SLO County feels pinch of recession

BY MAURA THURMAN

Staff Writer

The county lacks manufacturing and heavy industries, Garth said, which are often the first to feel an economic pinch during recessionary times.

In addition, sales taxes in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties increased more than anywhere else in the state. Garth said the trend is due to the Central Coast's growing reputation as a vacation and retirement area.

"People still have money to travel," he said. "More people are learning about the Central Coast and more people are visiting, along with their inflated vacation budgets."

Programmers of larger San Luis Obispo motels agreed, saying they expect no decline in their business. Owners of smaller hotels, however, admitted their September and October business can't compare to last autumn.

Don Stevenson, manager of the Best Western motel on Monterey Street, said "business is as good as ever" despite increased competition from the neighboring Discovery Inn.

"People still come to see their kids in college, and salamanders are still on the road," Stevenson said. "We're still a stopping-over point, halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles."

Student arrested on charges of evasion

BY JUDY LUTZ

A Poly student was arrested Monday afternoon on Highland Drive after he drove away from a parking officer who was writing him a citation for parking his motorcycle illegally.

Mark Foster, 24, was arrested by campus police on charges of reckless driving and evading arrest. The charges stemmed from his actions after he left the parking lot near the ceramics lab behind the library according to Officer Wayne Hall, who made the arrest.

"He was evading my stopping him (for driving through a stop sign). I would say what he was evading was an arrest for reckless driving," Hall said. Evading arrest and reckless driving are both misdemeanors.

"I'm really admitting I was really stupid in what I did, but it doesn't make their actions any more right," said the senior electronics student. He said he would not go to the charges.

Foster said he dropped his backpack while driving his motorcycle in the parking lot behind the Robert F. Kennedy Library. He stopped in a no parking zone and got off his bike to pick up his pack. He said Parking officer Carlos Ramirez approached Foster and told him to park in a motorcycle lot.

Foster said he left the parking lot but returned when he realized he had left his pack on the ground. He said he had stopped his motorcycle in the street and gotten off to pick up the pack when Ramirez returned.

"Something stupid" "He came out just steaming...He didn't give me a chance to explain," said Ramirez.

"I agree that I did something stupid. I should've stayed there and talked to the guy," he added, admitting he used "pretty rude" language to Ramirez.

Ramirez said when he returned to the parking lot, Foster's motorcycle was parked in the same place and he was not in sight.

"He came running up from the direction of the pottery lab. The only thing I had gotten was just his license number when he took off," Ramirez said.

Ramirez reported the incident to the campus police on his radio. Both Ramirez and Foster agree that Foster ran a stop sign as he drove away.

Council recommends no change in name of school

BY MAURA THURMAN

Staff Writer

Student council members from the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities have submitted a letter to Cal Poly President Warren Baker recommending no change in the name of their school.

Senator Chas Hartley, who drafted the letter, said people "lost sight of the fact that we weren't that dissatisfied" during the long ballot process.

"People still come to see their kids in college, and salamanders are still on the road," Stevenson said. "We're still a stopping-over point, halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles."

Laurie Michael, a speech major who heads the council, said she believes the group's letter will receive little consideration in the decision.

"The faculty think they should have the vote since they have to live with it longer," Michael said.

Hartley disagreed, saying the council has a definite impact on the decision. Hartley said, because it says less about the school than its present name.

The Division of Social Sciences, which merged with CA & H in September 1980, sought greater visibility in the same change. The Division of Social Sciences included both the Political Science and Social Science Departments.

The faculty facility of "School of Arts and Letters" left no one satisfied.

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WAshington (AP) — After one retreat, the Reagan administration is forging ahead with the proposed sale of communications satellite gear to an Arab country that includes TFNY and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Secretary of State George P. Shultz said the Associated Press that the proposal, which could stir another fight with Congress on the heels of the $6.5 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia, is being revived even though some senators object to delivering the sophisticated equipment to a group whose membership involves hostile elements.

The administration's move could trigger the kind of scrap that accompanied the sale of Airborne Warning and Control system radar planes and other modern weaponry to Saudi Arabia last month. President Reagan narrowly won that battle in the Senate.

