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BART strike: traffic, lines

By Jeff Niese
Correspondent

With the BART strike entering its third day Tuesday, people around the Bay had to suffer with traffic, lines and frustration.

"I wanted to cry," said SJSU student Elizabeth Britton.

It took Britton 45 minutes to reach Fremont from San Leandro Monday morning, a stretch that usually takes her 15 minutes to travel. But, from the added traffic caused by the BART strike, commute times were abnormally long.

On Monday, the first work day affected by the walkout of 2,600 BART operators, mechanics and station agents, rush hour was marked by 15-mile backups, commute times that were tripled and frayed tempers.

Although BART only comes as far south as Fremont and doesn't connect Santa Clara County, SJSU student Marriann Tiilikka said she has noticed more congestion downtown.

"I have definitely noticed that parking is a lot harder to find," said the administration of justice major.

Angered over wages and a two-tier pay scale, union workers walked off the job Sunday.

Both sides met with Mayor Willie Brown on Tuesday afternoon to continue the informal discussion he arranged Monday and resumed formal negotiations at 6:30 p.m. in Oakland.

Shortly after 8 p.m., a spokesman for the Service Employees International Union Local 790 came out to say the two sides were making the first steps toward a tentative agreement.

"Until we get a tentative agreement, we're going to be here," said SEIU spokesman

Bill Lloyd. "My attitude is, I've been up a lot of nights. There's been a lot of late nights so we're just gonna make it one more late night."

Although union demands haven't been made public, the strikers reportedly want annual raises of 6.5 percent, 5.5 percent and 5 percent over the three years of a new contract - about twice the cost of the \$28 million package they rejected from BART management.

The unions also want to abolish a two-tier wage system, in which newer employees are paid less for the same job.

BART workers are among the highest-paid in the industry. Journeyman main-

tenance workers earn a base wage of \$48,000 and train operators and station agents make \$40,900, with overtime boosting most checks far above those levels.

State Sen. Quentin Kopp, I-San Francisco, said Tuesday that he would offer legislation making it illegal for public transit unions to strike.

Kopp, who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee, said he wants to reverse a 1985 state Supreme Court decision allowing strikes by public employees, except for public safety workers.

"Public transit workers affect public safety, and they certainly affect the public health and welfare," Kopp said.

Kopp said common law has forbidden strikes by most public employees because it is considered a strike against the people.

"The solution is a law preventing strikes by public transit workers, who already have protections no other worker has - civil service protections," Kopp said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



Dave Luchansky/Spartan Daily

Oblivious to signs of protest over the future of her health care, Zhene Alvarado Smith, 7 months, displays her mother Scarlett's views on the strike at Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital at 250 Hospital Road in San Jose.

Kaiser Permanente RNs strike

By Vic Ribeiro
Staff Writer

Hundreds of nurses are striking back at their employer Kaiser Permanente saying the health care giant is continuing to reduce the number of registered nurses in their hospitals.

This is the third major strike for the California Nurses Association since the beginning of the year.

The latest walkout focuses on plans for Kaiser to open up a new regional call center in

the San Jose area. The call center is the first place where patients contact Kaiser to inform them of their illness.

Nurses in Santa Clara, San Jose, Gilroy and Sacramento say they are striking because they want Kaiser members to know who is actually answering their medical questions.

"The striking nurses are really concerned about the quality of information that will be available to people who call the center," Charles Idelson, spokesman for the California Nurses Association,

According to Idelson, they will be replacing existing RNs with clerks who will be answering questions from patients over the phone. These operators will then determine if you can speak to a qualified nurse.

These are part of the new ideas which are coming from a consulting firm hired by Kaiser to create more profits. Kaiser pays more than \$3 million per month for the firm. According to a San Francisco Business Times article, Kaiser has made \$3.3 billion.

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Students receive updated e-mail

By Christine M. Iias
Staff Writers

Tiffany Matsuyama was a little confused when she got the letter in the mail about starting up a new e-mail account.

"I already had one and hadn't heard about the changes," the SJSU business major said. "I haven't had a chance yet to change my account."

The apathy and confusion may change, however, when she discovers that her old e-mail account with SJSU will no longer be valid in roughly two weeks.

The changes in student e-mail accounts is just one of many problems Rhonda Rudd had to contend with when she took on the role of SJSU computer lab manager several weeks ago.

The former Information Systems and Computing (ISC) department was faced with overcrowded computer labs, dysfunctional network systems and antiquated equipment.

"I was appalled at the dinosaurs I found within the first 15 minutes," Rudd said. "I immediately set out to see what kind of funds were available to upgrade the systems."

Rudd negotiated a deal with Hewlett Packard for discounts on equipment and bought an additional 20 PCs that should be available to students starting "next week."

"Each computer in the lab would cost \$5,000 on the market and we paid less than half that for each module," Rudd said.

Rudd also managed to have HP donate a 200 gigabyte "jukebox server" that will combine more than 100 individual departmental servers into one, comprehensive system.

"The jukebox will centralize our campus communications and potentially save the university a couple hundred thousand dollars," Rudd said.

Yet that wasn't where Rudd quit.

Responding to various student complaints about the complexity of opening a university-based e-mail account, Rudd set out to see what could be done.

"People would be very confused," one lab technician said. Recalling past problems.

According to the now-defunct ISC, last year's procedure to

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Chronology of the BART strike

- Jun. 27: Three of five BART unions, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 5790, Service Employees International Union Local 790, and Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1555 vote in favor of a strike.
- Jul. 7: Gov. Pete Wilson invokes 60-day cooling off period to avoid BART strike.
- Aug. 30: BART management makes "final wage offer" to unions.
- Sept. 3: The BART's five unions, the BART Police Officers Association and the BART Police Mechanics Association reach agreement on wage management. Talks with remaining three unions continue.
- Sept. 4: Talks with remaining three unions break down.
- Sept. 4: Union members vote to reject contract offer from management, setting the stage for the strike.
- Sept. 7: 12,000 BART train operators, station agents, mechanics and other workers walk off the job.
- Sept. 8: Both sides talk informally with San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown.

Exploding high-tech industry seeks to employ SJSU students

Thousands of students hired through industry recruiters, Career Center

By Kevin W. Hecteman
Staff Writer

After six years of toiling away at San Jose State University, you finally have that coveted degree in hand.

Now what?

Here in Silicon Valley, information-age companies are sprouting up like trees in places where orchards once flourished. Those companies are looking for help. And many of them go shopping for talent at SJSU.

Irene Peck, recruiting services coordinator, said that companies known for hiring SJSU graduates include Hewlett-Packard, Intel, Lockheed Martin, and Sun Microsystems.

"Most companies really want to recruit here," Peck said. "They know we have great academic programs."

