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SBU Hospital: SARS at Suffolk's Doorstep

Should SARS strike Stony Brook, hospital says it's ready

By MARC NEWMAN
Statesman Editor

SARS, Severe Acute Respiratory System, has infected more than 2,960 people and resulted in more than 119 deaths worldwide. Characterized by difficult breathing and high body temperature, the disease is still baffling scientists and doctors, and has scared many away from shops in New York City's Chinatown. As of press time, New York State had reported a total of 23 infections, including one in Nassau County.

"This disease is associated with specific travel, and we've found that most people in Suffolk County don't do a lot of traveling to Asian countries," said Roy Steigbigel, Chief of the Infectious Diseases Center

at Stony Brook Hospital.

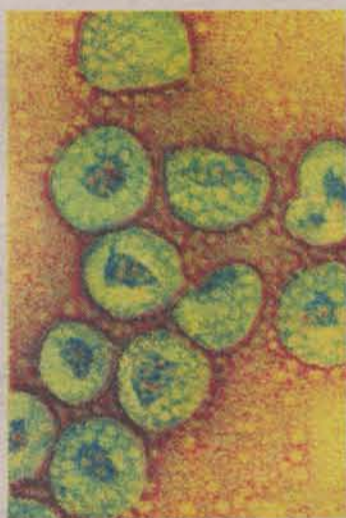
China, Hong Kong, Hanoi, Vietnam and Singapore are the only countries suspected of "community transmission," according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. But more than 20 countries, including the United States, have reported isolated cases of the disease.

According to the New York City Department of Health, nine cases have been reported in New York City.

"This epidemic first reported in China in November of last year, and it was finally made public to our people in March," Steigbigel said. Since March, the CDC and the World Health Organization have constantly provided Steigbigel with what he called "rapidly accruing information."

SARS has been recognized as a coronavirus, a string of viruses associated with diarrhea and the common cold. However, the exact string of the disease has yet to be classified.

"We have to continue to appreciate the surprises of new disease all the time," Steigbigel said.



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The coronavirus, above, is the likely cause of SARS.

"Microbes have been here for billions of years, and all it takes is a few genes to jump around to create a new disease. It could be SARS this year and MARS next year. This is not going to stop. It's part of nature."

Steigbigel said that he was very satisfied with the way his hospital, in conjunction with the CDC and the WHO, was preparing for the disease.

"The results have been remarkable," he said. "We had a

learning experience with the anthrax scares, and dealing with this disease has been very productive, not limited to political nonsense."

Last week, President Bush issued an order to quarantine any individual who entered the hospital with a SARS infection. If a case were to appear at Stony Brook, Steigbigel said the hospital had established specific protocol to deal with those carrying the virus.

"The CDC along with the NY Department of Health provide us with these guidelines; [including] how to collect samples of the disease and execute appropriate isolation," Steigbigel said. "All potential SARS carriers are sent to a negative pressure room, where masks and gloves are a must for all the doctors and nurses involved. Airflow is sucked from this room into special ducts, whereby the negative pressure prevents the air from the patient from traveling around or outside the hospital."

Steigbigel said the disease, like tuberculosis, is an airborne and highly contagious disease.

The end to the disease could take one of two forms, he said. "One is the vaccine approach, the other is the possibility that it could burn out."

The latter seems unlikely in today's world, he said. "[I]t would seem that we're going to have to have a worldwide vaccine to effectively fight this problem."

Reactions among members of the campus community were muted. Many students had not even realized that the disease had spread to New York.

"Really?" said sophomore Matthew Gershen. "With all this focus on Iraq, I haven't heard much about SARS, so I assumed it was still confined to Asia. But it should be kept under control over here, I think. Our healthcare system is really good."

Some left it not to American medical care, but in the hands of a higher power.

"I'm not scared," sophomore Bianca Nugent said. "I just pray."

For updates on SARS, go to www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/ and http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/sars/q_and_a.htm

Suffolk Legislature Says No to Solar Power

By MAURY HIRSCHKORN
Statesman Staff

Despite recommendations over the years, the Suffolk County Legislature has not yet passed laws to bring solar and wind power to Long Island.

