Avila Beach: Hot Time In The Summer

by Stephanie Finucane

In addition to sun and sand, the nation's tiniest newspaper and the world's biggest clam can be found at south county beaches.

The "Avila Beach Courier" proclaims itself the nation's smallest newspaper. According to publisher, editor, and writer Dick McDaniel, it is issued "only when the 5 P.M. photo, printing, and postage are available."

Despite the Courier's claim to fame, Avila Beach is better known for its fishing, sunning, and surfing than for its newspaper.

Avila has a year-around population of 400. However, on a warm summer's day, you're likely to find close to 5,000 people blanket-to-blanket on the sands.

Last July 4, not only marked the nation's bicentennial for Avila Beach residents, it also signaled the town's centennial. However, local historian and ex-postmaster Vicente Cartel disputes the 1876 founding date for Avila Beach. He cites Gerald M. Besa's book, "Ships and Narrow Gauge Rails" which gives July 18, 1874 as Avila's birthdate.

Cartel knows his history. He has lived in Avila Beach for 56 years. The walls of his home are covered with photographs and clippings of Avila in various stages of its history.

Cartel explained that Avila Beach is part of a land grant given to Don Miguel Avila by the Mexican government in 1859. Avila Beach didn't start booming until 1878, when the Pacific Coast Railroad began laying tracks connecting Arroyo Grande Valley with Port Hattford (now Port San Luis). At first, the trains were horset-drawn, but in 1879 they were converted to steam. The Pacific Coast made its last run on May 5, 1894. As part of their centennial celebration, Avila Beach residents dedicated the old Pacific Coast Railroad Bridge as a historical landmark.

Pismo Beach, 10 miles south of San Luis Obispo, is the self-acclaimed "clam capital of the world." The Pismo clam is the dark shelled, seven-inch clam that brought fame and fortune to Pismo Beach. However, many other types of clams can be found, such as the little neck, northern razor, geoduck, and Washington.

Pismo Beach has approximately 5,500 residents. It offers roller skating, billiards, hors, a ferris wheel, and, of course, clam chowder. The year-around average temperature of 74 degrees also promises good sunning and swimming.

According to historians, the word Pismo was borrowed by Mansard. Recreation: See Stories on Pages 4, 5 and 6

Photos by Colleen Combes
James Maple's Colorful Past:
Rancher, Sheriff and Poly Cop

by H.E. Elliott

Summer Mustang

Wearing a straw hat cowboy-officer Maple surveys his 70 head of cattle. (Mustang photo by Tom Troetachler)

Whether you want to know about rigging the strap for a six-horse team, breaking or shoeing horses, driving heavy construction equipment, managing a thoroughbred breeding farm, or even policemen, Officer James A. Maple of the Campus Police can probably give you some pointers.

I worked for 40 years looking for a job like this," he said. "Who is the man behind the uniform?"

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When he's not cruising the campus in his police car, he's working with his dogs and horses at his home near Mono Bay. He said that this year has been pretty rough on the campus police, who have had to deal with many more incidents than usual.

When he was 20 years old he worked construction. "I had never even seen an M1 but I fired a perfect score except for one round that jammed," he said. "The first time I fired a 45 Automatic I scored 23 points above expert." The Army gave him a field promotion and he was sent to the military police and assigned to a men's bomb making unit. He was in Louisiana training civilian guards at defense plants in Louisiana. He was in Dallas.

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At Poly, the campus police department is considered a "real" police department. "Real cops" are sworn officers who have been granted police authority and are certified by the state. These officers are responsible for enforcing state and local laws, including traffic laws and laws related to the university's campus regulations. They have the authority to arrest individuals and are required to carry firearms.

The officer's role includes responding to emergency situations, conducting investigations, and serving warrants. They are also responsible for maintaining the safety and security of the university campus. The campus police department is led by Chief Cockriel, who has been with the department for ten years and has worked for the State University Police for twenty years.

The campus police department also has a basic police academy, where officers receive instruction every two years. The academy includes instruction in policeerson and physical training. Officers must go through an Academy or a County Sheriff's Academy, Chief Cockriel said. "We enforce the state regulations, he said. The jurisdiction of the University Police is the campus grounds and one mile beyond, he said. "Except in pursuit of a violator and in investigation of a felony committed on campus," he added. "If you look, you can see that's the same thing as city enforcement or a County Sheriff's Academy, Chief Cockriel said.

