Local DJ receives death threat
Speaks out against ocean dumping during broadcast

"... a couple of months ago in San Diego some very mysterious junk washed up and it turns out — get this — it’s an antidote to nerve gas the government concocted. And even though they emphatically deny dumping it within 50 miles of shore, experts say it would have had to have been dumped a whole lot closer to wash up in the concentrations that it did. Hey! Fifty miles or 500 miles, what must be going on in their minds to want to dump anything in the ocean, especially crud like this ... I think these people are in need of serious psychiatric counseling ..."

— Chris Coppos (broadcast excerpt)

By Steve Harmon
Staff Writer

A local surf weather forecaster received a threat against himself and his family after broadcasting his views on the Navy dumping antidotes for nerve gas off the Southern California coast.

Chris Coppos, a morning surf DJ for KF-93, a local radio station, said he was a little surprised by the threat but shook it off as the rantings of a lunatic.

"One guy called and said he would make it very uncomfortable for myself and my family," Coppos said. "And you can take that any way you want. The guy sounded like such a jerk that it inspired me to do more."

"I was going to go ahead and let it lie, but when people start calling and threatening me ... The radio station advised him not to continue the controversy."

Coppos received another call from someone claiming to be with the FBI but he thinks it was an imposter.

"I really think it might have been a friend of this idiot who threatened me and my family," Coppos said.

The caller told him not to be bad-mouthing people over the airwaves. Coppos explained all he was doing was reading previously published information. He said the story was from United Press International and had appeared in many newspapers last November.

Threats of bodily harm don’t concern Coppos too much. He said he grew up a few blocks from Watts in Los Angeles and went to the high school of hard knocks.

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### Businesses like Court St. idea

Potential income entices downtown despite parking

By Shanna Phillips
Staff Writer

The City Council is one step closer to approving a five-story building to take the place of a parking lot on Court Street — and the neighboring businesses are all for it.

Businesses like Woodstock’s, Boo Boo Records, Oso Street Subs, the Rose and Crown and others in the area want it for one reason — income. With a five-story commercial, retail and recreational building right in the middle of Osoo, Higuera and Monterey Streets, the established businesses will attract more people.

"I wish it (the building) was done today," said Alan Heathershaw, owner of the Rose and Crown. "It should bring in a lot of business."

Heathershaw is not concerned with parking as a problem.

"There’s plenty of traffic patterns in the area," said Heathershaw. "Parking is already a problem. The building can’t make it much worse."

At the City Council meeting last Tuesday, parking became the main issue and the main reason the council decided to hold off on accepting the project. Other concerns were the shortage of water in the area and the fact that a five-story building may disrupt the downtown look.

Pierre Rademaker of Pierre Rademaker Design was chosen to design the exterior of the building so it will flow with the downtown theme.

"I had to ask what the character of downtown was," said Rademaker. "I did quite an extensive study on the architecture. The mission theme is prevalent, but not pervasive."

Many neighboring businesses aren’t concerned with the aesthetics of the building. Joann Johnson of McCarthy’s thinks

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### Computer whiz tops off Engineers’ Week

By Anthony M. Romero
Staff Writer

The co-founder of Apple Computer, Steve Wozniak, epitomized the idea of"Turning Ideas into Reality," as a pioneer of the home computer.

Wozniak, who went to the University of Colorado and University of California Berkeley before leaving school to work for Hewlett-Packard, is nearing the end of the University’s Engineers’ Week Banquet at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

"I am not a reformist," he said. "I am a revolutionist.*

— Kwame Toure

Auditorium that capitalism "is the enemy of humanity."

"The capitalist system exploits people — it is a sickness and lets them think they’re not confined," he said. "It is a backward system, a vicious system, and it is doomed to destruction." Toure, an organizer for the All-African People’s Revolutionary Party, is nearing the end of a three-week tour promoting support of students of what he referred to as, "Pan Africanism: the total liberation and unification of Africa under scientific socialism."

He said an "instinctive love of justice" will ignite an unconscious revolt against capitalism.

"People’s love for freedom is blind in its quest for justice," Toure said. "They will always rise and revolt against the oppressor."

Toure stressed that the masses must rebel in order to achieve total reform.

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Toure said a revolution in the United States is more possible today than most people think.

"America is more ripe for revolution today than it was in the 60s," he said.

Any number of problems in the United States could spark an uprising, he said.