As a result of a lawsuit against the Long Island Lighting Company in 1989, the Federal Eastern District Court instructed the Citizen's Advisory Panel, an energy watchdog organization, to work with the legislature to return \$390 million to ratepayers.

The court also instructed the advisory panel to look after the public's interests in regard to energy concerns.

However, recommendations made by the advisory panel about constructing more wind turbines and solar panels on Long Island were ignored by legislators.

"They never acted on anything," said Kathleen Whitney, an energy analyst at the advisory panel.

One of the rejected recommendations was a plan to construct 10,000 solar roofs by 2010 by putting forth a concrete plan with annual targets. Currently, there are fewer than 300 solar panels built on Long Island each year.

Another rejected recommendation was to construct a 100 megawatt wind project by 2005 or sooner.

Legislator Maxine Postal (D-Amityville) admitted that legislators didn't take action on the recommendations.

"Bringing wind and solar power to Long Island wasn't their priority," she said. "We had money for energy conservation projects. However, that money was constantly set aside and spent on other projects the legislature thought were more important."

Now, because of a resolution proposed by Legis. Jon Cooper (D-Huntington), chairman of the Energy Committee, the advisory panel has lost its funding. Starting Jan. 1, its work was transferred to an in-house energy specialist, Joe Schroeder.

The main reason for Cooper's resolution was that the advisory panel's stand on renewable, sustainable energy was seen by legislators as putting forth a political agenda.

"They became a political organization," said Legis. Joe Caracappa (R-Selden).

Gordian Raacke, executive director of the advisory panel, disputed those charges. "CAP is a not-for-profit... organization and has no political affiliation whatsoever," he said in an e-mail.

Solar panels and wind turbines are known for producing power that is nonpolluting, sustainable and renewable. "Because [solar and wind power] is nonpolluting, it's better for the environment," said freshman SBU biology student Ozzy Ozsut.

However, experts say that both have their problems. Solar panels only gather energy during the day, and wind turbines have to be located on high towers in areas where there are relatively high average wind speeds and no nearby obstructions.



Courtesy of www.lycos.com
Wind turbines are not in Long Island's energy plans for the immediate future.

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Doomsday Scenario Flick *The Core* Lacks Depth

By MANSOOR KHAN
Statesman Editor

Didn't we do this before? Oh, right, last time the threat was from *outside* the Earth. Now instead of giant rocks hitting the Earth, we've got some serious internal bugs threatening life as we know it.

Armageddon—oops, sorry, I meant *The Core*, is a rollercoaster ride-of-a-movie that rocks you in your seat, without actually moving you. It's empty. It's shallow. It's even kind of cheesy, but I have to admit that *The Core* is a fun movie.

The core of the Earth has stopped spinning, meaning the electromagnetic field of the planet will soon give out. What does this mean? It means lightning storms, pigeon missiles, people with pacemakers dying, and the ozone layer having more holes than an old sponge. Eventually, the Earth will predictably die, unless our dashing group of incredibly witty, always charming, and downright gorgeous scientists can just do something to save it!

Lo and behold, we have Samuel L.



Courtesy of www.google.com

The film's characters are quite relaxed, considering the circumstances.

Jackson with a technologically impossible giant metal mole that shoots lasers into the ground to make a path to travel in. Once they get to the center of the Earth, our Super Team will plant a whole bunch of nuclear bombs to "jumpstart" the core of the Earth, and bring us back to peace and happiness.

Along the way, they run into a bunch of bumps and obstacles, including burning lava, uninhibited arrogance (yes, we have the typecast I-am-better-than-everyone

scientist), some miscalculations (how many woodchucks does it take to jumpstart the core of the Earth? Apparently we don't have enough.) and a heartwarming ("Really?" "No.") love connection.

On the other side of the Earth's crust, there is the predictable death and destruction. This includes the demolition of the Golden Gate Bridge, the utter annihilation of the Coliseum in Rome and some misguided pigeons wreaking utter havoc in New York City.

