Fake ID will mean felony for offender

By J.W. McPhail

Fake identification cards obtained by lying to the Department of Motor Vehicles are easy to get and well sold, say those who have them, but if they are confiscated, the charge is felony fraud.

Using an ID that belongs to someone else, or altering one, is a lesser, misdemeanor crime. A felony conviction stays on a person's record for life.

Tim, 19-year-old Cal Poly student, said to get his ID, he told the DMV he was 22, bought the certificate and license number from the DMV and gave them his own height, weight and eye color. In a few weeks he had a driver's license in his name and his brother's name and age, 22.

"I can get into any bar, anywhere," said Tim.

At first Tim said he had trouble getting into some nightclubs because they wanted two IDs. He said he solved the problem, said, by getting a social security card, automatic teller machine card, and a movie rental card from 7-11, all in his brother's name.

"I have a total separate wall," said Tim.

Liars who also use tougher on ID's than bars, he said. "They ask me my middle name and stuff."

A student also used a friend's information and received a license the same way as Tim. He said he has at least five friends who got them the same way.

"These IDs may be the gnarly crime," said Tim, "but they're the ones that work.

Others who used false IDs do get caught, said Sgt. Jim English of the San Luis Obispo Police Department. Ten to 20 people a month, he said, get cited in this city.

"People change a lot between 18 and 22," said English. "Though the card from the DMV is harder to prove fake than a "dummied up" card, English said, police do have their work cut out.

"Sometimes we take it out.

See ID CARD, back page

Oscar winner urges peace on earth

By Bruce Sutherland

The best way to make change in all areas, whether it be nuclear arms or the problems in Central America, the military build-up at the nation's borders, and super-powers involvement in Central America, is through the promotion of peace, said actress Vivienne Verdon-Roe, who has been a representative for Cal Poly President William Harris, David A. Louie and Lee-Ann Saxton will replace the customary Poly Royal Queen as Cal Poly's community representative.

"I think it (the panel of ambassadors) is a reflection of what Cal Poly is," said Louie. "The queen's reign is a nice tradition, I'm not knocking it at all. I just don't think it directly reflected the male side of the population. Maybe this will do a better job of representing the campus."

Another ambassador, Saxton, sees her role a little differently. "As ambassador, I'm hoping to personalize the university. I want to put a little personality behind all the answers we give."

She said she is pleased with the switch from queens to ambassadors, but that she would have tried out for Poly Royal Queen anyway.

A total of 40 hopeful candidates, each sponsored by a campus organization, were interviewed by the judges before the ceremony.

Students may face state fee hike

By Cass Caulfield

The state university fee paid by students could raise as much as 10 percent if the governor's proposed budget is approved by the legislature, said a representative for Cal Poly President Citorial and interuniversity Student Senate meeting.

"The state's financial situation is bleak and hard to predict," said Rick Ramirez, university budget officer.

The state university fee is a fee that the state charges to all students of CSU campuses. Various fees are then added by the different universities according to their needs.

Currently the yearly fee is $586 for less than six units and $644 for six units or more.

The governor's budget calls for a yearly raise to $438 for students taking under six units and $70 for students taking six units or more.

The budget still has to go through the state legislature and make its first budget bill is June 15. The governor at that point can delete funding but cannot add any funding, said Ramirez.

If the increase is approved by the legislature and the CSU trustees, it will be enacted fall quarter 1989.

Other proposed increases are the CSU application fee and the non-resident fee for out-of-state students.

These fee changes, if enacted, would also raise the amount allocated for state university grants.

Although the governor did recommend increases in budget for the CSU system, $730,000 was allocated for campus health care. However, it is uncertain how that money will be distributed to the various campuses, said Hazel Scott, dean of student affairs.

INSIDE

Firefighters do more than battle blazes and save lives.
Letters to the Editor

Three cheers for communism

Editor — In response to Jeff Coffman's letter, "King was a communist" of Jan. 19.

If those forces fighting civil rights were nothing more than forces that water-canoned and beat peaceful marchers, the crowds that brutally attacked freedom riders, the vigilantes who lynched civil rights activists — were the patriotic American amid-communities.

And if Dr. King — who helped lead the fight against such government-sponsored and condoned brutality and injustice — was a communist, is he not indeed the perfect teacher for all today?