A phone call in 'Tuesday'<'s photo page in 'Tuesday'<'s paper alerted the editor and an address was left on a machine that obtained a message.

The U.S. share of the satellite and communications gear would total about $79 million of the overall French contract for about $100 million. It would involve two working satellites launched by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in the 1980s.

**Newsline**

**Mourners attack British official**

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - Britain's top official in Northern Ireland was punched in the head Tuesday when hundreds of mourners shouting "murderer" and "traitor" surged through police lines and beset him at the funeral of a Protestant member of Parliament slain by the IRA.

James Prior, Britain's Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was mobbed when he arrived at the tiny Presbyterian church in the Rathcoole area of Dundonald to attend services for the Rev. Robert Bradford, a member of the British Parliament gunned down in Belfast last Saturday.

Visibly shaken, Prior was hustled into the church by security officers. Later, as he left the church, several reporters close to Prior said he was pinned against a wall and hit on the head by a fist as a howling mob of 300 surrounded him.

A phalanx of armed policemen charged into the crowd and put Prior into a bulletproof bus. The car was surrounded and kicked and several people were hurt in the five-minute melee. Some of the punches intended for Prior hit bodyguards and policemen. A spokesman said Prior was unhurt.

**Student arrested after misunderstanding**

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Hall said he saw Foster run a second stop sign as he turned on Highland Drive. So he turned his own and flashing light. Hall said Foster looked back and saw but accelerated to over 60 mph. He said he was sure Foster heard the siren as he was carrying his helmet in his left hand. Foster said he had put the helmet on after leaving the parking lot.

Dropped backpack

Foster dropped his backpack after passing under the train trestle on Highland, Hall said. He said Foster stopped to get his backpack and the officer was stopping for me, I'm sure. "I took him off the motorcycle, put him on the ground, and handcuffed him," Foster said. "I basically agree with what they said, except that I didn't see the guy until I was under the bridge," Foster said. "I can see how he thought I was turning around to pick up my pack."

Foster said Hall tackled him after he parked and got off his motorcycle.

"There were at least 10-15 seconds between the time I had stopped and got off the bike and they had pulled up. I mean, it was obvious that I wasn't going anywhere," Foster said.

**State welfare bill hits deadlock**

Sacramento (AP) — Assembly and Senate members met Tuesday to try to work out their differences over a major welfare bill and ran into a brick wall on a small but symbolic issue, aid to strikers.

After an hour-long session made no headway toward a compromise, the chairman of the two-house conference committee, Assemblyman Bill Lockyer, D-San Leandro, called a recess.

"My suspicion is that we're not going to have a bill this session," he said.

"I think we are at an impasse," said the only Republican present, Sen. Jim Nelsen of Woodland.

Now Edmund Brown Jr., a Finance Department official, said passage of the bill is the state's $4.5 million a month welfare problem.

The money pays for certain welfare programs, including aid to pregnant women, some sick and stepchildren, for which Reagan has reduced or eliminated federal funding.

Lockyer, who has joined other Assembly Democrats favoring some strikers to receive welfare benefits, said, "The dispute is largely symbolic."

He cited a state report, quoted by committee staff, indicating that practically no strikers were collecting welfare.

It passed quickly one bill to implement many of President Reagan's welfare cuts, and save the state about $11 million a month according to state officials.

But a second welfare bill, AB258 by Lockyer, putting the rest of the cuts into effect, ran into trouble in the Senate on two issues, welfare benefits for strikers and attempts to collect more state money from businesses.

The other issue involves Assemblyman Richard Robinson, D-Santa Ana, who has promised to attempt to avert a state deficit next June by raising about $300 million, mainly from businesses, in two years of Assemblyman Richard Robinson, D-Santa Ana.

Correction

The photo page in Tuesday's Mustang Daily referred to the newspaper's masthead as "sale." We regret if this left the impression that only men work on the sale staff. In addition to the six sales representatives — Rich Coons, Andy Peters and Rob Casajus — the staff consists of three female representatives, Jenny Kinser and ad manager Paula Drake.
The Peregrine Falcon...

