locals support march; not separatist message

By Rebecca Stanick
Daily Staff Writer

Thousands of African American men marched on Washington Monday, but the spirit spanned from the nation's capital to San Luis Obispo.

The day was intended to inspire African American men to take responsibility for their lives as individuals and within their community. The march was led by controversial Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Chapter President Smiley Wilkins of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) said the national NAACP members were among the attendees, but that they didn't support the march.

It was Farrakhan's anti-Semitic and racist views which caused his NAACP to publicly protest Farrakhan's views.

"I don't agree with Farrakhan's philosophy and approach," Wilkins said. "But I hope the spiritual approach will come to pass, not anti-Semitism."

Many Cal Poly students agreed with Wilkins.

"I believe the rally can be separated from Farrakhan," said computer science senior Paul Beaudry. "Not everyone who went was supporting Farrakhan."

Although Farrakhan is considered by many as a radical figure, he was successful in gathering mass support for African American unity.

Farrakhan was thrown into a controversy for his anti-Semitic and racist views, which caused the NAACP to publicly protest Farrakhan's views.

But Everado Martinez-Inzunza, a multicultural program coordinator, said the march was already in the works before Farrakhan's anti-Semitic and racist comments.

"It brought public affirmation to the fact that racism is strong," Martinez-Inzunza said. "The black community cannot be denied education, solidarity and personal empowerment in working together, which is the most immediate solution to what has been a long chronic sickness in this country."

Controversy over gender discrimination also surrounded the march.

Farrakhan asked women to stay home with their families, pray and fast, while African American men gathered in the area in Washington, D.C. between the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol.

These men excluded everyone else because the march was gender exclusive to their community, Martinez-Inzunza said.

Liberal studies junior LaToysa Merritt said she didn't think the march was gender discriminatory.

"I've gone on the basis that women and men have their own (separate) events," Merritt said.

Most Cal Poly students, staff and faculty say they have confidence in the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

"I don't agree with Farrakhan's views," said civil engineering senior Bill Breder. "In doing this, they should separate personal needs and wants from professional duties."

Some said the police force should focus on hard crimes, such as murder and robbery.

Others said police should help citizens on a basic level as well.

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Most people interviewed agreed that the role of the police is to protect.

"Police are here to uphold peace and order," said speech communicator senior Bill Bleder. "In doing this, they should separate personal needs and wants from professional duties."

"They're all busy studying," said city and regional planning senior Rebecca Macon. "They have better things to do than commit crime."

While many at Cal Poly said they appreciate the local police force, some claimed that city and campus police merely enforce minor offenses.

"I've seen a lot of tickets given out every day," said business junior Jason Davis. "I always see at least one person pulled over when I come to school. Maybe police are bored because there aren't enough criminals."

Many said they feel campus police enforce minor offenses more than city police.

"I've gotten two parking tickets," said computer engineering senior Mitch Emerson. "One of them was because the holder of my permit broke it. They said they couldn't see one of the numbers on the permit and cited me for an improperly displayed permit."

"I had to write up a petition and buy a new holder," Emerson continued. "Then about a month later, I got a notice that I owed campus police money for the ticket plus a late penalty fee."

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Most locals said they had faith in the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

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Many said police are less aggressive and crime rates seem to be lower in San Luis Obispo than in larger communities.

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Upcoming

Culture talk will be having a discussion about "Hispanics and AIDS" on Oct. 19 in U.U. 220 at 1 p.m.

Committee

Anyone with a 35 mm camera can participate in the Santo Mario Camera Club's scavenger hunt on Oct. 21.

Professions Committee" in building 52, room E-28, on Oct. 19 at 11 a.m.

Women's Studies is holding a lunch time seminar called "Led By a Woman." It will feature Entrepreneurs of the concert room in 18th Century London. All faculty, staff, students and community members are welcome.

The seminar will be on Oct. 22 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Staff Dining Room B. For further information, call Carolyn Stefancic at 756-1525.