Then all I can say is, "Three cheers for communism!"

Dave Gross
Computer Science

Dr. King did not preach violence

Editor — Unfortunately, the days of McCarthyite guilt-by-association are not yet gone in this country. This is evident from Jeff Coffman's name-dropping of "communists that were 'advisors to Dr. Martin Luther King.'"

Mr. Coffman claims that Dr. King was a communist and uses this to back himself up. He also seems to suggest that people who question the backgrounds of Dr. King are "communists that are "full of references to communism.

Reading those books might be a good idea if one is now to the debate over whether Dr. King was a communist. I can't claim to have read the specific evidence presented in Mr. Coffman's books, but I have heard the arguments against Dr. King a hundred times. Most of the shaky evidence against him has come from set-ups initiated by men like J. Edgar Hoover who hated the social justice that Dr. King was bringing to this country.

Mr. Coffman also implies that Dr. David Covin, who came here to speak about Dr. King, was a communist. Why? Because Dr. Covin specialized in "Marxism and Leninism" at Washington University. I recall that in high school, one of my history teachers gave the class the option to have his lesson temporarily stop from the book for a lesson on communism. I thought not. We simply wanted to learn what this system, which we are trained to hate, is really like.

Finally, Mr. Coffman suggests that Dr. King preached violence and seems to plead for proof of this claim with the fact that civil rights demonstrations sometimes ended in violence. Here, it is evident that Mr. Coffman is the one who needs to look up to the civil rights movement. If he did so, he would find that Dr. King was solidly against using violence to bring about social change. He would discover that before a civil rights demonstration, he would have participants swear that they would not strike back at those who attacked them.

When the civil rights demonstrations ended in violence, it was because the Bull Connors of the South attacked the peaceful demonstraters with clubs, vicious dogs and fire hoses. If after being attacked like that, some of the people couldn't keep their non-violence promise, I can hardly blame them; and Dr. King certainly doesn't blame them.

In the future, when Mr. Coffman takes a position on an issue, I would suggest he look around and see who is on his side. If he sees J. Edgar Hoover, Joe McCarthy, Bull Connell and Jesse Helms, I'd be wise to rethink his position.

Michael M. Welch
Computer Science

C-minus grade counts as a D

Editor — For those of you who missed the front page yesterday, according to Corkie Lee the academic probation cut-off is still 2.0. What kind of moron would go to a plus-minus grading system and then demand the minus as an important grade, not to mention the plus?

I may already have lost an A-plus last quarter, but now I have the future of missing 30 for every claim with the fact that civil rights demonstrations sometimes ended in violence. There it is, in evidence that Dr. King is the one who needs to look up to the civil rights movement. If he did so, he would find that Dr. King was solidly against using violence to bring about social change. He would discover that before a civil rights demonstration, he would have participants swear that they would not strike back at those who attacked them.

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Academics or athletics?

Past Deadline

By Alison Skratt

Academics or athletics? Much has been said in recent months about the standards of our university. So many people claim to be "human beings" of Cal Poly. It is the university's prerogative on who they let into the collegiate environment.

The students have no knowledge of the field. Once again we apologize to all students who will lose use of the third gym and recreational facility and we cry and fuss when ASI asks for a lousy $2 increase? Our faculty want to pay $4 a quarter to increase athletic programs. We are just a group of students who enjoy a good game. Once again we apologize to all students who will lose use of the third gym and recreational facility. So, yes, this new standard should have an adverse effect on the number of poor academic standings allowed into the collegiate environment through athletics.

The standards are way biased. The standards are too high, graduated from here, you just have "gotten away" with it, and you can't even get a big university to work around your schedule.

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Men gymnasts doing well

By Michael J. Levy
Start Writer

Even though it was their rookie year, the men’s gymnastic team did just quite well this year, thank you.

In four meets, they earned a record of 2-2 in terms of team scores.

But their biggest accomplishment was sending one of their members to compete, to the Division II nationals.

This year they hope to send that next year, with more of the team mains, which they will be hosting with the women’s team on April 7-8.

While the team is only recognized as a club, they will compete as individual teams at the national meet.

Three promising newcomers are junior transfer John Van Heiningen, freshman Ken Jones, and Kim Wells.

Van Heiningen will join Eagan in the all-around, while Jones will perform both the floor exercise and the uneven bars.

