Bad check writing is common in SLO

Problem peaks around X-mas, summer breaks

By William Douglass

Since the District Attorney’s Office began a program in January 1989 to prosecute bad check writers within the county, over $950,000 has been recovered.

Approximately $2 million worth of bad checks are estimated to have been passed since the program was initiated.

Virginia Mothes, an administrator of the Bad Check Program, said passing checks on accounts with insufficient funds is one of the most widely committed crimes in San Luis Obispo, especially among students.

Mothes said people who are otherwise law abiding citizens do not realize they are breaking potential laws when they bounce a check.

On the same day a check is written there must be enough money in the account to cover it.

Mothes said. Otherwise the check-writer has broken a misdemeanor section of the California Penal Code, punishable by jail in some cases.

"Even if someone writes a check and makes a deposit to cover it in a day or two, he is breaking the law," Mothes said.

"But as long as the check does not bounce no action is usually taken against the check-writer."

Anthony Denogean, assistant manager at Domino’s Pizza on Foothill Boulevard, said the store receives an average of one bad check per day. "We have a very big problem with checks," he said.

"Most of the problem is students," said Denogean. "The biggest time of the year for bad checks is right before Christmas vacation and before school ends for the summer."

Denogean said when some students leave San Luis Obispo they leave bad checks behind them. "They do it on purpose because they know they are moving and can get away with it."

Mothes said students cannot get away with it.

"They have to, we can’t do this on our own. Resources are being stretched to the breaking point right now."

By Mary Frederisy

Panetta fears crisis in Gulf becoming ‘dangerous game’

Rep. Leon Panetta (D-Monterey) is afraid the trouble in the Middle East is becoming a game.

He said every time the United States increases troops in the Middle East, Iraq matches the buildup.

"It looks like a dangerous game of ‘Can You Top This?’" he said.

Panetta held a news conference in San Luis Obispo Monday, which mainly focused on his views of the Middle Eastern conflict.

Panetta said sanctions already in place need more time to work.

"The sanctions have just had a few months," he said. "We have implemented a pretty effective embargo on their oil. What works is to go to their economic heart, and that takes time."

Panetta said he sees a four-step system to dealing with the crisis.

He said the first step is making sure all forces are under a United Nations flag. The second is continuing to enforce the sanctions.

Poly student may join military forces stationed in Gulf

By Matt Calegari

As finals rapidly approach, most students are dreaming of the smell of turkey and stuffing, Christmas, too, is right around the corner. Many of us will hit the slopes and the malls and get our fill of eggnog. Cal Poly sophomore Thomas Patchell has these thoughts too. But this season the holidays will be extra special for Tom.

As a corporal in the Marine Reserve, Tom is "on call" and will likely be shipped out to Saudi Arabia after the new year. Tom is an English major who enjoys writing fiction. Tom is also a marine whose job is to destroy enemy artillery. "I’ve got a brain job,"

Tom said. "I work in a high-stress environment, which can be a little daunting."

For Tom, the highlight of his time at Cal Poly was enlisting in the Marine Reserve.

"I work in a high-stress environment, which can be a little daunting. But if my battalion gets called to join Operation Desert Shield, I’ll have 72 hours to get my butt in gear."

Just like the television ads say, Tom spends one weekend a month with the 5th Battalion 14th Marines near Los Angeles. He travels to Twentynine Palms Training Facility, where temperatures reach 115 degrees in the summer shade.

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Today’s weather...

Chance of morning showers. Sunny in the afternoon.

High: 64

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Take the plunge...

Poly women’s team places first, men take third at Bakersfield swim meet.

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Have a happy Thanksgiving.
The pound helps the community

This is an open letter to the citizens of San Luis Obispo County from the employees of the Department of Animal Regulation.

