Tacos Acapulco forced to drop last half of name

By Glenn Policare
Staff Writer

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$20,000 grant finances study of no-smoking ordinance effects

By Dan Shargel
Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo's no-smoking ordinance has not financially affected the city's bars and restaurants, says an administration analyst for the City of San Luis Obispo. A $20,000 grant will fund a study to confirm that.

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"It would eliminate a lot of fees by the other agencies or communities who really want to do it because they think (businesses) will go belly-up," Pinard said.

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The California Healthy Cities Project is funded by the cigarette tax, she said.

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"Almost every student, regardless of parents' income, would be able to take out loans." Ryan said.

San Luis Obispo's no-smoking ordinance has not injured the city's bars and restaurants financially, city officials say. A state grant will be put to work, along with the School of Business, to confirm this.
MADRID, Spain (AP) — The Basque separatist group ETA claimed responsibility Sunday for the deaths of five people in a Madrid car bombing and pledged to continue its attacks.

The attack Thursday was the bloodiest of the year and left Spaniards jittery in the face of events during Madrid’s one-year designation as Europe’s cultural capital.

Tobacco growers get help from government

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department is giving tobacco farmers $3.5 million this year to promote their product overseas as smoking becomes increasingly unpopular in the United States.

Tobacco Associates, a group of Southeastern tobacco growers, already has spent $3.36 million in federal money helping government-owned cigarette monopolies abroad make a smoother, blended cigarette using American leaf.

The grants are part of a $500-million-a-year program to promote U.S. foods and farm products abroad. For the tobacco industry, export markets have become increasingly important as health-conscious Americans give up cigarettes.

“There is a significant smoking population in the world, and there’s a growing demand for a high-quality American blend cigarette. We want them to contain as much American tobacco as possible,” said Kirk Wayne, president of Tobacco Associates.

Second consecutive Tomahawk test fails

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — An unarmed Navy Tomahawk cruise missile destined for Eglin Air Force Base crashed 50 miles off-target in Alabama, the second consecutive Tomahawk test flight that has gone awry.

The missile was launched Saturday from the destroyer USS Arleigh Burke in the Gulf of Mexico. It landed about five miles east of Mobile, Ala., and 80 miles north of its target at Eglin in the Florida Panhandle, the Navy said.

What went wrong in the 700-mile flight was not immediately determined, said Susan Boyd, a spokeswoman for the Navy’s cruise missile project. The Tomahawk was one of the high-tech successes of the Persian Gulf War.

It was the fifth crash in 28 launches from the Gulf of Mexico since 1985. None of the crashes caused any injuries.

Hospital fires employees connected with beatings

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Three psychiatric technicians, including a murder suspect, have been fired from a psychiatric hospital amid an investigation into patient injuries and mutilations of patients.

Investigators looking into the beating and stabbing death of a 29-year-old Japanese woman, Agnes Developmental Center last month found that six other patients in the ward had broken ribs or fingers, said clinical director Charlotte Stewart.

The victims were in the ward for the hospital’s most retarded and helpless patients.

Santa Clara police have arrested psychiatric technician Frank Vasquez and charged him with murdering Bacaylan and assaulting another patient. Two other employees have been fired for failing to report abuse and not getting help for the patients, Stewart said.

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U.S. tax system needs restructuring
By Danx Jonas

The national debt is at $5 trillion right now. The United States has become the world’s largest debtor. The interest alone on the debt consumes nearly 30 percent of the federal budget. Something needs to be done to remedy this serious situation which the government is still ignoring.

The Republicans are not to blame. The Democrats are just as guilty. It’s all the pretty boys in Washington who take advantage of the public’s lack of attention to their actions. The government is out of control.

People are having to think before they spend their money in this economic time. Some are finding the first way to make a little extra cash so they can make ends meet. Why should the middle class pay? If the dollar is different from the people it is supposed to be representing?

A government agency is filing for bankruptcy, which should be an impossibility. The Richmond (Calif.) City Council has presented a plan for bankruptcy is something that is incomprehensible.

Raising taxes on some items is the only solution to a problem that is not being addressed. The government has been agitated by years of poor administration. Tax increase is such a dirty phrase, but a balance of increase, decrease and elimination is what the country needs to get back on track.

Luxury, import, corporate and the upper-class taxes all need to be raised in order to make the national debt something that is comprehensible.