These companies recruit in several different ways. In addition to job postings in the on-campus Career Center, they send recruiters to campus for job fairs and on-campus interviews. Many of them also post their job opportunity information on their web sites, as does the Career Center.

"They will keep interviewing and hiring until they fill their quotas," Peck said. "We have lots of opportunities." She added that Silicon Valley companies like SJSU students and alumni because of the proximity of the school to the valley.

Some Silicon Valley firms make concerted efforts to hire SJSU students and alumni.

Aerospace firm Lockheed Martin targets SJSU students for its workforce. The company

works closely with the SJSU School of Engineering to find and recruit local talent.

Lockheed Martin currently has 1,100 SJSU alumni on its payroll, comprising about 10 percent of its workforce. Tom Mauro, who heads up Lockheed Martin's SJSU recruiting team, said that 26 more were added this year.

"We are stepping up our program. We are going out of our way to tap into San Jose State's

talent," Mauro said.

Mauro said that Lockheed Martin works with SJSU honor societies and programs to seek out new hires, and the aerospace giant has expanded its on-campus recruiting efforts over the past couple of years.

Lockheed Martin especially likes people majoring in electrical, mechanical, and aerospace engineering. They also seek out

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Parking woes continue to plague student lives

Want to hear the latest joke on campus? Parking. Ha!

I know it's not really funny when you're circling through level after level in one parking garage after another, but it is a joke nonetheless.

Just the fact alone that students pay \$81 a semester for a parking permit and they are still never guaranteed a spot is outrageous, not to mention a waste of time and money.

With approximately 26,600 students on this commuter

campus, and 4,000 parking spaces within all three university garages, the situation appears dismal and hopeless.

Especially during the first two weeks of class, when the parking situation on campus is a walking nightmare.

The garages on Fourth, Seventh and Tenth streets are filling up as early as 8:30 a.m., and metered parking is not even a realistic option.

Unfortunately, the joke often affects the new students who naively think they can

leave early enough to find a parking spot and still get to class on time.

In all actuality, being there "early enough" is never quite enough. Students get so frustrated with the parking situation that they end up missing class or driving back home.

With all of the stress of classes, assignments, and exams that fall on the shoulders of



AMY BANKSTON

every student, parking problems should be the least of our worries.

However, they are not.

By the time many students tackle the parking obstacle and finally get to class, they are so stressed out and upset that they can't even concentrate or pay attention to their professors.

Of course there are other

alternatives to remedy the unbearable parking situation.

Park and Ride, as well as light rail, are available to students wishing to avoid the traffic jams inside the parking garages, but they too have their drawbacks.

Convenience and time are lost with both of these methods. Students also using these options lose the ability to leave campus when they want because they must wait for shuttles to take them back to their cars.

No matter what the alternatives, there doesn't seem to be any bright side to the parking dilemma.

Commuting students are in constant need of an additional parking structure, yet their cries for help have so far gone unanswered. It should be obvious for anyone to see that additional parking is a must, although immediate relief seems to be nowhere in sight.

Amy Bankston is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

Editorial

Now that BART union employees are entering the third day of a strike without an end in sight, we have to wonder... Why are they striking?

Officials representing the unions involved in the BART talks, the Service Employees International Union Local 790, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1555, who represent about 2,600 employees, claim that each time they renegotiate their contract with BART officials they lose benefits.

Maybe if these employees were so underpaid and under-rewarded we could sympathize with their plight. But, earning between \$40,900 and \$48,000 a year, as a base salary, should hardly be considered underpaid.

Meanwhile, these employees duke it out with officials for wage increases of 6.5, 5.5 and 5 percent over the next three years, and 270,000 commuters are stranded on train platforms.

BART officials offered these workers raises of 3 percent a year, with new employees reaching top pay levels after five years. They said these raises are the maximum the transit provider, customers and taxpayers can afford.

One would assume that perhaps BART could afford to provide its employees a slightly higher raise than 3 percent, but 6.5 percent? If these employees expect that much of a pay hike they might not only have time-off while they strike, but permanently, when BART goes under because it can't afford to pay its own workers.

We hope that BART union workers will rethink their position and come back to the negotiation table with a more reasonable offer.

Making a base salary of \$40,900 a year isn't too bad considering that the average salary of most of BART riders is probably considerably lower. And if it isn't, so what.

Reality must sometimes outweigh our dreams. The dream of 2,600 BART workers to make higher wages is affecting the lives of 270,000 Bay Area commuters.

Dream on BART employees.



The GLASS SLIPPER.

Smoking ban unconstitutional

Understand this: smoking is legal. Having said that, the proposed ban on smoking in bars beginning Jan. 1, 1998 is unconstitutional.

At the very heart of the matter is that people have basic freedoms that, so long as they are not illegal, they should be able to pursue freely.

Such is not the case pertaining to smoking. There was a day — and it wasn't too long ago, either — when smoking was not only acceptable, it was encouraged. Fred and Barney touted Winston and Charlton Heston brazenly puffed away on a Kool Menthol.

Smoking is not so hip anymore — and, admittedly, it shouldn't be. The facets of smoking are well-documented: lung cancer, premature aging, yellow teeth... and being LEGAL.

Two weeks ago, revisions to delay the ban were amended by Sen. Ken Maddy, R-Fresno, on behalf of over 2,000 bars and taverns who understand that paying customers will not want to abandon their beer at the bar to take a puff outside.

Second-hand smoke is a reality, though I find it utterly unbelievable that the results are as staggering as are being touted. If that were true, why wasn't it an issue before someone put a name to it?

What people desperately need to understand is that they cannot live someone else's life for them. Americans have rights, no matter what another's view is.

They have the right to wear fur without



I'm serious

Terri K. Milner

having red paint thrown on them.

They have the right to get an abortion without protesters assaulting them.

And they do have the right to smoke a cigarette with their ale if they so choose.

Laws have already been made against smoking in restaurants and in businesses and now the government wants to make smoking in bars illegal without actually making smoking itself illegal.

The government should let businesses run themselves and let the bars and taverns make their own choice as to whether to prohibit puffing in their individual establishment.

What they should decidedly not do is shove smoking issues down smoker's throats every chance they get, and then gleefully cash in the substantial booty they get from taxes and tobacco.

The government should either bite the financial bullet and legalize smoking or they should let smokers have the rights they deserve.

The long-arm of the government cannot yank the cigarettes out of law-abiding citizens' mouths and then laugh all the way to the bank with the money smokers generate.

Either put up or shut-up. It's time to stop straddling the middle.

Terri K. Milner is Managing Editor of the Spartan Daily. Her column appears every Wednesday.

Recent deaths should teach about life, love

All you need is love. Before the Generation X or Beatles movements, there were two individuals who exuded love: Diana and Mother Teresa.

Forget the spectacular scene at Westminster Abbey. Ignore Elton John or even the "Queen Mum."