"People are more conscious now than ever before," he explained. "And the rising conscious people will never stop rising."

Toure is well known for his involvement in the struggle for civil rights and the college sit-in movement of the early 1960s, which led to the founding of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. He was also instrumental in the "Mississippi Summer Project of 1964," leading to the organization of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

Toure focused on people’s beliefs that history is driven by individuals alone, not the masses.

"No one man, no one woman makes history. Only the people can make history. Only the people have an instinctive love of justice."

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### CAPTURE HOURS

CAPTURE registration will be available for calls today and tomorrow from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and will follow the normal schedule for the rest of the registration period.
The pressing lost Vietnam

By Matthew Wisbey

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A Cal Poly mechanical engineering graduate said the practical applications he learned in the engineering department have paid off in his latest job helping plan and build Los Angeles first underground metro rail.

Jordan Cunning, a 1986 gradu­ate, is involved with one of the four metro stations being construc­tion of underground tunnels similar to designing temporary decking that a record shop could go in the building. But if the building makes the downtown look better, then I'm all for it."

Doug Longfellow of Hudson's Grill is torn down the middle on the issue. "The building will definitely bring more business to the area," said Longfellow. "But parking is the biggest issue. If the developers can't guarantee 240-plus parking spaces, then I don't think the project is worth it."

Longfellow said that during construction, the project might hinder businesses in the area. "I feel sorry for the small businesses during that time," said Longfellow. "But I think we could hang on."

Johnson, however, doesn't think the construction period will hinder her business at McCarty's. "I know construction workers," Johnson said. "Half of them will come here after work for drinks."

About $40 million to build. The stations will connect seven miles of underground tunnels similar to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system in San Francisco. "There was a lot of controversy associated with the metro rail because the public wanted to upgrade the existing trolley cars instead of starting a whole new transportation system," Cunning said.

A lot of the tracks on the trolley system's "red car" were worn out and the taxpayers wanted them restored, but the underground metro rail will relieve congested traffic in the city and that was a determining factor for its implementation, Cunning said. The metro rail will eventually extend to the Pomona, Long Beach and San Fernando Valley areas for the benefit of commuters.

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Expo '89 features 85 companies

By Michael J. Levy
Staff Writer

Cal Poly's third annual open job fair, billed as Expo '89, will be held today in Chumash Auditorium from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
The job Expo is being combin­
ed with the Community Service
Expo, which will give students a
chance to look into volunteer op­
portunities, along with the usual
job openings.
The Expo will feature 85 com­
panies with positions mostly in
pre-career employment, such as
summer jobs, internships, co­
opatives and volunteer jobs.
An additional eight to 10 com­
panies will be on hand for career
opportunities.
Ellen Polinsky, chairperson
and coordinator of Student
Employment at the Placement
Center, said the focus of the Ex­
po will be for all majors that are
non-technical, especially those
that require internships in their
curriculum, and those majors
that are not as well represented
on campus.
Companies in attendance will
include Caesar's Tahoe, the
California Conservation Corps
and the U.S. Department of
Agriculture.
As for volunteer opportunities,
there will be positions available
ranging from hotline operators to
magazine research assistants
One of the reasons for the
community service aspect of the
Expo comes from the Human
Corps Bill, which was passed
recently by the state legislature.
Information about grants for
various projects that can be done
by students will be available at
the Expo. A number of com­
panies will be scheduling inter­
view sessions for Monday after­
on, and all day Tuesday.

WOZNIAK

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Packard in 1973. He never lost
sight of becoming an engineer
and said he took the job to save
up money to return to school.
A lot of kids were interested in
computers back then, Woziak
said. And they used to share
docs in the Human Computer
Club in Palo Alto. It was just a
bunch of people sharing ideas
about computer techniques, he
said.
"We predicted that computers
would change peoples lives," Woziak
said. "We thought computers
would become a com­
fortable tool in people's lives, but
the big companies thought it was
just a fad."
Woziak quit Hewlett-Packard
in 1976 to start Apple with part­
er Steve Jobs. Woziak said he
took the job to save for Apple.
Woziak helped develop Apple
into one of the world's best
personal computer firms during the
next five years and decided he
had earned enough money to go
back to school in 1981.
Woziak entered Berkeley that
year under the alias Rocky Ra­
coon (from Rocky Racoon,
his dog) and returned in 1986 to
earn a B.A. in electrical engineer­
ing and computer science.
Woziak gave the address for
his own graduation at Berkeley's
engineering school in 1986 and
told other graduates that his
resume was complete and he
could go out and get a good pay­
ning job, according to the San
Francisco Chronicle.

