Under rocket's red glare
30 people fight out Fourth at Avila Beach
By Kenn Easland
Staff Writer

Except for Avila Beach, the 20th annual Fourth of July celebration was routine, reported the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department. “There were the isolated Fourth of July problems, but our biggest problem occurred at Poly Beach in Avila,” said San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department public information officer Jim Mulhall.

The police arrested three people on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and the other two for public intoxication.

About 400 people were gathered at Poly Beach when a fight between 30 individuals broke out, said Mulhall.

“Blood is allowed on that beach, and that was definitely a cause for the trouble,” said Mulhall.

Rocks and bottles were also tossed by police officers just after midnight “by an unruly crowd,” Mulhall said.

Fireworks were displayed publicly in Morro Bay, Pismo Beach, Cambria, and Cayucos.

The 4th annual Morro Bay fireworks display lasted for 30 minutes and cost $5,500 for the show, said Bill Mazzacane, executive manager of Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce.

“I'm very happy to be joining in with a deadly weapon and the other two for public intoxication....”

The Pismo Beach fireworks display cost $5,700 and lasted 40 minutes, said Bill Clawson, from the Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

"About 15,000 turned out to watch the fireworks display.... Pismo has been doing the fireworks display for the past 15 years,” Clawson said.

But with the fireworks came the crowds.

"The traffic got so screwed up... at the Highway 41 exit...."

said Morro Bay Chief of Police Dave Howell.

"We can handle our own traffic, but the traffic problem came probably from the Cayucos and Cambria fireworks displays,” Howell said.

The city of San Luis Obispo had fewer incidents in contrast.

"It was really quiet, no serious problems here in town,” said Sgt. Bruce LaFargue of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

Poly team takes first in Florida sub race
By Jeff Brunings

Despite high winds and rough seas during the International Submarine Races at West Palm Beach, Fla., Cal Poly's entry Subversion took first place with the fastest time in the speed race.

Subversion's time was 1:16 minutes, with an average speed of 2.75 knots, one-tenth of a knot faster than its closest contender, the U.S. Navy Academy, who received an award for best overall performance.

The human-powered submarine races, held June 23-25, included 18 entries from such competitors as Lock heed and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Two groups of Cal Poly students designed three underwater crafts to compete in the races.

Representing the campus chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), designers of Subversion and Speedstick worked on the projects since September to prepare the entries for the June competition.

Each entry requires that the hull of the submarine be filled with water, making it necessary for the two occupants to have access to oxygen tanks.

The 16-foot torpedo-shaped Subversion is encased by fiberglass. It uses a large bubble to assist in navigating the sub, plus a human powered propeller as its stern.
Inflammatory over Old Glory

**Burning the flag makes no sense**

By A.J. Schuermann

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that it's "OK" to burn the American flag. If President Bush has his way, Americans will be persecuted for burning the flag under a new constitutional amendment. I hope Bush can't chop down American civil liberties.

As of now, the flag can be burned as a political statement. The right to burn Old Glory is protected by the First Amendment.

I understand and support the Supreme Court's decision. What I don't understand is why flag-burners would destroy something that symbolizes this freedom of expression.

Life isn't so free-spirited in other countries. If a Chinese student burned China's flag, the Chinese authorities would crush him with a tank. But in America we can say "God Bless America" and "God Damn America."

We, the people of the United States, are institutionalized and subject to the tyranny of the majority. It seems the flag stands for whatever freedom is left in America. It's not wise to desecrate inalienable rights.

Why destroy the American flag? That's what the Iranians did. Shouldn't flag-burners destroy China's flag? Isn't that a more noble political statement?

What are the American flag-burners trying to say? "I'm unhappy with my American dream."? Or "Let's destroy America."

Other countries have no freedom of speech. In China, for example, the government strictly controls the press, the internet, and all forms of public expression. If someone were to criticize the government or the leader, they could face severe consequences, including imprisonment or even death.

In China, the government is not accountable to its citizens. The media is heavily censored and controlled by the state. Any expression of dissent or criticism of the government can lead to severe consequences.

In contrast, in the United States, the First Amendment protects freedom of speech. It guarantees the right to express opinions, even unpopular ones, without fear of government retaliation.

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WASHINGTON — Oliver North, expressing regret and pleading for leniency, was placed on two years probation and fined $150,000 Wednesday for Iran-Contra crimes. The judge told North sending him to prison “would only harden your misconceptions” of how government should work.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell sentenced the 45-year-old former Marine and White House aide to suspended terms of three, two and one year for the three felony convictions by a jury two months ago. “Your punishment will not include jail,” said Gesell.

During his three-month trial, North contended that in the Iran-Contra affair — in which U.S. arms were secretly sold to Iran and profits were diverted to the Nicaraguan rebels — he only acted on behalf of Reagan administration superiors.