"Obliterate the other funeral in India. No royal cackocks. No screaming ladies or wilted roses."

The deaths of Mother Teresa and Princess Diana, both the real "queens of our hearts," should have a more profound impact on our lives.

While true that these two strong women are gone, the world has much to learn from Diana and Mother Teresa...

Teresa say if they spent a day on the campus here at SJSU? Diana might try to escape the photographers and find out about on-campus volunteering.

Mother Teresa would have searched deep within her sari for a coin for one of the wandering homeless around the Student Union.

Mother Teresa said she could see the face of God in every individual she met.

Pretty tall order to fulfill when a professor gives you a fifty-page reading assignment or a hurried individual cuts in front of you in the coffee line.

Or what about the person at the bookstore who buys the last textbook for the class you just added? When was the last time that you donated time or a couple of bucks to a charity?

While it's true that two strong women are gone, the world has much to learn from Diana and Mother Teresa, especially here at SJSU where it's easy to get caught up in sole academic life.

There's more to life than fame, fortune and straight As.

All you need is love.

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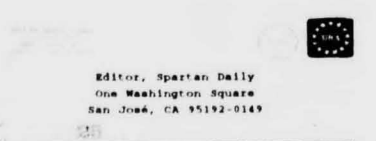
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Day of Atonement must be remembered

With the repeal of affirmative action, the abolishment of black Congressional districts, welfare reform and other setbacks, black people are being forced to depend and do for self. Blacks can no longer look toward the government for help, but we must rely on God and ourselves to improve our condition. This is what the Million Man March was about, and as the second anniversary approaches, we must revisit the meaning of that day.

This Oct. 16, the Second Anniversary of the Million Man March and the Third Annual Day of Atonement will be celebrated across the world. There will be a gathering in all the major cities in the country. Our primary duty on this day is to seek forgiveness for our sins, mend our relationships and pledge to do right by



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ourselves, our people and obey God. The Day of Atonement is when we begin the process of becoming at-one with ourselves and at-one with God.

The process of Atonement was laid out for us during the march. Atonement is the fifth stage in an eight-stage process. The first stage is wrong being pointed out. When someone points out wrong in us, we must be able to accept it. That takes us to the next stage — acknowledgment.

We have to be humble enough to acknowledge our wrong. Then we must confess the wrong. We confess to

ourselves, to the person whom we wronged and to God. After confession comes repentance. To repent means to feel sorry for the wrong we have done. Until we repent we will never have the desire to change that behavior. This leads us to the fifth stage: atonement.

Atonement is taking action to do something in reparation for the evil we have done.

After the sixth stage of forgiveness comes reconciliation and restoration. To restore means to reconcile our differences and move into a perfect union with God, which is the eighth and final stage. Let us all observe Oct. 16 as a Holy Day, let us revive the spirit of the Million Man March.

David Muhammad
Minister, Nation of Islam

Teenager has near-fatal seizure at SJSU pool; student saves life

By Lisa Marie F. Arellano
Staff Writer

A hot September day at the pool turned almost fatal for a 14-year-old, according to the University Police Department.

The 14-year-old, whose name cannot be published because of his age, almost drowned when he went through an epileptic seizure while swimming in the deep end of the pool at the Aquatic Center Sunday, according to Lt. Shannon Mahoney of the UPD and lifeguard Keola Rogat, one of the three lifeguards present at the scene. The teenager had apparently left his pills at home.

The 14-year-old was rescued by a 29-year-old, who asked not to be identified, according to Lt. Maloney.

Rogat said the 14-year-old came to the Aquatic Center

with his three older cousins. The boy's older cousins did not inform the lifeguards about the boy's epileptic condition until after the incident, Rogat said.

The cousins later said they had forgotten to take the boy's pills with them.

The boy was swimming in the deep end of the pool when he had an epileptic seizure, according to Rogat and Lt. Maloney. Rogat said the boy was allowed to go to that side of the pool because he could swim and because he was accompanied by his adult cousins.

"I then knew that something was wrong when I saw the kid with his face down in the water," Rogat said. Rogat said the 29-year-old who was doing laps at the time, was on the lane right next to where the 14-year-old was swimming, and was able to get to the boy before any

of the lifeguards did.

"The lap swimmer took him to the side of the pool, while I rushed there," Rogat said. "I then pulled him out of the water."

"He was in the perfect spot to save the kid," Rogat said. "He made my job a lot easier."

Rogat said the boy was breathing when he was pulled out and didn't need CPR. Rogat said the other lifeguards were then notified and were instructed to call 911.

The UPD and the paramedics arrived at the scene within moments, said Rogat.

Lt. Maloney said the boy was conscious and alert when the officers arrived at the scene. The boy was brought to Columbia San Jose Medical Center and was later released.

E-mail: System gets updated

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register involved filling out one form, waiting several weeks, setting up a password and an initial log-in. A typical e-mail address would have a total of about 20 characters in both numerical and letter form.

"It seemed to be a lot of work for the students to have to go through those steps and then to remember the address and password," said lab technician, Dianne Chamberlin.

This year, computing services

sent all students, whether they had an established e-mail account or not, a letter in the mail about the changes in gaining e-mail accounts. Students' new addresses use only the first initial of the person's first name and the entire last name. Passwords are made of "SJ" plus the six digits of a student's date of birth.

Computing services have already activated the accounts. Students only need to log-in and enter the password.

"I think it's a pleasant change and makes things simpler," Rudd said.

The only backlash seems to be getting the word out to students that the old accounts will be deleted and new accounts are already established.

"I haven't had time yet to log-on," english major Maya Marin said. "But I think it's good to have an e-mail account here in case my server at home breaks down."

School to Work: Recruitment

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people with math and physics backgrounds, as well as business majors with procurement knowledge.

Barbara Francis, a 1996 SJSU graduate, went to work for Lockheed Martin shortly thereafter. She is a member of Mauro's recruiting team and works as a campus ambassador for the team. "They [Lockheed Martin] want to make their presence known," she said.

Francis said SJSU graduates coming to Lockheed Martin can choose from a variety of fields. Lockheed Martin builds satellites, mainly for communications companies, and also for the military. The company is also in aeronautics, designing and building airplanes such as the U.S. Air Force's F16 Fighting Falcon and the new F22 Raptor, as well as missile technology.

In short, she said, there's something for everyone.

Hewlett-Packard also goes shopping for talent at SJSU. Zahib Mansabi, a SJSU Alumnus with bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering, heads up Hewlett-Packard's SJSU recruiting team. Mansabi said that Hewlett-Packard makes two appearances a year for "HP Day," and does all pre-screening, resume reviews, and interviewing on campus. Hewlett-Packard's workforce currently includes approximately 1,350 SJSU alumni.

Hewlett-Packard, like Lockheed Martin, has a fondness for hiring SJSU graduates. "We are recruiting heavily from San Jose State," he said. "The talent level has gone up."

