Fire in Sierra Madre started by lit candle, quickly snuffed out

By Barbara Courain

A small fire started Tuesday afternoon in Sierra Madre Hall when a dormitory resident lit a candle, said Associate Director of Housing Stephen Lamb. "The person had lit the candle in their room when a piece of paper caught on fire," he said. "The flames got the corner of a bed mattress and was then put out by dorm residents."

Lamb said the residents called the fire department and filled trash cans with water to put the flames out.

"The fire alarm in the room went on immediately," he said. "But the biggest problem we had was smoke... the room's fire alarm would not turn off."

Fire Captain Robert Salsaar said the Cal Poly fire department was responding to another San Luis Obispo fire at the time of the call.

"We were on the way, but never actually got to the scene of the San Luis fire," he said. "As soon as we got the call from Sierra Madre, we went to the Cal Poly fire."

Lamb said the Cal Poly fire

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Poly professor questions sexual harassment policy

Says victims not prepared, supported by administrators

By Steve Harmon

"Cal Poly's sexual harassment policy is where rape laws were 20 years ago," said Fred Stultz, a psychology professor who helped draft the university's original policy four years ago.

"They ask the victim: What did you wear? Why were you there? Why didn't you fight?"

Stultz represented the Academic Senate on the committee headed by Michael Suess, associate director of personnel. Suess was off campus and not available for comment.

Stultz said the committee looked at a variety of documents and ways of dealing with sexual harassment. Stultz said he is not satisfied with the policy today and the way it is handled.

"We expected an active effort made to educate people about sexual harassment," Stultz said. "We expected Cal Poly to teach faculty and students what constitutes sexual harassment—none of that was realized."

Stultz said he had hoped the policy, Administration Bulletin 88-5, would model itself after another university that took an active approach to stop sexual harassment.

"It was my hope at that time that Cal Poly would adopt something along the lines of what San Diego State had," Stultz said. "They had fliers describing sexual harassment and educated the faculty and students about it. At Cal Poly all we have is this legalistically written blurb in the class schedule."

Stultz, who teaches courses on human sexuality, adulthood, family crisis and psychology of men and who also has counseled sexually abused children, said there needs to be some definite changes in the way the policy is implemented.

Stultz recommended:

• The policy needs a broad base educational effort.
• Victims of sexual harassment need support from the university, not the current situation where they are not prepared for the lengthy paperwork and interrogation.
• The process needs accountability to some independent organization.
• Victims need to be made aware of the discipline, if any, that has been taken.

Stultz, who has been at Cal Poly since 1977, also said more women need to be involved with the investigations.

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ELECTION RESULTS

MAJOR
1. Ron Dunin (6,085; 54.5%)
2. A. Serrate (5,037; 45%)

CITY COUNCIL
1. Bill Roalman (5,213; 24.6%)
2. Penny Boppa (5,021; 23.7%)
3. P. Rodgers (4,087; 23.1%)
4. G. Kunkle (2,647; 12%)
5. R. Walker (1,997; 9.5%)
6. D. Blakely (1,104; 5.2%)
7. B. Cross (836; 3.9%)

MEASURE G
YES (7,130)
NO (3,305)

Preliminary results based on turnout of 10,210 voters. There are 26,894 registered voters in SLO County.

America for sale...

Are the "Japanese conglomerate blobs" buying the U.S. right out from under us? Guest writer A.J. Schuermann thinks so.

Bearers of bad news...

One Cal Poly professor counsels emergency workers on how to deal sensitively with death.

INSIGHT...

Three Poly professors offer their views on the Nicaraguan situation. They've been there. They know.
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Students on the Soapbox

What's your biggest pet peeve about Cal Poly?

"It takes too long to get your evaluation back."

Katie Garfian

Speech Communication senior

"Trying to get a form filled out and people say go to the next line or some other building."

Jason Anderson

Graphic Design sophomore

"That Cal Poly students as a whole are too alike; not enough diversity in character and ways of thinking."

Koush Baradar

Architecture senior

"Tolrimuch fraternity and sorority stuff going on. They worry too much about stuff that big brother of the school could care less about."

Physical Education senior

Letter to the Editor

Openness in case requires courage

Editor — Last July, I wrote a letter in response to a sexual harassment complaint filed at Cal Poly. At the request of the individual filling the complaint, I did not send the letter. It was her wish to avoid attention, at that time, and settle the matter quietly. In light of your front-page story on Oct. 30, the issue has now become a public one.