Fowler, Marci Lacert, Amy Humble, and Kerri Traves will be used although the Mustangs will still compete with six members.

Thus far Bolen has been consistent in the uneven parallel bars, while Jeff’s performance in the vault has placed her in the top three in every meet.

“Reardon adds a lot of stability to the team in the balance beam,” Rivera said. “The season is young and already she has scored a 9.25.”

Lacer has proven her worth to the Mustangs open the season tomorrow night against Sacramento State in Clarendon Gym.

Since Sacramento State only has five gymnasts and this is their first year, the team scoring will be done differently.

Usually the top five scores of six performers are used in the team score. At this time, only the top three scores will be used, although the Mustangs will still compete with six members.

Team captain and acting men’s coach Jeff Whitmer, is not looking for perfection in this first meet, just the basics.

“...it’s the first meet of the year. We’ll look for everyone to stick to their basic routines. Because of the novelty, we just want everyone to nail their routine.”

Because the team foundation is only two years old, Whitmer said he has already seen big improvements this year.

“It was hard to get schools to compete against us last year because they didn’t know we had a team ... now bigger schools are asking us to compete,” he said.

The team might also grow through word-of-mouth because members of last year’s team have been able to tell others about the program.

Whitmer said that a few freshmen are looking at coming to Cal Poly because of the gymnastics team.

Because of this, he expects next year’s team to be even better.

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Sports Clubs

Cal Poly Men's and Women's Polo Teams will attempt to perform what no other Cal Poly squash team has tried in the past—12 hours of continuous water polo.

The teams will be playing regulation games from 2 p.m. today until 2 a.m. Saturday at the outdoor pool.

Admission is free.

The purpose is to help the team raise funds for the upcoming season. Community support is needed because water polo is not an NCAA recognized sport at Cal Poly and receives no funds to compete, Brian Hill said.

The women's team competed in their first tournament last weekend defeating UC Berkeley, tying UCSB and losing to UC Davis.

The men have just finished their best season in 10 years with a record of 17-6-0 with all their losses coming to Top Ten Division I teams.

Tony Lee, president of both the sports club council and the men's water polo team, said, "The teams must be given a lot of credit, they have the toughest schedules of any team in California. They must travel 500-600 miles on a weekend in private cars just to compete with other school supported teams."

The Cal Poly Crew is holding its fifth annual Erg-a-thon Jan. 19 to 21, at the Old Mission Plaza.

The Erg-a-thon is a fundraising event that is actually a "row-a-thon" using exercise (rowing) machines rather than racing hours.

The crew hopes to row 1300 miles on the machines during the 48-hour event, with the men's and women's crews taking turns.

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There also isn't any time for these individuals to sit around and pet the dalmations they don't have or play cards. And you may see a heavy-set firefighter run like crazy, jump, and get blisters sliding down the pole. Sorry, there aren't any poles in one's house.

For the most part, the stereotypical firefighter doesn't exist. Firefighters are highly trained emergency response professionals who continually update their training. In Dolder's terms that means it's a lot of hard work both physically and mentally.

Another tactical method is working with other fire departments. Cal Poly works with both the city and county on emergency preparedness as well as mutual-aid network. And they often share the lighter moments together.

Bob Neumann, San Luis Obispo's assistant Fire Chief, remembered one call he went out on where a little boy had gotten his finger stuck.

"Right up there in the Cal Poly area," he responded to a young five-year-old who got his index finger stuck in a tire bag,

Neumann said, "The finger went in but didn't want to come out. We got it out after about three hours."

Another story Neumann related was one that held a twist of irony.

The Obispo Theater, formerly located where the parking lot in front of the Theatre building sits is now located, burned down Dec. 28, 1979.

"Believe it or not the movie that was scheduled the following week was 'Gone With the Wind.' " Neumann said with a twinkle of laughter.

Some may have seen the movie "Runaway with Steve Martin. San Luis Obispo Fire Chief Michael Dolder said it portrayed some of the realities of firefighting. And some of the humor.

In the movie Steve Martin faces the stereotypical firefighter task of getting a cat out of a tree. Martin coaxes the cat down with a can of cut food but Dolder insists he would not try it.

"It's not that Dolder doesn't get those calls, it's that he draws a line.

"Those cats are still up there," Dolder said.