Andre Arms, another SJSU alumnus and a member of Mansabi's recruiting team, said that Hewlett-Packard offers an intern co-op which allows the student to spend a semester working at Hewlett-Packard. Student interns can work full- or part-time, and can choose whether to attend school during that semester or take the semester off. Interns work a variety of jobs depending on experience and educational level.

Netscape, a relative Silicon Valley newcomer and the maker of the well-known web browser, has only recently begun its recruiting push. "We recognize San Jose State has talent," Netscape's

Mary Hammershock said.

Netscape's David Bizer said his company is looking for people who can, as he put it, "get in the driver's seat and go." Because Netscape is a young company, they want a more experienced workforce, he said. Netscape is looking for engineering majors to work in a variety of areas, including software development, quality assurance, marketing, and information systems people. Those pursuing MBA's are also being sought, he said. He added that Netscape has a variety of internships available, mostly during the summer. Specific job information can be found on Netscape's website.

Companies on campus aren't just looking for recent graduates. Many offer internships and part-time work for SJSU students. These jobs are suited for the student who wants to get real-world experience while working on a degree, while other part-time positions are ideal for students who need to make money to pay the bills.

Lina Melkonian, the assistant director and co-op manager for the Career Center, said last year, over 200,000 job opportunities were posted in the Career Center by companies looking for full-time, part-time, seasonal, and intern help. Melkonian said many SJSU students have found part-time work through the Career Center.

Melkonian also said the Career Center has an established Job Bank on its website, and that beginning this semester, all students are automatically registered to access it. She said that, from the Career Center's main site (www.careercenter.sjsu.edu), students may use their student ID number as a password to peruse the job and internship opportunities.

The Career Center also has a 24-hour telephone hotline for students without modems. The hotline lists part-time, full-time, and internship openings in everything from engineering to seasonal jobs. The hotline number is (408) 924-2562.

Students looking for professional full-time work may want to mark Oct. 8 and 9 on their calendars. On those dates, a Job Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. It is advisable to dress well and bring plenty of resumes.

Sunnyside Up



Heidi Perera decorates a manhole cover as part of an art class assignment Tuesday on the SJSU campus.



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RN strike: Two-day walkout

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in the past 5 years.

Gene Kibbs, director of external affairs at Kaiser, said members should not be concerned about the walkout.

"We have staff coming in from other hospitals during the two-day strike," Kibbs said.

Kibbs said Kaiser needs to centralize their call center. She feels that by doing this, the company will actually be improving the services to its customers.

Eileen Parker, who graduated from San Jose State University in 1980 was at the Kaiser Santa Teresa Hospital rally. She said the company has already eliminated 1,500 registered nurses in the past three years.

"Getting rid of more and

more experienced nurses also may affect students coming out of nursing programs," Parker said.

Parker feels students will have less mentors to work with due to cuts. Parker also said students have less of a chance to work directly with a patient because all hospitals are admitting fewer people.

The director of the nursing program at SJSU, Dr. Bobbye Gorenberg doesn't see any problems coming up for her students.

According to Dr. Gorenberg SJSU has been fortunate to have anticipated these problems. Five years ago the nursing program redirected itself to prepare it's students for more community hospitalization.

"I have not had any com-

plaints from students who are going out there and doing their clinical studies," Gorenberg said.

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Transportation gets just degrees

By Anthony Perez
Staff Writer

Students learn the skills of traffic management in new SJSU course

Editor's note: Due to an error in Tuesday's Spartan Daily, the following article is being re-run in its entirety. We apologize for the mistake.

A new master's program at SJSU aims to teach students how to relieve congestion and unplug clogged arteries without any medical training.

That would be pretty hard without medical training, right?

Not when the congestion has nothing to do with humans and all to do with traffic jams.

The new program, the first to be added since the mass reorganization that was suggested in May, is a Master's of Science Degree in Transportation Management, is the only one of its kind in the country.

The program's borrows from several transportation disciplines. Students in the program will learn a little about civil engineering, urban development and other sciences crammed into a 10 class master's of science degree.

The program is career oriented rather than discipline oriented which gives graduates the ability to move into upper management and executive jobs in public transportation and the private sector. The program runs accelerated classes that meet once a week for 10 weeks. Completing the program takes two to three years.

Being the only master's program in transportation management in the nation has presented Rod Diridon and Robert Vitale, the two leaders of the Norman Mineta International Institute for Surface Transportation with some start-up problems.

"It's hard to find textbooks for a subject never taught before," said Vitale who is Education Director of the institute.

The institute was created and gets its funding from a bill passed by Congress in 1991. Mineta helped spearhead the multi-billion dollar transportation bill and for his efforts the institute bears his name.

Diridon spent 20 years in the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and all of the 20 years here was on the county's transit board.

Diridon has headed of the institute since it was created in 1991. One of the institute's goals since its inception was to create a unique transpiration program like the MSTM.

The program started testing classes a years ago soon after it got the initial approval to create a pilot program. This fall, it finally got the go ahead from the CSU trustees to officially recognize the certificate program.

Currently there is only one class being taught in the new program. The program is broadcast in from Oakland to the Instructional Resource Center on the north side of campus and other places in California able to handle the broadcast. The master's program currently has 30 students enrolled and Vitale

expects the program to double within a year.

Although, the program is centered at SJSU, the program will be broadcasted around the state to other sites. But before any of that happens, SJSU needs to be outfitted with the necessary equipment.

The MSTM is looking at Fall 1998 when it will originate its broadcast from SJSU. Until then the lectures come from a California Transportation Agency building in Oakland.

In May, SJSU rearranged several bachelor and graduate programs. In the College of Business, the department that the MSTM is under, six programs were consolidated into one because the programs were considered too specialized.

The MSTM had to show a need for the program and a reason why the program was differentiated itself from other programs. After the initial test classes it went to a second level of certification before it was finally implemented.

"The CSU leadership recognized that this program was unique," Diridon said. "The programs farsightedness is something to be proud of."

SJSU's School of Engineering initially felt the MSTM program threatened its Civil Engineering. After a few weeks, however, the Engineering department backed off.

Any graduate program wanted to keep its students," Vitale said. "Now that everybody has seen that we aren't competing for its students they (the engineering and Urban Studies departments) have no problem with it."

Kickin' around



Robert Serna/ Spartan Daily

Mike Heggli's hacky sack acrobatics are observed by Tyler Ham, right, outside of Hoover Hall. Both are first-year freshmen from San Francisco and Spokane, Washington, respectively.

Spacecraft survives vital test near Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft on Tuesday survived the critical pressurization of its fuel system, the same step thought to have wrecked Mars Observer as it neared the red planet in 1993.

Officials of the planet-mapping mission were ecstatic that pressurization went without a hitch as the spacecraft closed in on Mars.

