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ior overseas trip, ready to tell anxious European allies that U.S. interest rates "will be down quite a bit" by
the end of the year.
The 10-day tour includes stops in France, Italy, Brit-
tain and Germany.
Treasuy Secretary Donald T. Regan said Reagan’s first major stop — a weekend economic summit con-
ference of the world’s major industrial democracies — should not be seen as a coup for global economic
problems.
"In two and a half days you’re not going to be able
to reconstruct the world," Regan told reporters during a
break in the president’s day-long meetings in preparation for the economic summit in Versailles and a
rare North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit, in Bonn.
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appointed a woman Tuesday as warden of the Califor-
nia Institution for Men, a state prison near Chino.
Jim Park, a spokesman for the state Department of
Corrections, said it marked the first time in Cali
gnia history that a woman has headed a men’s prison.
Park said Mildred A. Carroll of San Francisco will
head the 3,550-prisoner institution. She has been serv-
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She replaces Bertram S. Griggs and will receive
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The National Safety Council had estimated that
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Last year there were 378 deaths. The 1949 count
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California reported 38 fatalities, 17 fewer than 1981
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“We’re hoping part of the reason is the new drunk
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AIR FORCE A GREAT WAY OF LIFE.
Fast living on Pismo Dunes — Search and Rescue cleans up

Photos by Robin Lewis

Story by Shown Turner

For the handful of time this day, an accident seemed inevitable. This time a four-wheel drive Ford truck, fully stocked with a light bar and a camper shell, sparkling with a perfect paint job, charged up the Sand Highway and, shifting sideways, promptly got stuck.

If the Sand Highway had two lanes, this truck would have managed to block one-and-a-half of them.

But that didn’t stop the dune buggy following it, whose engine rumbled in disgust as it squeezed past the bogged truck, spying rooster tails of sand as it went.

Three ATCs — all-terrain cycles — bounced through the gap the opposite way, barely waiting for the dune buggy to pass. The truck, its wheels spinning wildly back and forth, finally inched up the highway and out of the way.

Greg LaKomski could only watch and shake his head.

“Even if they slept until 10, they’ve got three hours of beer,” he said, looking out over clouds of people standing about their campers and buggies.

It was early Saturday afternoon, Memorial Day weekend.

“This is one of the few places in the state where you can drink all you want, drive, go 90 miles an hour, and it’s all legal,” LaKomski added.

This is Pismo Beach, where each Memorial Day weekend the population bulges by as many as 20,000 — not the town, the beach — and thousands of off-highway vehicle enthusiasts romp over the dunes in buggies, motorcross bikes, ATCs and four-wheel drives — from well before noon to 3 a.m. each day.

LaKomski watches the crowds carefully. He has to, as part of his job with the Sheriff’s Department Search and Rescue team. LaKomski, who will receive his master’s degree in business administration from Cal Poly this quarter, is one of 12 people representing Cal Poly on this team of almost 60 people. Two other team members attend Cuesta College.

Except for a large red cross draped across a sheriff’s black-and-white communications trailer, and a huge orange medical truck, the search and rescue headquarters — about two miles south of Osorno — looked much like any other campsite along the beach, with a dirt bike propped against the medical truck and a half-dozen four-wheel drives huddled back along the dunes.

In fact, several people roared through the camp on their vehicles thinking it was just another route to the dunes.

The rescue base sits at the on-ramp to the Sand Highway, a wide stretch between two dunes that leads to acres of desert. There the team waits for accidents to happen.

“It’s going real slow,” Gary Bloom, a senior computer science major, said Saturday morning. “There hasn’t been anything major, so that’s good. No fun for us, but it’s good.”

By noon Saturday — the team began its watch Friday afternoon — the accident toll was indeed low. High on the list were 19 ATC accidents — Bloom said they are the most common, when the handlebar neck comes up and knocks riders in the mouth on bumps — and five motorcycle wrecks. The rest had been minor cuts and scrapes treated at the rescue base.

Bloom said as the weekend ended the team responded to about 75 accidents, more than 25 of those involving ATCs.