Members of our staff are often mistakenly and impolitely referred to as "Dog Catcher" or "those heartless people who work for the Pound." We are neither of the above. Our positions involve knowledge of animal-related details that are neither trivial, nor irrelevant. We feel responsible for our complaints, disappointments and accusations on a daily basis with rarely the public's lack of public support. We continue to make every effort to service to you — the county citizens and taxpayers.

Contrary to popular belief, we are not "dog-haters" and "cat-killers." Our duties are performed out of genuine respect for animal life and welfare. Animals are not a disposable commodity to many citizens of this county, however, our employees are not only part of our jobs but a part of our lives.

We impound and destroy hundreds of animals yearly, not because they are heartless, but because you, the citizens, choose to allow uncontrolled problems to exist. We do not let your pets run at large. We do not allow your pets to become a neighborhood nuisance. We do not continually contribute to the pet overpopulation problem. We do not encourage or tolerate our pets. We do not remedy these issues. We do not understand the best interest of both the public, as well as, the animals.

To those of you who accuse our department of callousness, apathy, inhumanity and the list goes on... please consider the following

time next you have contact with a member of our department. When your child is bitten, it is Animal Regulation who removes them with our tears and love to the neighbor's barking dog, it is Animal Regulation who makes contact with the owner and receives the abusive gestures and language.

And it is Animal Regulation who may be called out of bed on that cold night from 3 a.m. to rush an injured animal to a veterinarian for treatment. It is us, employees of the Department of Animal Regulation, who must watch the fear in the eyes of the "stray," listen to the cries of the injured and impounded, suffer silence over the sheer waste of "kitten season," and take abuse by the often hardened heart.

We wish to challenge the citizens of this county to understand and support the purposes of Animal Regulation (The Pound) and take steps to educate yourself, your friends and your county on our regulations.

We invite all citizens to visit our shelter, talk to our volunteers, ask about our policies and procedures, ride along with one of our officers.

Do please not criticize and condemn, when we answer our phones, cleared and cared for our animals, and not judge our officers on first hand what it is like to walk a mile in our shoes and alongside many paws.

This letter is in response to the article on stripping (Nov. 14) and to Alan Noelle and Christopher Ambler wondering "what right those so-called feminists have to dictate how a woman chooses to do what she does." We could not agree more that a woman should have the freedom to do what she wants with her body. We do not wish to claim that stripping is immoral, indecent or obscene, nor do we wish to infringe on Mustang Daily's freedom to explore such issues in print. What we are concerned about is that the choices of exotic dancers jeopardize all women and make all women potential victims. We believe that their freedom to strip before a crowd of men infringes on our freedom to maintain our dignity, our safety and our peace in a society pervaded by violence toward and sexual exploitation of women. That concerns and angers us.

Unfortunately, the acts of these women do not occur in a vacuum. Their decision to strip is to accede to the cultural imperatives of which terms women into sexual objects. Suzanne and her colleagues have agreed to be bonded, bound, humiliated and demeaned (it seems rather contradictory that these women make laws against pornography and we honor the beauty of the human body. But for these women to become the object of this sort of sexual disrespect is to allow all women to be demeaned and endangered.

Angela M. Estes
Asst. English Professor

Peggy Last
Asst. English Professor

Clarification

IRAQ VOWS TO DOUBLE TROOP FORCES IN KUWAIT

Iraq said Monday it will pour 250,000 more troops into Kuwait, more than doubling its military strength in the occupied emirate and giving Iraq a superiority that "others cannot match."

The Iraqi News Agency announced the troop buildup 11 days after President Bush said the United States would send an additional 200,000 soldiers to the gulf, bringing the American force to about 430,000.

Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Rick O'born said in Washington that the department would have no comment on the Iraqi troop buildup.

TOWN EVACUATES AFTER WWII BOMB DISCOVERY

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Construction workers in a town northwest of Prague found an unexploded American bomb from World War II on Monday, forcing authorities to evacuate residential areas, the CTK news agency said.