"Ever see a skeleton of a car anywhere?" Neumann added. Behind Dolder a photograph of a burning structure hangs on the wall as a reminder of a fire that happened in the 1930s. When asked about Dolder and Neumann laugh.

"We were hoping you wouldn't ask us about that one," Dolder said. "That's the old fire station on Higuera Street."

Story and photos by Steve Harmon

Under a mutual-aid agreement, Cal Poly and SLO firefighters join when extra manpower is needed.

Fire jackets hang ready for the next emergency.

Neumann said flaming squirrels caused that one. It was actually an electrical problem in the bell tower, said Dolder.

Firefighters may be jack-of-all-trades but their focus is one—fighting fires as best as they know how.

"At the end of Runaway when they show the firefighters coming together to fight a fire that's what it's like," Dolder said. "It's a very well-organized, orchestrated attack. Sure, we do a lot of other tasks but when the alarm goes off, everybody gets together.

Under a program called mutual aid, Cal Poly's fire department works with the city and county. They see the role of firefighter changing, too.

"We're more than just firefighters," Rick Smiley, Cal Poly fire captain, said. Smiley has worked at the fire station for 17 years.

"Fifty percent of our calls are medical. We also clean up hazardous waste, rescue people out of elevators. We respond to just about every emergency."

But who would want to put their life on the line knowing that each day might present some new risks and hazards, knowing that you are expected to be a lifesaver in life and death situations?

"By knowing your stuff you can be prepared," Smiley said. "We're not experts in one field or another but we can do just about anything. We're jack-of-all-trades. Ninety-nine percent of it is common sense."

John Paulsen, Cal Poly assistant director of the fire section, said the public often calls the fire department for things that are unrelated to fighting fires.

"When I worked as a firefighter in Los Angeles, we'd get all kinds of calls," Paulsen said. "One lady had a problem with her toilet. It wouldn't stop—it you know the thing inside, the flap that regulates water? She didn't know who to call so she called us and we fixed it."

Paulsen said they didn't send her a plumber because what response do they give to a lady? "Well, I'll be out next week or so. No, they calls."

Despite the humor in some calls, Paulsen said that every call is given the same consideration because that's the way firefighters operate.

"It is a problem for them and until we get there and assure them it's not a problem then it is one," Paulsen said.

Aside from the lighter duties of a firefighter, there has been a definite increase in the amount of skills and training required. There's a multiplicity of hazardous chemicals being trucked all over the highways, more traffic on the road and therefore more accidents that require investigation.

In the last 20 years Paulsen has seen the level of training increase.

"Today's firefighter has to have a basic knowledge of chemicals, fire prevention, investigation, " Paulsen said. "In the past you'd just go out and put the fire out and go home. Today, it's much more than that.

Paulsen, however, still thinks the term firefighter is appropriate to describe the job but perhaps sees the need for some re-wording of the definition.

More and more firefighters are involved in medical services than they used to be," Paulsen said. "Hazardous waste cleanup is growing. The definition is changing."

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple Computer Inc. on Thursday unveiled a new Model in its Macintosh computer line, one that runs four times faster than the Macintosh SE.

The announcement by the Cupertino desktop computer maker came two days after it lowered prices on some of its other products.

Dubbed the Macintosh SE-30, the new system packs about the same power as Apple's top-of-the-line Macintosh II in a computer that appears identical to the earlier transportable Macintosh products.

Apple will show off the new computer at Macworld Expo, which is open to the public Friday through Sunday at Moscone Center and Brooks-Hall Civic Center. The event is expected to draw 55,000 people.

Apple Chairman John Sculley said he expected the SE-30 to play a vital role in Apple's success, comparing it to the company's earlier Macintosh Plus, the first Macintosh computer with features for business use.

Some industry observers say the SE-30 lacks the dramatic innovation of some earlier Apple products.

"They said the same thing about the Macintosh Plus," Sculley said. "Almost everybody in the media panned it, and all it did was save the company."

Reaction to the new product was subdued.

"It's not exciting, but it's necessary for their product line," said Tim Bajarin, executive vice president of Creative Strategies Research International, a market research company in Santa Clara.

The SE-30 is available in three configurations ranging in price from $4,500 to $6,700 depending on the amount of memory and size of the hard disk.

