Local dump will reach capacity in three years

Poly's monthly 727 tons is contributor

By Laura Fleischer

The Cold Canyon Landfill Company has applied for an expansion permit, said the Board of Supervisors will decide this June, but neighbors of the dumpsite are already voicing opposition.

"No one wants a landfill in their backyard," said Martin.

"Even if we do get the expansion, there is only enough space for 10 more years, then we will be filled to capacity," he said.

He said the waste brought to the Cold Canyon Landfill is covered with soil daily before it has a chance to rot, and that most people driving by the site do not realize it is a landfill. The company is required to prepare the soil so the garbage won't seep into the groundwater, and to test the air and water in the area quarterly.

The San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors maintains that recycling is not making a dent in the "freedom of choice" threat from state insurance providers who have told their clients to only use major chain pharmacies.

"Almost half of Cal Poly's students are on a military and veterans' plan, and get many of their medications through the VA," she said. "Many customers are upset because suddenly they're told they can't go to the pharmacy that they've been going to for 20 years to get their hard-earned medications because they feel comfortable — and they save businesses.

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"Almost half of Cal Poly employees are enrolled in health maintenance organizations," said Barb Melvin, Cal Poly human resource manager. Cal Poly has plans through three health maintenance organizations — HealthNet, Equicare, and Lifeguard — in addition to a fee-for-service plan.

The exclusive-provider agreements appeared at the local level last December through the HealthNet insurance plan. Martin estimates that 3% of San Luis Obispo county residents in the area were affected by exclusive agreements.

Local independent pharmacies are conducting a petition drive to support Assembly Bill 1006, which is currently in the California State Assembly. Martin said the pharmacy asks the Assembly to require all health maintenance organizations to notify all pharmacies in a jurisdiction of the insurance plans available in that area; they must offer the contract to any pharmacy willing to participate and pharmacies that choose the right to not participate in the contract price can still offer service to those pharmacies who are willing to meet their price by paying the extra amount out of their own pocket.

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By Julie Schmidt

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**Epilepsy is no cause for alarm**

*By Mark Ahlemeyer*

Before becoming fully educated on the subject, my co-workers and I would tell people to go home after just one seizure (fortunately for me, I didn’t cut out of my part). I now supposedly house some of the finest minds in this nation, and yet when someone yells, ‘Oh, my God, I’m having a seizure,’ all of us either run away in fear or make like a Berkeley student and theorize as to what’s happening.

This column is not intended to teach you about epilepsy. However, I can tell you that the best way to treat epileptics having a seizure is to approach them, hold their hand, and help them relax. But don’t call the ambulance.

If they have grand mal (or violent) type seizures, let the seizure run its course. Afterwards, turn all lights off to quiet down the person, check their mouths, and examine their mouths to make sure they haven’t swallowed their tongues. If they don’t regain consciousness within five minutes, call the paramedics.

But the most important thing is to act intelligently; don’t panic. When you see a person having a seizure, it’s not as big a deal as people make of it.

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HUNTER S. THOMPSON

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a re-print of Hunter S. Thompson's column. In light of the recent completion of the trial of Oliver North, this column, originally published July 13, 1987, might be of particular interest.

Some time around noon on Thursday, last week, I took a break from the Ollie North show on TV and drove down to Woody Creek Tavern for lunch. It was one of those fine, bright mornings that can make the idea of living up in the mountains on a half-paved dead-end road seem very wise and elegant, instead of that crazy dumb feeling that you get on some days in the winter.

The tavern was not crowded at that hour, except for a few stools at the far end of the bar, where a small crowd of cowboys and beer belchers were nursing long-neck Budweisers and staring balefully at a "pro wrestling" rerun on ESPN.

Nobody spoke when I sat down and dumped my brown bag full of mail and newspapers on the bar and rifled through the pile for anything that looked like a check. But there was nothing except two bills from Time magazine and a handwritten note from the garbage man, saying that my cans were no longer serviceable and that he was cutting me off until I got new ones.

I tossed it away and asked Crazy Bob, sitting next to me, if the Meat Loaf Special was any good.

"Nothing is good," he replied. "Tonight is the full moon. Terrible things are happening. As you kicked by a horse and Terry lost one of his ears when he got in a fight with a stranger. The whole valley smells like death."

I learned that it was time for the Ollie North Show to start up again on TV — so I grabbed the remote-control unit and punched the channel over to CNN, where Bernard Shaw was saying, "Col. North is about to undergo another round of tough interrogation this afternoon."

"Hot damn!" said Crazy Bob.

...was so swelled with contributions that even George Bush was saying that he might be the next president of the United States, or even head of the PTL Club. Bush came out of hiding for the first time in many months and laid claim to North like he'd just found a long-lost son, calling him a great American hero with the heart of Charles Lindbergh and the gonads of Gen. Patton.

ONE PUBLIC OPINION poll on Friday had North with a truly awesome "approval rating" of 94 percent, much higher than Ronald Reagan, Jesus or even pure cocaine. The Iran-contra scandal that once looked deeper and dirtier than Watergate was suddenly transformed by North's performance on network TV into something on the scale of heroism like Valley Forge or MacArthur's return to the Philippines. ... The shameful saga of Oliver North was so heavy and strong that it caused rich men on Wall Street to weep openly and small children in Hollywood to dance and jabber with joy.