BRUSSELS, Belgium — West Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium sharply criticized the Soviet Union Wednesday for not informing them sooner about the pilotless MiG-23 fighter jet that careered out of control over their territory.

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New Poly offices being moved into

By Kathryn Hulls

This time of the year most students know the struggle of moving — however, this year, two Cal Poly offices are also changing location.

The Foundation and Associated Students Inc. business offices are relocating. Recently-completed building 15, by the fire station, is the new home for the Foundation. ASI is moving to the former Foundation office, upstairs in the University Union.

In early January, the University Union Executive Committee (UUEC) recommended the ASI business office change its location in order to accommodate all their officers, said John Stipicevich, associate director for operations at ASI.

“We needed more space,” he said. “Our offices are on a fragmented level. The associate director for operations is not even located in the University Union.”

After minor renovations are complete, the ASI business office will move at the end of July.

“We are currently painting, laying new carpet and rewiring for our computers. All this must be done before we can move,” Stipicevich said.

Don Shemenske, Foundation director of finance, said the reason for the Foundation move is “the University Union wanted to occupy the space — plus we didn’t have sufficient space. The personnel, sponsor and executive director offices were located in trailers. And the university wanted to get them out of the (university) core,” he said.

The trailers will soon be used for vocational education, he said.

The Foundation office finished moving on June 24. During the three-day move, Hewlett-Packard moved the computers and the Foundation Food Service custodial staff moved the furniture.

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Info booth going up on Grand

By Kenn Easland

In an effort to help Cal Poly visitors, a new information center is under construction at the university’s Grand Avenue entrance.

"The goal of the new information center is to intercept our visitors and direct them to parking spaces closer to where they want to go," said James A. Rodger, Cal Poly construction management department head, said the Campus Visitor Information Center, the official name, will cost $45,000 to construct.

"The Cal Poly Alumni Association is funding the project," Strom said. "We hope the new information building will increase the amount of visitor parking spaces available at the administration parking lot. As it is, with all the people needing information, that parking lot has problems."

The Alumni Association was interested in the visitor information location two years ago, said Mary Bachino, alumni relations secretary.

The information booth will operate in cooperation with the administration information desk, Strom said.

The booth will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will also be open on weekends for special events like Poly Royal, Strom added.

"The Alumni Association is pleased with the visibility the center will have," she said.

architecture drawings of the new Cal Poly Information Booth that is under construction on Grand Avenue.

DJ held in mic theft

By Kathryn HuIt

A former KCPR disc jockey was arrested after a display case break-in in the Graphic Arts building on Monday morning.

John Crane, 21, computer science senior, was charged with burglary when the glass from a display case was broken and a microphone from the case was missing. He was released after posting $5,000 bail.

Public Safety Officer Joseph Baronek was patrolling campus at 2:45 a.m. Monday when he noticed someone walking, said Ray Berrett, Public Safety investigator.

"He saw him running around the Health Center, and he carried something in his hand," Berrett said. Officer Baronek questioned Crane at his car and observed a microphone in the back seat with Cal Poly identification tags, he said.

After a brief investigation, Crane was arrested and taken to General Hospital for a cut on his hand, said Berrett.

Crane was a KCPR staff member spring quarter.

The microphone is not used on the air anymore, said Ray Tippo, KCPR faculty adviser. "They have little economic market value. The microphone was placed in the display case to show some of the radio station's artifacts."

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Poly may be making wine

By Julia Scuri
Staff Writer

Cal Poly Chardonnay? It could be in your wine cellar within the next couple of years. The Crop Science Department has taken the first steps towards producing table wine made entirely by the efforts of Cal Poly students.

The project, which is under the supervision of Paul Fountain and Dr. George Gowgani, head of the Crop Science Department, was implemented as a means to aid in the promotion of the fruit science program, as well as the department as a whole.

"All aspects of the project will be handled by students...they have done all the layout, irrigation, planting and care of the vineyard. A graphic arts class even designed some beautiful labels for the wine bottles," said Gowgani.

Currently, there are approximately five acres of vines that are already producing grapes. Many of these were sold to various local wineries, as well as to home wine makers. However, making wine at an institution that has already been bonded, will avoid many of the regulatory problems that would arise if it was made at the university. In addition, the owner of Wild Horse, Ken Volk, is a 1981 Poly graduate, and enjoys providing work experience for students.

Once the project moves to a larger scale, students will take on the venture as "enterprise projects." Here, they will handle all areas of production, marketing and sales. As an incentive, in addition to the valuable practical experience that they will gain from working on the project, the students will also be able to share in any profit made from the sales of the wine, according to Gowgani.