"It's expensive," said Tom Lafleur, director of engineering at Qualcomm Inc. The San Diego satellite communications company uses about 200 Macintosh computers.

PEACE

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dience asked Verdon-Roe if she felt America's system of government needed to be changed.

"We do not need to change the system," she answered. "We need to use it."

Verdon-Roe cited Americans' apathetic attitude toward the voting process as the one right citizens most need to exercise.

The event was sponsored by Students for Social Responsibility, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Corita Billboard Project and the Central Coast Peace Network.
Killer had ‘a hate for everybody’

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — Patrick Edward Purdy was a loner with drug and alcohol problems and "a hate for everybody," but police said on Thursday they will never know why he staged his murderous commando raid on a schoolyard crowded with playing children.

And although most of his victims were the children of Southeast Asian refugees, Police Capt. Dennis Perry discounted the possibility Purdy had a racist dislike for Southeast Asian alone.

"Through his lifetime," Mr. Purdy developed a hate for everybody," Perry said at a crowded news conference.

Perry described Purdy as a "loner, (with) no friends, no particularly known girlfriends, a problem with alcohol, a problem with marijuana and a distinct dislike for everybody — not a particular race, everybody."

But, said Perry, "in a way he beat us, because we'll never know (why he did it)."

Perry, who is heading up the investigation into Tuesday's massacre at the Cleveland Elementary School, which Purdy attended as a child, said the gunman also expressed hatred for police and would not have had a problem killing an officer.

He said Purdy's enemy list apparently varied from day to day. He might be at one man group but, "the next day he if he talked to Joe Dokes and he talked about the sunshine... he probably didn't like them either."

Purdy, 24, slipped onto the school campus at about 11:40 a.m. on Tuesday after igniting the fuse on a pipe bomb he left in his battered 1977 station wagon.

He opened fire with a Chinese-made semiautomatic AK-47 assault rifle as hundreds of children ramped across the schoolyard, killing five youngstors and wounding 30 others, including a teacher, with 106 to 110 shots. Then he turned a pistol on himself, dying from a single shot to the head.

The dead and most of the wounded were children of refugee families from Southeast Asia. Southeast Asian pupils make up about 71 percent of the school's enrollment of 986 pupils in grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

Steve Sloan, who worked with Purdy at a Stockton machine shop, said Thursday he did not recall telling an area newspaper Purdy "hated" the Vietnamese. He said he remembered one conversation in which Purdy expressed his disdain at how Southeast Asian refugees were treated when they arrived in the United States.

"We allow Vietnamese to come in and we give them a place of residence and a car and money and help to find a job," Sloan said in describing Purdy's attitude. "I'm sure he did" harbor a dislike for Vietnamese, Sloan added, but said Purdy never singled out any racial or ethnic groups.

"He expressed hatred and bitterness and anger towards just about anybody who asked him to do something," Sloan, 29, said, adding that Purdy appeared to feel he was being "dealt a short deck."

"It always seemed like he was on the edge of snapping," he said.

5.0 quake hits southland; causes Malibu rockslides

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A strong earthquake shook a 70-mile area late Wednesday, causing downtown buildings to sway and rockslides in Malibu, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or major damage.

"It's the strongest earthquake I've felt in 14 years of living in Los Angeles. It actually scared me. Our house went dark. My daughter woke up and began crying," said Rick Cziment of the Venice area, 10 miles southwest of downtown.

The quake, which struck at 10:35 p.m., was centered about eight miles south of Malibu in the Pacific Ocean.

The tremor registered 5.0 on the Richter Scale, according to the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

It was felt as far away as Santa Barbara, 70 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

Some power and telephone services were cut, but the Los Angeles County sheriff's department said there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude.

An earthquake of 3.5 on the Richter scale can cause slight damage in the local area, 4 moderate damage, 5 considerable damage, 6 severe damage. A 7 reading is a "major" earthquake, capable of widespread heavy damage; 8 is a "great" quake, capable of tremendous damage.

Judge declares a mistrial; says case is threat to health

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A senior federal judge declared a mistrial Tuesday after more than two weeks of trial in the lawsuit of a woman who contends Searle's contraceptive intrauterine device left her sterile.

The woman's lawyer said he was outraged by the judge's action and predicted the cost of retrying the case would be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Lawyers for Searle, however, were more circumspect.

