Student diagnosed with German measles; S.B. link not certain

By June Thompson
Staff Writer

A case of rubella, more commonly known as German measles, was reported Monday by Dr. James Nash, director of Student Health Services at Cal Poly.

Nash identified the patient as basically "a nice, healthy, Southern California young man who has been sick for a week."

The patient "was mildly contagious, so he was sent home," the doctor said.

Although the student was in Santa Barbara on Halloween, he did not catch the measles there, Nash said.

"His exposure must have been Nov. 7 or 8, going by the days he started to get sick," he said. "We don't know how he got the disease, which is typically the case."

A UCLA student introduced the highly contagious virus during Halloween in Isla Vista, reported the UC Santa Barbara Daily Nexus. There have been 12 confirmed cases of measles in Santa Barbara, the newspaper reported, nine of those UCSC students — prompting UCSB's Student Health Services to immunize 4,000 students before the Thanksgiving holidays.

Nash said the Poly student had a booster shot a few days before his symptoms, but not in time to prevent immunity.

"It's a goofy case, but fits the criteria for the diagnosis of measles," Nash said.

Barbara Schwenhofer, the San Luis Obispo County supervising nurse in charge of reporting communicable diseases, said the county has "two rash cases pending (determination of measles)."

Blood has been drawn from a child and a San Luis Obispo woman who has had the vaccine.

Schwenhofer said the first symptoms are fever, runny eyes and a bright red rash on the face. By the fourth day the patient has a bright red rash that appears first on the face and then spreads down from the neck to the torso, upper arms and legs.

Textbook prices at Poly not bad, says bookstore

Manager says mark-up meager

By Barbara Courain
Staff Writer

Student grumblings over high textbook tabs at Cal Poly has said, El Corral Bookstore manager Cindy Giambalvo said it is not making a profit — in spite of the Foundation's annual report listing a $681,000 profit.

"We really do try and lower book prices for the students," she said.

She said every textbook dollar is accounted for and the bookstore is not making a profit from selling books. El Corral marks books at a consistent 23 percent over wholesale.

"On every dollar, 76 percent goes to the publisher, 11 percent for printing and 3 percent for operating expenses, three percent to university support and two percent for operational assets (inventory and equipment)," Giambalvo said.

Al Amirali, executive director. See TEXTBOOKS, page 5

A U.U. we can all love

A proposal is in the works to add some beauty to our concrete-infested University Union.
I know of an astronomer who wrote to newspapers across the country asking if they would be interested in publishing a weekly astronomy column. The most common response to his inquiry was: "No thanks, we already have a daily column."

The daily column referred to was, of course, about astrology, not astronomy. This is but a single example of the lack of scientific literacy many journalists possess, and in turn is a reflection of the lack of science literacy in the country as a whole. All of this contributes to the inadequate way in which the media covers science and engineering news.

Science and engineering news is often misreported, aimed to meet a political or philosophical viewpoint or simply ignored. An event of great scientific and public importance may occur and the general public never hears about it because the media is focusing on a fluff story that day.

Many journalists seem to have the opinion that technology is, by itself, evil. As I write this, a journalist on television is complaining about the cost of putting human settlers on Mars with world-class technological, medical and spiritual benefits such a program would bring to those of us who remain on Earth.

Mustang Daily is no better than media in its coverage of technology. Cal Poly is primarily a science and engineering school. One would therefore assume the primary readership of the newspaper, Cal Poly students, would have a greater amount of scientific literacy than the general public. However, you'd never guess this from examining a few issues of the Daily.

Journalists are taught several ways of deciding whether or not an item is worthy of publication. One of these factors is proximity, which is often interpreted to mean location. In other words, if a Cal Poly researcher discovers something, it's news. However, if someone from Cal Poly isn't directly involved, it's not news.

I feel proximity should also be defined to include the news items likely to be of interest to the students and faculty of the readership at Cal Poly. This is why Mustang Daily would be interested in knowing about new developments in science, even if nobody from our college is involved.

I've observed that science and engineering types are either too ready to credit their research so it's news or aren't ready to credit others' research if it's not theirs. Sometimes I suspect it's because the media and even write an article or two. Taking a few journalism classes wouldn't hurt either.

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If scientists and engineers aren't willing to explain what they want to get across, how can the reporters write coherent stories?