That has been the team’s job since the early 1970s when, according to former Cal Poly student John Cramer, the Poly Goats four-wheel drive club began to help the sheriffs — under an invitation by the Department of Parks and Recreation — find accident victims in the dunes.

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Cal Poly student Greg LaKomski organizes radioed-in messages from state park rangers and rescue team members out on call in the sheriff’s communication trailer, 20 miles in the middle of Pismo Beach.

An accident victim waits a moment in the Search and Rescue medical truck to make sure his arm feels well enough to go off and finish the weekend.

While Bruce Shomaker takes the sheriff’s department four-wheel drive into snow-bright dune country, Bruce McGrath points out the activity.
Auto engineers take 4th in Mint 400 race

BY RON HUTCHERSON
Staff Writer

Despite a rough course, dust so thick that visibility often reached 10 feet, and a blown engine, the Cal Poly chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers was able to generate a fourth-place finish in their class in the Mint 400 off-road race.

The 400-mile race was held May 1 near Las Vegas and is one of the major races on the off-road circuit.

This year's place was one of the roughest in the history of the event, according to Back Sturckow, head of the project. In fact, the truck took such a pounding that the stripped front and made of sheet metal had to be removed during a pit stop.

But the biggest problem for the Cal Poly SAE Toyota was the dust.

"The dust was so bad that it would fill up the whole cab and you would have to stop and wait for it to clear out," added Sturckow, who along with Bryan Kudala was one of the co-drivers of the truck in the third and fourth laps.

Sturckow was the driver behind the wheel when the truck blew an engine. It was at the third lap.

The truck ran in class-7, which is the class for mini-trucks. Only two of the six trucks were able to complete the 400 miles. Half of the class-7 trucks failed to complete the first 100 miles.

The club said they would consider competing at the next event. The race was sponsored by the Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. in addition, over $40,000 worth of parts were donated by various sponsors.

Although the racing itself is the glamour part of the project, it is just a small part.

The Society of Automotive Engineers' Toyota survived a blown engine to take 4th place in the Mint 400, an off-road race near Las Vegas.

"It is an engineering project in that we are trying to prove we can build a better truck," Sturckow said.

Audi added, "It's a good, practical project. You can apply what you learn in school. Every time the truck goes out, it's a test of your engineering skills."

But in order to showcase those skills, they had to be applied to the truck, which meant a lot of hard work for everyone involved.

Sturckow estimated that in the four-month period leading up to the Mint 400 he spent 60 hours a week working on the truck. The work didn't stop at the race either. A total of 13 people set up seven pit areas along the 100-mile course while two more, Al Reddy and Derek Steers, drove a chase vehicle. This vehicle followed the race on the highway to aid between pits or inform the pits on what the truck would need at their stop, since they were in constant contact with the race truck through the use of two-way radios.

The SAE truck draws a lot of attention from spectators and fellow racers, even the sponsored teams.

"They're the other racers a little surprised to see us out there and they're thoroughly impressed when they see the truck," said Sturckow.

The 10-year-old engineering technology major added that most of the factory teams are very helpful, especially the Budweiser team and the Roger Mears squad.

Advice from the veterans may have been especially helpful at the Mint, since neither Audi nor Sturckow had driven in an off-road race before. But despite this handicap, the duo piloted the truck into second place before being forced to retire with engine trouble.

"Jack did a super job on his driving," Sturckow said. "It really takes a lot of caution and concentration."

The truck is housed in the mechanical engineering lab where the club members do all the work, including the paint job. In fact three senior projects have been done on it. Just being able to work on the truck and have a hand in its development draws many of the members to the club, according to Audi, a 16-year-old senior from Delano.

The truck is a two-wheel drive, as are most of the mini-trucks in this off-road racing. Audi explained that two wheel drive vehicles are lighter, easier to maintain, and have less moving parts than four wheel drive vehicles.

The Cal Poly truck has gained national recognition through magazine coverage and its use in advertisements for Goodyear, Pennzoil, Center Line Wheels, and Milford.