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Kringla cookies celebrates fifth year

Dave Knox put a twist in entrepreneurship when he asked Bob Cushing, manager of the Campus Store, for shelf space to sell Kringlas, pretzel-shaped cookies, five years ago.

It wasn't the first time someone in the Knox family tried selling Kringlas. His great-grandmother sold them in Norway during the depression when her husband lost his banking job.

"This is a 200-year-old recipe," Knox said. "I remember my grandma making hot Kringlas on Sunday mornings. I’ve always loved them."

Knox was unemployed when he decided he wanted to sell Kringlas. He said he had a lot of time on his hands, so he baked a few dozen Kringlas and approached Cushing with the idea.

"Bob told me I could set up a demonstration," he said. "I gave out free samples and most of the students who tried Kringlas loved them."

Cushing saw that Kringlas might become popular among Poly students and began regularly ordering Kringlas from Knox. Soon the Sandwich Plant, Vista Grande, and Julian’s, now Knox’s biggest customer, placed orders with Knox.

"We go through six to eight dozen Kringlas every day," said Patti Reeves, the assistant supervisor of Julian’s. "I like the original strawberry."

Julian’s has exclusive rights to fruit-flavored Kringlas. Knox said the fruit flavors include blueberry, apple, peach and strawberry.

Kringlas do not only come in fruit flavors, though. Other flavors include chocolate chip, cinnamon raisin, and traditional sourdough. These flavors are available at all Kringla-selling locations.

Knox sells Kringlas throughout San Luis Obispo County. Some of his customers include Linnaea’s Cafe, Rudolph’s Coffee and Tea Company, the Coffee Merchant and the San Luis Obispo County Airport.

Knox is also trying to market Kringlas, which he now has a California trademark on, to the supermarket giants Ralphs and Vons. This includes trips around the state, as well as the rigors of trademark laws and government paperwork.

"We’ve come a long way," Knox said. "But we’ve still got a long way to go.

Knox’s daytime schedule is hectic, to say the least. By 4 a.m., when most students are still counting algebraic equations in their sleep, he is cutting and rolling the Kringla dough he made the afternoon before.

He then delivers Kringlas to his many customers in the county, whose locations are from San Luis Obispo to Cambria. He shows up at Julian’s at 7:30 a.m. every morning.

"In the five years I’ve been delivering to Julian’s, I’ve been late only once," Knox said. "And that was because the roads were flooded."

Because health and nutrition are important to Knox, he said, Kringlas are preservative-free. "It’s a good staple food," he said. "It has a dairy base and is high in protein."

Knox also runs a juice bar in Baywood Park that sells Kringlas and smoothies made

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University provides many resources to rape victims

By Val Bedros

Living in a relatively small town such as San Luis Obispo, people sometimes carry a false sense of security that nothing bad will happen to them.

Despite the recent report of an on-campus rape, some students feel Cal Poly is a safe campus overall.

Animal science senior Sara Gustafson lives in the dorms and said she feels safe living on campus and walking alone at night.

"I feel safe coming from the dorm," she said, "I don't feel like I'll be attacked."

Gustafson said she thinks the reported rape is a fairly isolated incident, but still believes it is important for people to be conscious of their surroundings.

"I think it's still pretty safe, but I always try to be alert," she said.

Biology junior Teresa Kidwell agreed.

"I feel safe on campus. I feel comfortable," she said.

Kidwell noted the university offers resources to students such as public safety escort services if they choose to utilize them.

"There's definitely resources you can turn to if you're worried about it," she said.

However, University Police Investigator Mike Kennedy is concerned that people have a false sense of security.

"There's a perception, because we're in a nice community, that this can't happen," Kennedy said. "People from metropolitan areas may really let their guard down. They think they're at school and nothing ever happens."