Every sworn officer has attended a Basic Police Academy, Chief Cockriel said. The academy consists of approximately 400 hours of instruction in police responsibility and authority, ethics, legal aspects, criminal law, and physical training, he said. "The officers that go through the academies are up by city and county law enforcement agencies throughout the state," he said.

"In addition to the Basic Academy, every sworn officer must go through an Advanced Police Academy, consisting of 80 to 100 hours of instruction every two years," he said. "The parking officers are not sworn officers," he said. "If you look, you can see that the uniform is not the same.

"We enforce the state Penal Code, Vehicle Code, and University Regulations. The Regulations are pretty much the same thing as city ordinances," he said. "The University President has the authority to make local regulations, he said. The jurisdiction of the University Police is the campus grounds and one mile beyond, he said. "Except in pursuit of a violator and in investigation of a felony committed on campus," he added. "In those instances we have jurisdiction anywhere in the state." Hot pursuit is a legal concept where an officer has reason to believe that the suspect is fleeing or attempting to avoid capture.

"The officers go through the academy or a County Sheriff's Academy, Chief Cockriel said. "In fact, only one officer had prior law enforcement experience. He drew it, Chief Cockriel said. "I can't guarantee that it won't happen, but Officer Ron Larson was attacked and beaten pretty badly last February while he was armed and he didn't draw his weapon."

The suspect was arrested fleeing the area and is awaiting trial, Chief Cockriel said. "Last month three officers shot perfect scores, 800 points out of 800 points," he said. "When asked if a situation might arise where one of the officers would over-react and draw his weapon, Chief Cockriel said, "I can't guarantee that it won't happen, but Officer Ron Larson was attacked and beaten pretty badly last February while he was armed and he didn't draw his weapon."

The campus police department has the responsibility of deciding whether the officers on their campus would carry arms. Chief Cockriel said.

"You don't threaten people with a gun," he said. "Department policy states that an officer may draw his gun to prevent someone from doing serious bodily harm to someone, to protect himself, or to apprehend a fleeing felon. he said. "Anytime an officer draws his weapon he has to file reports that state the situation and the reason he drew it. Chief Cockriel said.

"The last time one of the officers drew his weapon was approximately five years ago, Chief Cockriel said. "The officer caught two men in a burglary and recognized them as being wanted in connection with other burglaries. He drew his weapon in order to apprehend them," he said. "The officer had reason to believe that the men were armed and considered dangerous."

Chief Cockriel said that he and his men have senior police science, he said. "Last month three officers shot perfect scores, 800 points out of 800 points," he said. "When asked if a situation might arise where one of the officers would over-react and draw his weapon, Chief Cockriel said, "I can't guarantee that it won't happen, but Officer Ron Larson was attacked and beaten pretty badly last February while he was armed and he didn't draw his weapon."
Backpacking As An Escape

by Chuck Dunbar
Mustang Staff Writer

This modern day sport of backpacking is one that works on the trail, is hard to imagine that downtown San Luis Obispo is only five miles away (as the crow flies). Also, you do not have to buy or buy and stock up on enough backpacking equipment (to be able to go to a place on campus that will give all the information you will need at very little cost). The escape route, run by the Outings Committee of the A.S.I. Program Board, is located across the way from the El Corral Bookstore. They have everything from backpacks to snowshoes for rent on a week or weekend basis.

According to Christopher Burt, a volunteer worker at the E.R. "The escape route equipment and services are competitive cycling, mountain climbing, bicycling, and river rafting. We'll do anything and everywhere, if enough people are interested." The only things we can't do is diving, skydiving, or gliding." said Burt, A.S.I. Program Board, "Artificial engineering.

On the weekend of the 31st, the escape route has a camping trip planned through Los Padres Cave in Sequoia National Park. Outings meetings are every Tuesday night in U.U. 220 at 7 p.m.

The Escape Route is open during the summer on weekends between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., or call 924-1387.

Don Norton, assistant supervisor at the Cuesta College Children's Center, has hiked the ten mile Pines Canyon Trail twice. He describes it as "a wonderful place with a primitive appearance to it, a well-established trail." Mustang: Even though it is close, there is still danger. What happened the first time you backpacked through the area?