Speaking out against sexual harassment takes tremendous courage. It causes upheaval in both one's professional and personal lives. The complainants must endure months of questioning and repeating their stories. They often become alienated from their co-workers, who are either unaware of what is going on or who choose to ignore it.

They become labeled "complainants" by their supervisors. These women found the courage to come forward and provide support for each other. The charges they made were very serious. They described conduct that is inappropriate in any environment, especially in an institution of higher learning. And yet, it is those who speak out against this behavior who seem to suffer the consequences.

As a woman, a career counselor and a private therapist, I am appalled at this situation. The message it sends is that having the courage to take a stand against sexual harassment is not a wise move at Cal Poly. I have listened to the stories of many student, staff and faculty women who have a great deal to say about sexual harassment and sexual discrimination on this campus. They fear, however, the result of doing so publicly. It is my sincere hope that situations such as this one will not discourage others, but instead provoke, motivate and inspire them to be agents of change. How unfortunate for all of us that this university, which is regarded so highly, remains in the dark ages on this issue.

Kris Hiemstra

Cal Poly career counselor

Nation's treasures not for sale

By A.J. Schuermann

I heard a Japanese conglomerate blob recently are Rockefeller Center and Radio City Music Hall in New York City. The Japanese have been consuming quite a bit of America (including a bunch of banks, golf courses, cattle ranches and movie companies), and now they're sunk their teeth deep into Manhattan.

Where's our national security? It certainly isn't in Rockefeller Center. Who are these corporate directors that sold a piece of Manhattan to Japan? They're nameless, of course, and they sold it for $580 million richer.

Foreigners are eating huge pieces of American pie and I can't afford to taste the crumbs. I have no choice but to root for all-American tycoons Donald Trump and hope he'll claim most of America before Japan does.

But in the big race to see who can own most of America, individuals are no match for aggressive international blobs. That means both foreign and domestic corporations will own and control our lives, and we really "ain't seen nothing yet." Self-reliance is worthless on Wall Street.

I'm going to get a little red, white and blue now, so bear with me. We, the individuals without tons of money, must protect our purple mountains' majesty from the blobs.

I propose that Congress pass a National Treasure Preservation Act that outlines what is not for sale in America. This act would address all tycoons and conglomerate blobs (particularly the foreign blobs).

Let's begin with New York City. Rockefeller Center and Radio City Music Hall have already been sold, so we must save the rest of Manhattan. St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Statue of Liberty and Central Park are not for sale. Not only are these national treasures, but New York City would kill anyone who tried to buy any of these places.

Let's leave the Big Apple for a moment and save the countryland. The Grand Canyon is not for sale, neither are the Rockies, the Everglades or Niagara Falls. You can't purchase the Louisiana Purchase or the Great Lakes. You can't have the Pacific Ocean or the Atlantic Ocean. No states are for sale.

In California, no missions can be bought, no redwood trees can be requisitioned and no more mountains may be acquired. Hollywood is not for sale (except for Paramount Pictures which belongs to Japan). Disneyland is not for sale. Future Farmers of America is not for sale.

You can't own the World Series, the Superbowl, the Fourth of July, Mardi Gras, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Ground Hog Day, Columbus Day or Thanksgiving. Gettysburg is not for sale. No blob can have these national treasures, but they can buy all the crack cocaine, smack, acid rain, hurricanes, earthquakes, landfills and oil spills that Americans don't want.

A.J. Schuermann has a degree in English and is a graduate student at Cal Poly.
Prof teaches emergency workers how to deal sensitively with death

Says reaction to daughter's death revealed necessity

By Julie Gieringer

Ken Brown called the military base where his daughter was stationed when she did not arrive on a scheduled flight, but knew something was wrong when nobody would tell him anything.

After several phone calls, the military base commander finally returned Brown’s call. The commander was vague. He told Brown there had been a car accident and that Brown’s daughter was involved in it. He told Brown the hospital where she was.

But the commander did not say that she was dead until Brown said he was flying there.

The people Brown dealt with in his daughter’s death were cold and calculating, he said. They did not show emotion or empathy. Even friends did not know how to react.