BY SHAWN TURNER
Staff Writer

Look, but don’t touch. Don’t even think it. That is how people should treat the peregrine falcon, especially in this county, said Steve Schubert, who has worked to save the endangered bird. The Peregrine Falcon Research Group was established to save species like the peregrine. Early this summer the research group released three falcons in the territory of the endangered species list, but poisons aren’t the only problem hurting the population.

For the birds nesting on Morro Rock and near Hi Mountain overlooking Lopez Lake, the other established nest in the county, survival has met with one obstacle after another. In 1972 two chicks were stolen from the Morro Rock nest. They were returned a few days later left in a paper sack at the base of the rock, but were stolen again. This time they were never returned.

"There was a trial each time the chicks were stolen, but no one was convicted. The people were just fined for trespassing on the rock," said Schubert. 

One Morro Rock falcon was found dead in 1977. A shotgun blast had torn off one of its wings. A female once flew into a utility wire and had to have its wing amputated. The bird was sent up to the University of California at Santa Cruz, where the Predatory Bird Research Group was established to save species like the peregrine.

Schubert said people have also tried to steal the falcon eggs or destroy the nest. At Hi Mountain there was a healthy pair of falcons until the male died in 1979. Two males were released into the area this summer, and one has taken up with the female. Schubert said they may be able to reproduce in a couple of years.

So in the future is not as bleak for the peregrine falcon as it was in the early 70s. That is due primarily to work by the research group at UC Santa Cruz. Brian Walton, a former Cal Poly student, is the coordinator of that group.

It is Walton who is responsible for releasing the two males this summer at Hi Mountain. And it is Walton who keeps a healthy pair of falcons nesting on Morro Rock. By raising the nest, Walton has been able to save eggs through laboratory incubation at Santa Cruz.

Walton then either returns the chicks to their nests or replaces them with eggs of other bird species.

But there have been more unusual methods of boosting the peregrine population. Early this summer the research group released three falcons in the city of Westwood near Los Angeles. Schubert said two of the birds may have been fledglings taken from the Morro Rock nest.

...with but one enemy, it is still an embattled bird

The Peregrine Falcon...

The four, Steve Schubert, Lee Achman and Gary Gullian, agreed that efforts to save the falcon have proved successful in the last few years, but the species still should not be disturbed.

The object of their concern is a small, powerful bird with dark wings and head and a cream-colored underside. Its long, narrow wings and tail are streamlined for swift flight. When the falcon dives, or stoops, it is the fastest animal on earth, reaching speeds of 175 mph. It preys upon other birds and can pound its meal into a cloud of feathers with one blow of its clenched talons, catching its kill in midair.

The peregrine has few enemies, but was nearly driven to extinction by one of them. Man.

Schubert, who has a masters degree in biology and volunteers at the Museum of Natural History in Morro Bay State Park, said pesticides such as DDT have contributed to the decline in the peregrine falcon population.

"The peregrine is usually a successful bird, very widespread," said Schubert, but in the 1960s the falcon was extinct east of the Mississippi River, mostly because of pesticide use.

DDT is banned for use in the United States, but companies here still manufacture it and ship it to South America, where there are no pesticide use controls.

The falcons aren't poisoned directly by the pesticides, but ingest increased levels because they are high in the food chain.

That is especially true of the falcons nesting on Morro Rock, said Schubert. Those birds feed on aquatic birds that may have migrated from South America.

The aquatic birds eat the DDT-poisoned insects and are in turn eaten by the falcons. And with each meal the concentration of poison increases.

The result is that the falcons either don't reproduce or lay eggs with thin, brittle shells. The male or female falcon crushes the eggs trying to hatch them, or the embryo is already poisoned.

Last year the shells of peregrine falcon eggs were 38 percent thinner than normal, the lowest measurement ever recorded. Schubert said a 30 percent reduction in egg shell thickness is enough to damage the embryo.

Pesticide poisoning was enough to place the falcon on the endangered species list, but poisons aren’t the only problem hurting the population.

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Peregrine falcon...

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Or there is the method Lee Aulman hopes to try this spring for his senior project. Aulman, a natural resources management major, wants to introduce peregrine falcon young into a peregrine falcon nest, a method never tried before in California.