"To see this event pass us successfully today is really a great relief," said Glenn Cunningham, project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He held the same position with Mars Observer, which vanished in August 1993.

The nail-biting moments occurred between 7 a.m. PDT and 9:15 a.m. PDT, when valves opened to let high-pressure helium flow into tanks of pro-

pellant that will be pushed into the rocket engine Thursday evening.

Pressurization of the fuel lines on Mars Observer is believed to have caused an explosion. It was never heard from again.

Since Mars Observer's failure, "we made a lot of design changes and everything looks great now," Cunningham said.

On Thursday, beginning about 6:31 p.m. PDT, Global Surveyor's rockets will fire for 22 minutes, slowing the spacecraft by about 2,200 mph and putting it into an elliptical orbit.

Controllers will modify the orbit over four months with maneuvers called aerobraking that take advantage of atmospheric drag. The result will be a nearly circular orbit about 234 miles above the planet.

The step-by-step adjusting of the orbit is "like getting into a hot Jacuzzi. We'll do it a little bit at a time," said Joseph G. Beener, the Surveyor flight operations manager.

If the spacecraft dips too deeply into the atmosphere, it overheats; if it dips too shallowly, it will not reach the desired mapping orbit, he said.

Scientists and engineers on the \$250 million mission were optimistic that they could capture the kind of pictures and carry out the kind of science they'd hoped to do with the \$980 million Mars Observer.

Already, the Surveyor has sent unique pictures of the planet. Michael Malin, principal investigator for the Mars Observer Camera, said that from Aug. 19 to Aug. 21, the camera recorded eight views of the planet.

LAX has new found 'house pet'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The house cost \$231,000. The cat came free.

Los Angeles International Airport found itself with an unofficial mascot when officials purchased a Playa del Rey home last month. The house is the closest to the northern runway at LAX and authorities

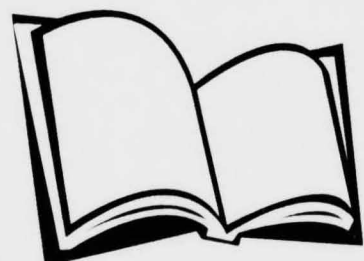
wanted to turn it into a showcase for soundproofing.

The built-ins included a gray and white cat that the previous homeowner had named — Cat. Larry Trainor said the feline had been hanging around the house for some time. He suggested that a laid-off aerospace employee may have moved out

of the neighborhood and left the cat.

LAX workers didn't mind. They feed and care for the cat, even paying for veterinary care.

"He's somewhat become a mascot," said Nancy Niles, community outreach coordinator for the LAX Residential Soundproofing Bureau.



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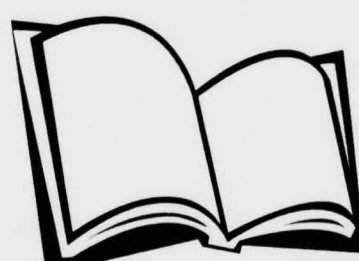
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New coach sends players to the bench

■ **Strength and conditioning coach Jeff Pitman brings a weight training program to SJSU**

Andrew Hussey
Senior Staff Writer

The new guru on campus does not want you to meditate. He doesn't want you to do any yoga. What he wants is for SJSU athletes to get bigger, stronger and faster.

Jeffrey Pitman is one of the many fresh additions to SJSU athletics and, as an assistant football coach and the new strength and conditioning coach for the entire campus, his contributions have been much needed.

"The kids call him 'The Guru,'" said head football coach Dave Baldwin. "They needed a good coach and they needed to get strong and he is making it happen."

As the first strength and conditioning coach this campus had seen in four years, Pitman knew he had his work cut out for him.

Pitman said many of the Spartan football players he has coached were used to working out without a coach and were not able to maximize their time in the gym.

"Before I got here, there basically wasn't a (workout) program," Pitman said. "From what I understand, lifting (weights) was optional and most of these guys had never had a strength and

conditioning coach and that really put us behind the eight ball."

After arriving in San Jose this summer, Pitman immediately started the athletes on a rigorous workout program that tested their dedication to the sport.

"I had between 30 and 45 kids here this summer and that is the most important season for lifting for a fall athlete and they did a great job," Pitman said.

Pitman's workouts usually start at 6 a.m. and last for an hour-and-a-half. Football players attend his workouts two to three times a week in conjunction with their normal practices.

Because of the relatively small size of the gym in the Simpkin's Center, Pitman must give separate workouts to small groups of athletes all day. While it keeps him busy throughout the day, it also allows him to work one-on-one with individuals and to see their progress first-hand.

"They have come a long way since the first day," Pitman said. "When we first started running, I just shook my head but now we are getting more and more guys falling in line with what needs to be done."

Pitman is not the only one to notice a difference in the athletes. Coach Baldwin sees the difference in his players every day and feels that Pitman's long-term accomplishments will be much greater than what we see today.

"I don't think you will see the true value of (Pitman) until two years from now when you see the freshmen moving up and going against teams like Wisconsin," Baldwin said. "But his immedi-



Shay O'Reilly/Spartan Daily

Strength and conditioning coach Jeff Pitman, right, assists the football team in the afternoon during practice after spending the morning as a trainer for athletes in the weight room.

ate value to the team is that the kids are stronger and they can see the difference."

After a rocky start, Pitman now feels that his program is running fairly smooth.

He enjoys working under Coach Baldwin, his athletes have state of the art equipment and he has begun to expand his program to encompass all SJSU athletics. Still, there is always some resistance from the athletes to keep him busy and Pitman has come to expect it.

"There is always going to be resistance when

you get someone up at 6 a.m.," he said. "There are times when I don't want to be in here so of course they are going to be a little negative every once in a while, but we always get it worked out one way or another."

Coach Baldwin characterizes Pitman's relationship with the athletes as "love/hate."

"They love what he's doing but they also hate getting in there and having (Pitman) push them so hard," he said. "They complain but they also realize that he is making a difference."

Golf team loses top players; drops to No. 11 in nation

■ **Women's Golf: No. 5 Tulsa enters season as the team to beat in the WAC**

Scott Shuey
Staff Writer

The SJSU women's golf team will begin its 11th consecutive title defense — its first in the Western Athletic Conference — when Spartans compete in the Rolex Preview in Wisconsin this weekend.

Coach Eric Arnold isn't looking toward a 12th conference title just yet.

"You never look at the conference title at the beginning of the

year," Arnold said.

This year's team isn't expected to do as well as it has in the past. SJSU is currently ranked 11th in the nation, while WAC rival Tulsa is ranked fifth. But that doesn't mean much to Arnold.

"It doesn't matter," he said. "No one has even teed up yet."

Arnold added that Tulsa will be the team to beat in the WAC this year.