The upper class pays little tax. About 10 percent of its annual income goes toward taxes. A household earning $30,000 a year, however, shall not pay 30 percent of its income. It's a time to hit the wealthy for a little more. The country can no longer ride on the backs of the middle class. Maybe getting rid of some of the loopholes and increasing the Federal income tax from 15 to 15 percent would be the biggest help.

Luxury items, such as fur costs (animal skins), luxury automobiles (gas guzzlers), Rolex, foot yacht (phallic symbols) are something that everyone wants. The government can tax these things and they can afford them, then there should also be no need for the defense budget to be still too high.

The trade deficit is disgusting. Higher taxes on imports would force the cost of foreign goods to go up. Higher-priced goods would open up a market for domestic competition. This would in no way bring feelings of course, after all, the national companies pay little tax in foreign countries then they do in domestic.

That is another thing, corporations pay little tax at all. Companies such as Ford, Lockheed, AT&T and the eight largest banks in the country pay no federal tax at all.

It’s about time we get a little of the corporate money away from those CEOs, who make as much as $1 million a year in 2007 (Steven J. Ross of Time Warner). Their henchmen (board members) are as bad — they themselves raise nearly, if not in spite of the companies’ performance. ITT board members gave themselves $450,000 dollars in one year.

There are very few women making this much money decide their own pay. This type of self-enrichment, rivalled only by the members of the upper class, is excusable and revolting. We need to tax these crazies.

Increasing taxes on killer items, like cigarettes and alcohol, would help the government get on track. These increases would be a elimination of some other taxes such as the graduated fuel tax (40 cents per gallon in tax) would help. Until people care a little about the big picture, which everyone fits into, the government has no reason to act. People need to care about their country and demand that it gets back on track.

The government is forced to act not only if the people demand it. The government needs to cut spending, restructure the tax system and work for the people and not off the people.

Cuts in spending could spin money for important programs in danger of being forgotten.

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**SPORTS**

Mustangs get high marks in debut

**HARDBALL**

**BY**

**NEIL PASCAL**

**Married to a division of values**

Growing up is simply a matter of deciding whose style to emulate. To swing like Rod Carew. To dribble like Curly Neal. To spit like Reggie Jackson. Shadowing the moves of the best made you one of them. A winner. A star. At the very least, the block's best-swinging loser. He just had straight teeth front teeth wasn't necessarily the winner. He just had straight teeth front teeth wasn't necessarily the winner. However, he had the ability to hit and run the bases well."

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"We didn't block out, and we got second and third shots at the end, during the last two to five minutes," Orrock said. Henderson resigned and will leave the university once track season has run its course. Henderson resigned and will leave the university once track season has run its course. Henderson resigned and will leave the university once track season has run its course. Henderson resigned and will leave the university once track season has run its course. Henderson resigned and will leave the university once track season has run its course. Henderson resigned and will leave the university once track season has run its course. Henderson resigned and will leave the university once track season has run its course.

So, Henderson is tying his running shoes on and making a mad dash for the finish line. Running home. With no job in sight or agent at his door offering a bigger contract. And once again, the quitter is deemed the loser.

**HARDBAIL**

**BY**

**GREG SERATI**

**Staff Writer**

*in uncharacteristic fashion, the Mustangs, season-long shooters from outside, lost the three-pointer attempt from Matt Gym Saturday to the Gators, 38-33.*

Cal Poly's Shawn Kirkeby's missed three-pointer attempt from the top of the key skipped off the rim.

"Free throws were big for us at the end," said Dominguez Hills Head Coach Dave Yasai. "It was one of those games where one, two possessions makes a difference."

With the win, the Toros improved to 6-3 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association, good for third place.

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Poly wins 15 of 19 events

The Cal Poly men's track and field team Saturday com­petition dominated a three-team field at Occidental College.

The Mustangs, who competi­tion against Occidental and San Diego State, won 15 of the 19 events.

"We have a pretty balanced team this year," said Poly Head Coach Tom Henderson. "We have several holes last year. We don't have those this year.

Among those hole-fitters is Chris Carter, who claimed first in the shot put, the hammer throw and the discus.

Poly also took the first four spots in the 800-meter and the first three spots in the pole vault.

The Mustangs swept the first and second places in the 110-meter, 200- and 800-meter dashes.

The Cal Poly Mustangs men's track and field team's next meet is on Saturday against UC Santa Barbara in Santa Barbara.