The truck won the national Off-Road Championship at Riverside last August under the driving of Roger Mears. Sturckow said it would probably not be entered in this year's championships, but will be raced in the fall at the Baja race or a proposed run from Reno to Las Vegas.

Profs say last U.S. epidemic will be nuclear war

BY KATHLEEN HORIZON
Staff Writer

The world of academic or society will know it will be nuclear war. According to Rick Szmig, a former deputy director of research for the CIA.

Dr. Horbert Scoville Jr. was one of a variety of speakers involved in a videotape sponsored by the Physical Department and Chamber of Commerce.

The student wins logo competition

Cal Poly student, Gregg Gibbons of San Luis Obispo is the winner of the Cash Award by-the-Society of Automotive Engineers contest. Runner up was Jessica E. Lang of Los Osos, Chamber of Commerce.

Gibbons was awarded a $500 first prize for his logo, which was chosen for its neatness, originality, clarity, artistic technique, and its ability to present the uniqueness of the town of Cayucos.

Gibbons was recognized at the Cayucos Chamber of Commerce General Meeting Winestasting and Buffet Dinner May 24.

Honorable mention was given to Therese Ann Buhl, Andrew Batty and Susan Harmon of Cayucos; George H. Floyd of Cambria; Thomas L. Humphrey of Los Osos; Clint Baldwin, Mary Davis, Jerlyn George, Glenn K. Johnson, Kathleen Flanagan, Massoud Pourcyrous, James D. Wille, and Mark Eyerle/Richard Olander of San Luis Obispo.

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"Drinking is a big factor in these accidents," said LeKonrad. It was surprising to small the ocean through the hot gasoline and diesel fumes—more surprising to be able to hear the ocean's roar over the scream of OHV engines. As the noise seemed to grow louder Saturday afternoon, the team members found themselves with little to do. Many sat around a picnic table in their fluorescent-orange shirts and black baseball caps; some crawled off to take naps. Still others tried to hear the noise.

"I would never do this, go out in a dune buggy," said team member Karen Vilander, a Cal Poly graduate and now personnel manager for North County Ambulance Service in Atascadero. "People get killed out there. I would not go and try to spend a few days having a good time to risk getting killed."

Even a day and a half of taking accident calls and patching up victims wears the rescue team out, as this member demonstrates.

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Senator Randy Reynoso, after lengthy discussion on the card was the central reason for the overexpenditures of specific about the travel budget. "The committee is wind-

drawing down for the sum-
er," said Rosenman, "and the unfortunate part is that all of us are so ter-

rribly busy...it is hard to get together."

Women faculty who have problems or suggestions can use the WCC as a chan-

cel for reaching the ad-

ministration, stated Rosenman. The committee will be next Oc-

tober to elect a new group of officers.
**BY LORI MARLETT**

Old pianos and Christmas flowers. This is an unlikely pair unless a Cal Poly student wants to "learn and earn" in the student enterprise system.

While most students are involved in internships, labs or crops, renovating pianos and growing poinsettias are other projects involved in the enterprise system. The Shoel of Agriculture and Natural Resources is the primary school that takes advantage of this system but if other schools meet the requirements, arrangements can be made for projects, said Al Amaral, executive director of the Cal Poly Foundation.

How does the enterprise system work? Students go through the faculty to grow produce or livestock. They plan the budget and expenses and get faculty approval, which is processed through the dean. All that information is sent to the foundation.

"The foundation is the fiscal agent for the project," said Amaral. "We collect revenue from the sales and pay all bills."

When the project is finished, direct expenses involved with animals or fertilizer are subtracted and the net income is divided according to the ad hoc committee, a sub-committee of the student senate. Greene set up the system.

A total of 10 fraternities and one sorority have participated in the program by volunteering to encase women on campus between 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday.

"Public safety has improved," said Greene, who will continue to operate the service next year. Wayne Carmack, campus public safety investigator, said he thinks the escort service has been a great success.

Although he couldn't back his statement with statistics, he felt confident the escort service has prevented a number of attacks and rapes since it began operation.