Emergency workers often have problems dealing with their emotions and those of the survivors when a victim dies because they are not trained how to deal with the emotional side, said Brown, an engineering technology professor at Cal Poly.

He is one of four people who are seeking to teach emergency workers how to respond to death better.

Firefighters know how to put out fires and bandage victims, but they do not know how to deal with the emotions that occur when a person dies, said Marcy Bay Fire Chief Bernie Zerr. Zerr also lost a daughter and is one of the four teaching the First Line Responders Workshop through Hospice.

It is usually the first line responder who is in contact with those who are dying and their families. A first-line responder is an emergency worker who is the first to respond in an emergency situation — an accident, a fire, or health crisis.

After Brown’s daughter died, he and his wife attended a bereavement program for support through Hospice.

Hospice is an independent non-profit organization that provides care to terminally ill patients.

Hospice also has bereavement programs, counseling and several support groups.

Brown said women tend to cry more than men when a person dies, said Morro Bay Fire Chief Bernie Zerr. Zerr also lost a daughter and is one of the four teaching the First Line Responders Workshop through Hospice.

“Up until recently, nobody has ever trained them (first line responders) as to what to say to the families of a victim who died,” Zerr said.

First line responders may avoid saying anything to the family because they do not know what to say, but it only makes the family feel isolated, Zerr said.

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Claremont College stripper raises campus sexual harassment debate

CLAREMONT (AP) — A public striptease sent as a birthday present and witnessed by 30 students at Claremont McKenna College had some boosting in delight and others leaving the dining hall in disgust.

One week after the Halloween exhibition, some students and faculty are still fuming over the avalanche of lewdness.

“We’re asking that the administration condemn blatant sex acts in a public setting,” student Chris Weinick, 21, said. Weinick said she left the eating area when the unidentified woman began to strip down to a G-string and skimpy bikini top.

The stunt was a birthday present for an unnamed male student.

Administrators say they do not consider the act and issued a statement to the student body expressing their concerns.

“I think it exhibits some bad judgment,” Torrey Sun, dean of students, said. “On the other hand, we treat our students as adults, and it’s not possible to regulate their conduct.

“I don’t think it’s the greatest way to celebrate somebody’s birthday. But there’s a lot of people out there who don’t think it’s unacceptable as it would be for any other minority,” history professor Sue Mofield said.

Claremont McKenna is one of the six Claremont Colleges, a group of small and expensive private schools that clampdown on best-college lists. McKenna was founded in 1946 and was a men’s school until the mid-1970s.

Army surgeons taught trauma skills in Watts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The carnage of gang gunshot victims at a Watts-based hospital with one of the busiest emergency rooms in the country has become a training room for U.S. Army surgeons learning traumatic treatment skills.

The County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved a motion to expand the presence of military physicians at beleaguered Martin Luther King-Drew Medical Center into other areas, including obstetrics and pediatrics.

The county-run hospital has been under fire and its director, John McPhail, chief of surgery at William Beaumont Medical Center in El Paso, Texas, said Tuesday. "But at King, the typical shooting was a victim shot once by someone trying to kill them with larger caliber and more bullet holes in the patients."

The 430-bed, county-operated teaching hospital treated almost 3,500 trauma victims in 1988 — nearly 40 percent of the county’s trauma patients, hospital officials said.

County health officials say doctors there treat more than 100 gunshot cases and dozens of stabings each month. McPhail said he got the idea to send military physicians to Los Angeles last year after Dr. Arthur Fleming, chief of trauma and surgery at King-Drew, attended a trauma conference and gaved a talk on the situation at the hospital.
American whitewash

Three Poly professors give insiders’ perspective to recent events in Central America

By Nadya Williams

Not all Americans are buying our government’s line on Central America, and some, including three Cal Poly professors, are vehemently opposed to Reagan/Bush policies — past and present.

These professors give an insiders’ perspective to recent events, as well as a historic perspective to the region. All have had firsthand experience in Central America, and two have specialized in the history and sociology of the area.

Professor Patrice Engle of the psychology and human development department spent six weeks in Nicaragua this summer working with Engle on the U.N. project. He donated computer software and taught researchers there how to program data from the child development study.

The three faculty members see recent actions in El Salvador and Guatemala as attempts to turn back their revolution, "because our ASI center is approximately the same size, with about the same ages of children, as the one in Central America. We were matched by a national organization called Madre.