The reason the Spartans have dropped in this year's ranking is the loss of several players.

Sophomore Marie Hedberg, who Arnold said is a potential future LPGA member, will not be returning because of back problems and K.M. Juul will miss the season so that she can

stay in her home country of Sweden and fulfill educational requirements.

Also not returning is Janice Moodie, last season's women's golfer of the year in the WAC, who has used up her four years of NCAA eligibility. Without Hedberg, Juul and Moodie, the Spartans have no individually ranked golfers in the top 20.

"We've lost the second, 12th, and 13th best players in the country, and we have to replace them," Arnold said. "The young players will have to step up. We're going to have our hands full."

The team's remaining play-

ers have plenty of experience. Cecilia Afzelius-Alm, who finished in the top ten in last year's WAC tournament, will be returning to the team.

"I spent the summer playing tournaments," Afzelius-Alm said. "I know what it takes to do well and how to succeed."

Monica Stratton will also return and, Molly Greenblatt, who red-shirted last year, will take the third spot on the team. Two freshmen will make up the remainder of the team.

Even with only a few returning players, Afzelius-Alm thinks the team can do well in Wisconsin.

"We're going to go to Wisconsin and do as well as we can," she said. "Even the freshmen know we can win."

The tournament will also give the Spartans a good view of the competition. They will face some of the top-ranked teams in the nation there, including teams that Arnold said will be competing the national championship. Some of the top teams playing in this year's tournament are Arizona, Arizona State, Stanford, UCLA and Tulsa.

"There are many strong teams due to the growth of women's golf," Arnold said. "It's

been a long time coming."

Arnold is busy now trying to prepare the team for the upcoming season.

"We're going to try to improve as a team and to improve individual performances," Arnold said. "We're trying to give this team the best chance for success and get this team well prepared so that everything runs smoothly."

"The team has all the opportunities and chances to be successful because of the talents. It all comes down to commitment. You can't just go out there and win. You have to put yourself in a position to win."

'Air' Jordan wants to be like Nike

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jordan plans to keep a fresh imprint on basketball after his playing days are over by overseeing a line of sneakers and apparel bearing his name for his longtime sponsor Nike Inc.

The Chicago Bulls superstar has already added millions of dollars to Nike's bottom line as well as his own bank account with sales over the past 13 years of his signature Air Jordan shoes and clothing.

But with the end of Jordan's career possibly only a few years away, the nation's biggest athletic shoe marketer has come up with a way for Jordan to keep his hand in the game and his image on the shoes worn on court.

Jordan will run a broadened Jordan brand of basketball shoes and clothing that will not only include the Air Jordan line but other models that will be designed especially for other pro players picked by Jordan.

"I have been involved in the

design of everything I have worn from Nike since we began our relationship in 1984," Jordan said Tuesday. "The launch of the Jordan brand is simply an extension of that process."

The first Jordan brand collection debuts in November, and Jordan said introductions will be timed for a Saturday so children won't miss school to get them. He said shoes in the Jordan line will be priced as low as \$90 to make them more affordable.

The most expensive shoe sold by the new Nike division will be the \$150 Air Jordan, which has a 3-D hologram on the heel and quilting on the sides.

Jordan told a news conference at New York's Niketown store, where some of his new fashions were modeled, that he expects to be heavily involved in designing the shoes and apparel. He said that will be an outlet for his creative ambitions and competitiveness.

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1974: Patricia "Putty" Hearst is kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army; two months later participating with them in a bank robbery, she's captured and sentenced to prison.

1975: Golda Meir wins reelection as Israel's prime minister only to resign a month later.

1976: Jiang Qing and three others are arrested for attempting a coup in China.

1977: Nuclear physicist Rosalyn Yalow wins the Nobel Prize for medicine.

1978: Violeta Chamorro participates in the Sandinista revolution after her husband, Pedro, is murdered in Managua, Nicaragua.

1979: Mother Theresa receives Nobel Peace Prize for her worldwide work with the poor.

1980: Federal Judge Shirley Hufstader is named the country's first secretary of education.

1981: National Black Woman's Health Project is founded.

1982: Helen Gurley Brown publishes "Having It All."

1983: Madonna releases first album.

1984: Vanessa Williams, the first African American Miss America, gives up her title when Penthouse publishes old nude photos of her.

1985: Study finds that lumpectomy plus radiation prevents resurgence of early breast tumors more so than mastectomies.

1986: Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences votes to establish a concentration in women's studies.

1987: Ewen Hall admits to helping Oliver North shred documents regarding the Iran Contras.

1988: Jackie Joyner Kersee sets a world record in the heptathlon.

1989: Amy Tan publishes "The Joy Luck Club."

1990: Marguerite Ross Barnett is the first African American woman to head a major American university.

1991: The first Women's World Cup soccer final held in Canton.

1992: NOW forms a feminist political party—the 31st Century Party.

1993: Carol Moseley Braun becomes the first African American senator and at the time, the only African American in the Senate.

1994: The Colorado Silver Bullets, the first all-female professional baseball team to compete against a professional men's team, debuts.

1995: Massive Ruckus Wade march held in D.C.

1996: Whitewater scandal raises questions about the role and character of Hillary Clinton.

1997: Mother Theresa dies.

The Beauty of Dance

By Kim Skolnick
Entertainment Editor

HERSTORY

Pearl Bray doesn't want to be a role model. She just wants to have a positive impact on the world of dance.

The 22-year-old dance major dreams of starting her own dance studio or dance company following in the footsteps of such pioneers as Katherine Dunham and Pearl Primus, Bray said.

Dunham performed the ethnic dances of the African and Caribbean people, dances brought over from Africa and preserved by slaves, on the American stage. Primus was one of the first innovators of ethnic and jazz dance in the United States.

Bray said she would like other African Americans to be familiar with her work or school or company and understand that their race doesn't have to keep them from their dreams.

She began dancing seriously at the age of 14 when she auditioned for a show at her high school.

"I thought, I'll go ahead and try it," she said. "I've always liked to dance. It's been history since then."

Bray has studied dance forms from the traditional ballet and jazz to the more experimental modern and Afro-Caribbean. She feels such diversity gives her a better understanding of her chosen art.

"It helps me to have a well-rounded view of dance," Bray said. She loves how dance allows her to express her emotions and feelings, whether they be love, hate, power or freedom.

Dance has also been a way for Bray to learn about her heritage. "When I was young, the subject of African Americans was never really addressed in history class," she said. "I wanted to know more

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Mitch Cartwright/ Spartan Daily

Dance major Pearl Bray's repertoire includes traditional ballet, jazz, modern and Afro-Caribbean dance. Bray has been dancing since she was 14 years old.

Female athletes share the spotlight



Mitch Cartwright/ Spartan Daily

San Jose Spitfire shortstop and SJSU student, Victoria Ruelas, takes time to sign autographs after the Spitfires' win over the Los Angeles Legends in the first game of the Women's Professional Baseball World Series.