It even brought tears to the eyes of Crazy Bob. "This guy is the real thing," he said when North went off the air on Thursday night. "I want to send him a check."

I stared at him for a long moment, when I whacked him on the side of his head. "You fool!" I said. "I'm tired of your lame Nazi gibberish."

He leaped off his stool and went into a fighting stance, but I See THOMPSON, page 7
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Ag lobbyist: Cater to consumers

By Jenny Midikard
Staff Writer

A leading agricultural lobbyist and Cal Poly alumni said the agriculture industry can no longer ignore consumers.

George Soares, of the Sacramento law firm of Kahn, Soares and Conway, told students at the annual School of Agriculture leadership banquet Thursday that agriculture needs to be as responsible as any other industry in catering to consumer needs and concerns.

Soares, who lobbies for about 25 agricultural organizations, says consumer confusion about such issues as pesticides, food safety and water use comes from a lack of education about agriculture. He urged students to not assume that the public is knowledgeable about the agriculture industry, but instead, to work on educating friends and business contacts.

"Most importantly," said Soares, "don't ignore the issues that are most important to consumers. They won't go away without prompt, honest attention.

"I have always believed that anybody involved with a commodity, whether it's a pistachio, avocado or a ear of corn, that believes they're not part of a longer chain and don't have to ensure the strength of the chain every step along the way, is deceiving themselves," said Soares.

He said the most successful farmers now look beyond their own 1,000 acres, and consider the retailer and ultimately the consumer. "There is no substitute for hard work," he said, adding that the agriculture industry cannot sit back and watch while environmental and consumer groups form legislation for regulations.

"Agriculture has to be involved from the beginning."

Soares said agriculture groups must work with environmentalists to form "laws which will not jeopardize food safety or food production."

Soares also cautioned students not to lose their "work ethic." He

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TRASH

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Landfill space, science and government must find other ways to dispose of the more than 400,000 tons of trash produced by the United States each year. Some cities have established plans that consume garbage and turn it into energy. Some export their garbage to Panama, and some, like the city of Islip, N.Y., send their garbage on barges in search of a city who will burn it.

PHARMACIES

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"The petition drive is centered in districts that have sub-committee members in them. Our congressman is Eric Seastard, who sits on the main committee, so we are a little ahead of ourselves here," Martin said.

He said he expects the bill to take two years to pass through the legislature.

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FULBRIGHT

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Although he could probably find data about Brazil in libraries, Cruikshanks said the context is often as important as the information itself and cannot be conveyed except by being there.

"Travel is a superb educator. No amount of reading can convey the smells, the sights, the sounds," he said. "There is no substitute for meeting people person-to-person, face-to-face, in their own context."

Bob Lucas, associate vice president for graduate study, research and faculty development at Cal Poly, said his title emphasizing faculty development was created about three years ago in response to an Academic Senate policy signed by Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker, which not only encouraged faculty development, but also required it in some form in order to be retained on staff.

"This is a very important form of faculty professional development," he said in response to Cruikshanks' receipt of the Fulbright grant to study in Brazil.

Cruikshanks will also be spending two weeks in East Germany this summer for a similar type of program run by Bradley University in Peoria, III.

LOBBYIST

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said. "You are better educated and more affluent and this has undermined the work ethic. We, as a people, are paper-thin ... physically, emotionally and spiritually."

The lobbyist said students today need to create environments for professional growth by surrounding themselves with successful people. He also advised students to keep open minds when dealing with controversial issues, and to face adversity head on.

In addition to practicing law, Soares farms cotton and feed grains and raises 1,000 head of cattle in Hanford. He has served as the general counsel to the California Grocers' Association for 10 years and has represented such varied interests as cotton, rice, eggs and the now infamous California raisins.

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Sports

Poly comes in third at regionals

By Michael J. Levy

Bakersfield advances to national tourney at Sac State

The Lady Mustangs softball team finished third in the NCAA Division II Regionals at Cal State Northridge.

After dropping their first game in the double-elimination tournament on Saturday to Cal State Bakersfield 5-4, the Mustangs fought back in their second game against Cal State Dominguez Hills, winning 3-2. Michelle Sorci went the distance in that game, giving up the two runs.

On Sunday, the Mustangs faced host CSUN, with the winner of the game getting the right to play Bakersfield for the regional championship. The game went scoreless through the first eight innings, but Northridge was able to push across the winning run in the ninth inning get the 1-0 win.

Laura Fawcett started the game and pitched six and two-thirds innings, giving up two hits and no runs. Lisa Johnson relieved Fawcett with one out in the seventh, facing a bases loaded and one out situation. Johnson got the first batter to ground into a force at home, and struck out the next Northridge batter to end the threat.

The game remained scoreless until the ninth, when Northridge was able to push across the winning run, giving up the game 1-0. In the final game of the Regionals, Bakersfield beat Northridge for the second time in the tournament and advanced to next weekend's national tournament at Sacramento State.

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