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Landry era ends after 29 years

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tom Landry's career as the only coach the Dallas Cowboys had in 29 years ended Saturday night when an Arkansas millionaire bought the team and fired Landry, 64, a 46-year-old Little Rock, Ark., oilman, for an estimated $140 million.

Landry, 64, who took over the Cowboys when they were a ragged expansion team in 1960 and led them to the Super Bowl five times, was the major victim when H.R. “Bum” Bright sold the team to Jones, a 46-year-old Little Rock, Ark., oilman, for an estimated $140 million.

Jones left open the possibility for Landry to remain a part of the Cowboys organization.

“Tom Landry is the Cowboys, and just like Tex is the Cowboys. And we'll have to add that to a later date,” Jones said.

“But let me tell you this, Jimmy Johnson would be the first to tell you he couldn’t be the Cowboys coach after this meeting with Landry earlier Saturday as it’s tough when you break a relationship that you have had for 29 years. But I am glad the ownership problem has been cleared up. It’s good for the ballclub,” Schramm said.

“I think for Tom it was emotional,” Schramm added.

Jones, 46, described his 40-minute meeting with Landry early Saturday as “a very awkward and trying thing. It’s good to know she can consistently as they finished 05 shy of last night’s record score. They were followed by 8th ranked Northern Colorado at 176.75 and 7th ranked Air Force who tallied 176.6.

Travis and Wells followed with a score of 9.85 to win the floor exercise while Phene, who took 5th in the vault and floor exercises.

Phene scored an 8.9 to aid the beam team to a 15th place finish in this year’s CCAA Division I championship.

Landry's Dallas teams captured 13 division championships, five NFC titles and two Super Bowl championships. His record with the Cowboys was 250-162-6.

They defeated Miami 24-3 in Super Bowl VI and beat Denver 27-10 in Super Bowl XII.

He was tied with former Green Bay coach Curly Lambeau for consecutive seasons coaching the same team with 29.


He was third on the NFL’s all-time victory list behind George Halas and Don Shula.

Landry was a defensive mastermind for the New York Giants when he became head coach for the Cowboys in 1960, their first season. He was an innovator of the 4-3 defense that later became known as the “Flex.” He brought the shonuff offense back to life in the 1970s after it had lain dormant in the NFL for almost two decades.

Landry drew criticism toward the end of his career with the Cowboys by insisting upon coaching the defense and also calling the plays on offense. Only recently, Landry fired old friend Ernie Stautner as defensive coordinator because the Cowboys were the second-worst team in the NFL in points allowed in 1988.

Gymnasts win invitational with record-breaking score

By Anthony M. Romer

Staff writer

The Mustang gymnastics team won its own invitational en route to a school record of 181.90, and averaged early season losses to Division I schools San Jose State and UC-Santa Barbara.

“Not counting this weekend’s results, this is the highest team score of the year in Division II,” Head Coach Tim Rivera said.

The score is higher than the national championship score last year. The 4th ranked Mustangs into the top three, according to Rivera. The Mustangs swept the next two places.

San Jose State finished second in the invitational tallying 181.75, followed by 3rd place Santa Barbara, Air Force Academy, Northern Colorado and U.C. Davis with 178.5.

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Phene, who took 4th in the all-around, was named Mustang Kim Wells performs a jump on the balance beam during Cal Poly's record setting performance.

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The 32-year-old Firman, who is the head coach of the team, drowned in his second year with Cal Poly.

Phene said, "We have a really good team this year and we're starting to build the scores that show that.

Kim Wells took 2nd place on the balance beam with a score of 9.25, while Amy Reardon, Travis and Bolen scored 8.85 to win the floor exercise. Travis is the team leader in the bars with a 5th place. Travis was joined in the top 9.0 category by teammate Mary Kay Humble who swung her way to 9.15.

Phene scored a season high of 9.4 to win the beam and scored 8.9 to win the floor exercise while Phene, who took 4th in the all-division with a 3.5, is ranked 154.

The scores tonight will lift Phene and Traverse to the top five nationally in the all-around," Rivera said. "Julie has been solid on the balance beam," Rivera said. "Karen is very clean and consistent at what she does," Rivera said. "She's only a freshman and already she is one of the top four team leaders.