Tomorrow

The series "Coming On Strong: 25 Years of Womanhood" comes to an end.

• **Special Feature:** "Face Off"—Two staff writers battle over the issue of working women.

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By Mark Gomez
Staff Writer

For years, many female athletes have taken a back seat to their male counterparts.

Now, there are lots of opportunities for women to be athletes, Christine Forter, general manager of the San Jose Lasers, said.

Forter said the enormous success of the United States women's Olympic gymnastics, swimming, softball and basketball teams, coupled with the recent creation of two professional basketball leagues, are examples that the opportunities for female athletes are greater than ever, Forter said.

"Everyone is working toward equal opportunity," she said.

The first step towards equal opportunity for female athletes came in 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed into federal law Title IX of the Educational Amendments Act that prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that receives federal financial assistance.

However, according to Forter, the impact of Title IX was not immediate.

"Title IX was great for us, I thank Richard Nixon for Title IX," Forter said. "It forced educational institutions to comply with equality in women's athletics. They were not being fair to women in sports. It took 20 years. Court cases have made that much stronger. Everybody had to conform to that," Forter said.

Coming On Strong



Twenty-five years later, female athletes at the college level are finding more opportunities to participate than ever, said Karen Smith, San Jose State University's women's basketball coach.

"There has been a huge push to create more opportunities for women and create an equal playing field (at SJSU)," Smith said.

The SJSU athletic department has added three women's sports in four years, while cutting men's tennis and gymnastics. Of the 16 athletic programs at SJSU, 10 are women's.

"It's time and it's the right thing to do," Smith said. "We have opportunities, we can't block it."

The opportunities at SJSU for male and female athletes are gradually being balanced. According to the Sports Information Department at SJSU, of the 273 student-athletes receiving some form of financial

aid at SJSU last year, 154 were men and 119 were women.

"Considering football has 85 players, we need to balance it out," said Smith.

The bulk of the opportunities, however, still favor the male athlete. A study done in February of 1997 by the Women's Sports Foundation of 767 colleges and universities affiliated with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, shows that male athletes received 63 percent of the total \$5.6 million in scholarship funds allocated.

The study also found a disparity in money spent on recruiting, operating expenditures and coaching. Men held 72 percent of the full-time head coaching positions. Of the 16 head coaching positions at SJSU, six are filled by women.

"(Men) have more opportunities. We can't have the opportunities (coaching men's teams)," Smith said.

Another major difference in women's athletics is that the encouragement and training in athletics is starting at early ages. Twenty years ago, girls were frowned upon for taking an interest in sports.

Forter recalls the bias toward female athletes at her junior high school. She and a group of classmates wanted to play basketball, but the school not have a girls team. They decided to form a team of their own, and the school helped by scheduling them with other girls teams.

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Hellenic and Cypriot meeting

The Hellenic and Cypriot Association is holding the first meeting of the semester from **4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday** in the Student Union Guadalupe Room. For more information, call John Kesoglou at 293-9233 or e-mail at Greek@Pacbell.net.

First Akbayan meeting of the semester

Akbayan is having the first general meeting of the semester from **3:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday** in the Morris Dailey Auditorium, and an open house from **3:30 to 6 p.m.** in the Student Union Unmum Room. For more information, call 534-1140.

Semester Abroad meeting

The staff and faculty of the Spring 1998 Semester Abroad Program in Bath, England, invites all students interested in international education to attend an informational meeting from **3:430 p.m. Thursday** in Hugh Gillis Hall Room 114. For more information, call Elizabeth Van Beek at 924-5530 or Andy Ho at 952-0337.

Food and music

The African Unity Committee will be having a meeting from **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday** in the Student Union amphitheater. There will be free food and music. For more information, call Jerome Marin at 924-2549.

ASM/TMS meeting

The ASM/TMS is having the first general meeting of the semester at **noon Thursday** on the Engineering lawn. For more information, call Joe Carpenter at 292-6955.

Eating disorder support group

The SJSU Student Health Center is having an eating disorder support group from **4:30 to 5:30 p.m. every Thursday** in the Health Building Room 208. Meetings are confidential for people struggling with eating disorders. For more information, call Nancy Black, MS, RD at 924-6118.

Listening hour

The listening hour will feature William Trimble, saxophones and the SJSU "AXE" ensemble along with Allan Strang and Dan Wyman playing Kudo horns from **12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Thursday** in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, call 924-4631.

Booksale

The Library and Information Science Students will be having a booksale from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday** in Wahlquist North, sixth floor. For more information, call Lenore England at 415-388-5149.

Career night

Phi Chi Theta, the co-ed business and economics fraternity, will be having career night from **6 to 6:30 p.m.** at Togo's and from **6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday** in the Student Union Almaden Room. For more information, call Eddie at 870-4304.

Christian fellowship

The Spartan Christian Fellowship is having a meeting at **noon Thursday** in the Student Union Pacheco Room. For more information, call Lindell Bennett at 267-5787.

Phi Beta Sigma social

Phi Beta Sigma is having a social at **7 p.m. Thursday** in the Student Union Music Listening Room on the third floor. For more information, call LaRon at 978-9106.

Co-op workshop

The Career Center is having a Co-op Workshop at **1:30 p.m. Thursday** in the Student Union Almaden Room. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at 924-6034.

Mariachi workshop

The SJSU Mariachi Workshop will be from **7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday** in the Music building. Learn to play and sing mariachi music. For more information, call 924-4675.

Tau Delta Phi meeting

Tau Delta Phi, the Scholastic Honor fraternity, is having the first meeting of the semester. Students must have a 3.2 GPA to join. The meeting will be at **6 p.m. Thursday** in the Student Union Loma Prieta Room. For more information, call Michael at 949-9987.

Meteorology seminar

The SJSU Meteorology Seminar Series will feature Dr. Jerry Steffens from the department of Meteorology at SJSU discussing the El Nino phenomena from **noon to 1:15 p.m. Thursday** in Duncan Hall Room 615.

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff. The deadline for entries is noon, three days before desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily Office. Phoned in items will not be accepted.

Dance: Bray shines

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about African Americans in the field of dance.

In the past, African-American women were not taken seriously as dancers. Most probably they were labeled solely as entertainers, not as artists, Bray said. And the problem still exists today.

While she doesn't think doors are shut to African American dancers, she believes there is a fear they will not even be given the opportunity to prove themselves.

"If you do have the technique and the skills, you should be able to dance no matter what you are," Bray said.

Because African Americans are not widely represented in

the artistic dance world outside of predominately black dance companies such as Alvin Ailey and Fred Savage, Bray feels she is a little more determined to be successful than other dancers, and she doesn't want that success to rely upon her race.