Now here is the catch—the United States, which of course must be the one saving the Earth, is actually the cause of the problem. The whole movie alludes to a secret project with malevolent undertones (that folder labeled "Top Secret" looks suspicious). I probably just ruined the movie for you, but I think Director John Amiel already did that.

Let's put it this way: *The Core* is a movie where a whole bunch of things blow up and you don't remember any of the characters' names. That doesn't mean that the acting was bad, because it wasn't.

That just means as an audience member, you just won't care.

The main character, a geophysicist, is played by Aaron Eckhart, who really gets into his role, as do most of the other characters. Unfortunately, that role is a bit too whimsical to truly make me believe that the characters are facing the end of the world. They really don't stop making jokes, which is alright...for a comedy.

Unlike *Armageddon*, *The Core* wasn't particularly inspiring or moving. There definitely was a scene where the whole Super Team walks together in slow motion, and you can really only see their silhouettes, just like in *Armageddon*, but I laughed when that happened in this movie.

The Core isn't all bad. It's just too simple. In sixth grade, I would have worshipped it, and then gone home and drawn pictures of a giant Earth-mole-subterrestrial ship. Now that I am in college, however, I just don't see myself breaking out the sketch pad anytime soon.

I give it 2 out of 5 stars.

Call It *Ishmael*: Modern Fiction at Its Best

By MICHAEL ZANNETTIS
Statesman Contributor

One of the editors of this newspaper asked me kindly, as my wordy reputation precedes me, to write this article in 500 words or less. I could do it with 11: *Ishmael* by Daniel Quinn, is the most important book ever written.

Published in 1995, the novel itself is largely a Socratic dialogue between a skeptical, jaded narrator, and (to ruin the second chapter) a telepathic gorilla. When the gorilla, Ishmael, places an ad in the newspaper—"TEACHER SEEKS PUPIL, Must have an earnest desire to save the world"—he is answered by a middle-aged survivor of the intrepid, but failed, hippie enterprise. Together they embark on an intellectual journey to discover why we have to destroy the world in order to live, what the bars are that bind us in cultural

captivity, and what the alternative to our current reality can look like.

To explain the importance of the novel I extracted a passage. Ishmael asks the narrator:

"Among the people of your culture, which want to destroy the world?"

"Which want to destroy it? As far as I know, no one specifically wants to destroy the world."

"And yet you do destroy it, each of you. Each of you contributes daily to the destruction of the world."

"Yes, that's so."

"Why don't you stop?"

I shrugged. "Frankly, we don't know how."

"You're captives of a civilizational system that more or less compels you to go on destroying the world in order to live."

"Yes, that's the way it seems."

"So. You are captives—and you have made a captive of the world itself. That's what's at stake, isn't it?—your captivity and the captivity of the world."

If it is Fitzgerald's grace that makes *Gatsby* great, or Melville's power that gives whiteness to his whale, then it is Quinn's fearlessness that endows his gorilla with all 500 pounds of its stature. As the old joke goes: "What does a quarter ton gorilla say? Anything it wants." Each passage of *Ishmael* is another stab at the cultural juggernaut (Mother Culture, as Quinn calls it) that has propelled us to live the way that we do. (Read this book.)

Arundhati Roy, author of *The God of Small Things*, says that the first rule of writing is There Are No Rules. Fair enough, but the Second Rule of Writing is, There Are No Excuses For Bad Art.

Mike on the Mat: Spotlight on the Old Folks

By MICHAEL ADLER
Statesman Staff

Since Wrestlemania, Vince has been raiding the retirement community for talent. Raw has Goldberg, and Sable and "Rowdy" Roddy Piper have returned to Smackdown. The next storyline will be an invasion angle by the AARP.

