong tailor.

Developed by TC2, a Cary firm funded by the textile apparel industry and taxpayers, the machine offers hope for an industry that has been devastated by free trade and lower overseas labor costs.

The idea behind the body scanner is to condition consumers to expect custom-fitted clothing delivered fast and cheaply — something that could make American-based apparel manufacturers more competitive with overseas manufacturers who are less equipped to respond quickly to American fashion trends.

"We're really providing value to the industry by showing them how to cut down that product development time," said Jim Lovejoy, director of industry programs at TC2. "We asked our board, I think it was about three years ago now, 'What can we do to help your business? What would be the key thing?'"

"They said, 'Help us get products to the market quicker.'" Just making clothes isn't enough anymore, said Charles Estes, director of the traditional industries program at Georgia Tech.

"The companies are going to have to get the right product with the customer specifications to them in a timely manner," Estes said. "I think the supply chain concepts are beginning to

be more important to the textile industries than they have been in the past."

The flagship store of the Brooks Brothers men's clothing chain on New York's Madison Avenue has had an older, larger version of the TC2 scanner for 2 1/2 years now.

According to Rich Honiball, head of special orders for the company, "thousands of units" have been sold, including suits and dress shirts.

"When it first came out there was a high amount of publicity for the digital tailoring," he said. "We saw a two-to-three month tremendous spike. Now, we're building it from season to season through word of mouth. But overall I'd say we're pleased."

Honiball said digital suit measurements from the scanner in New York are sent electronically to a plant in Lawrence, Mass., which makes the suits and ships them back to the store, usually within 15 business days. He said the store is examining ways to further speed the process.

Shirts made with measurements taken by the scanner are made at a factory and usually arrive back at the store within 10 business days, Honiball said.

In TC2's current, fourth-generation body scanner, four strategically placed cameras register data points. That information is fed into measurement software that spits out 200 accurate body measurements in less than a minute. The measurements can be applied directly to a clothing

pattern on a computer screen, showing consumers how the clothes will fit.

While Brooks Brothers considers ordering more of the scanners, a Searcy, Ark.-based company called BenchMark Clothiers already has bought one and has 11 more on order. BenchMark plans to lease the scanners to high-end men's clothing stores in the Carolinas and the rest of the East Coast. Neil Allen, BenchMark's regional sales representative for the Southeast, said the idea is to provide consumers with a custom-made suit at the same price as an off-the-rack suit in the \$400 to \$750 range.

Current scanner models are smaller than ever, to take up as little room as possible on a retail floor.

"It's just basically taking a lot of the guesswork out of tailoring," Allen said. "If you go to a tailor, they have to get used to

how you wear your clothes. This gets it right all of the time."

TC2 was founded in 1981 by companies from the textile and apparel industry with the intent of pushing research and development in the fields.

The company is funded in part by an annual, renewable, \$2.7 million grant from the U.S. Commerce Department.

The push to marry apparel and the digital age is coming from retailers like Brooks Brothers, Levi Strauss and J.C. Penney, who all belong to the organization.

"We're looking at more information systems, technologies and things like that rather than trying to save the jobs here," Lovejoy said. "What we think is going to stay here, obviously the marketing and the advertising and there is good reason to think the product development will at least start here."

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