The 1,000-pound bomb was found in soil near the construction site had to be temporarily evacuated, the report said. That was the original idea going into negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. For some time, however, the United States has pushed for a 90 percent reduction in export subsidies over 10 years.

COMMISSION SEeks TO LABEL DANGEROUS TOYS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Consumer Products Safety Commission issued its yearly holiday warning against dangerous toys Monday and said it may adopt regulations requiring labeling of playthings with small parts that little children could choke on.

At its annual toy safety news conference, the commission cautioned shoppers to beware of balloons, small balls and small parts when buying gifts for the very young.

"Think big in buying toys for children under 3," Jacqueline Jones-Smith, chairman of the commission, said.

The commission said it received reports of 33 deaths related to toys between January 1989 and September 1990.

STATE GAS TAX RAISES $58 MILLION IN AUGUST

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California's voter-approved nickel-a-gallon fuel tax increase raised $58 million for the state during its first month, tax officials said Monday.

The figures were reported by the state Board of Equalization, which collects, monitors and distributes tax revenues.

The new tax increase totals a nickel per gallon during the remainder of 1990, then rise 1.17 billion gallons of fuel.

The tax, approved last June as Proposition 111, went into effect on Aug. 1. During the month of August consumers purchased nearly 1.17 billion gallons of fuel.

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The new tax increase totals a nickel per gallon during the remainder of 1990, then rise by a penny every Jan. 1 through 1994.
Mustang wrestlers split pair of road matches, improve to 2-1

Grapplers fall to Arizona State, beat New Mexico
By Mike McMillan

The Cal Poly wrestling team split a pair of road matches last weekend, pounding the University of New Mexico 33-6, but falling short against Arizona State University 24-9.

The Sun Devils of Arizona State, ranked second in the nation in NCAA Division I, handed the Mustangs their first loss this season.

"We wrestled real well in some spots," said Cal Poly head coach Lennis Cowell.

Poly 154-pounder Ruben Gonzalez beat his opponent 9-7 in "an outstanding match," Cowell said.

Poly 142-pounder Pat Morales beat his opponent 9-5. "He (Morrissey) really controlled the match," Cowell said.

Poly 177-pounder Charles Lidell supplied the Mustangs' only other victory against ASU, taking down his competitor twice in the third period and beating him 8-4.

The Mustangs then met the University of New Mexico, defeating the Lobos handily by winning eight of their 10 matches.

"Winning wrestlers for Cal Poly were sophomores 118-pounder Joe Dansby, sophomores 126-pounder Dale Hanover, Gonzalez and freshman 150-pounder Jake Geier, junior 150-pounder Kordell Baker (by forfeit), Lidell, senior 190-pounder Rick Ravalin, and sophomore heavyweight Seth Woodall.

"These guys are pretty good," Cowell said of his wrestlers. "But they've got to believe it.

Tomorrow, the Mustangs travel to Cal State Bakersfield to meet their Pac-10 rival, the Roadrunners.

Bakersfield's team includes four nationally-ranked wrestlers.

"It could be a close match. When and how big we win (in the separate weight divisions) will decide the outcome of the meet," said Cowell, whose team is 2-4 overall.

The Mustangs' first home meet will be against the Ohio State Buckeyes on Nov. 27 in Matt Gym.
Swimmers make good times in Bakersfield
By Tim Chadwick

The Cal Poly men's and women's swimming teams traveled to Cal State Bakersfield Saturday for the Roadrunner relays and came home with more than they expected.

Highlighting the meet for the women was Carolyn Bentley who led off the 3x100 breaststroke relay in 1:07.75, making the first NCAA Division II national qualifying time for the team.

Head coach Rich Firman and Bentley is one of only about five swimmers in the nation who already has qualified for nationals.

The women went on to win the meet, defeating host Cal State Bakersfield, Cal State Los Angeles and Bakersfield College.

Another highlight of the meet for the Mustangs was the 3x100-yard backstroke relay.

