Oscar winner urges peace on earth

By Bruce Sutherland

Oscar winner Vivienne Verdon-Roé urges peace on earth in her latest film, "The Last Epidemic." Verdon-Roé received an Oscar nomination for her performance in "The Nuclear Shadow: What Can the Children Tell Us?" during the Prague Film Festival in 1982. She is recognized for her contributions to promoting peace and awareness of nuclear issues through her work in film and her role as a political activist.

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, said 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.

Ambassadors crowned for new Royal tradition

By Lisa Parsons

The Poly Royal Ambassadors, sponsored by the Poly Student Government, were crowned on Monday, January 23, with six new ambassadors to represent Cal Poly at various events. The coronation took place in the Student Union Ballroom, and the ceremony was attended by faculty, staff, and students.

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. Students taking under six units and those taking six or more units would have to pay $300 for students taking six units or more.

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

If those forces fighting civil rights were communists, these forces that water-canoned and beat peaceful marchers, the crowds that brutally attacked freedom riders, the vigilantes who had their own civil rights activi­

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

Mr. Coffman claims that Dr. King was a communist and uses this fact to back himself up. He also suggests that people read the biographies of Dr. King which are "full of references to communism."

Mr. Coffman also implies that Dr. David Cosin, who came here to speak about Dr. King, was a communist. Why? Because Dr. Cosin 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 str for a book on a lesson on communism. I think not.

We simply wanted to learn what system, which we are trained to take a stand against.

Finally, Mr. Coffman suggests that Dr. King preached violence instead of non-violence from the fact that he was shot. In fact, it is evi­

dent that Mr. Coffman is the one who needs to be educated on the civil rights move­

ments. If he did so, he would understand that Dr. King was soldly against using vio­

lence as a means of social change. He would discover that before a civil rights demonstra­

tor is murdered, he or she is generally not aware that they would not strike back at those who attacked them.

When the civil rights demonstrations ended in violence, it was because the Bull Con­

ners of the South attacked the peaceful demonstrators 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 would not blame them.

In the future, when Mr. Coff­

man 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 Mc­

Carthy, Bull Connors and Jesse Helms, I would suggest he rethink his position.

Michael M. Welch

C-minus grade counts as a D

Editor — For those of you who missed the front page yesterday, according to Corkie Lee the aca­

demic probation cut-off is still 2.0. What kind of moron would go to a plus-minus grading system and then disen­

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 luxury of doing 30 for a C-minus (1.7) going into the final AP evaluation. I figure with the exam scores I already lost for the A-plus, that's a 60 turn around. Have you people forgotten C-minus has actually taken the form of a D. A 70 to 71 percent grade was always termined average until yester­
day. The officials at the registrar are doing something to the academic standards. For many people on the edge, this is very frightening. According to the Education News that your parents read, the grading system for AP limit would be implemented. Hey Poly, when were you thinking about doing this? Don't feel like waiting three or four quarters while the Student Senate battles it out with the plus-minus system still active. I haven't seen any on-campus pro­
tests for anything, and this is well worth it. I ask you to reader to show some form of pro­
test (even a simple letter to the mayor), taking it to the teacher, talk to ASI, or just flood letters into the paper. As a freshman we can go to school with a fairly clean record. I know I can't change it myself.

I say we should change the nature of the grading system and get back the old. So how about thinking about this once and for all. Let's protest.

David Redding

Graphic Communication

Apology for L-field thrashing

Editor — In regards to John Vlahadres and the Rugby team's Jan. 12 letter: I would like to apologize for the destruction of the L-shaped field last Saturday. It never occurred to any of us that this could be a real field. But before you ramble on about any longer about our lack of con­

sciousness, the better for us and for你们. If the field had just been rode­

ed it should have been ropped off. The students have no knowledge of maintance oc­
curs, therefore it is up to the university to inform us. The students of the residence halls have little or no field time alike. This takes away the advantage of the few hours granted once a week. The students here must be in­

considerate as a whole. We are a just a group of students who are more or less the same fraternity group using the field, and proceeded by another group of students from the residence halls.

We agree that we need to use our facilities wisely, and that the thrashing of the field was a great misuse of our facilities. However, destruction was out of hand. We are just a group of students who enjoy a good ball game and a good football game. Once again apologize to all students who will lose use of the field.

John Smith

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

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Academics or athletics?

Past Deadline

By Alison Skratt
Gymnasts have high hopes

By Anthony M. Romero

The Cal Poly gymnastics team has a strong mixture of talented freshmen and experienced juniors which gives Head Coach Tim Rivera high hopes for his Mustangs. Those high hopes will be tested tonight against Division I teams San Jose State and UC Santa Barbara and Division II rival Sacramento State at 7:30 p.m. in Gym.

"Our people are shifting around quite well to give us lots of depth this year," Rivera said.

That depth is anchored by strong uppersclassmen as well as strong placings from the freshmen. The uppersclassmen are led by junior All-Americans Kim Wells and Mimi Pham, as well as Mary Kay Humble and uneven bars specialist Julie Bell.

Thus far Bolen has been consistent in the uneven parallel bars, while Pham, Humble, and Wells have shown their leadership as they have taken turns scoring the most points in the all-around the past three meets.