Norton: "I almost got run over by a deer. My dog was chasing it up a hill and then the deer turned and ran right out. He came close that I could have reached out and touched him. Seriously, on the first step I lost the trail. There's a certain point where the trail makes a 360 degree turn and there are so many smaller deer trails that it wasn't too hard to lose the right path. We had to go straight up the side of Black Butte to find out where we were. We also ran out of water on the top of Black Butte.

Mustang: How much water should you have?

Norton: "He told me on the way down two people had at least three gallons for the hike from Big Falls to Camp Grade. Mustang: Is it possible to die out there?

Norton: "I would say not. It is possible to die out there, but it would take a real turbulence to do it. Rattlesnakes are the biggest danger and poison oak is a real problem, as you ought to know." Mustang: Thanks for reminding me. Would you recommend the trail for just anyone?

Norton: "No, you got to be like to walk uphill. It doesn't matter who is there pretty good aerobic shape. Always have to know something about surviving in the wilderness. As you know, I was hesitant to give this interview because the people that leave their beer cans and trash at Big Falls go along the trail. Backpackers can't leave trash out with them.

Central Coast Good Surfing

With summer here, there is the usual growth of interest in all outdoor activity that can be done under the California sun. Surfing is no exception to the rule.

On the wetter, surfers from all areas in the state have been hitting the coastline in large numbers making many of the popular surfing areas crowded. According to the Central Coast surfing is growing in popularity according to the four area surf shops. One surfer who wanted to remain anonymous, because some surfers don't like to be the favorite spot known only to the others, said, "People are really starting to surf here along the Central Coast. One of the best places is near Cambria."

He seemed concerned with the fact that many of the old popular places have become crowded to newcomers to the area. "Hancock Cannon is getting so crowded, it is really bums me out, also, the fog has been really bad."

There has been alot of surf- ing activity south of San Luis Obispo near Pismo Beach. "Pismo Beach or the Palisades have been good, but sometimes these places have a lot of younger surfers who sometimes crowd the water," he said.

"A lot of people are concerned with what is happening on the beach, but I just go for one reason, surfing. According to many surfers in the area, the swells and wind conditions along the Central Coast have been above average.

One of the local surf shop workers noted that San Luis Obispo and the surfing conditions in general around the area have been described by many students interested in surfing to come to Cal Poly for college. He said, "Although the surfing population around here is really growing, alot of people who are into surfing go to school in Santa Barbara, that's really surf, but then there is the University of Hawaii.

In closing he noted that one of the best places this summer has been around CARMEL. He said, "I'd rather stay around San Luis, it's not as crowded as other places and you can get about one person to a wave.

The MOST HILARIOUS WILDEST MOVIE IS HERE!!!

Bikeling is a hot item on the Central Coast this summer. It's not only as a means of transportation but also as a recreational vehicle also. (Mustang phone by Dave McRobbie)
Summer: High Time For Kites

How many times have you heard the old saying, "Go fly a kite?" According to Lenny Santos at Krasy Kites more and more people are catching onto the idea as a sport or pastime. As far as whether it will make it to the Olympics or not is seriously questioned.

Kites are assumed to be popular because of the ease of flying anyone can fly a kite. Santos says a number of parents bring their children into the shop and let the kids pick and choose from the various two-hundred and more kites. There are a variety of assorted colors to choose from. A number of Cal Poly students have become interested in kite flying and have also contributed to the number of flyers.

There are more kites than the 30 cent ones. Krasy Kites sell kites from 99 cents up to $100. The three basic kites are the Chinese Dragon, Peter Powell Hunter, and the Fighter Kites. The price depends on the material of the kite, the weight and construction, and the variety of shapes and colors. Santos recommends that the beginning kite-flyer should start out with the Gayla kite, these are the German plastic kites. The intermediate would want to fly the Fighter kite and the advanced the Peter Powell.

According to Santos, "Most people are not aware of where the Chinese Dragon kites come from." He continued on to say that it was the Chinese who first brought the idea of kite-flying. Later, when kite-flying became popular, a majority of the European countries, Asian countries along with the U.S., also became manufacturers. Kites now vary in size and can be purchased with up to 75 foot tails or streamers.