"I'm going to have to camp out in the wild for about six to eight weeks to protect the young," said Aulman. "I have to stay to make sure the young birds survive, and I can't leave until I'm confident of that." Aulman said he isn't sure how his experiment will turn out.

The peregrine falcon is similar in lifestyle to the peregrine, but the peregrine may suffer from parasites the peregrine falcon has become immune to.

If Gary Guisti, also a natural resources management major, is not asked by Brian Walton to guard peregrine nests this spring, he said he will help Aulman with his project.

Aulman said the real problem hurting peregrines, though, is a lack of research funds and budget cuts by the Reagan administration.

"Reagan wants to balance the budget first, and I'm sure he's not concerned in the least with saving endangered species," he said.

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International program takes Poly students abroad

BY DEBBIE KAYE

Students interested in travel and education abroad can find the CSUC International Program a great help. The program, under the auspices of the California State University and Colleges system, helps students in California attend universities abroad and get transferrable credits for the classes they take.

For some countries—France, Germany, Spain, Mexico and Brazil—the program requires a knowledge of the language, but for others—Italy, Denmark, Quebec, Japan and Taiwan—they do not.

Since the program is statewide with a limited number of openings, applicants are screened thoroughly. Students are interviewed by both faculty and program alumni to see that they have seriously considered the cultural, academic and personal involvement in living a year in another country. It was really hard to relate to the way they wanted the kids raised—it's still a very macho society," she said.

"As an American, the hardest thing to realize was that their political system didn't work," said White. "At first, during the coup, I didn't take it very seriously, but later, living down the street from a military station, I got scared.

"Many of her classmates were older, she said, because in their school system they do not graduate from high school until they are about 20 years old. Also, they do not get into the universities unless they score acceptably on an important test after high school.

Both White and Morrison agreed it was difficult to make friends at first, but once made, there were relationships that thrived.

Cal Poly students Holly White and Linda Morrison are two alumni of the CSUC International Program. White spent a year at the University of Madrid, Spain, while Morrison attended a university in Heidelberg, Germany.

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Parking fines have more than doubled fall quarter.

By L.H. "Tom" Danigan, director of institutional research at the university

Danigan explained that the reasons for the fall quarter was based on the expectation of next year as far as the percentage of already-accepted students who continue their studies and the ratios of applicants to actual new enrollees are concerned. In both cases, figures were higher than expected fall.

Danigan pointed out that the little control over the numbers of already-accepted students who continue their studies from one quarter to the next was the most influential whether someone who has been admitted will actually enroll are extremely complex.

Rackets found

Two basketball rackets were found near Mustang Stadium, said Phillip Allen, 544-5490 to identify.

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KOCHI NINAZAWA (Former Japanese Baseball Great): そうそう、例えばフィールドが小ちゃんで。

BOOG: That's right. The field is smaller over there.

KOCHI: つまり、ショートで小ちまと日本人の体力に合わせたんですよ。

BOOG: Well, now that you mentioned it, I guess you guys are kinda smaller. Does that mean you drink Lite Beer 'cause it's less filling?

KOCHI: いいね、いいちから飲むんです。

BOOG: Tastes great? That's why I drink it, too! I guess we have a lot more in common than I thought.

KOCHI: その通りでしょう。日本の野球チームに入りませんか?

BOOG: Me? I'm too big to play on a Japanese team.

KOCHI: そんなことないですよ、ショートに最適です。

BOOG: Shortstop? Very funny.
Basketball preview
Poly No. 4 in preseason but starting from scratch

Cal Poly may be ranked No. 4 in one preseason Division II national basketball poll, but head coach Ernie Wheeler is reserving his judgement of the 1981-82 Mustang squad at least until they get some games under their belt.

"It's (the ranking) an honor to our program," Wheeler continued. "...it shows people recognize the success we've had." Wheeler, who is starting his tenth year at the helm of the Mustangs' basketball program, willingly admits, however, that the ranking is mainly based on Cal Poly's third place finish in the NCAA finals last year.

One reason for Wheeler's reserve in judgement is he has only six returners from last year's team and just one of them was a starter.

Kevin Lucas, a 6-4 forward who averaged 12.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per game during the 1980-81 season, is the sole returning starter and according to Wheeler the only player to date to have a starting position tied down for this season.