"I think the judge's commentary speaks for itself," said Winchestter Cooley, Searle lawyer.

After the mistrial was declared, the case was assigned to U.S. District Judge Marian Pfanzler, who will hear it as soon as his schedule permits.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Once again Democrats are out in the cold on Inauguration Day, spectators as a Republican Takes office as president. But like George Bush, the Democrats are developing a special fondness for Martin Van Buren.

In his first news conference as president-elect, Bush expressed his gratitude to President Reagan and then said, "I also want to thank Martin Van Buren for paving the way. It's been a long time, Marty."

Not since Van Buren's election in 1836 had an incumbent vice president succeeded in winning the White House.

But the Democrats like the second half of the Van Buren story: he was a one-term president, defeated when he ran for re-election in 1840. As usual, there is a bumper crop of politicians hoping to be the star at a Democratic celebration next Inauguration Day.

Start with familiar names from the 1988 campaign — Michael Dukakis, Jesse Jackson, Lloyd Bentsen, Albert Gore Jr., Richard Gephardt. All are regarded as likely contenders when the 1992 campaign gets rolling.

Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey and Sam Nunn of Georgia refused to run in 1988, but may not be so reticent the next time around.

The same goes for Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas. Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York is a name sure to come up in connection with 1992. And would the early stages of presidential speculation be complete without mention of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy? What about a woman? Rep. Patricia Schroeder of Colorado was tempted to join the 1988 field, but decided against it.

Long shot? The Senate is filled with them.

Sen. George Mitchell of Maine was no sooner elected majority leader than thieves began suggesting he'd be an impressive presidential candidate.

Newly elected Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska also was being mentioned even before moving to Washington.

The same was true of Sen. Charles Robb of Virginia.

Several of the most prominent prospects for 1992 have re-election campaigns in 1990. They include Bradley, Gore, Nunn, Cuomo, Sens. Gordon and Schroeder.

Dukakis, the defeated 1988 presidential nominee, recently announced he would not seek another term as governor of Massachusetts in 1990, a decision he said "was nothing to do with national office."

But, if nothing else, said one of the lessons he had learned in 1988 was that "it is very difficult to run for the presidency as an incumbent governor."

Panasonic agrees to repay consumers in price-fix scam

NEW YORK (AP) — Up to 665,000 Panasonic customers victimized by a nationwide price-fixing scheme are due as much as $16 million in refunds from the Japanese consumer electronics giant, officials said.

The settlement Panasonic agreed to Wednesday could be extended to every state except Hawaii, New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams told a news conference.

Abrams said that Panasonic cheated customers by illegally pressuring dealers to buy its products at certain prices, thereby driving competitors out of business, lowering consumer options and driving up prices.

"There was an elaborate nationwide plan to manipulate consumer prices in a way that virtually guaranteed that Panasonic's competitors could not compete," Abrams said.

"We believe this was an improper and illegal action," said a Panasonic spokesman. "Panasonic has been cooperative in this matter from the beginning."

Panasonic denied wrongdoing, saying it had been "cooperative in every respect."

"The settlement is an important step toward restoring consumer confidence in our products," said Ralph Wolfe, vice president of Panasonic, a division of Matsushita Electric Corp. of America.

Abrams said the scheme involved 16 products sold under the Panasonic and Technics labels, including videocassette recorders, video cameras, cordless phones, answering machines and stereo equipment.

Miami estimates riot damage

MIAMI (AP) — Violence in black neighborhoods ebbed Thursday as officials estimated riot damage to buildings at less than $1 million and the community began examining the causes of the uprising.

The rage touched off by an Hispanic police officer's shooting of an unarmed black motorcyclist Monday left one man dead, seven others shot and some 370 people arrested.

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What about a woman? Rep. Patricia Schroeder of Colorado was tempted to join the 1988 field, but decided against it.

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Coal shortage idles China's energy supply

BEIJING (AP) — Coal-rich Shaanxi province is running out of the fossil fuel that keeps its power plants running.

Luxury hotels in Beijing have been told to cut energy use by 10 percent during peak hours, and factories are being forced to shut down because of power shortages.

Across China, millions of workers are idled and homes are darkened every day as the nation's surging demand for energy far outstrips its ability to produce power.