Junior Julie Bolen also proved her consistency, scoring a 9.0 on the beam exercise. The previous night she scored a 9.2 and only holds the record in the vault and floor exercises.

"You got that wrong. It's me that's gone dormant in the NFL for almost two decades. If you had graded my conversation, I

Swim coach named CCAA Coach of the Year

By Lee Shiffrr

Staff Writer

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Firman's swimming program. He led the women's team to a second place finish in this year's CCAA meet. Defending national champion Cal State Northridge filled in first place.

Firman briefly served as a sports scientist with United StatesSwimming, Inc. From September 1984 to June 1986 he was an assistant swim coach at Cal State Bakersfield where he assisted in all phases of the program.

Firman received his bachelor's degree in psychology from CSU Bakersfield in June 1986. He received his California teaching credential in physical education from National University (Oakland) in June 1987.

Last season, both the Cal Poly men's and women's swimming teams finished ninth nationally at the NCAA Division II Championship.

Firman said he was very proud of the way the season is going for both teams thus far with the national championships coming up.
Mustangs gain split with poorly played win

By Michael J. Levy

The Lady Mustangs softball team split a doubleheader over the weekend against Sacramento State.

Although the Hornets captured the first game 2-0, the Mustangs were able to win the nightcap with a sloppy 3-2 win.

The opening game went scoreless for the first five innings, as Mustangs pitcher Laura Fawcett and Hornet hurler Kathy Pierce kept their opponents at bay. But the Hornets were finally able to break through with two runs in the top of the sixth.

Third baseman Lorie Avis led off the inning with a walk, following a sacrifice bunt and a ground out, Avis was able to reach third. With two out, Hornet centerfielder Terri Eagleston blasted a drive up the left-centerfield gap and was able to circle the bases, scoring the two game-winning runs.

Despite the loss, Head Coach Lisa Boyer was happy with the Lady Mustangs performance in the first game, but not the second game. "We played very well in the first game, we played very well even though we lost," Boyer said. "We played better in the first, than we did in the second."

In contrast to the well-played first game, the second game was filled with errors by both teams. The Lady Mustangs committed seven errors while Sacramento committed five.

"We gave them two runs in the nightcap," she said. "We gave them two runs on a platter. And we were lucky to win. We made mental mistakes, too many (mistakes)."

The Lady Mustangs were able to get all three of their runs in the first inning, thanks to three errors by the Hornets. Shortstop Lori Peterson led off with a walk.

Second baseman Cheryl Lutes then followed with a grounder to the pitcher that appeared to be an out, but the home plate umpire called a balk against Hornet pitcher Sheila Montgomery.

"We gave them two runs (in the) first inning," she said. "We were lucky to win. We gave mental mistakes, too many (mistakes)."

Lori Peterson led off with a walk. First baseman Missy Cole then beat out a grounder to short, and the throw went astray, allowing Lutes to score.

"With Lutes on third, right fielder Missy Cole then beat out a grounder to second, and took second when the throw went astray, allowing Lutes to score," Boyer said. "Following a fielders' choice, Cole scored from third when the Hornets first baseman couldn't handle the throw from shortstop Tony Heisler."

All totaled, there were three runs and three errors on four plays.

The three unearned runs were enough for a Mustang victory, as starter Michelle Sorci went five innings, giving up one unearned run, with two hits, one walk and one strikeout.

Pitching in relief, Lisa Johnson gave up one unearned run, with two hits, one walk and a strikeout in the last two innings.

In the opener, Fawcett got the loss while going the distance. She gave up just the two runs, while allowing two hits, two walks and one hit batter. She also struck out three.

The Lady Mustangs have next Saturday off, before they open up California Collegiate Athletic Association play on the road against Chapman on March 10.

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Three Berkeley protesters remain perched atop crane

BERKELEY (AP) — Three people continued an animal rights sit-in atop a 160-foot crane at the University of California-Berkeley Sunday as the demonstration entered its sixth day.

Betsy Swart, with the group In Defense of Animals, said from her spot on the ground that police inside the crane's cab appeared to be making an attempt to reach the protesters Sunday.

However, police could not confirm those reports and would only say that the protesters remained atop the crane.

Campus police had sealed the crane on Saturday and taken control of its cab after a protestor earlier had evaded authorities and replenished supplies of two other demonstrators on the crane.