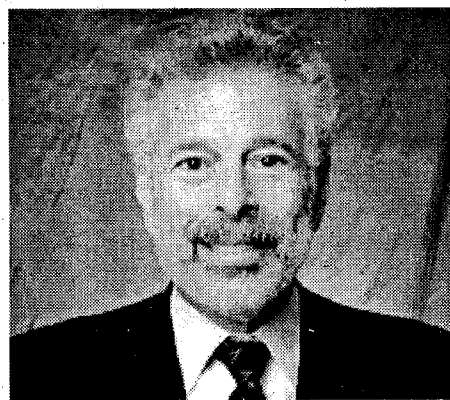
Let's start with Sable. I have no idea why she's back. Why would Vince McMahon want her back after she sued the WWF for \$110 million? Why would she want to come back after leaving because the locker room despised her (once someone filled her gym bag with feces) and because she did not want to do a lesbian storyline (which she is now doing)? I didn't like her when she was on originally, and I really don't like her now. I never found her to be terribly attractive in the first place, and now she looks twenty years older, even under massive amounts of makeup.

Besides the issue of whether or not

she's a sex symbol for the WWE, her current storyline is ridiculous. I don't care whether or not she's going to have HLA with Torrie. I don't even really care about Torrie either. Both of their breast implants could explode on the next Pay Per View special for all I care.

The next superstar to have his cobwebs dusted off and be thrown in the spotlight again is Rowdy Roddy Piper. In this case, it might not be a bad thing. Piper always promises to be entertaining during his Piper's Pit segments, and you never know when he might finally snap. WWE wisely put him on Smackdown, where his psychotic rants can be edited just in case he decides to start blaming people for Owen Hart's death again. I kind of wish they would let him be live on RAW for the sheer suspense of never knowing what he might say.

Still, there's a downside to the return of Piper, and that's the possibility that he might wrestle Hogan. The thought of Piper



Courtesy of www.google.com

Goldberg's back, and is boring as ever!

wrestling again with his false hip is scary; then again, given the current state of WWE performers, he'll fit right in with the Quad Squad (Triple H, Kevin Nash). He's still sharp on the mic, but I don't see his new potbelly being an asset in in-ring action.

Who's next? Oh right, Goldberg. But who cares? He bores me. Much like Triple H, he'll spend most of his time squashing mid-carders who might deserve a push. I

just can't get behind a guy who brags about having a move set consisting of two moves. Goldberg claims to be returning to wrestling to entertain the *kids*. How heartwarming, but he won't be entertaining them at house shows because he refuses to do so. What a prima donna.

And what's that, do you hear what I hear? Yes, it's the sound of Kevin Nash's quadriceps snapping again! Nash returned to RAW last week, and what was his first action? Squashing Jericho in five seconds. Destroying Jericho must be some kind of initiation for large wrestlers who lack talent. With Nash back (if his quadriceps hold up) he'll probably be wrestling Triple H soon, brushing Booker T off to the side. Did I mention that Kevin Nash is big and slow, and I hate him? RAW is WCW.

Mike's public service announcement: If you're over six feet tall, and weight almost 300 pounds, and your opponent is three quarters of the way across the ring do not attempt the shooting star press.

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A Researcher Tries to Outsmart Anthrax

By RICHARD MONASTERSKY
Chronicle of Higher Education

Julia Ying Wang, Ph.D., grips the tail of a squirming mouse as she brings a syringe slowly toward the animal. Conversation stops as she slides the tip of the needle into its tail, and injects a dose of anthrax toxin, taking care not to poke one of her own fingers.

"If this were to get into your blood, it would kill you," said Wang, an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. "I won't let other people in the lab do this experiment because I don't want them to get hurt."

Two years ago, Wang would not have dreamed of dealing with anything so deadly. But then, in the fall of 2001, an unknown assailant killed five people by sending a bacterium called *Bacillus anthracis* through the mail, introducing Wang and the entire nation to the disease known as anthrax.

Within four months of the attacks, Wang had taught herself enough about the disease to start preliminary experiments aimed at finding a way to outwit *B. anthracis*. She submitted a grant proposal to the National



Courtesy of www.chronicle.com

Researcher Julia Ying Wang, Ph.D., works with anthrax despite the risks associated with handling the deadly toxin.

Institutes of Health early last year, and by fall had received \$300,000 for two years of research.

Her story mirrors that of many scientists around the country. In 2000, the NIH was financing only 14 grants on *B. anthracis*. Now, the agency is supporting almost five times as many. In her lab at Brigham and Women's Hospital, though,

Wang remains eager to forge ahead with her research and has even submitted a second grant proposal on anthrax.