The other returnees include 6-1 junior guard Alex Lambertson, the No. 3 man in the backcourt last year; 6-6 senior forward Mike Burris, the man who threw in point-guard Keith Wheeler; 6-5 forward-swingman Rick Yurk; and 6-5 forward Chris Thomas.

Tom Perkins, at 6-8 the tallest man on the team and a front-runner for the center position, was redshirted last year and will be eligible for action this season.

Wheeler said no decisions will be made about the remaining starting positions until after the annual Green and Gold Game this intersquad game this Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the main gym.

Several junior college transfers promise to make competition for the starting spots fierce and the intersquad game something to see.

Highlighting the long list of JC transfers is 6-7 center-forward Mike Franklin from Butte, Mont. where he led the state in rebounding and shot 69 percent from the floor. Steve Van Horn, a 6-4 forward from Fullerton Junior College; Mike Wills, a 6-6 forward from Grossmont Junior College; Clark Guest, a 6-4 forward from Fullerton; Dave Baker, 6-0 point-guard from Cypress Junior College; John Clark, a 6-2 guard from Diablo Valley Junior College; and Mike Sui, a 6-2 guard from Martin Junior College round out Wheeler's new recruits.

Big, strong, good attitude, smart, hard workers and good defensively are attributes Wheeler attaches to this year's team. And if they have a weakness, the coach said, it's overall quickness.

The Mustangs open their 1981-82 season at home against the College of Notre Dame—a small private school located north of San Francisco—on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 9 p.m.

Malavasi: No one's giving up ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - Embattled, Coach Ray Malavasi of Los Angeles told the media Tuesday that no one should give up on his Rams.

"The team hasn't given up and the coaches haven't given up," Malavasi said. "This reminds me of 1979 although the competition is tougher and there are more good football players and more good teams."

The Rams have a 5-6 record, the same as two years ago at this point. They then went on to win four of the next five, finish 9-7 and eventually reach the Super Bowl.

The big difference this year is that the San Franciscans offer head the National Football Conference West division and that's the team the Rams play at Anaheim Stadium on Sunday.

The game has been a sellout for more than a week.
Two-time All-American Laura Bushning, a 5-11 senior guard, drives around a Poly alumnus in the Alumni game last Saturday. The annual Cal Poly Invitational Tournament gets underway on Thursday.

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Poly Classic: stiff test for Mustangs

BY VALERIE BRICKMAN

The Mustang women cagers will be up against their toughest competition of the season as they start league action in the Sixth-Annual Cal Poly-Stroh Hat Classic starting Thursday at 5 p.m. in the main gym.

Cal Poly has invited Idaho University, Iowa, Arizona, University of the Pacific, University of San Diego, Cal State Fullerton and the University of Santa Clara to participate in their tournament.

"The competition in this tournament should be strong; there are six Division I colleges," said Coach McNiel.

Starting off the tournament will be Iowa against UOP at 5 p.m. followed by Idaho and Cal State Fullerton at 5 p.m. Competition between Arizona and the University of San Diego will begin at 7 p.m. and the game between Cal Poly and Santa Clara will tip off at 9 p.m.

On Friday, the losers of game one and two will play at 9 p.m. and the losers of games three and four play at 5 p.m. At 7 p.m. the winners of game one and two play, while at 9 p.m. the winners of games three and four play.

Saturday will be the final day with seventh place being decided at 5 p.m. and fifth place will be decided at 11 p.m. The decision for third will take place at 7 p.m. with the Championship game scheduled to begin at 9 p.m.

U.U. manager bowls 300

Bob Jenkins proved last month that keeping one's mind out of the gutter can be the key to fame and fortune.

On Oct. 20, Jenkins, general manager of the game area in the University Union, struck it rich by bowling a perfect 300 score during a tournament at the Alexander Bowl. The first sanctioned 300 score at that lane in more than 30 years. A sanctioned score is one made in a league approved by the American Bowling Congress (ABC).

Besides bringing fame to his "Tuesday Night Service" team which meets for league play every week at the north county lanes, Jenkins took home more than $8,100 in cash and merchandise. Included in the bounty was a diamond ring presented by the Alexander Bowl, and an individual and team trophy.

