Drunken-driving crackdown begins among gravestones

By Terry Lightfoot
Asst. Managing Editor

County police officers began their crackdown on holiday drunken driving where many alcohol-related accidents end up — in the cemetery.

Using the gravestones at the Succulent Lawn Memorial Park as a backdrop, officers from throughout San Luis Obispo kicked off the Avoid the Elevenths program. The “elevenths” are the combined number of area police agencies, Cal Poly campus police and the Parks and Recreation Department. The program began in 1978 as the Avoid the Niners program.

Captain Max Van Orsdel of the California Highway Patrol is the coordinator of the countywide effort.

“In the county last year there were 72 vehicular fatalities; 37 of those involved alcohol,” he said. “The response to those fatalities is very small, Van Orsdel said.

“The end result of drinking and driving is that they can end up in a place like this (the cemetery),” he said.

Even though Cal Poly students make up a large portion of the San Luis Obispo population, Capt. Tullley, San Luis Obispo motorcycle officer and former DUI officer, said that students make up only 15 percent of drunken-driving arrests.

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Custodial services reported many door damages on the Math/Home Economics Building’s first floor have been studied and classified.

Some thefts have also occurred on Engineering West’s first floor. Each door is supposed to have three hinges on it, said Van Orsdel. The first coming from $12 to $15. Now the thieves are using a $10 set.

Restrooms have been the primary target, he said, but various classroom doors have also been altered.

“We are now in the process of being replaced,” said Orsdel. “The rustling seemed to be in midstream. Hinges were coming off and the rest of the door was getting rusty.”

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Staff Writer

Throughout San Luis Obispo’s Central Coast Mall, the jingling of cash registers is already competing with the melodies of Christmas carols.

According to store managers and salespeople, holiday shoppers have been busy in full force early, hunting for Christmas-gift bargains.

For many retail stores, money spent by Christmas shoppers means more than just extra profit — it means survival for the rest of the year.

“Christmas is what pays for the rest of the year,” said Nigel King, assistant manager of Ricky’s Toys and Hobbies.

King said total sales for November alone were at least $250,000. Retail sales during the holidays are usually more than double that the rest of the year, he said.

The bigger jump in sales will occur the week before Christmas, King said.

“I expect we’ll increase the number of his salespeople by 12 to 15 during the holidays,” he said.

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It was like Hitchcock, except birds were dead

By Stewart McKenzie
Staff Writer

Twelve years ago today, the sky was raining birds over downtown San Luis Obispo.

“It was a really chilly evening,” said eyewitness Jack Conroy, “and all of a sudden, you could see blackbird carcasses.”

It was estimated that 500 blackbirds, starlings and pigeons fell dead just before midnight Nov. 22, 1976, until 4 a.m.

“City road crews picked up enough dead birds from four blocks of downtown San Luis Obispo to fill a box a foot and a half square,” according to the front page of the Telegram-Tribune.

Most fell on the 700 to 800 blocks of Higuera and Monterey Streets and the 1,000 block of Oso Street.

The birds could be seen lying on their sides, fluttering their wings with their last bit of life,” said Conroy.

It caused a minor sensation, since no one could immediately explain the strange phenomenon.

The Associated Press, United Press International and CBS carried the story.


For years, Cal Poly had carried out various bird-control programs to protect dairy-cattle feed against contamination.

According to Crabb, new interim associate dean of the School of Agriculture, Cal Poly had decided to use a different poison that year — Starclide.

Starclide, said Crabb, affects the kidneys in a painless or slow death. Since the birds obviously weren’t familiar with Cal Poly’s boundaries, many flew on campus only to die when the poison bit.

‘Home surviving birds were later cared for by local families.”

According to the Telegram-Tribune and radio conducted by Mustang Daily, the university wanted the bird-control program done during Thanksgiving vacation when the campus was relatively quiet. Unfortunately, the people who could have explained the situation on vacation, said biology professor Eric Johnson.

Since then, Cal Poly has stopped using Starclide checkpoints. These are conducted by the CHP.

A hydraulic-spec on the back of one door in the Math/Home Economics Building was also damaged.