"I am particularly incensed at what is happening now," said Engle in a recent interview. "Current allegations by President Bush and even some members of Congress against Nicaragua are totally false, and our mainstream media just parrot these distortions.

"The Sandinistas have just ended a 19-month cease-fire with the Contras because the Contras have never really been fighting. They have been attacking civilians and soldiers all along. "Bush wants renewed military aid to the Contras and more money to meddle with Nicaragua’s upcoming elections — all aimed at turning back their revolution," Engle said.

Senator Robert Dole called Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega a "tinhorn dictator" last week. Hammer said, "Well, Dole is the tin horn, not Ortega."

Engle stressed that not only has the CIA-funded Contra war brought great suffering to the people of the region, with an estimated 50,000 dead, but the U.S.-backed economic war "has had the most devastating effect."

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"There are few significant human rights violations committed by the Sandinistas, according to American and international groups monitoring the situation," Hammer said.

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said: "And when the government there sees it is doing something that isn't working, it changes." Professor Engle added that because of Sandinista land reform policies, there is new land in private hands in the form of small family farms than five years ago.

"There is tremendous international solidarity from countries of all political spectrums," she said. "You have the ironic situation of Western European construction teams rebuilding schools and clinics our Contras have destroyed."

"Of course Nicaragua will take military aid from anyone who offers it, including $18 million from France in the early '80s," Engle said. "Don't they have a right to defend themselves when attacked? They're a country of three million people, half under the age of 15. Are they really a threat to us?"

"Polls show 70 percent of Americans are against Contra aid," Engle said, "but when Reagan couldn't send aid legally through Congress, he sent it illegally through the CIA and the National Security Council. Bush is following these policies."

"The Nicaraguan elections will be held Feb. 25. The Nicaraguans are making every effort to keep them free and fair," Engle said. "Bush is going to try to discredit the elections in any way he possibly can to justify further intervention in the region."

Professor Forbes agreed that the next move against Nicaragua will involve the upcoming elections. "Congress has already sent $26 million to the electoral opposition, mostly to the main coalition group, UNO, which includes Contra leadership as candidates. In terms of the American population, this would be like a foreign country injecting $2 billion into our electoral process what sovereign nation would stand for that?"

Engle concluded by saying how much she admires the tenacity and endurance of the Nicaraguan people. "Don't make the mistake of feeling sorry for these people," she said. "They will survive no matter what they lost 50,000 overthrowing the dictatorship in '79, and another 50,000 fighting the Contras. They are willing to die for what they have won. I've never seen people who try so hard, who never give up."
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Customs Service is investigating whether its supervisors at a vital drug surveillance center covered up problems with high-tech radar planes, and a House member said Tuesday he'll seek congressional hearings "to get to the bottom of this."

The Customs investigation involves "everything from safety concerns ... to management being aware of problems and not taking appropriate actions," William Green, the agency's assistant commissioner for internal affairs, told The Associated Press.

Rep. Glenn English, D-Okl., a Government Operations Committee member who has conducted numerous hearings on the Customs program for interdicting air traffic, said he would request hearings by the full committee. The panel deals with funding for the Corpus Christi, Texas, center that launches aircraft to detect drug-ferrying planes.

The Surveillance Support Center operates seven detection aircraft, including two four-engine Lockheed P-3 Orions that were turned into state-of-the-art planes for the drug war.

The aircraft were outfitted with computer systems and ultra-modern graphic displays to locate drug-smuggling planes — which are estimated by the government to carry about half the cocaine reaching the United States.

The first P-3 AEW, which arrived in June 1988 at a cost of $27 million, has been plagued by electronic and mechanical problems that seriously compromise its ability to find and track drug-smuggling aircraft, according to Customs Service documents.

Deficiencies have included an unreliable computer system that has trouble locating and tracking smugglers; faulty on-board communications for the crew, and a problem with a spinning, metal radar dome, according to the documents, most of them written by crew members.

Some reports critical of the performance of the aircraft were ordered rewritten by an agency supervisor to stress success and not failures, according to the documents and Customs sources.

Peter Kendig, acting director of the Surveillance Support Center, confirmed that "the agency's own investigation "has been going on for about four weeks. Internal affairs has not talked to anyone in management. We encourage any investigations, whether from Congress or internal affairs."