Jenkins, University Union games manager since 1976, came to his job from Mid-State Bowl in Fresno.

With 20 years of bowling and recreational management behind him, he also advises and coaches Cal Poly's men and women's bowling teams. Each year the team competes in the Intercollegiate Bowling Conference.

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By Mark Lawler

Strange medicine

If California college students had any doubts before, Chancellor Glenn Dumke and Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. should have dispelled them Monday: Education in the Golden State is no longer a bargain.

Dumke proposed that student fees for the 19 institutions in the California State University and Colleges System be raised $41 million next year to subsidize the $59 million budget cut recently mandated by Gov. Brown. The fee increase translates into a $189 hike for beleaguered Cal Poly students who were just asked to teur up their $97.25 CAR checks and write a new one for $120.26 for Winter Quarter.

While all Cal Poly students will face an imposing total of $525 in registration fees next year, over 6,000 individuals face the possibility that they may never attend college. The chancellor proposed that $2.2 million requested by colleges to accommodate expected enrollment increases be eliminated, which means that an estimated 5,167 students may be working gas pumps rather than chemical equations next year.

The remaining $16.6 million will be cut by eliminating systemwide program improvement proposals, such as the Learning Assistance program, and reducing program maintenance increases for such groups as the Chancellor’s Office and the state Academic Senate.

The CSUC budget is being bled so that Gov. Brown can concoct his balanced budget “economic cure-all”—an elixir designed to curtail inflation, bring down interest rates and, presumably, cure arthritis.

But cutting funding to state colleges in order to relieve the economy’s ills is strange medicine indeed. The chancellor’s Office has already estimated that over 5,000 new students who would have been able to enter the CSUC system next year may be turned away. Undoubtedly, the fee increases proposed by the chancellor will price many current students out of the college system. Such a drastic reduction in the college-trained work force would be bound to adversely affect the state’s economy as fewer individuals would be able to compete for upper level jobs.

We of the Mustang Daily Editorial Board question whether even the options for cuts which will not take effect until the next fiscal year. The latest proposed fee increase would mark the third such fee raise this year. The chancellor’s Office seems to lurch from crisis to crisis, adopting Band-Aid proposals to meet specific budget cutbacks.

It is doubtful that the charlatan Gov. Brown will be convinced that his balanced budget cure-all potion will fizzle, and thus cuts in the CSUC budget are probably forthcoming. But if the chancellor’s Office takes care to develop a long-term policy, perhaps what little exists in the budget can be trimmed so that the students themselves will not have to shoulder most of the burden.

When discussing existentialism, one should first give a definition: Existentialism, at its simplest form, is the belief that man is responsible for himself. Each individual must make his own decisions, choose his own beliefs and accept the fact that man, not a supernatural being, is responsible for the destiny of the individual and the human race.

Sandra Gary, in her Oct. 29 opinion piece on “Existentialism-Meism” confuse existentialism with greed (“meism”). Greed is an unrelated evil that can be practiced by people of all philosophical and religious beliefs.

Gary used James Watt as an example of greed. But it is Watt’s Christian and not existentialist beliefs that are the roots of his “destroy-for-today” policies.

Like any devout Christian, Watt believes that the Bible is the definitive truth. The Bible, in Genesis 1, says that “man is the master of all life upon the earth” and that God told man to “multiply and fill the earth and subdue every living thing that is in the earth and the birds of all the animals.”

Watt reasons that if God himself said to “subdue the earth, then he has every right to destroy its natural resources for today’s economic profit.

An existentialist would base a plan to manage our natural resources on logic and future needs—not from a phrase in a 5,000-year-old theory of the origin of man.

Humanism is another term that Gary misunderstands. Humanism is both a deviation to human welfars and—a philosophy that sees man as a natural object, able to achieve his goals through reason.

Philosophies and religions are possible because of man’s ability to reason. If there is no one religion or philosophy that will cure the social, economic and political problems of the world, the only chance man has to improve his world is to accept his responsibility for the survival and welfare of the human race as a whole. Only man and his power to reason can possibly save mankind from destruction.

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