For example, I've been told about a Mustang Daily reporter sent to interview a professor who spoke rapidly using technical slang the reporter didn't know. When the reporter asked the professor to rephrase his statements in layman's language, he pompously announced his disbelief the newspaper would dare to send someone to interview him who wasn't already fluent in the particular field.

As you can imagine, I was not pleased. It's not because science and technology types must let the journalists know they want to see more science-oriented items published. They must make greater ties to the media and even write an article or two. Taking a few journalism classes wouldn't hurt either.

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Officials look into fatal San Francisco bus-train collision

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Police worked Tuesday to determine if any laws were broken when a train slammed into an ABC-TV charter bus halted on the tracks by traffic gridlock on route to a Monday Night Football game. Two people died and six others were hurt.

Police Sgt. Mike Guglielmoni said the investigation could result in no charges at all, or in charges of misdemeanor traffic violations or involuntary manslaughter in connection with the deaths of the two ABC executives.

So far, Guglielmoni said, it appears that the bus driven by Paul Cang, 34, of Foster City, got caught in heavy traffic while trying to traverse the Southern Pacific tracks at the Oyster Point Boulevard railroad crossing — less than two miles from the Candlestick Park game site.

"He just had nowhere to go — there was a large truck in front of him," the officer said.

"The gates came down, the lights went on, the bells started ringing and there was no place to go," said John Sanchez, 45, who was driving a tractor-double trailer, 18-wheel rig stopped in front of Cang's International Coach Co. bus.

"The train was blowing its horn continuously, and I pulled up as far as I could," said Sanchez. "I couldn't go any further without climbing the car in front of me. The bus was trapped, because there were cars stopped in the other direction, so he couldn't go around me."

The diesel locomotive, Cal Train No. 58 traveling from San Francisco to Burlingame, hit the bus at 60 mph, pushing it 50 feet down the tracks and spinning it 180 degrees.

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Meanwhile, a survey by the state Public Utilities Commission released last June listed the crossing as the San Francisco Bay area crossing in most urgent need of improvement because of heavy traffic and the 11th most needy among 82 needing repairs throughout California.

Robert Teglia, a South San Francisco council member and former mayor, said the crossing has been considered a serious problem for a long time because of the frequency of train passings during rush hour.

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Ann Steele used to run a day care center in Grover City. She took care of 12, sometimes 16 kids in her home. She also had ducks, parakeets, cats, frogs, a dog and a rabbit. Steele said it was like Noah's Ark.

The day care center is now gone. Steele said the risk is too great and the liability insurance too expensive. She shut it down in 1988.

Seven of her pets are gone too. In 1985, the animals started to die. All of them were dead within 22 months. The cat was always coughing, and had developed tumors. The rabbit, a little more than a year old, developed cysts. The ducks, they had cysts too. The frogs and the parakeet died in that order. Sandy, the Irish setter, gave birth to 10 stillborn puppies. She later died.

All exhibited similar symptoms prior to their deaths, Steele said. All coughed, all hemorhaged anally or nasally and all developed cysts or tumors.

Steele refuses to accept coincidence as an explanation. She places the blame on 110 acres of strawberry fields that surround her home on Mentone Avenue in south San Luis Obispo County.

Each year, starting in spring, pesticides are applied to strawberry fields in preparation for a new crop. The top 10 inches of soil are injected with a highly toxic gas, and plastic tarps are immediately laid down to ensure that the gas does not escape.

A popular treatment for strawberry fields in south county, and the one Steele is concerned with, is Methyl Bromide, a toxic fumigant with a 20-percent mix of Chloropicrin, a military nerve gas. The strong aroma of the Chloropicrin is used as a warning agent for the odorless Methyl Bromide.

The pesticides are to blame, Steele says, not only for the death of her pets, but the illnesses of her day care kids in the past. Steele's veterinarian was unavailable for comment.

In the summer of 1984, before Steele had pinpointed any problems, a drainage pond was dug out of a former strawberry field. She said the dust from the basin infiltrated her house throughout the construction.

“All I knew was the dust, it was everywhere, it coated everything,” Steele said. “I had eight children (in the day care center) and by the end of that week all of them were sick.”