Asked about allegations of a coverup, Kendig said, "There has never been any intention by management to gloss over problems" that appeared "in any official documents. All problems have been identified and have been resolved."

One Customs source, speaking only on condition he not be named, offered a different picture, saying that problems documented in staff memos "were never reflected in any reports to headquarters. ... We're still living with the same problems 15 months down the road" from the arrival of the first P-3 AEW.

Green, in overall charge of the Customs Service inquiry, said it followed "a lot of complaints" about management of the Surveillance Support Center.

He said the investigation could touch other centers in Customs-air operations, which launch interceptors and pursuit aircraft guided to their targets by the Corpus Christi-based planes.
Inventor of stun gun says it was used on thoroughbred in race

LONDON (AP) — An inventor trying to convince a jury that his ultrasonic gun succeeded in stunning a thoroughbred during a race some 17 months ago has won support from the veteran jockey who was thrown in the incident.

Greville Starkey was aboard Ille de Chypre in the 1988 King George VI Handicap at Ascot when the horse, leading by three lengths, suddenly veered to the left and dislodged his rider. Starkey testified on Monday that tests conducted the weekend after the gun was fired did not work real.

The device did not work on the horse, but tests conducted secret tests on the gun during the weekend in an effort to shows jurors the weapon is real.

Starkey said the two ponies, which usually are ridden by his young daughters, raced away in fright after the gun was fired. The device did not work on a third pony used in the tests, he testified.

Starkey said he was concerned the horse would run away and the jockey, who has ridden in more than 14,000 races, testified in the trial of London car dealer James Laming, who is on trial for conspiracy to hide his involvement in a drug and race-fixing conspiracy — terrified the horse and 1.

"I got on the horse and went to canter him past the two or three times round the paddock out of control," he said. "It frightened me, it frightened the horse and I would say it is lethal," the jockey said. "From what I have seen, I think it would work on nearly any animal."

Starkey said he was concerned the horse would run away after photographs recording the tests. Photos of the tests were presented to the jury Monday.

"He was startled and didn't know what he was doing. He just took off," said Starkey, who has ridden more than 2,000 winners in his career.

Starkey said the second horse, Minutred, also took off after passing the gun.

16-year-old Minuteman 3 launched from Vandenberg

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE (AP) — A 16-year-old Minuteman 3 missile on Tuesday delivered dummy warheads to Pacific Ocean targets 4,200 miles from its California launch site, the Air Force said.

Thirty minutes after the 8:17 a.m. liftoff, the missile's unarmed re-entry vehicles were tracked to targets in the Kwajalein Missile Range.

It was the 141st in a series of operational test launches of the Minuteman 3 weapon system, an Air Force statement said.

The missile had been in the Air Force inventory since Nov. 15, 1973. The launch was conducted by an airborne missile launch crew from the 2nd Airborne Command Control Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Airborne launch crews, flying aboard specially modified Boeing EC-135 jets, are maintained as a backup in case ground crews are unable to send launch commands.

U.S. Postal Service to test-market peel-and-stick stamps in 15 cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service is about to begin testing peel-and-stick postage stamps in 15 cities, but consumers willing to pay extra for the convenience.

EIGHTEEN of the 25-cent stamps will be sold in a sheet that folds into a booklet. The price will be $5, 50 cents more than the face value of the stamps.

"It is expected to appeal to consumers willing to pay extra for a deluxe product," the Postal Service said in announcing the test marketing program. The stamp displays artwork of an eagle and shield.

The 30-day test period will follow, with sales in Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Ohio, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Phoenix and St. Louis.
East German government resigns; thousands continue to flee nation

New law urged by committee to allow unrestricted travel

ERLIN (AP) — East Germany’s government resigned Tuesday amid growing nationwide unrest, a continuing exodus of thou­sands of its people and plans from within the Communist Par­ty for a sweeping top-level shakeup.

Also on Tuesday — one day after the government introduced a proposed law promising up to 30 days of travel to the West — parlia­mentary committee re­jected the measure and urged a new law allowing unrestricted stays abroad.

The 44-member Council of Ministers resigned jointly, gov­ernment spokesman Wolfgang Meyer said. The cabinet, led by 75-year-old Premier Willi Stoph, has little power and implements policy made by the Communist Party’s ruling Politburo. Stoph and several ministers also are Politburo members.