"Although the new vineyard will not come into full production for another four to five years, approximately 100 cases of wine can be made from the grapes that were saved from this year's crop," said Gowgani.

The wine will be produced on campus, but will instead be made at the Wild Horse Winery in Templeton. According to Gowgani, commercial wine making is strictly regulated in California. However, making the wine at an institution that has Purveyors of over 2500 titles of Mystery, intrigue & Horror Books

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Fires raging in SoCal; threaten homes, land

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Brush fires aided by high temperatures and gusty winds in Southern California burned more than 2,700 acres and threatened homes near San Diego on Wednesday, firefighters said.

Temperatures climbed past 100 degrees in the inland areas, and gusty winds up to 19 miles per hour whipped through canyons, making firefighting difficult.

Over 550 acres were burning near the San Diego and Imperial County border, about 50 miles south of the city of San Diego.

Called the Dog Patch fire, it threatened homes in the area, said Dolores Fremont, spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry. However, no evacuations had been made.

More than 340 firefighters battled the blaze, and it was not known when containment would be reached.

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Adoption group helps find natural parents

By Jay Garner
Staff Writer

At age 16, Caryn Madansky gave birth to "a beautiful baby girl," but decided to put her up for adoption. That was 24 years ago.

With the help of an adoption support group in Santa Maria, Madansky located her daughter, Debbie, in 1985 after a nine-month search.

"The last four years have been just incredible — getting to know each other," Madansky said. "But it's had its ups and downs — not really knowing how we fit into each others lives."

Recently, Madansky attended her daughter's wedding.

"This wedding was just the absolute dream come true," added Madansky. "If I could have written a fantasy story with a happy ending, this would be it."

Madansky's experience with her daughter, coupled with the growing size of the Santa Maria population is adopted. That was 24 years ago.

"There is often a lot of fear about telling the adoptive parents that they (adoptees) are interested in their natural parents," said Madansky. "Fear that they (the adoptive parents) will think the child doesn't love them. The feelings are pretty intense."

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Central Coast Adoption Support Group

The Central Coast Adoption Support Group helps adoptees deal with this fear, and if desired, will assist the adoptee in locating their natural parents, Madansky said.

She encouraged people to search for themselves but when she assists she charges $50 for an initial consultation and then her fee varies according to the work done.

"I'm not in this for making money," Madansky said. "She says she knows even. "But there are people who do make money at it."

Madansky is certified as a search consultant in California. She received her certification from Independent Search Consultants (ISC), which is a national organization based in Costa Mesa.

For certification, prospective consultants need to pass a series of tests that deal with state laws, ethics and hope to go about finding someone. ISC has networked all over the country to see ADOPTION, page 12

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Each jurisdiction is to develop its own land-use plan to guide development. Any changes and appeals by the jurisdiction must be reviewed and approved by the Coastal Commission.

San Luis Obispo's coastal plan was accepted by the Coastal Commission in March 1988. The governor has for the past five years tried to dismantle the Coastal Commission through the budget process," said Jon Hoff-shore, director of coastal resources for the San Luis Obispo Planning Department. "They still have a job as envisioned by the legislature," he said.

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"The local jurisdictions, for the most part, have had an increase in workload because they (the commission) have had an increase in work load and a decrease in budget. It's all..."
From page 1 of nauseous and no one else could be found to fit inside the small hull the craft, said Johnson.

The rough seas and high winds presented problems for all the competitors and their entries. Only nine of the 18 entries were able to compete as many experienced both navigational and mechanical failures.

"Not only was there a hazard of getting the subs out to the course because of rough surf, but visibility was so poor that we couldn't actually see the course," Johnson said.

Other entries were plagued with difficulties as well, some disastrous. UC Santa Barbara's entry finished its performance in less than 20 seconds. An air bubble had been found trapped inside the hull causing it to be forced to the surface — directly beneath a boat.

"When they hit underneath (the) boat, it broke off their fins and everything. It put them right out of the race," Johnson said.

Although conditions were less than favorable, the event drew a large crowd of interested spectators and nationwide media attention from such networks as the Cable News Network.

"We were amazed by the amount of publicity we were getting, especially with the Speedstick. It seemed like it was a real crowd favorite and everyone was interested in it," Johnson said.

Some 15 Cal Poly students and faculty participated in the event.

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help locate natural parents or, in cases like Madansky's, find the adoptee.

By law, adoption agencies can only release "non-identifying information" such as how old the natural parents were when the child was born, their religious and educational background and how many natural brothers and sisters the adoptee has, Madansky said.

"Basically the techniques we use are similar to those of a private investigator," said Madansky.

Madansky helps guide the adoptees in their search, but she encourages them to do as much of the work as possible on their own.

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