Carmack said he has heard of only one attack since the service was installed.

The victim was a woman who had attempted to use the escort service but was unable to find escorts at the stations.

"We've straightened a few things out since then," said Carmack. "I don't think we'll have that problem again."

Greene said because there are not enough fraternity members to man the escort stations, and not enough traffic, the escort service will probably not continue its services Summer Quarter.

In the fall, however, Greene said the escort service will resume its program, and will add the Alpha Sigma Fraternity to its list of volunteers.

Greene said 15 to 25 women use the escort service every night. Escort stations are set up in the University Union and in the first floor of the Robert E. Kennedy Library.

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Several students commented on the service, some saying they would have used it were they female.

The biggest problem for the escort service is "soul searching," said Peterson. "We have to think about how to improve the service and then make recommendations to the university."
Whitehurst courts disgruntled Dems

Whitehurst said he is not afraid of delivering bad news if it is necessary, explaining that an alternative to cutting back social programs might be to look at a new tax code.

"We need to create an overall tax and investment climate that supports and encourages investment," said the mayor.

Whitehurst said a gas tax or oil severance tax for California, in his opinion, might provide the additional funds needed by the state.

"We need to concentrate on lower interest rates, also," he said. "15 to 20 percent interest rates are not going to encourage job creation activities."

Concerning the rise in military spending, Whitehurst added that a decrease in the military budget would be a first step in saving the economy.

"Our goal in this country shouldn't be to dominate, we should strive to learn how to cooperate with other countries," he said.

Whitehurst said he has some specific details on issues affecting California and the country.

On abortion, he said although he and his wife are personally against it, he respects a woman's right to make her own decision in the situation.

"Government shouldn't regulate a woman's right to make a decision of that type," he said.

In a list of his stance on issues, Whitehurst indicated he is in favor of nuclear arms limitations, a supporter of guaranteed student loans, against military aid to El Salvador and in favor of nuclear power, but only with proper safeguards and disposal standards.

If a composite sketch was made of the nuclear power opponent, it would show a young woman with higher education and a low-paying job who doesn't own property in San Luis Obispo County and is neither married or has children. Age appears to be an important determinant of one's stance on nuclear power, as 63 percent of those between ages 18 and 25 oppose Diablo Canyon while 42 percent of those over 48 expressed the same view. But the most vehement opponents of the nuclear plants were those between the ages of 26 and 37, as 74 percent of those who have attended college and a low-paying job who doesn't own property expressed the same view.

The results of the Mustang Daily opinion poll were comparable to a survey done by Teichner Associates and KABC last year. Fifty-four percent of the 115 people sampled registered disagreement with Diablo Canyon, while 43 percent voiced support of the facility and three percent had no opinion. The poll was conducted with residents from Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Avila Beach, Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande and Santa Maria.

George expressed confidence that the results of the Mustang Daily poll accurately represent the views of San Luis Obispo County residents. He noted that the male-female ratio and the percentage of respondents taken from each city matched well with demographic data. He added that two pretests were run to debug the questionnaire and respondents were not told the poll was being conducted by the Mustang Daily in order to eliminate possible bias.
Thankless tasks, long hours, but rescue team workers enjoy it

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Since then, the search and rescue team has become integrated into the Sheriff’s Department, and includes searches not only at Pismo in four-wheel drives, but at Morro Bay and throughout the county with the aid of airplane pilots, equine units and divers.

All the team members are volunteers; the drivers, who use their own vehicles, bear search and rescue bumper stickers, are reimbursed only for gas, said Bloom.

The requirements for joining the team are minimal, Bloom said. Trainees are encouraged to learn basic first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, but close to half the team have gone beyond those demands and become emergency medical technicians — comparable to a five-unit semester class at Cuesta College in terms of time involved.

Some, like Bloom, are certified divers, and many on the team can operate four-wheel drive vehicles.

Newcomers to the team must go through a six-month probation period, so senior members can see if the addition presents any personality conflicts. Rarely, said Bloom, is anyone rejected.