In this race, Stephanie Keller, Jendi Phillips and Shannon Snow blazed through the water to set a meet record. Keller's leg of 1:02.20 was less than a second off national qualifying times.

The men's team opened the meet with the 4x100 freestyle relay team of Jeremy Brannon, Dave Pagan, P.J. Madigan and Scott Swoboda who shaved more than a second off last week's time.

Overall, the team finished third in the meet, behind five-time national champion Cal State Bakersfield and UC Davis, which the Mustangs will face at home January 21 in what should be a close meet.

Firman summed up the men's and women's Bakersfield performances with a bit of praise.

"Despite the past three weeks of hard training, the team is well ahead of where it was last season," he said.

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Ionesco plays on absurdity of life

By David Holbrook

The trappings of society's designated roles, leading individuals to preposterous behaviors in pursuit of insignificance.

...Ionesco's absurdity in "The Lesson," a social and political commentary...
From page 4 of the Mustang Daily, November 20, 1990:

**SOCER**

From page 4, agp, has been a scoring leader for the Mustangs for more than three years. Coleman was pleased to see her back on the team.

"It's great to have her in there," Coleman said. "We only played her about 50 percent of the game."

The 1:6 victory avenge a 3-2 loss earlier this season to the Broncos at UCLA. Huggins thought that this time the team was better prepared.

"The first time we played them, I don't think a lot of people knew what playing UCLA was all about," she said. "We wanted revenge, and we were totally pumped up."

Defender Shauna Burroughs said that UCLA was good, but that Friday the Mustangs were definitely the better team.

"We played so good," Burroughs said. "I'd have to say that it was our best game of the year."

While Coleman praised his end-team for a strong performance, both he and Huggins were quick to point out the dominating defensive play of stopper Erin Dougherty, who shut down UCLA's premier striker. Dougherty's strong play in the box helped generate the Mustangs midfield play, which contributed to Mustangs scoring chances.

Coleman believes that his team has nothing but good things to look forward to but mourns the losses of seniors Jennifer Silva and Karol Pink to graduation.

"Both The Lesson" and "The Bald Soprano" contain serious messages presented in an absurd and humorous form. Unfortunately, much of that seriousness was lost in the theatre and dance department's production. The two works were seen to be quirky comedy by the audience. Whether the plays challenged the audience's own sensibilities remains uncertain, although they were indubitably entertaining.

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From page 6 of the Mustang Daily, November 20, 1990:

"This is a killer way to end," Coleman said.

"I'm glad it was our best game of the season," he said. "I think the kids have nothing but good things to look forward to."

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"They will definitely be missed," Coleman said.

Burroughs said that she is and that the season is over, but this victory was the way to go out. "This is a killer way to end," she said.

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**PATCHELL**

From page 1 of the Mustang Daily, November 20, 1990:

"I don't think that we did well enough," Patchell said. "I don't think that we did well enough."

"If we were looking for volunteers, I realized I could be ripped off by Cal Poly at any se- cond,"

Although Tom says he feels anxious about attending college, they believe that he could be part of the Marine credo.

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BAD CHECKS
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executed bad checks by moving away from San Luis Obispo, unless they escape bad checks by moving away back home to Northern California.

That's just about how long it takes to process the check, said. "I'm sick of students treating the law as a game."

Denogean said the Bad Check Program has been the best way to recover bad check debts for Domino's Pizza.

They have sent checks to the D.A., and the debt is turned over to a collection agency. About 15 checks are sent to the collection agency each term, Kim said. She said that she never sends a hold on a student's record, because she might be forced to use the Bad Check Program.

Denogean said he calls the phone number on the check, and if the student is not paid in cash it is immediately turned over to the Bad Check Program for prosecution.

In order to compensate for bad check losses, Domino's Pizza imposes a 15 percent charge for each check, said Denogean. Domino's Pizza takes in about $13 in check charges daily, he said. "So we break just about even."

PATCHELL
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HUMOR
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