Rapes do occur however — five rapes and two attempted rapes were reported to the university police between 1990 and 1995. These numbers may seem low, but Kennedy pointed out that about 90 percent of rapes go unreported.

"People are afraid of what's going to happen," he said. "They're afraid they'll have to tell the story over and over again."

Instead, rape victims may turn to a support group or a rape crisis center, he said.

A group on campus that offers services to rape victims is the Sexual Assault Response Advocates (S.A.R.A.).

S.A.R.A. offers support to victims and informs them about their options.

The team sees about two to three students per quarter, according to Joan Cirone, S.A.R.A. member and head of Cal Poly's nursing services.

"We see very few, but we know there are more assaults happening," Cirone said.

Cirone agreed that the fear of having to retell the details of the rape is one reason why so many victims don't report it. She stressed that this is no longer the case in San Luis Obispo.

"There's no longer a risk of rape:
• Don't leave or go to parties alone.
• Vary your daily routine.
• Be alert and trust your instincts. If it just doesn't feel right, get away.

According to Cirone, if rape victims decide to prosecute, they can rely on a member from the Sexual Abuse Response Advocates (S.A.R.A.).

Members of S.A.R.A. are specially trained in forensics. This eliminates much of the need to have the victim retell the story to other officials.

"It's not an unpleasant experience to report it because of the team effort involved," Cirone said. "It used to be, but now there's a lot of support by the community."

Reporting the rape is the first step toward recovery, Cirone said.

"It's a huge step to take to report it, but it has a great impact on the healing process for the survivor," Cirone said. "But it doesn't mean it's going to be easy."

Cal Poly's Psychological Services office is another resource for rape victims. The office has counselors and psychologists on staff to provide counseling for victims.

"We have services available to help victims cope so they can go on with their education," said counselor Lois Dirkes. "Rape isn't something you can come in and talk about once or twice. Many times it will come up later in a relationship."

Some problems a rape victim may encounter include eating disorders, difficulty in sleeping, depression, fear and sexual problems. Some victims do not get immediate counseling for the rape, but eventually seek help in dealing with a problem such as an eating disorder, Dirkes said.

Their counselor might later find the problem stemmed from a rape.

"They come see us later with other problems than their lives eating disorders, not sleeping, etc," Dirkes said. "The rape victim should go on with their lives even years later."

Dirkes offered advice as to what people should do if they have just been raped.

A rape victim should first get themselves to a safe place, she said, and find a friend or a local enforcement official.

"Some victims who can help," Dirk said. "The important thing is to feel safe as soon as possible. And do not destroy evidence by showering."

"If we have found that a support system is crucial," she said. "An individual who has been raped needs a strong support system."

A friend or relative has been raped, the best thing people can do is to be there for the victim, Cirone said.

"Listen, listen, listen," Cirone said. "Don't tell them what they should or shouldn't do. Just be supportive and stay with them."

Here are some ways to reduce the risk of rape:
• Avoid isolated places such as elevators, laundry rooms and garages when you're alone.
• Leave lights on when you're out and have your keys ready when you return.
• Don't leave or go to parties alone.
• Install a peephole and use it.
• Don't let strangers in and have police and service people slip identification under the door.
• Vary your daily routine.
• When walking, walk confidently and don't walk in isolated areas.
• When driving, avoid isolated or poorly lit parking spots and lock your doors. Also scan the area when approaching your car and look under your car and in the back seat.
• Develop a plan of how to react in an attack and practice it.
• Utilize university escort services.
• Be alert and trust your instincts. If it just doesn't feel right, get away.

Bill allows arrest of potential drug or sex offenders

By Steve Lawrence

SACRAMENTO — In a move one critic said could turn "utterly epidemic" conduct into crimes, Gov. Pete Wilson signed legislation to allow police to arrest people they think are about to sell drugs or sex.

In another controversial step, Wilson vetoed a bill that would have required health insurance plans that cover prescription drugs to include coverage for federally approved contraception methods.