The problem is made worse by an inefficient transportation system, antiquated machinery, delays in construction of new facilities and unreasonably low energy rates.

The People's Daily said Wednesday that Shaanxi's seven power stations, which supply more than half the electricity in northwestern China, are down to reserves of only 80,000 tons of coal.

The coal shortages persisted through the second half of 1988, the newspaper said. One problem has been that coal mines in Shaanxi, which has reserves of 984 billion tons, have shipped coal to other provinces to get a better price.

China produced about 900 million tons of coal last year, more than any country in the world, but chronic shortages in some areas worsened as a result of transport bottlenecks and poor distribution.

Coal is used for about 70 percent of China's generating capacity of 100 million kilowatts of electricity. The rest comes from hydroelectric power. Two nuclear power plants are under construction, but China has no operating nuclear reactors.

The official China Daily said Tuesday the lack of suitable coal in power plants was causing serious power shortages in the capital.

Residents in the northwest section of the city had no power during the evening hours three days a week, and 200 large factories were told they will lose 40 percent of their power supply during peak morning and evening hours on some days.

The Daily said a 2,000-employee towel factory will have to find menial work for 300 workers during peak electricity hours because their production line will be shut down.

Last year the city banned the use of air conditioners and electrical heaters in all public buildings, excepting such places as hospitals, hotels, movie theaters and laboratories.

China is trying to solve the energy crisis by building new railway lines to transport coal, raising the cost of electricity and giving priority to energy projects.
LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Nancy Reagan told old pal Marc Griffin of her post-White House dream to open a drug rehabilitation center in her name, “every mover and shaker” was called to action.

Rolls-Royces bearing such luminaries as Texas oilman Marvin Davis, media magnate Rupert Murdoch and actress Eva Gabor poured into Griffin’s Beverly Hills estate last May for a power breakfast at his open-pavilion mansion.

But the self-described “little people” of Lake View Terrace, fearing the center proposed for the bankrupt Lake View Terrace Medical Center would only invite more crime, just said no — sparking a bitter battle described as “David versus Goliath.”

“I’m not fighting Nancy Reagan, I’m not fighting Ronald or what they stand for or what they do. I just don’t think this is the place for it,” said Susan Kent, 28, who lives across the street from the medical center.

Kent and others picked up a welcome-home gala for the Reagans earlier this month with signs reading, “If you really care, put it in Bel-Air,” referring to the place for it.

Lake View Terrace is a small town on the edge of Los Angeles. It sits at the foot of the Angeles National Forest — one of the last semi-rural havens for folks who prefer goats grazing next door to Ferraris cruising Sunset Boulevard.

When two planes collided over nearby Pacoima Junior High School in 1957, an accident pictured in the movie “La Bamba,” there was no place to take the dying. The residents rallied to build the medical center.

“So it holds a very special place in the hearts of the people,” says Lewis Snow, an officer in the Lake View Terrace Home Owners Association.

Snow and others want another hospital, and not a drug center they believe will attract dope dealers and deviate property in the neighborhood which has been waging a battle against drugs and crime. They fear the center’s residents will target nearby homes when they need extra cash.

“ want to come back and go right to work.”

Griffin responded to her plea by inviting “every mover and shaker in this part of the world” to his May 2 breakfast. Mrs. Reagan is not the former First Lady to lend her name to a substance abuse center. Betty Ford acknowledged alcoholism and founded the Betty Ford Center at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, 120 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

But its celebrity clientele — Lil’ Wayne, Tupac, Johnny Cash and Johnny Cash — caused no similar backlash.

About $4 million has been raised toward the estimated $10 million cost of the Reagan center, including $1 million at the $25,000-a-plate welcome home party thrown by Barron Hilton and Griffin.

Lil’ Wayne, who would site would offer treatment, research and training, opening 150 beds to teen-agers who live and attend school at the center, where Mrs. Reagan will have an office. It also would house 60 young adults needing treatment. An intervention unit would counsel 15 to 30 youngsters who have just become involved in drugs.

The residents will not have a history of violence, nor be on drugs when admitted, though some might be on probation. The agency boasts a 90 percent success rate among the 40,000 or so graduates of its program.

The Los Angeles Police Department has remained neutral, but area Capt. Tim McBride obviously is willing to give Phoenix House a chance.