Anyone who has information on these thefts can call Public Safety at 756-2281.
Killing of dog tragic, wrong

Editor — This is a very sad story, but it needs to be heard. On Tuesday, November 21, a dog was hit by a car at about 6 p.m. on Foothill Road. It began to scream in pain and a few concerned residents ran out to help, but before they could shield him he was hit again by a different car. Still alive, he scooted toward the curb on his still-intact left leg. While a flare was set up and a man wavered the traffic around him. Eventually, he was called and bystanders looked on as the dead dog waited in pain. Finally, a police officer arrived and stated the dog was dead, but it was a traffic hazard. He decided to hit the dog in the head with his club to determine if it was alive. Then, he refused to die, the officer stated that the injured dog was a Boxes next to a trashbin. The blows as the dog was killed.

The dog was a beautiful Australian/German shepherd. The owner (if there was one) stated that the injured dog was a from the nightstick and still refused to die, the officer resorted to a baseball bat which broke in half from the force of the blows as the dog was killed. The body was put in a cardboard box next to a trashbin. I witnessed this atrocity and I am sickened by the suffering and trauma inflicted on this animal who had already been twice by humans. It is almost too much for a Australian/German shepherd who deserved a chance to live, and the owner (if there was one) had a right to have his dog sav-

Because this act was committed by a police officer, people tend to assume it was right and not question it. But it was a crime, an act of brutality and murder. First of all, police are trained to deal with people, not animals. The Department of Animal Regulation should have come to the scene, but they were not notified by the police until the dog was already dead. This was done intentionally because the city does not want to pay Animal Regulation during off-duty hours, so police are told to handle animal problems on their own.

When I called the emergency operator, I asked if she would contact Animal Regulation and she said that she had already handled it and help was on the way. Once the police officer was on the scene, his only concern seemed to be that the dog had no collar, so no one would want to pay the vet bill. This was totally wrong, as I later learned, because Animal Regulation has funds and veterinarians who would have treated the dog. In addition, I’m sure some other concerned witnesses would have donated money if they were brought up, and they could have offered information as to the probable identity of the dog’s owner, had they been asked.

As the man left, the officer simply made up his mind, and yelled “Stand back!” before anyone could know what he was going to do. It was illegal for him to make this decision himself, since the law required a veterinarian to determine if an injured animal has no hope of recovery and must be put out of its misery. I know that the dog was very much alive, breathing, whimpering, and trying to remove himself from danger. And worse of all the wrongs is the heartbreak induced in the owner when the dog was killed.

Marisa Peterson
San Luis Obispo

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Editor — I am a Christian who has struggled, in my past, with homosexual tendencies. My Christian friends don’t know this, because I know their feelings about homosexuality. All Christians, do you know how much it hurts me that I can’t tell you what I’ve been through?

Do you know how much it hurts when I hear some of you talk about “tagg”? I know the majority of you are wonderful, loving people, but you are also quick to get off on the wrong track. And before you accuse me of being a coward, please let me say I’m not talking about the moral issue of whether it is right or wrong. I’m talking about how you treat human beings, by generalizing about them, or stereotyping them. This is not a personal attack on any people. You have hurt me, your letter is forgotten. We feel, the likelihood will continue long after the issue of trash or defacing the “P?” We at ZTA agree that this tradition of decorating the “P” should be taken at a higher level of authority. For isn’t that what the “P” represents?

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By Jeff Kelly

"Facts are stupid things." —Ronald Reagan

Michael Dekanski lost the election but gained an unsavory job of broadcasting the truth about George Bush. What is more significant for our purposes is that the news media did an even poorer job.

A decade and a half after Richard Nixon resigned on the Constitution and ordered the CIA to spy on his enemies in the capitol, we have just elected the CIA to run our government.

Bush had been saying that the 1980 Reagan campaign offered Ayatollah Khomeini a million dollars worth of weapons if Iran would keep the American hostages until Reagan was inaugurated.

Crazy! Honig is at least as believable as Reagan was a few years ago when he quoted "No deals with terrorists." That was before the "unbelievable" Iran-Contra affair broke, and traders of the nation's political and diplomatic needs had finally discovered the whole matter.