Four of the original six protesters climbed down Friday night and were cited for trespassing and released by campus police, according to campus police chief Tom Deiley.

The protesters climbed atop the crane on Tuesday in an effort to delay construction of a new campus research facility. Eleven other protesters were arrested Friday after they blocked a driveway in an attempt to delay the facility's construction.

A judge in Oakland granted UC Berkeley's request for a temporary restraining order directing the six activists who climbed the crane Tuesday to get down or face contempt of court.

The four, whose names were not immediately available, were given notice to appear in Municipal Court.

Animal rights activists are demanding that all animal research at UC Berkeley end and object to what they call the possible use of the new facility for germ warfare studies.

Early Tuesday, six protesters climbed the crane with food and other supplies. The demonstration has cost the university and construction crews at least $136,000, according to papers filed in court Friday.

Shelley W. Drake, a lawyer for UC Berkeley, said after the hearing that the university might return to court Monday to seek a formal contempt order if the demonstrators refuse to come down.

Campus police had no plans to send officers up the crane and "wrestle people down. It's just too dangerous," UC Berkeley Police Chief Borry Bowles said.

If protesters disobey the restraining order, police would probably just "wait it out," he added.
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enable him to deal with the
variety of duties he performs on
the underground.

"I think this heavy work offers
a variety of engineering applica­
tions," Cunning said. "With
something new to work on all the
time, the job never gets
monotonous."

The work at the 5th and Hill
Station requires digging as deep
as 70 feet, and Cunning said this
is dangerous work. The field crew
gets paid more the farther down
they work. Yet replacing all the
utilities is one of the most dif­
ficult aspects of the job, ac­cording
to Cunning.

"We have to go through utility
maps from the 1920s and know
what is required to replace the
utilities," Cunning said. "We've
had a couple of gas lines break
and some water lines as well."

Cunning also prepares project
plans and acts as a liaison be­
tween the plans and field
workers. For this job he usually
works inside drawing the plans
and then presenting them to his
superiors, but if something goes
wrong he is down with the
foreman trying to work things
dings to work on this years when the project is ex­pected to be completed.

Cunning's immediate goal is to
pass the professional engineering
exam, and to balance the rigors
of engineering and raising a fam­ily at the same time.

"You have to keep this job in
perspective — doing a good job
at work doesn't mean putting in
long hours," Cunning said.

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Tower’s campaign goes public; Bush vows to help with lobby

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Tower, the Republican nominee for Senate, is running a campaign to become defense secretary. Bush has vowed to help with that campaign.

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I went through the Watts riots," Coppos said. "The school I went to — if someone didn't get shot or stabbed a week then it was a slow week."

Coppo's comments aren't confined to the West Coast — he is equally angry at the dumping of medical bags full of AIDS-infected blood on the East Coast.

"There was some really disgusting stuff in the water," Coppos said. "They had colostomy (human waste) bags, plasma bags and vials of AIDS-tainted blood washing up in New Jersey."

Coppo's said he called authorities in New Jersey but that he couldn't find out who was responsible.

An ongoing pet peeve for Coppo is surfers who throw trash on the beach.

"Sometimes it's a few feet from a trash can," Coppos said.

Coppo and controversy are not strangers to each other. He mixes his morning report with a wide range of subjects ranging from the hilarious to the serious. He said he likes to keep it lively to keep surfers and non-surfers listening.

"I get 30 seconds for the forecast," Coppos said. "And then I have 30 to 45 seconds for commentary."

He said he doesn't normally plan what he's going to say but lets the moment dictate.

"I was really into controversy," Coppos said. "I try to break it up. I was pretty much into controversy but I cut that out; I don't want to offend anybody. I try to break it up, to do something really controversial one day and then the next day would be something totally stupid, that didn't make any sense so people would say "what the hell was that all about?""

To get the forecast, Coppo hits the beaches from Morro Bay to San Simeon every morning before sunrise and checks out the wave conditions. He returns home and calls in the report to the station.

Coppo, 34, has been surfing 20 years and owns the Gently Jazzed Surf Shop in Atascadero. He got into forecasting six months ago because he thought that most forecasters were boring and untimely.

"I wanted to be more comprehensive," Coppos said. He said usually forecasters read the report in a monotone that turns listeners off.

Chris Ruh, program director for Z-93 (the station that hired Coppo), said Coppo was hired because he's genuine.

"He's unique," Ruh said. "He's a surfer, he's not in it for the money."

