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Dreamin' of a Western Christmas

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Frankel and other members of his research team challenge NASA scientists' excitement, publicity and controversy. In the team's paper, "The announcement brought a storm of publicity, excitement and controversy," they write.

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"Making Your Web Pages Accessible and ADA-Compliant," will provide electronic communication and information technology for everyone. The program, part of the Bagga Blog Technology Seminar series, will be in English 219.

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**Craft fair set for Dec. 4-6**

The ASI Craft Center will hold a Winter Craft Fair 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 5-6) in UU 111.

Student artists will be selling their handmade crafts and holiday gifts. Four of the featured artists are also selling their work in galleries on the Central Coast. For more information, call Dan Niwinski, craft fair coordinator, at ext. 6-5739.

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#223-facility Worker II, Facility Services, open to Cal Poly employees only, $4,546-$5,188, closing date: Dec. 14.


#225-Associate Director, Alumni Relations (Administrator I), Alumni Relations, University Advancement, $40,000-$55,000, closing date: Open until filled; review of applications begins Jan. 11.


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