Honig was interviewed by CBS and NBC News several weeks ago, but these interviews have yet to be broadcast. If Barbara Honig is crazy, and the movie "Cover-up" is nonsense, one wonders why our news media aren't allowing the American people to decide for themselves.

In Casapalooza, Indiana, on Oct. 28, 1980, then congressman David "Bighouse" Stockman told the world that he used a "snap! snap!" illustration from the Times-Citizen debate briefing to coach the Republican spin doctors in the White House to praise President Reagan. A pathetically simple job — for better or worse — is to simply repeat facts while the nation has become inured to lawbreaking in the government.

The House of Representatives is the Constitution's invention to prevent a birth from occurring. As a male, I can say without hesitation that if a simple member of Congress were to wake up and say to his family that he had the arrogance to ruin someone's life for the sake of self-satisfaction, I doubt society would have to worry about further acts of violence from a "fixed" rapist.

But should the law get to that point, I think convicted rapists should be castrated. I'm not talking about a merely vaeasctyonic, I'm talking about severing the testicles and putting the man in the furnace. A simple snap! snap! for all it would take.

Most men are more passive after such an operation. I argue that the male humains would react similarly. I doubt society would have to worry about further acts of female violation from a "fixed" convicted rapist.

If women are more passive in hard times, were the penalty for convicted rapists I dare say more of them might think twice about their lascivious, inebrious act. As a male, I assure you that the notion of forefeminism for the family jewels for a few moments of pleasure is completely unacceptable.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is starting a 25-stop farewell tour Tuesday night in New York, the city where he first started attracting attention as an eighth-grade basketball player 28 years ago.

Abdul-Jabbar, 41, who thinks of himself as a Californian rather than a New Yorker, nonetheless said his final game for the Los Angeles Lakers at Madison Square Garden against the New York Knicks will be a special event.

"It's been a long time since my intense association with New York," Abdul-Jabbar said Monday. "I feel L.A. is my home now, not New York. But there's a lot of emotion associated with my hometown. I'm not used to being greeted warmly at the image of me for the better," Abdul-Jabbar said. "That's changed me a chance to be myself," Abdul-Jabbar said. "But Abdul-Jabbar said he has no regrets. "I've done everything I could. I've had enough success for two lifetimes, so it won't be hard to walk away from competition," he said.

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Abdul-Jabbar is starting a 25-city farewell tour through the NBA in his final season. "But the team shouldn't be too adversely affected because we're prepared for it." He called Erving "a more outgoing, public person" who dealt with the hoopla better than he could.

"I had a lot of caution and suspicion with the press early in my career, but about eight years ago I found that if I gave them (reporters) a chance, they gave me a chance to be myself," Abdul-Jabbar said. "That's changed the image of me for the better."

Abdul-Jabbar said a farewell tour like the one planned this season was "would have been inconceivable 18 years ago. I probably would have just slipped out the back door."

The 7-foot-2 center is less a part of the Lakers' offense now than ever in his career. After having his 787-game double-figure scoring streak stopped last season, he has scored in double figures only once in eight games this season.

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Abdul-Jabbar is averaging 7.4 points and 5.9 rebounds per game, with his best effort a 16-point, 12-rebound performance at San Antonio Nov. 5. He has not scored in double figures since then. But Abdul-Jabbar said he has no regrets.

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Some UCLA faculty members and members of the Asian community have expressed concern over the past several years that the university might be secretly limiting Asian applicants.

Asians are not regarded as under-represented minorities like blacks and Hispanics, and therefore compete with white students for admission to the schools.

The agency made its decision in January to look at UCLA’s admission practices with regard to federal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, or national origin.

Disclosure of the investigation was made Thursday.

UCLA Vice Chancellor Thomas Lifka said that the university has “absolutely no admissions quotas for any group.”

Lifka would not discuss on Friday details of the federal review.

The Education Department’s Office of Civil Rights conducts about 250 “compliance reviews” a year, said department spokesman Mathias Anderson.

“This is so routine and so mundane,” Anderson said from Washington Friday.

“It is really amazing to see it get this kind of attention.”

But Asian-American educators and advocacy groups said the federal review was needed because of increasing competition for the UC system’s most sought-after campuses, UCLA and UC Berkeley.