Ruh expressed some concern for Coppo's comments because the station doesn't want to lose listeners or advertisers. Ruh said most people enjoy Coppo's forecast. Ruh respects Coppo a great deal, he said.

"He's marketable," Ruh said. "He's good."

Ruh added that Z-93 was looking to offset the stigma Top-40 radio has of being superficial and non-controversial.

"Coppo's forecast is entertaining and offers some insights from shark attacks to dumping waste," Ruh said, "from his point of view."

Coppo said he exchanges his forecast for advertising on the radio. It amounts to about $45 a day worth of promotion for his surf shop. He's contracted out to the station for three-month periods and said other radio stations have approached him for his forecast but he's not interested.

He's not sure how long he wants to do it. "It might get the point where it's no fun any more," Coppo said.

Coppo said for political reasons he eventually plans to live on a boat and sail the seas. He didn't want to comment further.

"He said he didn't want to sound like a subversive.

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Assemblyman slams newspaper in profanity-filled TV interview

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Assemblyman John Vasconcellos blasted the San Jose Mercury News and the FBI during an expletive-laden TV interview that undated on KQED-TV, according to a published report.

The interview with the San Jose Democrat aired last weekend on an "Express" program aired Wednesday night and was repeated Sunday night according to a story published by the San Jose Mercury News.

"We have certain reporters who couldn't give a f--- if I do anything creative," Vasconcellos said in the television interview.

"They are just watching all the programs," Vasconcellos added.

"And then to have never submitted it, to me it's bullshit if they've got something," he added.

Vasconcellos, who heads Speaker Willie Brown's new private security system, also ripped into the FBI in a strong terms for its "Shmunichmac" program last summer of several legislative offices.

"If somebody broke into your house on a charge in August and by January hasn't filed a complaint, you'd be pretty f--- off," he said.

"They are just looking to see what things that look suspicious. That's our job as a newspaper," Bettinger said.

Bettinger said he wasn't sure what Vasconcellos meant by the FBI's "Shmunichmac" program.

"I've been here a long time. My house on a charge in August and by January hasn't filed a complaint, you'd be pretty f--- off," he said.

"That's our job as a newspaper," Bettinger said.
McCarthy may withdraw from race for 1990 governor

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A field study of the pesticide Zolone has been harshly criticized by the state Department of Food and Agriculture, which charged researchers "with an unbelievable breach of trust" and violating rules designed to protect worker safety.

"We are appalled to learn that scientists apparently violated the ethics of their profession in this way," said James Wells, special assistant of the state's pesticide management division.

"If true, this constitutes an unbelievable breach of trust with this department, and even more serious, with volunteers who participated in the study," Wells said in a press release obtained Saturday.

"Someone will be held accountable for this," Wells said, adding that the state will consider "administrative, civil or criminal action" after it concludes an investigation.

Guidelines designed to protect safety of workers involved in the Zolone study apparently were changed during the project, the state said. Zolone was banned from use on hand harvested crops in the fall of 1987 after showing excessive pesticide exposure, according to study guidelines approved by the state.

The Food and Agriculture Department said researchers didn't notify the state or the volunteers when workers' red blood cell or plasma cholinesterase levels fell 25 percent or more. Exposure to a pesticide like Zolone, an organophosphorous, can reduce cholinesterase levels, state officials said.

"Had we known of this change, we would have brought the study to an immediate halt," said Dr. Robert Krieger, chief of the Department of Food and Agriculture's worker health and safety branch.

Misuse found in chemical study

Only one person showed potential pesticide poisoning symptoms but none of the others showed symptoms and all were observed by a physician, the state said.

Krieger said Rhone-Poulenc's study showed 19 of 30 persons in the experiment had more than a 25 percent drop in their cholinesterase levels "and should have been removed from the study."

Zolone no longer will be used on grapes or other hand harvested crops because the study showed field workers "could experience changes in blood cholinesterase levels," Rhone-Poulenc said Wednesday.

Zolone use on other crops, such as nuts and ornamentals with less worker exposure, is under further study, the state said.

Rhone-Poulenc spokeswoman Mary Anne Ford and the independent toxicologist involved in the study could not be reached by telephone for comment Saturday.

The Porterville-based firm Research for Hire recruited workers and obtained a vineyard for the study but wasn't involved in decisions over the study guidelines and procedures, said company president John Corkins.

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