A former high-school mathematics star in China, Wang earned a Ph.D. in chemistry at Michigan State University and then came to Harvard for a postdoctoral fellowship. Now 34, Wang is breaking out on her own after years of work on other investigators' grants. The anthrax grant "is critical for me because I'm just becoming independent," she said. "And also, working in a hospital system, we are working on soft money, which means I have to get my salary from funding. So I have a lot of pressure."

To demonstrate how lethal toxin works, Wang heads to the basement of her building, using a security card to enter a locked corridor. She slips cloth booties over her shoes, then dons a lab coat, a cap, a mask, and gloves, as if she is preparing for surgery. Down the hall, she punches a code on a doorknob and heads into a small, windowless room lined with dozens of cages of mice.

In one plastic enclosure, a single white mouse scurries about while two others huddle

together in the wood chips, barely moving. Wang injected lethal toxin into the tails of the two lethargic mice just an hour earlier. "These two are getting sicker and sicker," she says. "Tomorrow morning, they will be dead."

While she frets about a possible attack, Wang worries about her career as well. In the wake of the 2001 attacks, government officials and scientists have debated whether researchers should be permitted to publish sensitive information that might aid would-be terrorists. Editors of 15 scientific journals recently agreed to screen all papers for material that might prove dangerous.

Obvious targets would be instructions for making a microbe more deadly, but even a paper on a vaccine might raise flags if it gave away hints on how to inactivate the vaccine.

"I have to face some uncertainty," Wang said. "I don't know how people will respond to our vaccine paper, whether it will get accepted all right because of the recent policy."

U.S. Gov't Denies Visa to Cuban Scholar

By BURTON BOLLAG
Chronicle of Higher Education

Carlos Alzugaray Treto, one of Cuba's leading academic experts on relations with the United States, is a popular guest lecturer at American universities. In recent years, he has been a visiting scholar at the Johns Hopkins University and a research fellow at Harvard University. A former Cuban ambassador to the European Union, he was scheduled to speak on three panels at the Latin American Studies Association International Congress in Dallas last month.

But Alzugaray was denied a visa, as were more than a third of the 105 Cubans registered for the meeting, under tighter homeland-security policies. Sixty-six Cuban scholars managed to attend, but only after a chorus of complaints from American academics, supported by several senators and other members of Congress, persuaded the State Department to issue more visas a mere week

before the meeting was held. Up to that point, only nine Cubans had received visas.

Thomas Klak, an associate professor of geography at Ohio's Miami University, had arranged for Alzugaray to visit the university for six days this month. He calls the visa rejection a "deeply disturbing sign of the many impacts of the 'war on terror.'"

"It's just so frustrating," Klak said. "He's an honest and insightful analyst." Alzugaray is one of thousands of foreign scholars whose trips to institutions in the United States have been canceled or delayed by weeks or months since the federal government introduced a series of measures tightening visa procedures last spring and summer.

Visa applications now take considerably longer to process. Foreign scholars planning trips to the United States must list all of their international travel over the last 10 years, any specialized skills they have, and detailed

information on their relatives.

When serious visa delays began last fall, at the start of the first academic year after the 2001 terrorist attacks, university officials hoped the problems would be temporary. Yet despite appeals to the authorities to conduct lengthy security checks only on high-risk visa applicants, universities say the problems have not diminished.

Some universities have sought other ways to minimize disruptions. In February, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology advised its departments to expect long delays in visa approvals for scholars they invite from abroad, and to be as flexible as possible accommodating late-arriving academics. Alzugaray, the Cuban professor, submitted his visa request in December, and was then called back to the seven-story, granite-faced building of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana to explain what he planned to lecture about in

the United States.

He was informed that his request had been denied. No reason was given, but the decision was made under a section of the Immigration and Nationality Act that allows the president to ban the entry of any foreigners whose presence "would be detrimental to the interests of the United States." Alzugaray and most of the other Cuban scholars had received visas to attend previous meetings of the Latin American Studies Association.