“If nothing else,” said Henry Day, executive director of the San Francisco-based Chinese for Affirmative Action, “what we are hopeful hope is for UCLA and UC Berkeley to have an accountable admissions process and policies that are fair and open and well-publicized.”

Concerns were stirred three years ago when figures showed a drop in the Asian admission rates, said UCLA School of Education assistant professor Don Nakashiki, who has a grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights to conduct a five-year study of Asian-Americans and admissions to colleges nationwide.

He said the concern remains, even though the admission rates have stabilized.

At UC Berkeley, more than 25 percent of the undergraduates are Asian, while Asians and Filipinos make up 24.7 percent of UCLA undergraduates.

In the mid-1980s, Nakashiki said he noticed in his study that the Asian admission rate slipped substantially after being at the same or higher rate than whites.

It was suspicious because Asian high school students continued to qualify for UC admission at a higher rate than whites did.

Figures from the UCLA planning office provided by Nakashiki show that the Asian admission rate is at its lowest point this decade, 38.2 percent in 1987, compared to 82.4 percent in 1980.

But the slippage has slowed.

He cites inclusion of Asian-American faculty members on the admission committees and a recent change in the university’s policy of admitting poor Asian-Americans under an affirmative action program.

Pepperdine

plan rejected to save coast

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. (AP) — The California Coastal Commission on Friday rejected most of a long-range development plan submitted by Pepperdine University, which sought permission to dramatically expand its seaside campus.

The school, however, reserved the right to resubmit a modified version of the plan to the 12-member board in January.

The 15-year master plan submitted by the university outlined future development that would have enabled the liberal arts college to roughly double its 2,500-student enrollment and triple the size of the Malibu campus by 1997.

The commission did approve a separate request to expand the campus by about 200,000 square feet, including the construction of a 50,000-square-foot performing arts center, an athletics facility, and a marine sciences education center.

The decision came as concern intensified among neighbors about the school's expansion plans and the demand for additional housing for the area's 16,000 residents.

The commission has now rejected the Pepperdine plan.

Pepperdine University will be limited to developing about 275,000 square feet of additional space over the next 15 years, the commission said.

The university has vowed to appeal the decision.

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Traditional turkey, pie planned for First Family

WASHINGTON (AP) — President and Mrs. Reagan will have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner Thursday for their holiday dinner at their California ranch.

Mrs. Reagan’s press secretary, Elaine Cristine, released this menu Monday for the 77th in a row that the Reagans have served: Turkey, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, string beans with almonds, monkey bread, mashed potatoes, salad and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Food bank reopening to serve needy

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Thanks to an outpouring of community support, a food bank that was forced to close last month will open back up on Thanksgiving to feed the needy on Wednesday.

The Alameda Boy Scouts Council collected 25,000 items of food during the weekend for the Alameda Food Bank as part of a nationwide food drive sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America.

“IT’s the biggest thing that has ever happened to us,” said Ken Smith, president of the food bank’s board of directors. “This will keep us healthy for quite awhile.”

At the beginning of last week the scouts dropped off bags at virtually every residence in the city. Organizers hoped to get 15,000 items of food. They got 10,000 more than that in Saturday’s drive.

“The response by Alamedans was way beyond expectations,” said Tom Tuttle, managing editor of the Times-Star and chairman of the Boy Scouts food drive. “They have given the food bank back that it lost that will make the holiday season a lot brighter and happier for many people.”

The food bank serves free food to about 2,000 needy people a month.
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From page 1 selective," she said. "They're not endangering any rare or endangered species."
Johnson, who in 1976 confirmed the poisoning by examining five birds, also agreed.
"The university is a little more sensitive now to clobbering wildlife," he said jokingly.
Still, there is new concern of the rising blackbird populations. Crabb hopes the city will start a trapping program with Cal Poly again, but nothing has been confirmed yet.
No one took the incident as an omen of Thanksgiving, but it was not forgotten. Exactly one year later, the Telegram-Tribune reported pranksters placed about 30 pigeons in a parked patrol car behind the city's police station at Santa Rosa and Walnut Streets. Eleven birds died, and the rest were released under the watchful eyes of police and civilian employees.

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