The actions were announced Tuesday, the day after the Republican governor completed signing or vetoing the 1,989 bills sent to him this year by lawmakers.

The crime bill, by Assemblyman Richard Katz, D-Panorama City, will make it a misdemeanor for someone to litter with the intent to commit a drug offense or to engage in prostitution. It takes effect Jan. 1.

Katz said the new law will "help residents and businesses take control of their own neighborhoods."

"This is not just about getting criminals off the street but about the quality of life for thousands of people," he added. "For too long, these criminals have harassed honest citizens and hurt businesses, and it's not fair."

He said that police would still have to have probable cause to arrest someone and predicted that the new measure would be upheld if challenged in court.

"The cops that want to harass people, they find ways to harass people today," he said.
For the past three years I have been going to Law's Hobey Center to purchase art supplies for class design. I must admit we've got quite a selection of materials. A very unfortunate thing happened to me nearly a month ago during a visit there. In my 23 years of living, I thought I'd seen it all until this incident.

One afternoon I accompanied my roommate to look at some mold I was supposed to purchase for an experiment I was doing. He needed a mini-vise to put the tank together. After inquiring at the desk and then at the back of the store, we went in search of the store, looking at various things, among them mini-pulse actuators and paints. We were looking around for at least 10 minutes when we decided to go home. As we descended the stairs to exit, the clerk behind the counter turned and asked, "Lift up your shirt..." Stunned, I asked, "What for?" The clerk responded, "To see if you STOLE anything!" Shocked, I asked the clerk what his basis was for harassing me like some punk. Raising my shirt up again, the clerk responded, "Oh, is it the way I'm dressed?" and even more direct, "Is it the color of my pants and a darker skin tone? I'm usually flattered when people think I'm younger than I am but not in this case.

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tion, or was I? The clerk talked down to me like I was some punk that couldn't be trusted, and I was fuming mad. Wouldn't you be if you were accused of something that was the utmost thing on your mind? The manager and clerk mentioned that the store had been victimized recently, but does that justify their rationale for harrying me because I have loose pants and a darker skin tone? I'm usually flattered when people think I'm younger than I am but not in this case.

The clerk eventually realized he was wrong then shook his head and apologized. His reasoning is that he "thought" he saw me put something into my pants. I'm some punk that couldn't be trusted, and I was fuming mad. Wouldn't you be if you were accused of something that was the utmost thing on your mind? The manager and clerk mentioned that the store had been victimized recently, but does that justify their rationale for harrying me because I have loose pants and a darker skin tone? I'm usually flattered when people think I'm younger than I am but not in this case.

I said he said sorry (I do forgive him), but the damage was done. I went back to the store the next day. I thought I should go home and make something "positive" out of this. Am I supposed to think that from now on, every time you go to a store, you have to be watched? After reading this, I think I've done something positive. I will continue to patronize the store despite being somewhat discouraged by this incident.

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Pupils’ geography skills please educators

By Randolph L. Shuld
Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The first comprehensive study of the geographic skill of America’s youngsters shows they are ‘‘getting the message that they are part of a larger world,’’ Education Secretary Richard W. Riley said Tuesday.

‘‘We aren’t at the head of the class yet ... but it’s a good start,’’ added National Geographic Society President Gilbert M. Grosvenor in releasing the changes of National Assessment of Educational Progress tests.

Nearly three-quarters of the 19,000 pupils tested in the first national study of geographic knowledge showed at least a cutting back-room deals with Republicans.

The changes will be formally charted by the leaders of the Republican Party and instructed the student to write to the city council advocate or one of the others.

‘‘Neither answer is correct, neither answer is incorrect. It is the rationale of the answer that determines the student’s grade,’’ explained Grosvenor. ‘‘Everything about this question has the ring of a real-world situation.’’

‘‘I am encouraged by the results of this tough new test and believe that our young people are getting the message that they are part of a much larger world,’’ said Riley.