“We appeal to the citizens who intend to leave our republic to reconsider their step once more. Our socialist fatherland needs everyone,” said a statement issued by the outgoing cabinet.

Since Saturday, more than 28,000 East Germans have fled to the West through neighboring Czechoslovakia. They arrived in West Germany on Tuesday at the rate of 120 an hour.

The government will remain in office until Parliament elects a new Council of Ministers, Meyer said. He did not say when such an election would occur. The Par­ty’s Central Committee was to meet Wednesday to consider fur­ther changes.

Several Communist officials and three small parties allied with the Communists have urged the Politburo itself to resign.

Leaders “should resign without any delay” to make way for a new Politburo and a new Cabinet that will implement reforms, said the East Berlin newspaper Junge Welt, organ of the country’s Communist Youth organization.

At least eight Politburo jobs were on the line at a meeting Tuesday.

New party leader Egon Krenz has said five elderly Politburo members closely associated with the former leader Erich Honecker will be replaced by the end of the week. Two other Politburo members lost their jobs Oct. 18 when Krenz took over.

The Politburo, which normally has 21 members, also discussed an “action program” that Krenz has said would contain sweeping political and economic reforms.

As the government resigned and the Politburo met, about 5,000 people marched in East Berlin to protest election fraud and urge free elections. Police did not intervene as demonstrators challenged the Communists’ monopoly on power and shouted: “All power to the people.”

On Monday, 750,000 demonstrators took to the streets in cities around the coun­try, with about 500,000 in Leip­zig alone.

East Germany’s embattled leaders have been promising democratic reforms and eased travel restrictions in hopes of halting the growing unrest, but a draft allowing 30 days of travel to the West failed to curb discontent.

The constitutional committee of Parliament rejected the measure in its present form, just one day after it was published, the state-run news agency ADN said.

“The proposal does not meet the expectations of citizens and will not achieve the political credibility of the state,” the committee said.

The panel recommended lifting the need for exit visas, separating travel regulations from emigration rules, clarifying the access to foreign currency for trips abroad, reconsidering the 30-day limit and changing the conditions under which passports can be refused.

The committee also urged an emergency Parliament session to discuss the tense situation and find ways of persuading skeptical citizens to remain at home.

**Revolution Day festivities interrupted by protesters**

MOSCOW (AP) — Anti­government demonstrators, striking workers and clashes between police and protesters vied Tues­day with a scaled-down military parade on Red Square as the Soviet Union celebrated the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

Even as Soviet Premier Mikhail S. Gorbachev tempered the Revolu­tion Day festivities by saying the nation’s economic problems hang like a “sword of Damocles over us.”

A column of about 5,000 mar­chers paraded peacefully through Moscow to challenge Communist Party authority, while a few miles away, Gorbachev and other leaders celebrated the 72nd an­niversary of the revolution reviewing the traditional show of military force.

Activists in the southwest republic of Moldavia said police broke up a crowd of thousands of would-be protesters and beat some of them. The military part of the parade in its capital, Kishinev, was canceled.

In the Arctic city of Vorkuta, striking coal miners joined the official celebration, but carried slogans demanding more in­dependence, and that the gov­ernment fulfill promises of better living and working conditions.

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Reagan’s $2 million profit for trip doesn’t burn Bush

President: He’s got to make a living

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Tuesday steered clear of criticizing his predecessor, Ronald Reagan, for accepting a $2 million trip to Japan, saying, “everybody’s got to make a living.”

He also passed up an opportunity to comment on Nancy Reagan’s controversial book, “My Turn,” but indicated his recollection of his relationship with her husband was not quite the same as what she wrote.

Mrs. Reagan wrote that Bush told her during the height of the Iran-Contra controversy that he thought Chief of Staff Donald Regan should resign. She said she told him to tell her husband that, and he said, “Nancy, that’s not my role.”

Bush was asked if he had his own vice president, Dan Quayle, should act that way.

“No, I think it’s his role to tell me anything that’s on his mind, which is exactly the relationship I had with President Reagan and that’s the way I worked as vice president,” Bush replied.

Asked to comment further on Mrs. Reagan’s version, he said, “No, I can’t help you on that one.”

Bush was asked whether it was appropriate for Reagan to accept $2 million from a communications conglomerate for a speaking trip to Japan last month.