Freshmen Theresa Bell, Dawn Fowler, Marcia Lercy, Amy Reardon and Elise Anderson have all made their presence felt. Anderson has been the highest Mustang scorer in the last two meets 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."

Lercy has proven her worth around quite well to give us lots of depth this year," Rivera said.

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Sports

KJDJ will become radio voice of Cal Poly sports

By Tara Giambalvo

Play-by-play broadcasts of Cal Poly's football and men's basketball games will be broadcast on KJDJ (1030 News Radio) instead of KVEC Radio beginning July 1.

KJDJ bid $17,585 for the exclusive right to broadcast regularly scheduled games for three years, said Ken Walker, Cal Poly athletic director.

"1030 News Radio's interest in high-quality broadcasts and active participation in the promotion of our events throughout the Central Coast area are particularly exciting," he said.

The contract also allows the broadcast of selected women's volleyball and men's baseball games and gives KJDJ first refusal rights to other Cal Poly athletic events.

David Cox, general manager of KJDJ, said the station plans to focus on the technical aspects of game broadcasts.

He said he plans to upgrade phone lines to bring studio-quality sound and crowd noises to listeners.

He also wants to add a third broadcaster at the sidelines to get closer as the action that might be missed by regular broadcasters and to record crowd noises.

"There's a total experience that goes beyond the game," Cox said.

KJDJ has no plans to broadcast any other local school sports.

"We think we're the premier product here in Cal Poly," he said. "We're putting all our eggs into that one basket."

Broadcasts of games between now and July 1 will still be aired on KVEC, which has broadcast Cal Poly football games since the 1980s and men's basketball games since early 1960s.

KVEC, however, chose not to bid for the new contract.

"We just decided to pass," Nick Miles, owner of KVEC, told the County Telegram-Tribune. "It just didn't work for us. We thought it over very carefully but decided against it."

He cited conflicts with the station's broadcasts of Los Angeles professional and college sports.

"We tried it. Took a long, hard look at it, and it just didn't work for us," Miles said.

Rush Miler, general manager of KVEC, said Wednesday she had no further comments on why the station chose not to bid.

KJDJ was chosen after the team scoring went beyond the game. Cox said.

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Sports Clubs

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

The team 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, using 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 in 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 ergometers (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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Help Wanted: seeking fast thinking, physically fit, versatile person who will risk life and limb to fix toilets and fight conflagrations.

Must be willing to work long hours without sleep, have stamina and concentration. Ability to laugh and cry and maintain cool is essential. Pay is fair.

Who would respond to an ad like that? A firefighter.

And you thought they just fought fires. Think again.

There also isn’t any time for these individuals to sit around and pet the dahliam they don’t have or play cards. And you may be wondering where these heavily-suited firefighters run like crazy, jump, and get blisters sliding down the pole. Sorry, there aren’t any poles in one-second firehouses.

For the most part, the steroeotypical firefighter doesn’t exist. Firefighters are highly trained emergency response professionals who continually update their training. In layperson’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 services as part of a mutual aid network. And they often share the lighter moments together.

Bob Neumann, San Luis Obispo Fire, is a battalion chief, remembered one call he went out on where a little boy had gotten his finger stuck.

“Right up there in Cal Poly and I responded to a young five-year-old who got his index finger stuck in a siren bug.”

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 Zephyr’s is now located, burned down Dec. 28, 1975.

“Believe it or not, the movie that was scheduled the following week was ‘Gone With the Win.’”

“Neumann said with a twinkle of laughter.

Some may have seen the movie ‘Romane’ with Steve Martin. San Luis Obispo Fire Chief Michael Dolder said it portrayed some of the realities of the firefighting profession.

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 cat food but Dolder insisted he wouldn’t leave 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 cat up there?” Neumann joked.

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 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 Jacks-of-all-trades but their focus is one—fighting fires as best as they know how.

“At the end of Romane 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 its own 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 Jacks-of-all-trades.

Ninety-nine percent of it is common sense.”

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

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Lifestyle

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alleviated the problem through the use of a water main.

“Once they find out they’re not going to be fined, sued or anything else for having called us then they laugh about it,” Paulsen said. “They think ‘That was extremely unusual.’”

But why do people call the fire department for things that would be considered part of a firefighter’s duty?

“Something happens and somebody perceives it as an emergency,” Paulsen said. “And who do they call? A plumber because what response do they get? ‘Well, I’ll be out next week or so.’ No, they call us.”

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 tracked all over the highways, more traffic on the road and therefore more incidents.

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, investigating,” 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...”
Apple’s new Mac ‘not exciting,’ but runs 4 times faster than SE

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 from 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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ience 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 must exercise.

The event was sponsored by Students for Social Responsibility, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Corita Billboard Project and the Central Coast Peace Network.

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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 mad at one group but, "the next day he might be mad at another group," Perry said.

Perry said Purdy was a loner with drug and alcohol problems and a hate for everybody, but police said on Thursday he did not recall telling an area newspaper Purdy "hated" the Vietnamese. He said he remembered one conversation in which Purdy expressed his dismay at how Vietnamese 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.