Yet the 70 percent success rate means 30 percent fail short of basic understanding, ‘‘which should be a cause for serious concern,’’ added William J. Moloney, superintendent of schools for Calvert County, Md.

And while most understand the basics, only about one-fourth are really proficient in geography, said Moloney, a member of the national assessment governing board.

To ensure votes, House GOP weighs 11th-hour changes in budget

By Alan Frank

WASHINGTON — Determined to ensure passage of their huge budget-balancing bill, House Republican leaders agreed Tuesday to hundreds of last-minute reimbursements for rural America and a number of other changes in Medicaid and environmental provisions.

Speaker Newt Gingrich and other GOP leaders are meeting daily with rank-and-file lawmakers nervous over the seven-year package of spending reductions and tax cuts. The House plans to vote Thursday on extracting $270 billion from the deficit. It will vote next week on a measure, just as the Senate cut $150 billion in savings from Medicare, and unless Republicans will force both houses to vote on Thursday, and added to the deficit-cutting measure. ‘‘It’s another midnight bill nobody’s ever seen,’’ House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said of the measure.

‘‘If it changes, it’s not because we were making changes. It’s House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said of the deficit-cutting measure. ‘‘It’s being reviewed,’’ said Kasich.

Also being worked into final form by the leaders will be reductions in fees doctors would receive for treating Medicare patients after a private late-night meeting with the Republican leaders.

‘‘It’s nothing but another hill nobody’s ever seen,’’ House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said of the measure. ‘‘We’re offering a map showing something this important should not be done by one person or one group of people in the dead of night.’’

The changes will be formally sanctioned by the leadership-controlled House Rules Committee on Thursday, and added to the budget-balancing bill during next Tuesday’s debate. Meanwhile, Gingrich and other leaders are entertaining a steady stream of requests from GOP moderates and others protecting home-state interests.

During their closed-door session Tuesday morning with farm-state lawmakers, Gingrich and other House leaders agreed to raise the minimum amounts rural health care providers would receive for treating Medicare patients, said Berreuter and other participants.

Currently, rural providers can receive as little as $114 per patient, about one-sixth the per-patient reimbursement for Medicare patients in the first state lawmakers, Gingrich and other leaders are considering include:

—Changing the way the revamped Medicaid program dispenses money, making it more generous to Northeastern and other states where population growth has been slow. They would currently receive far less than faster-growing areas.

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NAACP still looking for new leader 1 year later

By Shawn Donnan
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — WANTED: Skilled manager with unquestioned integrity and ability to be national spokesman and day-to-day leader of troubled national civil rights group.

More than a year after Benjamin Chavis was fired for secretly using NAACP money to settle a sex discrimination lawsuit against him, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is still looking for an executive director.

The search committee that was supposed to submit one name to the board at a three-day meeting that starts Thursday in Baltimore was still interviewing candidates this week. And it may not come up with a choice in time.

“We had an unusually large number of applicants. It’s just taking a long time,” Julian Bond, a member of the seven-person committee, said Tuesday.

But some critics said there’s another reason the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights group (86 years old, 500,000 members) is taking so long to pick a leader.

“Nobody wants the job,” said Michael Meyers, a former assistant NAACP national director who now heads the New York Civil Rights Coalition. “The NAACP is dead, and everybody knows it.”

Even some board members agreed the NAACP has slipped from its leading role in the struggle for civil rights. The NAACP refused to endorse Monday’s Million Man March in Washington, which Chavis helped organize with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

“We’re a backwater,” said Larry Carter, an Iowa banker who has been on the board for 6½ years. “We’ve got to get back on stage. It should be the NAACP putting together the Million Man March.”