Christine J. Pocan, a journalism junior, was a Mustang Daily reporter spring quarter. She is interested in pesticide issues.
**INSIGHT**

From page 5 plans for a housing project to be built on a strawberry field adjacent to Steele's home are in the works. Kempton and Steele are concerned that the dust lifted from the fields under construction will be toxic and dangerous to the community.

They are asking the Arroyo Grande City Council for a focused environmental impact report on the project as well as a health risk assessment report to be provided to the public.

At the Nov. 14 City Council meeting, the council expressed approval for the project but postponed its final decision until Jan. 23, pending a new city water policy.

As a result of Kempton and Steele's earlier efforts, the planning commission ran a soil test on the construction site. At the meeting they reported to the council that no pesticide residues were detected.

However, Kempton said the testing did not go deep enough into the problem. Not only did the test not reach the maximum depth of construction, no inert ingredients were tested for.

Kempton told the council, "It is our contention that this soil should be considered as if it contains toxics, regardless of the source."

Those city council people heard what they heard and didn't even say one word. They didn't react negatively or positively. It was just like I was standing before brain damage."

Jim McGillis, project coordinator for the proposed development, said to the council, "You can find out what happened to the chemicals that went on the strawberries — nothing. There's nothing there, we tested for them."

"We can continue to try and fight a boogey man as long as you'd like us to, but the plains and simple facts are — there's nothing."

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Orange County AIDS home to close doors

HUNTINGTON BEACH (AP) — The only government-subsidized home in Orange County serving AIDS patients who are well enough to continue working but who cannot afford housing will shut its doors in January 1990.

Closure of the five-bedroom home will force three men to find new lodgings, Joel D. Miller, executive director of the AIDS Services Foundation, said Monday.

Liability worries sparked by the recent death of a patient and a guest caused the shut down was scheduled for Jan. 15.

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"These include fundraising activities that bring the university between $6 and $7 million dollars," he said. "This is a significant payback to the campus."

He said Cal Poly is very competitive with other CSU schools when it comes to textbook prices.

"Textbooks are not cheap," Amaral said. "Yet it's a mandatory purchase and students must bear the cost."

Nevertheless, some students feel they're paying more than in comparison to other schools.

"I was able to buy more used books at Cal Poly Pomona," said junior Kim Forrester. "The prices do seem to be a bit higher here," she said.

In contrast, a transfer student from Arizona State said student prices at Poly are "cheap" in comparison.

"I was paying $300 a quarter for books there," said architecture sophomore Janet Buys, "and last quarter I spent $100 here."

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The confinement to a compound near the Libyan capital Tripoli began recently and resulted from pressure by Egypt and the Palestine Liberation Organization, The New York Times reported.

In October, Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak asked Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gadhafi to extradite Abu Nidal to Egypt or stop his organization's terrorist acts from Libya, according to PLO officials in Tunisia and Arab diplomats in Paris.

The request was a condition for restored relations between Libya and Egypt, the Times said.

There is no indication that Gadhafi intends to turn Abu Nidal over to Egypt, the officials told the Times.

The 52-year-old Abu Nidal, whose real name is Sabry al-Banna, has lived in Libya since he was expelled from Syria in 1987. He is wanted in Egypt for, among other things, the hijacking of an Egypt Air flight that ended with the deaths of 56 passengers in Malta in 1985. The passengers lost their lives during an attempted rescue.

PLO officials told the Times Nidal's detention could be the start of the demise of his 15-year-old organization, the Fatah Revolutionary Council. A growing number of its leaders and members have defected to the mainstream Palestinian organization under pressure from the PLO and Arab governments.
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Health officials violation of laws governing toxic waste was hazardous and dumped in Marine Corps at two landfills whether waste deposited by the dry waste was dumped at the "clearly hazardous" mined that the waste, created to handle hazardous materials, was not hazardous.

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Authority investigators Marine Corps for possible dumping toxic waste in S. Calif.

Health officials say material was 'clearly hazardous'

BARSTOW (AP) — Authorities are investigating whether waste deposited by the Marine Corps at two landfills was hazardous and dumped in violation of laws governing toxic materials.

Lt. Col Mark Schnell, director of services and facilities at the U.S. Marine Corps Logistics Command in Barstow, said the dry waste was dumped at the landfills, which are not licensed to handle hazardous materials. But he said Navy tests determined that the waste, created when tanks and other vehicles are sandblasted for repainting, was not hazardous.