The federal government denies that a new policy exists to keep out Cuban academics and notes that Cuba is on a State Department list of countries designated as "state sponsors of terrorism." When asked about Alzugaray, one State Department spokesman said the department did not comment on individual cases. Then he added, of Cuban academics in general, "a lot of them are spies."

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Editorial

After War, Moving Forward

By NICKLAUS MISITI
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People susceptible to immediate gratification may feel satisfied with the recent events in Iraq. We have apparently conquered this nation, and as mainstream media portrays it, we are now the heroes of the day in the Middle East.

The majority of Americans feel safer believing these half-truths. They fail to see beyond their plasma screen TVs, blind to the complex problems of the world which cannot be solved with the simple removal of Saddam Hussein. As the economy and corporate ethics of America suffer, the people are told that this is a natural sacrifice associated with the war on terror.

But certain corporations close to the Bush administration, like Halliburton, will miraculously benefit from the spoils of this war. News networks show us pictures of Iraqis in the streets, cheering for their freedom, trying to make us feel that our actions are liberating, democratic and even morally righteous.

Yet what is not shown are the Iraqi dead and wounded, the Iraqis looting, rioting and stealing and the Iraqis' plotting retribution underground. Someone told me that the recent suicide bombings in Iraq prove there is a link between Iraq and al Qaeda. But that link is a lie. U.S. bombs directly create terrorist bombings and only increase the likelihood that an Iraqi-al Qaeda link will be formed.

And the focus keeps shifting. The invasion into Iraq covered up rebuilding in Afghanistan, and now invading Syria will cover up rebuilding Iraq. It seems as long as we are at war, the problems we create with the U.N., the Muslim world, the U.S. economy, and terrorism are unimportant, unpatriotic and unmentionable. So what do we do now? Where do we go on this long journey toward peace?

Firstly, there is the long-term, political approach to consider. Education, lobbying and election reform are all part of this. Protests need to go on (as Bush's endless wars continue) to show the rest of the world we are not just a people of brutality, imperialism and warfare. The 2004 Republican convention is in New York City. We need to send Bush a clear message that warmongers and terrorists are not welcome in our great city, which has already lost so much because of senseless violence.

Secondly, America needs progress in the field of alternative energy. Every time the wind blows and the sun shines a lot of energy is being wasted. Who has benefited from this? Without oil there never would have been a Saddam Hussein, or a George W. Bush, for that matter. People are simply too dependent upon a resource that is quickly running low. As the scarcity is increasing, so is the demand, and countries are fighting over it. Alternative energies are a key to long term peace and stability in the future.

Thirdly, there is the humanitarian route. Care, compassion and love for the poor and downtrodden of the world are a necessity in times like these. Food, clothing and shelter are of the utmost importance to people. While others receive the media glory of fighting terrorism by dropping thousands of million-dollar bombs, in truth it is the little compassionate acts such as toothbrushes, soap, blankets and food that will one day end the anger and the urge for retribution so crucial to terrorist recruitment.

Despite his popularity, there are huge gaps in Bush's policies, and they will catch up with us. The people expected to fill in these gaps or at least question them (namely Democrats) have been silent. It is the everyday people of America—and the world—who will suffer from a lack of debate and discourse on such matters.

Commuter's Corner

Weather or Not, Here I Com(mute)

By JONATHAN REINSTEIN
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At last, after the relentless winter of snowstorms we've had, spring has arrived. Spring, the season of plants growing, birds chirping, nicer weather, longer days of sunlight and of course, baseball. Well, that fairly idealistic image is apparently too much for Mother Nature to handle here in the northeast. Instead, the first weeks of spring have been a story of continuous flux—kind of like the government of Iraq these days. One day, it's sunny in the upper 50s with clear skies, and then the next, it's pouring rain and sleet and in the low 30s.

By April, one would hope that better weather is just around the corner. But as soon as the thought that we have survived the storm enters our heads, Mother Nature is at again, burying Long Island in another five inches of snow on April 7, 2003. And if the snow wasn't enough, cold rain and low temperatures mostly characterized the rest of the week. What is this about? From what I remember, the old expression for spring is "*April showers bring May flowers*," but where do snowstorms and freezing temperatures factor into the equation?