The NAACP is as much as $84 million in debt and struggling to repair an image damaged first by Chavis’ ouster in August 1994, and then by allegations of financial improprieties by former Chairman William Gibson. Gibson was replaced in February by Myrlie Evers-Williams, the widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

“I hope — I pray — that they will be able to bring a positive report to our board meeting. It is imperative, however, that we have the best possible person, a strong manager,” said Evers-Williams, who has taken on much of the executive director’s job.

Financial problems have forced the NAACP to cut its staff in half. There are fewer people on the national staff, 51, than on the 64-member board.

“We’re looking for a person with a magic wand,” said Marc Stepp, a retired United Auto Workers union official on the board’s executive committee.

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Survivors of hurricane Roxanne shipwreck tell a harrowing tale

By John Rice

Located downstairs in the University Union

The pipe-laying barge — known as the "269" — was on a regular offshore run Sunday, officials said. There was no immediate explanation why the barge was out in adverse weather.

Survivors told of storm swells and winds that had gradually grown stronger Saturday and Sunday as Roxanne approached from the northeast.

"It was a lot worse than any of us thought it would be, said Danny Miller, an electrician from Talladega, Ala.

By early Sunday, huge waves smashed across the decks and crewmen wearing life vests struggled for hours to pump out the water, forming bucket brigades. As one section filled with water, crewmen would close watertight doors and battle to save the next section.

"We thought we could save it until the time it started to go down," said John Sullivan, a tower operator from Baton Rouge, La.

By 4:30 a.m., heavy-duty tugs began converging on the sinking vessel to help evacuate the crew if needed. Later the barge took on a starboard list, spurring fears it would roll over and kill many of the crew.

The order went out to come to the deck, and within an hour crew members began tossing out life rafts and jumping into the madly rolling sea.

Waves slammed into the side of the barge as oil workers leaped from the deck onto the rafts — by now spinning with the force of the sea, tossing men into the water.

"We're here by the grace of God," said Enrique Hernandez, a cook's assistant.

For hours the tugs battled the sea. Their crew members grabbed survivors by the hand as swells brought them into reach and they cast ropes out to drag others aboard.

Ray Bailey of Votal, Texas, said he was in the water for four hours, clinging to the side of a life raft, but insisted he never doubted he'd survive: "I figured I'd hit bank somewhere."

Survivors were brought to a makeshift hospital on a similar barge, the Sara Maria, docked just offshore of Ciudad del Carmen. Most came ashore on Tuesday as Roxanne moved again to the north and the waves calmed.

Several of the Americans were flown to Mexico City aboard a chartered business jet. Several of the Mexican survivors, though, waited for hours for their pay and a ticket home in front of offices of the barge owner — CCC Fabricaciones y Construcciones, a contractor for the Mexican state petroleum monopoly Pemex.

Roxanne struck Mexico's Yucatan resorts as a hurricane Oct. 10, weakened while crossing the peninsula and wandered for days in the Gulf as a tropical storm before regaining hurricane force to lash at the coast again. Six storm-related deaths were reported from Roxanne last week.
WASHINGTON — The "Million Man March" lived up to its name, leaders insisted Tuesday, accusing the U.S. Park Service of a racist undercount and threatening a lawsuit.

"They falsely said to the world that 400,000 black men came when they well knew there were more than a million," said Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam.

"There never was a demonstration or gathering in the city of Washington to equal what happened yesterday," Farrakhan told a news conference.

"For what reason would anyone fail to give us credit but racism?"

The U.S. Park Service announced hours after the daylong event that about 400,000 people had attended. That would make it the fourth-largest demonstration ever, some 200,000 short of the anti-Vietnam War march in 1969.

"We don't think we are racist, we think we acted in a professional way," said Maj. Robert Hines, spokesman for the park service, which estimates crowds for major Washington events.

"We know they are unhappy with the count as have been a lot of other organizations in the past," he said.

The Rev. Benjamin Chavis, co-organizer of the event, said, "What the U.S. Park Service reported in terms of 400,000 persons owes not only us, but America some explanation."