POLY'S TOP PERFORMERS

Junior forwards Beth Nelson and nine boards, and Castaneda scored 25 points and nine rebounds.

One weight class — or luck — of made up a big difference on the Cal Poly wrestling team's Pacific Northwest trip.

The Mustangs lost three of their three-day northbound trip to Oregon and Nevada.

Two of those defeats, a 22-19 loss to Portland State and 21-17 defeat to Oregon University, were largely due to Cal Poly's forfet.

The Mustangs' league record improves to 4-1 on the season.

"This is a great win for us," said Head Coach Chris Eppright. "Beating a team of that caliber like we did, we had to play great.

UCR's Head Coach John Horack was humbled by his team's thrashing at the hands of the hosts.

"We always have a tough time here at SLO," he said. "They have a very solid team. They're the toughest team in the confer­ence, and have been for the past five years.

"It's a nice test for us to come up here early in the season. But we're looking forward to having them come see us.

Senior Max Aliman, Cal Poly's top singles player, led the way with a grueling win over Riverside's Steve Aragon, the fifth-ranked player in the nation.

The four-hour contest saw Aliman take the first set 7-4 after a wild 12-10 tiebreaker.

Aliman served and volleyed his way to leads of 4-1 and 5-2 in the second set, but could not put Aragon away, losing 7-5.

Aliman again had leads of 4-1 and 5-2 in the third, but this time held off a late charge by Aragon to put the match away in the final set, 6-4.

Other standout wins for the Mustangs included a straight-set victory for sophomore Mark Ollivier, who aided the High­landers' efforts.

Also winning in straight sets was junior Steve Arnott, who toppled Riverside's Scott Money by the same score.

Continuing the string of vic­tories was Poly freshman Josh Johnstone, who rallied for a three-set win.

Sophomore Ricardo Reyes sealed the team victory for the Mustangs using vicious groundstrokes to outwit UCI's Mark Van Ornum, 6-3, 6-3, 7-5.

Adding insult to injury, the Mustangs pulled away to sweep the doubles matches.

Allin in doubles, Neil­son/Reyes, and Ar­mstrong/Ward were all victorious.

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MEN

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The usual offense. "We just try and work hard for our shots and if those three-pointers become available, then great.

Center Michael Moore led the onslaught with three three-pointers and finished with 20 points and eight rebounds to lead Dominguez Hills.

The Mustangs now need to win the majority of their remaining conference games to be in the postseason conference tourna­ment.

"We need to win four of the next five games to get in, maybe three out of four," Beason said. "Usually a 7-7 record gets in."

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"We made some baserun­nings, and our relief pitching mistakes and hit the walls," Simpson said. "We just didn't drop tonight.

"That's just the way the game goes sometimes," Beason said. "We had shots. Our players were running the right plays. They just didn't drop tonight.

The Toros also outreached the Mustangs on the boards by nine, getting many second- and third­shot opportunities.

Dominguez Hills also excelled from the free­throw line, making 11 of 17, while Cal Poly was characteristically short below 50 percent from the line.

"The bottom of the fifth brought face to their feet and Oklahoma doubled to left field driving in two runners, bringing the Mustangs within one.

Poly outfielder Ben Boul­ward's smash to left field drove in Oklahoma to tie the score up.

The Mustangs' scored one run in the sixth but the Mus­tangs answered back with four runs to seal the game 9-6.

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GENERAL MOTORS

VOLUNTEER SPIRIT AWARD

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Dave Emory, a Bay Area political researcher and radio personality, can be heard on KCPR airwaves dredging the slime of America's intelligence agencies and denouncing international fascism.

Emory began his political research around the time of the Watergate hearings. Suspicious links between Watergate and President John F. Kennedy's assassination, Emory began extensive research into the Kennedy assassination.

Admitting instances of artistic license, Emory said, "If I had to pick a political philosophy, I'd probably choose theatonalist," Emory said during a telephone interview. Emory said his research specialty is intelligence agencies and international fascism. Because of his area of expertise, Emory is often coined a conspiracy theorist. The term carries negative connotations, he said.

"It's a term I hate. It'd be like calling someone a 'sweet slime of America's intelligence agencies.'" Emory uses radio broadcasts to share his research and to explore topics with listeners.

"It's exciting when I come across something valid and communicate it," Emory said. "I'd like to educate people about the reality of the political forces that affect our lives."

Some of the titles of Emory's broadcast programs are, "Uncle Sam and the Swastika" and "George Bush and the Shooting of Ronald Reagan."