However, Peter Brierty, San Bernardino County's chief of environmental health, said a sample of the waste the Marines sent to him for testing was "clearly hazardous.

"Despite this conflict (over the toxicity of the material), we are now treating it as if it is hazardous and we are formulating a plan to address the barrels in the dumps," Schnell said. "We recognize the concerns people have over this and we will respond.

Environmental officials said the material contains high levels of lead and other metals such as cadmium, chromium and zinc, which could endanger the area's underground water supply that is the sole source of drinking water for residents of Daggett, Yermo and other high-desert communities.

At least 13 drums of the waste were dumped at San Bernardino County's landfill in Barstow. This year and more barrels were buried previously at an off-base dump, state officials said Monday.

Schnell said he didn't know how much waste was buried at the base, but the dumping could date back to 1961.

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University Union faces makeover; students want less trash, more seating, plants, artwork in plaza

By Ken A. Forkus

When Cal Poly students return for classes next fall, they may find a "new" University Union Plaza.

"A lot of people feel the plaza, in its present condition, is an eyesore," said Scott Moran, facility development chairman and director of the University Executive Committee.

The major problem with the U.U. is the trash, Moran said. People seem to think because the U.U. is all cement, it's OK to leave trash around, he said, because someone will later clean it up and hose down the area.

Moran said this is a problem because the U.U. is the focal point for student activities. "We have tried several projects to make people aware of the trash problem, but they have not worked," Moran said.

Trash cans have been installed and bolted down about every 10 feet, but people still seem to leave trash, he said.

After much discussion, the

Union Executive Committee decided the problem was not the lack of trash cans, but the surroundings themselves.

"If people don't appreciate the atmosphere, they are not going to bother to keep it clean," Moran said.

Two years ago, two landscape architecture students proposed a remodeling plan of the U.U. as a senior project. However, the plan involved removing the fountain about which several people expressed concern.

Last March, a survey was taken of 150 student, faculty and staff members to see what they thought a new U.U. should look like. Fifty-seven percent of those polled felt the fountain was important, but 71 percent thought some sort of change should be done with the fountain. Other areas people thought should be incorporated into the U.U. were more seating, more vegetation, more shade and more artwork.

"We hope to get some interest from the architecture, landscape architecture and other department to get involved with the design of the new University Union," said Moran.

The idea is to get several plans from different students, and then take parts from each plan and submit them to a professional architect for a final plan.

Presently, the Facilities Development Committee is looking into financing the $1 million project through fundraising programs.

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Japanese kids cram for primary school entrance exams

TOKYO (AP) — Kirko Hara has attended a “cram school” for months in a desperate effort to be ready for entrance exams. She’s 5, and her parents hope Kirko will make it into a top-ranked private elementary school.

She attends cramming sessions twice a week after kindergarten and on weekends.

Some days, Kirko makes rice balls or crafts, or is drilled in the Japanese alphabet. Once a week, she takes a practice test like those used by private schools to choose the few applicants they accept.

“We wish she didn’t have to go to cram school, but if she gets into a good private...system now, then she’ll be able to enter the school’s junior high automatically,” said Yoko, her mother.

Japanese public education is praised for egalitarianism and the high scores of students on achievement tests, but as public schools become equal, parents look for an edge elsewhere.

Children are being sent at ever-younger ages to cram schools, called jukus, or are going to private rather than public schools in hopes of gaining ground in the merciless college-entrance competition.

The Education Ministry says 71 percent of elementary and junior high students attend jukus or have special outside lessons, in effect creating an entire second school system. It is a booming business estimated to be worth about 1 trillion yen, or $7 billion, a year.

Some Japanese contend the increasing role of private spending in education threatens the equality of opportunity created by the public school system. Others feel public schools have concentrated on educating the mass of students, neglecting the bright and creative.

Getting into the best schools frequently costs a staggering amount of money and work.

Kirko’s parents pay about 65,000 yen ($460) a month for her private kindergarten. Some classmates began attending a juku at age 3, to prepare for the kindergarten entrance exam, and now have daily cram sessions before kindergarten and again in the afternoon.

Such devotion to schooling has a long history in Japan and some other Asian nations, but the intense competition is largely a postwar development that grew with economic prosperity.

Japan spends less on public education than the United States, both in total amount and percentage of gross national product.