March offices had received "thousands of calls from persons who wonder if they attended the same event," he said.

The co-chairman of the group's legal committee, Abdul Arif Muhammad, said, "We intend to file suit and seek evidentiary proof that more than one million men came to Washington."

Where and when such action would be filed has not been decided, he said.
Lowry signs plan for new Seattle park
By David Ammons
Seattle — Gov. Mike Lowry, running a Seattle Mariners T-shirt and singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," signed a $325 million plan Tuesday to build a new ballpark for the Mariners.

Lowry said the plan for new park is a result of a series of meetings between the Mariners, King County, the City of Seattle and Washington State University, which will contribute land for the stadium site.

"This is something that is important to the lives of all of us," Lowry told about 460 cheering young Mariners fans. "I am personally excited about the possibilities of this project." He added that the project is "one of the most important decisions" he will make as governor.

The Mariners, who on Tuesday night played the Cleveland Indians in Game 6 of their AL playoff series, are to be played off for the rest of the month. The Mariners are to be played off for the rest of the month.

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"We're going to do that," Thorn said. "You can't get much free time and your social life gets out of control. It's not worth it.

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NEW Soccer league unveils teams

By Barry Wilier
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Clash will be there. So will the Galaxy. And the Matadors and the Crew. Another Woodenstock, you ask? Not quite.

Try Major League Soccer.

The first top-flight soccer league in the United States since the NASL folded in 1984 will begin play next April 6. On Tuesday, the 10 teams were unveiled, along with the identity of more than 50 players already signed up.

"It's rolling," said Alan Rothenberg, chairman of the league and organizer of last year's successful World Cup. "All the clubs are up and running."

The fortunes of soccer in the U.S. at all levels have been booming. Now comes time for the glory on the rise of the cake with the successful launch of MLS.

The launch takes place at San Jose, Calif., when the Clash plays an undetermined opponent. The centerpiece of the inaugural season will include an all-star game at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., and the title game, at either Foxboro, Mass., or Washington on Oct. 20.

Among the players who have agreed to play in the league, which was mandated by FIFA, world soccer's governing body, as part of the agreement that brought the World Cup to the United States for the first time, are:

U.S. national team stars Alexi Lalas and Mike Burns (New England), Tony Meola, John Harkes (Washington), Tab Ramos (New York-New Jersey) and Roy Wegerle (Colorado), and foreign stars such as Marco Etcheverry and Juan Suarez of Bolivia, Jorge Campos and Hugo Sanchez of Mexico.

"We're knocking down barriers," Rothenberg said. "We're getting the American players back. People said we would not be able to do it, but the Tabas and Johns and Tonys are with us."

They are with teams named the Los Angeles Galaxy, Dallas Burn, Kansas City Wizards, Colorado Rapids, who join San Jose in the Western Conference. In the East, it's the New York/New Jersey Metro Stars, New England Revolution, Columbus Crew, Tampa Bay Mutiny and Washington, D.C. United.

With uniforms designed by such big hitters as Nike, Adidas, Reebok and Puma — even the referees will have unique jerseys, designed by Umbro — and corporate sponsors such as Budweiser, AT&T and Kellogg, MLS is off to a good start without having played a game.

Of course, by waiting until the spring of 1996 to get going, the league lost momentum built by the World Cup.

"We have ownership that has committed significant funds — over $75 million to the start up," Rothenberg said. "We won't make the same mistakes as other leagues.

"It's been almost 20 years since the last attempt, the NASL. Soccer has changed in this country. The development of youth leagues has been phenomenal. The huge explosion of the Hispanic community and their almost religious-like affection for soccer.

"We're trying to take a long-range view of things," Rothenberg added, explaining the delay in the startup of the MLS. "I hope the public and the media understand that, that they don't think this is the World Cup, with 60,000 screaming fans in full stadiums. It will be a long buildup process."

That process will be aided by the presence of ABC, which will see SOCCER page 11.