The team works with the Sheriff’s Department through a liaison, Sgt. Ed Carroll, but Bloom said he and his co-workers operate most of the time on their own.

“If there’s a potential problem, they’ll (the Sheriff’s Department) let us know,” said Bloom, “but we don’t drink or do anything to cause problems. We act like deputies. But we’re not law enforce-

ment. We’re not allowed to carry guns; we don’t want to.”

What they are supposed to do is take calls — accidents, missing persons — and respond to them, taking two vehicles at a time through the dunes.

Once they complete the search — Bloom said it is not uncommon to spend 20 minutes just looking for someone among the uncharacteristic dunes — the team will treat the victims and either call in an ambulance or transport victims to the beach so ambulances may reach them.

All of that is coordinated in the communications trailer, where LaToskaki and Bruce McGrath worked Saturday afternoon, relaying messages from CB units and scanners.

The team also tried something new — a backup communication system with the help of county ham radio operators as part of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

The ham radio, said operator C.J. Swank of Los Osos, often provide better transmission than CBs, especially in deep bowls between dunes, where CB transmission is cut off.

Two Cal Poly students, electronic engineering junior Chuck Lintley and engineering technology senior Doug Northern were at the rescue base to help with the calls. Both are members of the Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club.

The weekend tasks for the team and the ham radio operators seem like impossible and unnecessary jobs, like clean-up crews for a city of weekend lotus eaters.

Sam Cotton, foreground, tells a story as other rescue team members wander about the rescue base, in one of a scattered free moments Memorial Day weekend.

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Arlene Van Warmerdam chugs down the backstretch in the 400 finals at the NCAA Division II national championship in Sacramento.

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professional tryout, is listed as the second in 99.309 seconds.

Professional Tryouts, which were held at the University of Oregon, attracted over 1,000 spectators. The event was sponsored by the Oregon Track Club.

The winner of the race was Robert Johnson, who set a new national record of 2:10:09 in the 1500 meters. Johnson was followed by Brian Murphy in 2:10:13 and Tom Leaman in 2:10:16.

The second event of the day was the javelin throw, which was won by John Smith with a personal best of 82.5 meters. The third place finisher was Mike Johnson with 78.2 meters.

The women's 4x100 meter relay was won by the team from Stanford University, with a time of 44.1 seconds. The team members were Sarah Miller, Jessica Brown, Emily Davis, and Jennifer Thompson.

The 800 meter race was won by Michael Brown in 1:48.3, while the 1500 meter race was won by Sarah Johnson in 4:18.7.

The long jump competition was won by James Brown with a jump of 8.2 meters, while the high jump was won by Sarah Johnson with a height of 1.9 meters.

The discus throw was won by Michael Brown with a distance of 62.5 meters, while the javelin throw was won by James Brown with a distance of 85.2 meters.

The 100 meter hurdles were won by Sarah Johnson with a time of 13.2 seconds, while the 400 meter hurdles were won by James Brown with a time of 57.8 seconds.

The 110 meter hurdles were won by Michael Brown with a time of 13.5 seconds, while the 300 meter hurdles were won by Sarah Johnson with a time of 45.8 seconds.

The 800 meter steeplechase was won by James Brown with a time of 2:01.5, while the 1500 meter steeplechase was won by Sarah Johnson with a time of 4:23.9.

The women's 4x400 meter relay was won by the team from Stanford University, with a time of 3:34.5. The team members were Sarah Miller, Jessica Brown, Emily Davis, and Jennifer Thompson.

The women's 800 meter race was won by Sarah Johnson with a time of 2:10.2, while the 1500 meter race was won by James Brown with a time of 4:28.3.

The women's 110 meter hurdles were won by Sarah Johnson with a time of 15.1 seconds, while the 300 meter hurdles were won by James Brown with a time of 41.8 seconds.

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We're waiting

For years anti-nuclear supporters have claimed they represent the will of the people. They point to mountains of petitions urging that the Diablo Canyon licensing process be halted to back up this claim. Yet they have been stymied by PG&E, and written off as just an extremely vocal minority.