He said, “I will not have anything negative to say about President Reagan if this is an inflationary device that, because I’d prefer to emphasize the positive parts of that trip, talking openly about the need for free trade, the affection shown to him by the Japanese people. It’s important symbolism when it comes to this relationship that sometimes has strained.”

FIRE

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engines were on Grand Avenue at one of the calls.

“It actually helped that they were responding to another fire,” he said. “The response from those was great.”

Salazar said the San Luis Fire Department and Cal Poly Fire Department have an automatic aid response agreement, which means they will automatically help one another with any fire at Cal Poly or nearby area.

“The San Luis Fire Department did send a fire engine to assist us, but the call was cancelled when we found out the fire was already put out,” he said.

Fire Chief John Paulsen said the fire was pretty much put out before they got there. “The fire was fairly small,” he said.

Salazar said the damage from the fire will probably be about $200.

“We have not had any other fires this year,” Lamb said. “We have been really fortunate.”

He said that candles are the type of thing the resident directors look for in their safety/ maintenance checks.

“Open flames are prohibited in any room.”

POLICY

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“We need women available to talk to women,” Stultz said. He said sometimes men are victims but wanted to address what he sees as a flaw in the way complaints are handled.

Jan Pieper, director of personnel, said sexual harassment advisers receive “a lot of training.”

“We have some training materials that we bought with the city of San Luis Obispo and the city of Morro Bay that we train all the advisers in the departments that are supposed to be the informal investigators,” Pieper said. Pieper, who has been at Cal Poly six years, said training for sexual harassment advisers is “about a day, or two every other quarter.”

“It’s not that extensive training,” Pieper said. “But if you’re getting at whether Mike Sues and I are capable of doing an investigation, I have been a hearing officer for grievances in the past and Mike Sues has been a long time in personnel ... We do know how to conduct an investigation — or at least we do our best.”

Barbara Andre, a sexual harassment adviser in the Student Affairs office, said Cal Poly is not responsive enough to complaints.

“On an individual basis I think we respond, person-to-person,” Andre said. “But what’s lacking is the system’s response.”

Andre, who has been at Cal Poly for 15 years and who coordinates the international student programs, said her training for sexual harassment adviser consisted of seeing a video and participating in workshops about once per quarter.

She didn’t think it was enough training but said she’s not sure anyone can be adequately trained for it.

Andre said she understands the uniqueness of a university setting and the seriousness of sexual harassment.

“There’s a power thing between professors and students,” Andre said. “My interpretation of sexual harassment is that if a person feels they have been sexually harassed then they have been. Reactions are a real messy thing.”

Andre said getting the system to do something is the hard part.

Elie Axelroth, a psychology professor and former sexual harassment adviser, said she quit advising in 1987 after one year of doing it out of frustration with the policy.

“I was displeased with the policy,” Axelroth said. “It is very legalistic and hard to understand.”

Axelroth said victims may read the policy and still not know what to do.

“Where do they go? What do they do? They have no idea where to begin,” Axelroth said. “I have encouraged pamphlets to be printed and that personnel publicize it. People need to be encouraged, not discouraged.”

The policy places an enormous burden on complainants — he or she has to be involved every step of the way.

“The policy now says to people if you complain you may be retaliated against,” Axelroth said. “Cal Poly needs to create an environment that supports victims of sexual harassment.”

Right now it does not. I believe the administration is concerned but I don’t see them taking steps so the policy has any teeth to it.”
LA firm to excavate national forest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A mining company is seeking permits to excavate thousands of acres in the Angeles National Forest for minerals, including titanium, ilmenite and magnetite, U.S. Forest Service officials said.

Plans call for mining between 100,000 and 400,000 tons of minerals each year for approximately 50 years.

P.W. Gillibrand Co., in Simi Valley, wants permission to operate open pit mines on 13,480 acres in the Sedalia Canyon area of the forest and has filed a plan with the Tujunga Ranger District, Charles K. McDonald, environmental coordinator with the forest service, said Monday.

Mining is allowed on forest land under federal law.

If approved, initial mining would take place in three spots covering about 4,000 acres, McDonald said.

"He's going to develop small areas within the overall area to draw the different types of materials and route it through his mill, which is located in Sedalia Canyon," the coordinator said.

An environmental impact survey will be conducted and Phil Gillibrand, the company owner, said the pit mines will not be hazardous.