During the telephone interview, Emory broke into an impersonation of Colombo questioning then-Vice President Bush about possible involvement in the attempted assassination of President Reagan. Emory's research lends circumstantial evidence to that theory.

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Changes are possible if people act, Emory said. "They should educate themselves, call political talk shows and use that as a means of disseminating information, write Congressional leaders, and write to print and broadcast media."

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Earth Day coordinators plan for April events

By Geoff Seratti

It's time to celebrate the earth and the environment because Earth Day is right around the corner.

The San Luis Obispo Earth Day Coalition kicked off the third annual Earth Day season with a meeting Wednesday night. More than 50 people, ranging from Cal Poly students to county planners, came to the San Luis Obispo Veterans Hall to discuss past and future Earth Day events.

Coalition member Jim Merkel said the group was formed in 1989 to help prepare for the first San Luis Obispo Earth Day in 1990. The coalition is now organizing plans and events for Earth Day 1992 in April. Two main events are a fair at El Chorro Regional Park on April 26 and an educational conference on April 25.

Merkel said the fair will have daytime educational activities and demonstrations for all age groups. He said the fair, which attracted over 2,700 people last year, will have live entertainment and booths with planet-conscious food.

Merkel said the coalition is working to put on an educational conference with nationally known speakers. He wants to see a day full of workshops covering topics of environmental concerns in the county, such as promoting sustainable agriculture and alternative transportation and reducing pollution.

Almost 500 people worked on 150 events for Earth Day 1990. Merkel said the coalition is working to put on an Earth Day fair at Cal Poly this year. "We actually had a fair on campus last year. We're designing events to happen throughout the week," Merkel said. "I'd like to see a whole week involved."

National Earth Day is April 22, and Cal Poly's Earth Day is April 25.

Merkel said he expects fewer blacks and animals to come this year. "We're going to try to focus on fewer events, but have them be larger scale."

He said Earth Day is a time to recognize the environment. "Think what it is most important for is for people to live their lives with integrity... All plants and animals have a voice. We don't listen well enough."

Cal Poly students have always been a big part of Earth Day, and biology senior Stephanie McGreevey has been heavily involved in planning events. She worked on the first Earth Day in 1990. That year she was coordinator of "air day," which promoted riding buses and bikes for cleaner air.

McGreevey said she is part of the Cal Poly Earth Day Coalition and the newly formed Environmental Council.

The council, formed in September, is made up of Cal Poly students and run by Student Community Services.

It is going to people involved by ASI to handle campus-related environmental issues. She said the council will put on events for Earth Day 1992.

McGreevey said on Feb. 23, the council, the Cal Poly Earth Day Coalition, the Wildlife Club and Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity, will sponsor a beach cleanup at Morro Strand State Beach, with refreshments and entertainment afterwards.

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Merkel said for her, Earth Day is a celebration of being alive and living with each other. "The concept of living amongst one another, that you're not on top of the hierarchy and above anyone is important... I look at it as an opportunity for people to come together and open to something," Merkel said. "You might learn something."

The San Luis Obispo Earth Day Coalition is always looking for volunteers to help out with events. For information on how to help, call the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Veta Hall.

The Earth Day Hotline number has more information published at 846-3400. The Cal Poly Earth Day Coalition can be reached at 756-5834 for information regarding the beach cleanup and upcoming Earth Day events.

Study says crime among blacks rose despite increased education

CHICAGO (AP) — Rising income and educational levels since World War II were accompanied by a drop in crime rates among whites but not among blacks, a study said a federal study released Sunday.

The findings challenge "one of the most widely held assumptions of postwar society," namely that liberal social programs can reduce crime by ameliorating social and economic injuries, the study's author, Gary Lafree of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, said.

Lafree also found that an increase in the number of broken families was not accompanied by a rise in crime among blacks. "Blacks were making dramatic educational strides in the 1960s and 1970s at exactly the time crime rates were rising," Lafree said. Family income among blacks also increased during that period, he said.

"What we're trying to do now is figure out why that is the case," Lafree said at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association for the Advancement of Sociology.

"An explanation might be that rising education and income levels among blacks create new expectations for jobs that the economy couldn't meet," he said.

"The most dramatic rise in education and income among blacks occurred in the period from 1969 to 1973, at precisely the time the economy stalled," Lafree said.