In the last fiscal year, the government allocated 16 trillion yen ($12 billion) to public education, compared with $353 billion this year in the United States.

An Education Ministry study in 1987 said 4.2 percent of Japan’s GNP went to public education, compared with 4.8 percent in the United States, 4.4 percent in Britain and 4.2 percent in West Germany.

Spending on education in the United States varies greatly by school district and region, but Japan has followed a policy of equal distribution of resources. It also does not “track” students, separating them according to ability.

In the United States, the federal government provides about 6 percent of the public money for kindergarten through high school. Japan’s central government pays 43 percent, much of it in subsidies to local districts that reduce regional disparities to less than 20 percent, according to government figures.

The Education Ministry approves textbooks and curricula, so students study essentially the same material at the same time.

In high school, Japanese students cram for college entrance exams that determine not only what schools they will attend, but their chances for a good job afterward. Companies with the most prestige usually hire graduates of Japan’s best schools.

College entrance exams have become more difficult as competition has intensified and frequently include material not covered in the public school curriculum, according to Education Ministry studies.
Short Takes

KCPR-FM to hold auction of couches
Cal Poly's radio station, KCPR-FM, will hold its 14th annual auction today from 3 p.m. until midnight. The auction will be held over the air with listeners calling the KCPR studio to bid on items. Auctioned items will include various donations from community businesses, as well as autographed posters and albums from KCPR. Proceeds from the auction will go towards the non-profit radio station. The auction is one of three annual fundraisers for KCPR. For more information, call the radio station at 544-4640.

Craft Center to host annual sale
The ASI Craft Center will have its annual Craft Fair this Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Mission Plaza. On display will be California redwoods, earrings, photographs, Christmas tree ornaments, and more. For more information, call 716-1281.

Psychologist to discuss children
Noted family psychologist H. Stephan Glenn will deliver three presentations at Cal Poly on Monday. The author of the best-seller "Raising Self-Reliant Children in a Self-Indulgent World," Glenn will be the featured speaker in the third annual Health and Safety Lecture Series sponsored by the university's physical education and recreation administration department.

Rec dept. to hold x-mas celebration
On Saturday and Sunday, the San Luis Obispo Recreation Department will be sponsoring "Christmas in the Plaza." It will take place in the Mission Plaza from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Food booths, craft booths, and entertainment will be on hand for the public's enjoyment. The entertainment will include "Pat Jackson's American Dancers, the County Band and the Singing Nuns from Colbert, Wash."

Lions Club plans Christmas parade
The Bay-Oons Lions Club is sponsoring a parade in Los Osos, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 9, followed by a Christmas Fair inside the Baywood Park Community Center. The theme of the parade and fair is "Christmas Carnival." Fire Captain Ed Jablonski will be grand marshal of the parade.

For more information, call Leonard Wilhite at 528-3533.
Opposition negotiates with Czechoslovakian premier

Eight-person delegation seeks end to authoritarian rule

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — After millions of people filled city centers to demand an end to authoritarian rule, opposition leaders entered talks with the Communist premier Tuesday saying they would first demand a new Cabinet.

Monday's two-hour nationwide general strike — a festive affair of speeches, song and flag-waving — was the largest public display of opposition to the ruling Communists since they took power in 1948.

The opposition coalition Civic Forum said that after 11 straight days of mass rallies for democracy the time had come to pressure authorities into relinquishing power and allowing free elections.

But it left out the threat of further strikes if the popular will is not heeded. Any doubt that workers backed the pro-democracy movement was erased during Monday's strike as shop floors across the country were idled.

Premier Ladislav Adamec was to meet today with an eight-person delegation led by Vaclav Havel, Czechoslovakia's most prominent dissident. A first round of talks between the two sides was held Sunday.

"We want the situation to quiet down, and we don't want to overextend people's energy," said another opposition leader, the Rev. Vaclav Malý.

The rally, attended by more than 200,000 people, capped massive anti-government protests that have forced two major reshuffles in the ruling Communist Politburo in three days.

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During the protest, flag-waving, joyous workers filled the streets of Prague for the first time in 41 years. It was an outpouring of national pride.

State radio said all enterprises were affected by the strike, although most had skeleton crews on duty so production would not be completely disrupted.