"I want someone to appreciate me for me," she said.

She credits her family and friends with laying the groundwork for her tenacity.

"Without that support I don't think I would be able to have the drive or the determination," Bray said.

"I love life and the enjoyment of being alive and having friends and family close," Bray said. "I'd just like to share what I have, whether a little or a lot, with the people I love."

Athletes: Women

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"I don't think people were receptive," Forter said.

"Today, little girls are getting training in elementary school and at the junior high level. Daughters are growing up to be athletes," she said.

Professionally, some members of the Lasers now have endorsement deals with various shoe and sportswear companies, and are becoming more visible in the public eye.

The rival league, the

Women's National Basketball Association, has heavily marketed some of its top stars, among them Rebecca Lobo and Sheryl Swoopes, and televised a Sunday game of the week throughout its inaugural season.

"I think the WNBA has done a wonderful job promoting women athletes," Smith said. "Our young players are now writing women basketball players as their favorite sports heroes."

Teacher searches for WW II fighter plane

HAWTHORNE, Calif. (AP) — A Hawthorne High School teacher has assigned himself homework: Find a World War II fighter plane that he figures plunged into the Santa Monica Bay in 1944 shortly after takeoff from what is now Los Angeles International Airport.

G. Pat Macha, a history and geography teacher and an aviation buff, is trying to help the family of Gertrude Tompkins Silver solve a mystery: What happened after she guided a single-seat P-51D Mustang off the tarmac at Mines Field?

Silver has the distinction of being the lone missing pilot of the Women's Air Force Service Pilots. The WASPs ferried planes from Southern California factories to bases across the country. From there, the warplanes were shipped overseas.

"It's intriguing and it's a mystery. I think, that is a solvable mystery," said Macha, whose passion for tracking down plane crashes evolved into his recently released book, "Aircraft Wrecks in the Mountains and Deserts of California — 1909-1996."

"It would be very satisfying," Macha, 51, said of locating Silver's plane, "because it would enable the family to know what happened and close the book."

Ken Whittall-Scherfee, whose wife is Silver's great-niece, agreed.

"I think it would be quite helpful for a lot of members of the family," Macha said he believes that someone — perhaps a fisherman or a diver — has seen the wreckage just off of Dockweiler State Beach.

The Pacific is only 30 to 40 feet deep there, and a fisherman's sonar would pick it up. It would be easy to verify that wreckage was her P-51, because the plane carried data plates with the fighter's serial number.

Macha hopes news of his mission will jog someone's memory. And if so, "I have a cou-

ple of volunteer divers lined up," he said.

Macha was first tipped off about Silver's plight by a former WASP who read the 1991 edition of his book and wondered if he could help locate Silver's crash site. He started poking around and eventually hooked up with her relatives.

Macha has pieced together the story of Silver, who was 33 years old, a year out of military flight school, married only a month to a businessman and living in upstate New York.

In the days before her last flight, Silver was dispatched from a Texas base to what was then Mines Field and later became

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LAX. A manufacturer called North American was churning out eight B-25 Billy Mitchell bombers and 12 P-51 Mustangs every 24 hours. Silver picked up a single-prop Mustang from the on-airfield factory and filed her flight plan.

Silver took off at 4 p.m. on Oct. 26, 1944, bound for Tucson, Ariz. She was to hop scotch across the country to Newark, N.J. From there, the Mustang would be shipped overseas.

The Air Force, short on qualified male fliers, depended on female aviators to get aircraft across country. Often, the planes were tested for only 45 minutes to an hour before being handed over to a WASP.

Dalmations top list as most abandoned breed

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Nine months after "101 Dalmations" made the spotted dogs a hot gift at Christmas, the pets are becoming the most abandoned breed at animal shelters around the country.

Owners are finding out that the cute, cuddly puppies grow into big, rambunctious and often moody dogs.

Hundreds of Dalmations are being returned, many abused and injured, and those that are not adopted are likely to be put to death.

"These animals are paying with their lives because people aren't informed about them," said Pati Dane, who runs an organization here called Dalmatian Rescue, which tries to find new homes for the abandoned animals.

"I live, eat, sleep this problem," she said, as a black-and-white dotted face peered from a window behind her.

So far this year, Dane has taken in 130 Dalmations. Normally it takes about 2 1/2 years to reach that number. The same is happening elsewhere in Florida and in the nation.

In South Florida's Broward County, 119 Dalmations were dropped off at shelters during the first eight months of this

year — a 35 percent increase over last year.

The Wisconsin Humane Society in Milwaukee has received 15 percent more Dalmations than this time last year. Shelters in Los Angeles County also report an increase in the number of Dalmations turned in, including one from a family that complained the pet was nothing like the dogs in the movie.

Disney officials did not return phone calls seeking comment Tuesday.

Dane blames unscrupulous breeders who wanted to cash in on the demand created by the movie. In the rush to sell the dogs for between \$300 and \$800, she said, many breeders don't warn people about the dogs' temperament.

Dalmations can grow to as much as 70 pounds, they shed year-round and about one in 10 are born deaf. They require lots of exercise, and are likely to become restless — destructive even — if they don't get it.

"Although Dalmations are beautiful puppies, and can be wonderful dogs, you have to know what you're getting into," said Tracey Carson, spokeswoman for the Wisconsin Humane Society.



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7-Up is promoting a 'crisper and less sweet' flavor

DALLAS (AP) — The maker of 7-Up is changing its flavor to make it crisper and less sweet — that is, more like market leader Sprite.

Marketed in the late '60s as "the Uncola," 7-Up rocketed in sales. But in the past decade, 7-Up has been losing market share to Coca-Cola Co.-owned Sprite and now

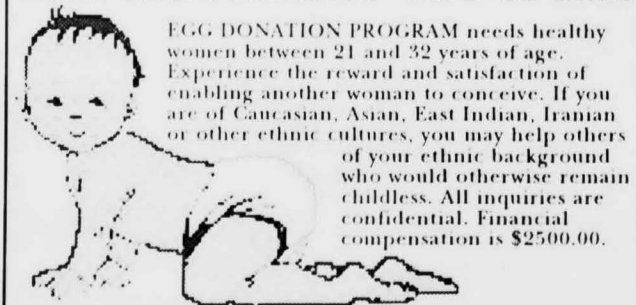
holds only 40 percent of the lemon-lime drink category.

Dr. Pepper/Seven Up will announce the flavor change next Monday at a meeting of its bottlers in San Antonio, a source close to the company said Tuesday. The plans were first reported by The Wall Street Journal on Tuesday.

Mike Martin, a spokesman for Dr. Pepper/Seven Up in Dallas, said the company had no comment.

Reformulating soft drinks can be risky. Coca-Cola fooled with Coke in 1985 and protests quickly forced it to bring back the old flavor under the name Coca-Cola Classic.

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