In order for success in kite-flying, weather conditions must permit it. Kiting requires a good 10 to 45 mph wind. Without this even an expert could not get a kite to fly. Krasy Kites offers a daily chart with wind and weather conditions, even though the weather is not the determining factor, but the wind. Good flying areas include Laguna Lake, any of the local beaches, and any open field accessible to strong winds. Should you ever find that the wind is too great, and your kite ends up in a tree with a branch or the middle, don't worry. These kites are usually made of plastic and can be taped back to flyable conditions. However, if your kite is made of the silk or other such fiber, Krasy Kites in the Network does repair work on all kites.

Anyone can fly a kite. All that is necessary is a kite and a strong wind. Most kite stores have a wide selection of kites with one to fit your ability. Krasy Kites have cutouts set up for all interested kite-flyers, for the taking. Lenny Santos seems to think it's as easy as the skateboard, as he remarks, "Considering the fly-in's, I think it is the 'in' thing to do.'"

Water Low, Crowds High At Nacimiento

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But the situation hasn't concerned Jim Loeche, a sophomore Industrial Arts student who skis at Nacimiento almost every weekend. "It's low, but I've seen it lower," he claims. He does gripe, however, about the crowds from L.A. that flock to the lake. "It used to be nice, but the past two years it's really been crowded...I wish everybody would go home."

Although Loeche tries to avoid the crowds of other boats, last Sunday the traffic was so congested he couldn't avoid running over another skier's rope. He also finds the tree stumps poking though the lake surface a nuisance—and a hazard—to skiers and swimmers. If the stumps and the crowded conditions seem to be too much, there are other less risky forms of recreation at Nacimiento.

Accrue from Hancock College in Hanford, Mark Dent is enjoying skiing of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" and other plays almost every night on an outside stage. Tickets are available at the resort each night before curtain time at 8:00. Another activity, enjoyed by the more adventurous, is "tubing" down the Nacimiento River with rubber rafts and inner tubes. Caused by runoff from the bottom of the lake, the river flows through the Hunter Ligget Military Reservation. A release form must be signed at Camp Roberts to absolve the U.S. Army of responsibility.
Phyllis Gransay turns on hot sulphur water at Avila Springs where gambling was popular during Prohibition. (Mustang photo by Colleen Combes)

Hot Soak In Avila Springs

by Stephanie Timms

Avila Hot Springs proprietor, German-American Herman Sudan, was not easily convinced. Plans for a resort were actually initiated by his daughter, Angelet. An early brochure advertised a pavilion where dances were held. The resort could accommodate 200 guests. Remnants of some of the old buildings can still be seen.

Last July 4 weekend, the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kieatig of Cambria, reopened the Sycamore Mineral Springs to the public. TheRussels plan to restore the old swimming pool and eventually hope to build 30 cottage units for overnight guests. Now in use are nine 1 and one-half by five foot private baths. The tubs can be heated up to 113 degrees. The grounds, which contain sunken, heart-shaped gardens, have also been restored.

Avila Hot Springs, had a heyday during Prohibition. The spring not only featured sulphur baths, but also gambling and moonshine. Liquor was brought in by ships and stored at nearby Pizzaro's Cove.

Last fall, about five months after buying the dilapidated old resort, the new owners discovered he old music pavilion where dances were held. This area could accommodate 200 guests. Remnants of some of the old buildings can still be seen.

For a time, Avila Springs also doubled as a casino. Ladies met their clients in the private baths. Owner Robert Snowly is quick to add that liquor is no longer allowed on the premises and its licensees are licensed under California law.

Sycamore Mineral Springs is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and other hours by appointment. For more information phone 595-2359. Avila Hot Springs opens 10 a.m. and closes 8 p.m. daily and can be reached by phoning 595-2590.

Cambria Offers Lawn Bowling

by Briel Melling

Students Dance On

Music and laughter can be heard blaring from the Cambria GYM Dance studio this summer. The laughter comes as students try desperately to "lose their heads" (flex their necks to allow for relaxed movement of the body) in jazz dance routines instead lose their balance.

The physical education class taught by Ms. Jackson, an American Dance usually has upwards of twenty students trying to add the class the first week of school.

"We're sometimes full the first day of class and then nothing I have more than turning away dancers," said Ms. Jackson.

In spite of the number of students trying to add the class, Ms. Jackson message to take it over.