Government may close tower of Pisa for restorations

PISA, Italy (AP) — The top government commission for public works suggested Tuesday that the famed leaning tower of Pisa be closed for restoration work.

The recommendation by the Superior Council of Public Works was passed along to Parliament, which must make the decision.

Experts recently have voiced alarm over decay in the 162-foot, 900-year-old structure. It has a 5-degree tilt due to differential settling of its foundation and to the decay over time of the limestone in the tower.

The commission did not say it could collapse. It said the closure would allow conservation work to begin.

In its tilt has been increasing by an average 0.047 inches a year since measurements began in 1918. It has remained open to tourists, even through World War II.
**Video taping sex partner without consent violates privacy law, says appellate court**

**SAN BERNARDINO (AP)** — An appellate court has ruled that sexual intercourse is in a form of communication, and making videotapes of sex acts without the partner's knowledge is a violation of California's privacy law.

In its 2-1 decision issued Nov. 17, the 4th District Court of Appeal upheld the criminal conviction of a 42-year-old Hemet man who had secretly videotaped sexual encounters with three women in 1986.

Michael Francis Gibbons, now married and the father of a 7-year-old child, was convicted in February 1988 of three misdemeanor violations of eavesdropping after a Municipal Court jury trial in Hemet.

A judge fined him $4,500 and sentenced Gibbons to 14 months in jail, although the sentence is on hold pending appeal.

The opinion expands the meaning of communication under the 1967 privacy law to include nonverbal exchanges.

The state's privacy law is intended to protect citizens from being secretly taped when they believe what they are doing is confidential. It was originally designed to bar surreptitious telephone call recording.

Gibbons, who was single in 1986, brought the women to his home and had sexual intercourse with them while a videocamera was hidden in a closet recorded the scenes.

None of the women had consented to be taped, and the activity was given an air of privacy with drawn curtains and a closed bedroom door.

A friend of Gibbons told one of the women she had been videotaped and she complained to authorities. Sheriff's deputies who searched Gibbons home with a warrant found video equipment and tapes of Gibbons having sex with various women.

Gibbons' attorney, John C. Bush of Hemet, argued in appeal that his client was denied due process of law because the statute under which he was prosecuted covers "oral communication" and not sexual acts.

The majority opinion written by Justice Thomas E. Hollembrook rejected the argument.

"That sexual relations is a form of communication . . . cannot be readily disputed," he wrote. "We find that 'communication' as used in the privacy act is not limited to conversations or oral communications but rather encompasses any communication, regardless of its form, where any party to the communication desires it to be confined to the parties thereo.

"If the act covers eavesdropping on or recording of a telephone call, it surely covers the nonconsensual recording of the most intimate and private form of communication between two people."
Santa Monica adopts ocean motif for city’s Christmas decorations

SANTA MONICA (AP) — An enraptured group of homeless people witnessing Tuesday’s unfurling of controversial lamppost Christmas banners featuring dolphin, kelp and gulls had a ho-ho-hum reaction to the flag flap.

"Big deal," said one disheveled man perched on a stained sleeping bag.

But Soviet emigre Suzy Hartwick smiled and said, "They are very nice. I love Christmas. It reminds me of home when I had a home."

The rumpled band of street people then turned their gaze back to the sea, rearranging their shopping cart armada for an approaching noon feed nearby.

The first of 225 banners were fastened to lamppoles near the entrance to the Santa Monica Pier on Tuesday morning.

“They wouldn’t make much sense in Toronto or Cincinnati or Des Moines, but they make a lot of sense here at the city by the bay,” said artist Laddie John Dill during unveiling of the artsy lamppost decorations.

Word spread this week that the new banners were going up and telephones began ringing incessantly at Santa Monica Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

The marine theme was too much of a departure from the religious significance of the season, residents complained. The Chamber of Commerce was taking Christ out of Christmas and the Santa out of Santa Monica.

“Most of the calls involved concern we had done away with the traditional Christmas decorations,” said chamber president Duane Nighengale. The chamber sponsored the $15,000 replacement project.

“Church groups thought we were taking Christ out of Christmas and some of our senior citizens were concerned. That’s not true. The traditional decorations are going to be up as well,” said the chamber’s Dave Paradis.

It is true the carolers, holly and bells on the old banners are gone, Nighengale said, but the Nativity scene still adorns Palisades Park and garland has been strung up at Fourth Street and Wilshire Boulevard.