Well, if we can't beat Mother Nature, then we'll just have to adapt to her. For the commuter, this means a lot. As if we didn't have enough to think about with busy schedules of classes and work, traffic, road construction and closings, and rising gas prices, we need to think about how we are going to equip our

cars and ourselves for the weather.

So, last Monday, I made all the necessary preparations for the day's forecasted storm. First, I checked out the Stony Brook website and called 632-SNOW (which is on speed-dial #3 on my phone after this past winter). Once all glimmers of hope that school would be canceled were squashed, I had to get to work. After bundling up in four layers, I retrieved my parka and snowshoes from my closet, because even if I didn't need them at the moment, as a commuter one can never be too prepared. I began to load my car with the Commuter Survival Kit. This included an assortment of snow shovels and snow pushers for various snow textures and compositions, an ice chipper, a broom and two bags of rock salt. Finally, I prepared the three days' rations of food and water in case it got bad out there.

The drive to Stony Brook was fine because the snow hadn't started yet. When I finished my classes in the afternoon, a fresh white blanket of snow was covering my car. Commuter Survival Kit to the rescue! Within minutes, my car was all cleaned up and I was on my way home.

The important thing to remember here is that preparation is the commuter's solution to any kind of weather. But after this past winter and these early weeks of spring, maybe it isn't such a coincidence that the sports team for the University of Alaska-Anchorage is called the Seawolves.

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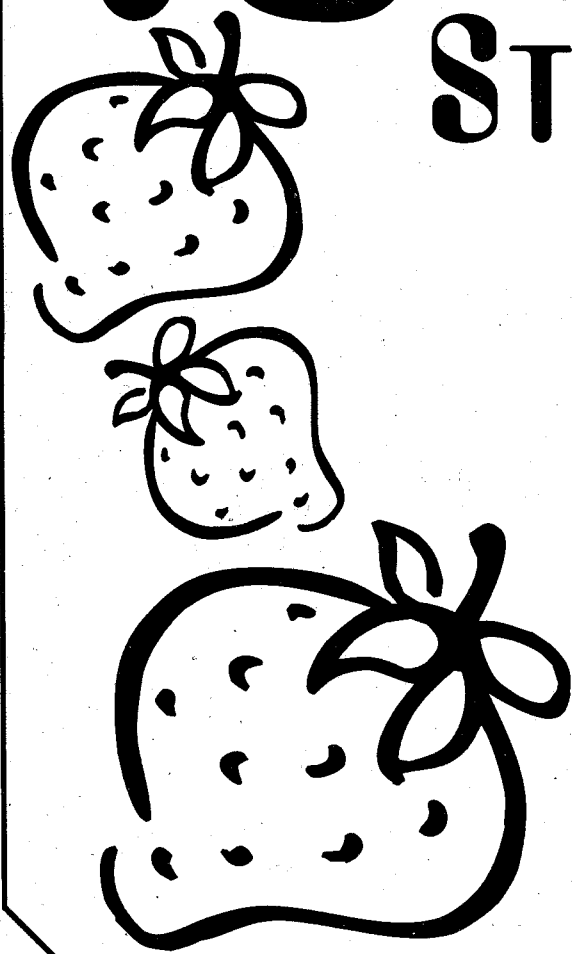
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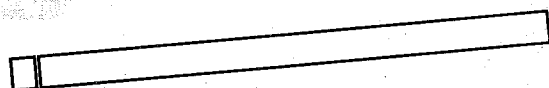
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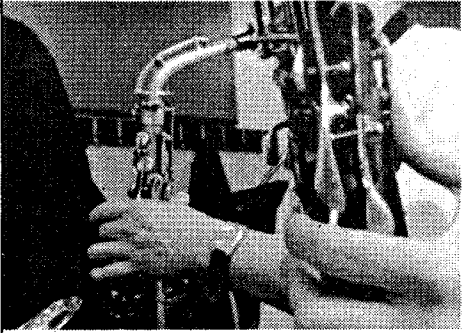
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