"It makes a school "the environment is right," said Vicki Bong, a Junior in Physical Education. "This is her second quarter in Introduction to Jazz.

There will be an intermediate and a beginner class, she said. Queen
Drought Harming North County Crops

by Mike McClanahan

Agricultural Commissioner, and ranchers will be back to

their normal grain crop. In the past, none have had the

advice office says that even with normal rainfall next

year it will probably take

until the 1977-78 season

before many local farmers

and ranchers will be back to

where they were before the

drought began.

The negative effects of This

season's drought are being felt now

throughout the state and here in San Luis Obispo County.

The Ag. Commission is a regulatory body which enforces

state and federal laws dealing with breeding, pest control,

price fixing, livestock disease, feed inspection, and many

other things which are in the public interest.

With the increasing cost of

living, farmers and ranchers have been forced to consider

the tremendous hardships that the farms are

enduring. Cattle herds are dwindling because there is

nothing for them to eat in

many areas. Our barley and wheat crop has been severely

damaged.

"Add this in the staggering

extra expense of drilling new

wells in search of water, deepening others and the

enormous electric bills for

added pumping then you begin to realize the scope of

this thing," states Heringer.

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P.E. Workshops

If you're curious about the large number of women cruising the campus in every row of seminars, don't be alarmed. They are participants in one of the Physical Education workshops offered at Cal Poly this summer.

The second session of the 27th Annual California Physical Education Workshop for Women in Secondary Education began Thursday, July 15 and will continue through Aug. 6. About 700 women are participating. The workshop features a variety of classes, including dance, gymnastics, self-defense, basketball, and more.

The two-week session of the 59th Workshop for Physical Education and Athletic Coaching for Men will run from Aug. 2 to Aug. 13. Basketball, soccer, track, baseball, and football are among the scheduled classes.

Elementary school teachers will participate in a program from Aug. 9 to 13. It is designed to improve teaching techniques of both classroom teachers and elementary P.E. specialists. Some 150 participants are expected.

Participants in the workshops, nearly 1,200 in all, are expected from throughout the country. Dr. Robert Otto, head of the Men's Physical Education Department, said that past workshops drew participants from as far as England, Australia, and Africa. However, he explained that no foreigners are expected at this year's program since Americans are attending the Olympic Games. Workshop leaders are teachers from throughout the state.

Most believe that the workshops help Cal Poly gain recognition. This he said, boosts the entire P.E. program and helps place Poly graduates in jobs.

New Students

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A Sports Medicine Clinic will be offered for the first time from Aug. 5 on. The clinic will give pointers to athletic trainers, physiologists, physicians, physical therapists, and coaches. Some 70 persons will attend.

New Students

The Jewish Student Union is inviting all Jewish students to Friday night services on Tuesday night and found a loaded 22 caliber automatic pistol, ski mask, tape and other items believed to have been planned for use in the attempted kidnapping of Kathy Madonna. Other charges are possession of a loaded gun, possession of loaded gun by an ex-convict and conspiracy.

University officials said that Watson was a student here in 1974 and 1975, and he registered for the winter and spring quaters but withdrew.

Police said they arrested Watson shortly after he had left the Madonna home late last Tuesday night and found a loaded 22 caliber automatic pistol, ski mask, tape and other items believed to have been planned for use in the attempted kidnapping. Police had warned the Madonna to stay away from the home after they had learned of the plot from an informant.

Watson served four years on an armed robbery charge at the California Men's Colony. He is originally from Texas.

Jewish Students

The Jewish Student Union is inviting all Jewish students to Friday night services.

New Students

All you new students who registered at Cal Poly for the first time during the 76 Summer Quarter are reminded that you are again eligible to register with the New Student groups for the 76 Fall Quarter.

Avila Beach...

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from the Chumash Indians. It meant: "the place where blobs of tar wash up on the beach."

Like Avila, Pismo was also part of a Mexican land grant. Ranched Pismo was granted to Jose Ortega on November 11, 1840.

The Pismo Clam Festival, an annual event held in January, features a tar boil, arts and crafts displays, and claiming contests. This festival originated in 1965, and a group of local businessmen decided to hold a large clam bake and auto races on New Year's Day. The more sparse paraders also enjoyed their suite and braved the early morning cold in quest of Pismo clams.