Michael Segal, who headed the design project as a member of the chamber’s central business district advisory group, said the “strong marine motif” captured the city’s uniqueness.

“The kelp gives a mistletoe feeling, the dolphins are in a wreath design and the gull looks like a Christmas dove of peace,” Segal said.
Bush won’t spring surprises at Soviet summit

Says he and Gorbachev may discuss military cutbacks at Malta meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sought to reassure European allies Tuesday about summit with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, promising "I’m not going to surprise them" with any agreement to cut nuclear weapons or reduce U.S. troop presence.

Bush and Gorbachev may discuss possible military cutbacks "in a general way" when they meet off the coast of Malta on Saturday and Sunday.

But he added, "In writing, I have made clear to Mr. Gorbachev — in my handwriting, so he knows it from me, not the bureaucracy — that this is not a summit for arms control agreement."

He said it was very important for the allies to know "I’m not going to go off and prematurely jump out there and try to grandstand by committing them to something. That’s not the way you keep an alliance strong."

After the two-day summit, Bush will fly to Brussels on Dec. 4 to brief NATO leaders on the discussions.

The Reagan administration had come close to a deal at a summit in Reykjavik to abolish all nuclear weapons in spite of the fact that NATO regards some of those arms as vital to deter Soviet attack.

Now, with the collapse of hard-line communist regimes in Eastern Europe and massive budget deficits in the United States, the Bush administration is considering major cutbacks in troops and weapons.

Gorbachev is facing similar pressures at home. However, Bush said, "there are no arms control proposals" for the summit.

"So the surprise will be, if you’re looking for a surprise, there won’t be a surprise. That may come as a surprise," he said.

He said there had been "frantic speculation" and "hyped speculation" that the superpowers would reach a deal on arms or troops.

"Now if we want to talk in a general way with the Soviet leaders about our aspirations for how a defense system will look 10 years from now, of course, we’ll do that, we want to do that," Bush said.

In particular, Bush said, he would like to talk with the Soviets about curtailting their defense spending.

"But that’s not what I’m referring to when I talk about euphoric expectations of some deal," Bush said. "There isn’t going to be such a deal. It takes two to make a deal."

Separately, the State Department said the United States has little interest in a possible Soviet proposal to restrict naval power.

"The Soviet Union, a land power, would be less constrained by such proposals," said State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler. "We are not aware of naval arms control measures that enhance stability."

Despite U.S. criticism that he has reeled too cautiously to Eastern European changes, Bush said his approach was supported by NATO leaders. Saying he had consulted with each NATO chief, Bush said, "I don’t want to sound self-centered here, but after some of those leaders told me, ‘We think the United States is handling this properly. We appreciate the way you’re handling these changes.’ So the president approach you are taking.”

He also said it should be the Eastern European people leading the way to change. "It doesn’t come from some Supreme Court justice across the world dictating how fast change should be or what change should encompass."

Bush also promised that he would press Gorbachev at the summit over the behavior of Moscow’s Central American allies — Cuba and Nicaragua, which the United States accuses of shipping Soviet-made weapons to leftist insurgents.
McCartney tour will get by with a little help from Visa

SAN MATEO (AP) — Former Beatle Paul McCartney, who wrote such songs as "Ticket to Ride" and "You Never Give Me Your Money," has become the latest rock star to cash in with a corporate sponsor. The credit card giant Visa announced Monday it will sponsor the 1990 segment of McCartney's American tour. "Our affiliation with Paul McCartney will provide us exclusive association with the world's most prolific songwriter and performer," said Charles T. Russell, Visa's chief executive officer. Visa said the former Beatle approached the company with the deal, which Russell called "a mutually beneficial ... association." McCartney will appear in an $8.5 million television advertising campaign promoting the tour and Visa but will not directly endorse the card, which will be the only one to be accepted for tickets and stadium souvenirs at the concerts. In addition, Visa said it plans to launch an affinity card for Friends of the Earth, an environmental organization McCartney supports. Generally, organizations listed on affinity cards receive a small percentage of the annual fee or interest charges paid by cardholders. The part of the tour under Visa's sponsorship will begin in Detroit in February and include 12 cities, including Pittsburgh, Boston, Indianapolis and Atlanta.