“We have a serious drug problem all across the country and we’ve got to do something about that problem. The information I have about Phoenix House is that they’re successful and they’re well run.”

The center might open this year, but roadblocks remain.

Residents planned to sieze a hearing Friday. On Wednesday, City Councilman Ermani Bernardi, who represents the area and supports opposing residents, requested an environmental impact report. That could mean an eight-month setback for the center if the council agrees to the report Tuesday.

Some residents believe the center will find a home elsewhere.

“We definitely have a David versus Goliath fight,” says resident Jules Bagneris. “And David did win.”
Parents of youngest college grad reach joint custody

Santa Cruz, Calif. (AP) — The domestic storm tearing at De Mello was the bright boy who graduated from college at 12, has been quelled as his parents reach a joint custody agreement.

The publicly cited case was headed for trial in Santa Cruz County Superior Court when On Wednesday, De Mello, 27, who was in terms in their custody battle, according to the attorneys for the father, Agustin De Mello, and his friend, 'AD' to his friends, made headlines last week when he was graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz. He was reported by the Guinness Book of World Records as the youngest college graduate.

The court-approved agreement came after Santa Cruz County attorneys sought trial to have De Mello named a ward of the court. The placement was criticized by agreement was reached between the parents, and Mello, said lawyer Paul B. Black.

Since November, Mello has been living with his mother, who has only a high school education, and has often supervised visits with his son.

The country's child protective service agency is no longer involved in the case.

Meltzer said the settlement called for the parents to pay each parent spending "significant amounts" of time with the boy to occur with each parent on alternate weekends, and no contact between the parents except during custody changes.

Close details of the pact were ordered to be kept under seal by Superior Court Judge Thomas A. Black.

Lawyer Gordon Salisbury, represented the mother, said De Mello was very happy over the peaceful solution of the dispute, which threatened to go to a full juvenile court trial with the youth as a witness.

"He is very happy the way the case is structured," said Salisbury.

"I hope my son is happy ... I'm happy with the settlement," said De Mello, whose statements after the settlement, however, reflected his own treatment by authorities.

Neither the mother nor her attorney at the trial. In September, the boy was taken by police from his father's house and placed in a foster home after officers jaded the father briefly on suspicion of child endangerment over a reported life threat involving him and his son.

"I was arrested, put in a police car and was kicked down, my son was taken away ... it shouldn't have happened," said Mello's attorney, Robert W. Meltzer.

Attorneys said the De Mello case is closed, but could be reopened if other important disagreements surface between the parents, such as DeAgrod's future education.
Friday

*AA meets in the Health Center, room 12 at 11 a.m.

*A Central Coast Ethics Seminar will be held at Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Lompoc. For registration and information call 736-6415.

Saturday

*Polly Pals picnic for parents, volunteers and pals will be held at Santa Rosa Park at 11 a.m. The charge is $1.

*Financial aid workshops begin Jan. 12. Workshops will discuss how to fill out SAAC forms, changes in 1989-90 forms and scholarship opportunities. Deadline for the SAAC form is March 2. Dates for the workshops are: Jan. 26, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in UU 219; Feb. 1, 8 to 10 p.m. in Yosemite Hall; 21st, 8 to 10 p.m. in Santa Lucia Dorm. For further information call extension 2927.

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ID CARD

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"quor stores," said English. The police catch several minors with fake IDs a month using the stake-outs, he said. When confronted by police, English said, people don't lie well. Often officers will take the friends of the suspects aside and ask them their friend's name and other information to see if it checks out with what's on the card.

Nightclubs, especially the Graduate, are other places where false IDs are found.

Three people were cited for false IDs Wednesday night at the Graduate, said Lt. Jerry Lenhart, also of the San Luis Obispo police.

A manager of the Graduate, Chuck Degroo, said that on busy nights they will usually confiscate three or four false IDs, and sometimes up to 10. Some of them are sloppy, said Degroo, and some of them are really good.

"If the information matches them well," Degroo said, "we'll let them in."

If there is a question, the doorman will ask for a signature or another ID. If the doorman is pretty sure the ID is fake, he will give it back to the person and will turn them away. If it's positively a fake, said Degroo, the card is confiscated and sent to an investigator for the DMV.

The DMV was not available for comment at press time.

"I'm not worried about it (getting caught) at all," said Tim, "but maybe I should be."