Judge declares a mistrial; says case is threat to health

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A senior federal judge said he declared a mistrial in a major product-liability case against G.D. Searle because the woman’s lawyer said he believed the case was assigned to U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer, who will hear it as soon as her schedule permits.

Pfaelzer did not hear the case Tuesday because of "a scheduling conflict with trial in the G.D. Searle product-liability case against" her. She said she had been appointed judge in the case, which she had asked for, and that she was available to hear it.

The trial, which began in November, is a case filed by the widow of a woman who died of lupus, a connective tissue disease, and was taking a new contraceptive called "Gary," made by the company.

"It was felt as far away as California and the Pacific area that this case was a threat to health," Judge Irving Hill said.

The trial in the mistrial Tuesday after more than two weeks of testimony was assigned to U.S. District Judge Chester Cooley, Searle lawyer.

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

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 Cizmert 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 trembler 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 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.

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Inauguration day barely here, but '92 whispers abound

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once again Democrats are out in the cold on Inauguration Day, speculators 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."

But 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. Charles B. Robb of Virginia.

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 wholesalers 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. Edward M. Kennedy.

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

Dukakis, defeated the 1988 presidential nominee, recently announced he would not seek another term as governor of Massachusetts in 1990, a decision he said "was hard to do with national office."

But, it seems likely to say one of the lessons he had learned in 1988 was that "it is very difficult for an incumbent as an incumbent governor."

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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 going.

Luxury hotels in Beijing have been told to cut energy use by 30 percent during peak hours, and factories are being forced to shut down. The situation has led to a 20 percent drop in electricity use during the evening.

China produced about 900 million tons of coal last year, but the demand for energy is growing faster than the supply. The government is planning to increase coal production by 30 percent this year, but the coal shortage is expected to continue.

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Nancy Reagan drug center gets ‘No’ from community

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Nancy Reagan told old pal Mary Griffin of her post-White House dream to open a drug rehabilitation center bearing 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 actresses Eva Gabor poured into Griffin’s Beverly Hills estate last May for a power breakfast at his post-pavilion.

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 Reagans’ Bel-Air retirement home.

Lake View Terrace is a small town on the edge of a big city. 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 devolve 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.

The center is to be operated by New York-based Phoenix House, the nation’s largest private, non-profit drug abuse service agency. Founded in 1967, it operates 10 centers — six in New York and four in California — and is accustomed to opposition.

“If we had to back down every time a community said ‘not here,’ we’d never treat the drug problem in this country,” said spokesman Christopher Policastro.

Mr. Reagan, who spent her White House years with the “Just Say No” anti-drug crusade, reportedly agreed to have her name on a center located near the Reagan’s Bel-Air retirement home.

She asked Griffin to help, saying, “I 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 first 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 — Liza Minnelli, Mary Tyler Moore 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-table welcome home party thrown by Barron Hilton and Griffin.

If the site were to offer treatment, research and training, opening 150 beds to teenagers 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 20 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 youngsters who have become involved in drugs.

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

“We have a serious drug problem all across the country,” he says, “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 Bernadi, 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

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) - The domestic storm tearing at Adragon, the bright boy who graduated from college at 12, has been quieted as his parents reached a joint custody agreement.

The publicly concerned case was headed for trial in San Diego Superior Court when on Wednesday, after months of terms in their bitter custody battle, Adragon's mom, according to the attorney for the father, Agon, said, "We're moving on." Agon, 12, 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 grad.

The court-approved agreement came after Santa Cruz County attorneys sought trial to have Adragon named a ward of the court. The terms, which were reached between the parents, Adragon to Mello, and Adragon's mom, leave it up to the parents to establish the time and circumstances of their joint custody arrangements.

Since November, Adragon has been living with his mom, while Mello had closely supervised visits with his son.

The county's child protective service agency is no longer involved in the case. Mello said the settlement called for court representatives to occur with each parent on alternate weekends, and no contact between the parents during their custodial time.

Both parents ordered to be kept under seal by Superior Court Judge Thomas A. Black.

Lawyer Gordon Salisbury, represented by Adragon, said the boy was very happy over the peaceful solution of the dispute, which threatened to go to a full juvenile trial with the youth as a witness. "He is very happy the way the custody is structured," said Salisbury.

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

Neither the mother nor her attorney would comment further.

In September, the boy was taken by police from his father's house and placed in a foster home after officers jailed the father briefly on suspicion of child endangerment over a reported life threat involving him and his 13-year-old sister.

"It was arrested, put in a paddy wagon and the son was kicked down, my son was taken away... it shouldn't have happened," said Salisbury.

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

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• Mustang meets in the Health Center, room 12 at 11 a.m.

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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 forms 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, 9th and 27th, 11 to 12:30 p.m. in UU 219; 21st, 8 to 10 p.m. in Sante Lucia Dorm. For further information call extension 2927.

By Berke Breathed

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 Lenthall, also of the San Luis Obispo police.

A manager of the Graduate, Chuck Degroot, 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 Degroot, and some of them are really good.

"If the information matches them well," Degroot 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 Degroot, 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."