The Mustang Daily opinion poll on Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, published on the front page of today's edition, appears to vindicate the antinuclear supporters' contention that the majority side with them. Fifty-five percent said poll and the majority of the public says it wants nothing to do with Diablo Canyon, while 38 percent believe they should.

The poll was not commissioned with the intent of undermining PG&E or the pro-nuclear supporters. In fact, members of the Mustang Daily Editorial Board expressed grave personal doubts that the poll would show a clear majority that did not believe PG&E should be allowed to produce energy at Diablo. But if PG&E does not feel the pressure brought on by the weight of the public opinion, then the poll results are disturbing. Fifty-five percent said poll and the majority of the public says it wants nothing to do with Diablo Canyon — many Poly faculty members have heard the arguments and have decided that nuclear power is not safe. They demand that Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant never be started up.

What should be equally disturbing for PG&E is that six percent of those opposed to nuclear power did not base their opinion primarily on the power source itself, but those that manage it. This pocket of nuclear power dissenters have christened the public power source as incompetent. They have seen through the fancy posters, the complicated graphs and the public relations gobbledygook. They have seen that nuclear power is not the beautiful creature its supporters say it is, but is misshapen and covered with warts. The people have heard the arguments and have decided that nuclear power is not safe. They demand that the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant never be started up.

One may question how relevant public opinion is concerning a corporation runs its business. For instance, Philip Morris (Tobacco Company) would hardly shut down its business if a Gallup Poll revealed that 80 percent of all Americans consider its cigarettes should be banned. In business, public opinion only becomes important if it threatens to cut into corporate profits.

But PG&E is not Philip Morris. PG&E is a public utility. PG&E's purpose is to serve the interests of the people of this state, not to make a profit. The majority of the people of this county believe that PG&E could best serve their interests by ceasing to be a nuclear power producer. A poll conducted earlier this year by The California Field Poll which questioned people from all over the state on their views toward Diablo Canyon reached a similar conclusion.

The ball is in your court, PG&E. You have a public opinion poll and the majority of the public says it wants nothing to do with Diablo Canyon. We, the people, await your response.

The Last Word:

Get informed

I recently participated in a project for my political science class which involved soliciting 20 responses to a telephone survey the teacher had written geared toward gauging public opinion in San Luis Obispo County on whether or not the Diablo Canyon nuclear facility should begin producing power.

What I encountered as I conducted the survey was nothing less than appalling.

Before finally completing the 20 interviews I had to make over 60 phone calls. Of the 40 or so non-respondents, the majority refused to take the survey before even knowing what it dealt with, or, if I managed to explain it, promptly said they had no opinion. A few of these refusals later, I was so wound up with anger that I had to exercise a great deal of self-control not to scream into the receiver. "How can you not have an opinion?"

After I calmed down a bit, I realized there was an obvious answer to that simple question. These people were just being honest with themselves and realized their ignorance of the subject prohibited them from forming an opinion. Many — over half — of those who did complete the interview failed miserably when asked specific questions about nuclear power. These questions included identifying what NRC stood for and how many reactors Diablo Canyon had.

An uninformed opinion isn't really worth very much.

My experience with the survey provoked me to look at the Cal Poly student population and wonder just how informed it is. From my point of view, the picture is somewhat depressing.

Being a liberal, the conservatism of the students at this school is at times stifling. But it isn't the ideology that bugs me so much, as the apathetic way students saunter through their college years with respect to political issues and leave with the same views they brought with them, never knowing what the other side had to offer.

How many of you saw either of the CASA-sponsored films exploring the situation in El Salvador? Or attended a gun control debate in Poly's Little Theatre? Or were present at any of the number of times opponents of Diablo Canyon — many Poly faculty members shared their ideas, views and most importantly, knowledge? Or altered your schedule slightly when Dr. Richard Kroja opened his conservation class to anyone wanting facts concerning the Peripheral Canal, a proposition on the June 5th ballot?

The information is out there, waiting to be utilized. Open your mind. Be concerned. Don't be so satisfied with the status quo.

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