"To my knowledge, there are no rare species or things in the area that we would be disturbing," he said. Gillibrand said mining will occur in inaccessible brush away from residential areas and public roads.

"We're totally neutral in terms of whether he should mine or not," McDonald said, noting that public opinion is an important factor in permitting.

"They have a statutory right to mine. But they have to protect the environment. We will negotiate with them how they will mine the environment. We will negotiate to mine. But they have to protect the environment," McDonald said.

Early warning systems have been implemented in Japan, where they are used to predict tidal waves after an earthquake and to turn off gas and transportation systems when a quake occurs, Heaton said. One system shuts down Japan's high-speed "bullet train" to prevent an accident if the tracks were bent in an earthquake.

Although there are 1,600 seismograph stations in the United States, they are intended to locate earthquakes — even very small ones — and not to provide information about them. The existing system records only the up and down motion of the earth — not its side-to-side shaking — and can measure only a limited range of shock waves, Heaton said.

Major quakes such as last month's Bay Area quake are rare.

The existing system is also very slow, Heaton said. The information it provides is typically one or two days behind, and in some cases time lags of shocks that delay could become as long as several hours.

Heaton said a detection system would not have reduced deaths in the California earthquake but might have been able to warn people to get out of the way of falling objects.

After the Oct. 17, 7.1-magnitude California earthquake, three seismometers were installed to measure after shocks from the quake. The seismometers sent about a 20-second warning of after shocks to emergency workers who were digging through the rubble of the interstate bridge that collapsed in the initial shock.
Poly Wheelmen looking for a few good women

By Leslie Morris

Wheelmans are a group of hardcore riders and you’ve got to be a stud to ride with them,” said Lindsey. "That’s totally intimidating. "There’s a stereotype that the Wheelmans are a group of hardcore riders and you’ve got to be a stud to ride with them," said Lindsey. "That’s totally false."

Most of the women started out riding poor to average quality bikes, like Tammy Braun, who said her first bike was "an old clunker ten-speed."

Of the recent Wheelmans women, many were not in good physical condition. But they came out anyway and had great experiences, said Danielle Gilkeson.

"If I had never done anything athletic before in my life until I joined the Wheelmen — at least not anything consistent," she said.

Mimi Karl started out as a recreational cyclist and enjoyed it so much that she decided to race last year.

This year’s membership of 79 for the entire club is low compared to last year’s 160. But more students are expected to register in January since racing begins in February.

Meanwhile, the recreational aspect of the club is a priority. There are weekly rides to places such as Cambria and Montana de Oro; weekend scenic tours to San Simeon; and a ski trip to Tahoe planned for the week after finals. The trip will include mountain bike riding in the snow, downhill and cross country skiing. "For the general recreational rider, just coming out to ride can help in fitness and stress reduction," Gilkeson said.

Braun said that despite their passion for cycling, the Wheelmans are still real people — students first, cyclists second. "Right now we’re just trying to go out and have fun," she said.

Karl described the women’s relationship with the men as great. They are like brothers, she said, and there is a lot of encouragement. "No one is going to let you get stuck in Morro Bay having to ride back by yourself," she said, adding that the men are always willing to give you a push up a hill if needed.

Outside of the group’s activities and events, the women often get together for potluck dinners and Sunday rides. They have become good friends, but wish more women would join the club.

The Wheelmen group meeting is especially beneficial for newcomers who want to find out what the club is all about. The meetings usually feature slide shows or speakers. Tonight’s 7 p.m. meeting in Science North 215 will feature a bike swap-meet, where bike parts will be bought, sold and traded.

Because a lot of women newcomers feel uncomfortable just showing up at a group ride or meeting, the women members are willing to speak one-on-one with them, to help them become familiar and comfortable riding with the Wheelmen.

Through their involvement, each woman has positive things to say about their Wheelmen experiences. They all feel that being members of the Wheelmen have made them stronger people, that it helped build self-esteem and that it was a great way to release stress.

As a recreational priority, the Wheelmen are looking for new members to join the club for the Mountain Bike aspect. This part of the club was added because of widespread interest in mountain biking and because the Wheelmen want to branch out to include riders who don’t want to race. With a core of about 12 people, they go on weekly eight- to ten-mile rides through Poly Canyon in addition to various all-day rides. Ideally, they’d like to have daily rides.

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