"At a time when liberal social programs, for instance for delinquents, like the Job Corps, were supported by 9 percent of the public, the most widely held assumptions of postwar society, namely that liberal social programs can reduce crime by ameliorating social and economic injuries, were not supported by the public," he said.

A certain percentage of Bush supporters said they will vote for him come among blacks also in 1992.

"There are public officials who would seize such results as justification for the refutation from social programs that's been under way since the 1960s," said Ted Widmer, who had not seen Lafree's study.

"I don't want to dismiss it out of hand, but I see it as an error in the use of data. I mean how we know anything empirically about rehabilitation programs for delinquents, like the Job Corps."

Poll: Clinton, Bush lead races

Los Angeles (AP) — Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton holds a slim lead in the New Hampshire Democratic primary race, but three-fifths of the likely voters surveyed said they may change their minds, a Times Poll showed Sunday.

Clinton, the former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas 33 percent to 28 percent as the pivotal Feb. 18 primary draws near.

"We want 75 percent or more people to say they're certain to vote in the Democratic primary," said the New Hampshire Times Poll. "If they can't see a winner, they're not voting.

"We want an undecided vote," he said.

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Local doctors react to breast implant scare

By Renee Gallegos
Staff Writer

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The Food and Drug Administration has asked for a voluntary, temporary halt on the sale of silicone gel breast implants, but many physicians and at least one local surgeon believe the move is unfounded.

A few weeks ago, the FDA requested a stall while it reviews new information about the controversial product's safety.

The FDA's advisory committee, consisting of outside experts, will reconvene in late February to make a decision on the future of silicone gel implants.

According to the Los Angeles Times, the temporary ban is a result of two recent, private suits against Dow Corning Wright, the leading manufacturer of the device.

Silicone implants have been notorious for safety hazards in the past. Women have had complications such as the implant's leaking or rupturing, as well as problems of interference with mammography readings.

Another major concern is the possibility that the device may aid in the frequency of arthritis, lupus or other connective tissue disorders.

While consumer advocates were looking for a mandatory ban of the product, most plastic surgeons found the request to be unnecessary.

Locally, at least one physician has similar feelings. "I don't think it (FDA) has enough information to have cause to request the ban," said Dr. Marshall Jelderks, a San Luis Obispo plastic surgeon. "I think they (silicone implants) are very safe."

There are only a small percentage of people who are allergic to aspirin, but we don't take it off the market," he said.

Although Jelderks finds the temporary ban unjust, he is complying with the FDA's decision. "We have been advised not to perform the procedure due to malpractice reasons," he said.

Over the last 30 years, more than 2 million women have received silicone implants.

But to find a Cal Poly student...
The cutting edge of the agriculture industry will be on display at the 25th California Farm Equipment Show in Tulare. On Feb. 11-13 the largest assembly of farm equipment and agriculture technology in North America is being presented to the public.

That's the view of Mark Watte, this year's chairman and 1974 Cal Poly graduate in farm management. The show is sold out this year, even with 46,000 square feet of additional exhibit space added to the 80-acre showground, Watte said Thursday.

"I have the Tulare Farm Show built right into my class schedule for three days," Zohns said. There is one tent devoted exclusively to companies with computer hardware and software dedicated to agricultural applications. There are the traditional manufacturers of farm equipment, then there are many companies introducing new equipment and prototypes. A new building for state-of-the-art dairy equipment is ready this year, Zohns said.

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Cal Poly students will have the chance to become "cultured" on campus next month. Cal Poly and UC the California Dairy Foods will present a three-day course and a three-day campus parking permit.

Experts from academia and industry will serve as the course instructors. Classroom lectures and actual cheese-making experience in the dairy processing plant will take place.

"This is a good opportunity for me to learn more about dairy equipment and systems," said Mike Hazel, an upper senior, "It's also a good opportunity for me to meet representatives from the industry and learn about future employment."

Enrollment will be limited to the first 25 registrants. The $250 registration fee includes a comprehensive course syllabus, reference materials, a wine and cheese reception, lunch for two days of the course and a three-day campus parking permit.

For more information, call Leslie Cooper at 756-6101 or Dee Nielsen at 756-1546.
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who has received silicone gel breast implants is rare, said Dr. Andrea Brauninger of the Health Center’s Women’s Clinic.
"I haven't had any students come in and ask me about the implants," Brauninger said. "I've had a few come in that have had breast reductions due to (an inability to play) sports, but they've been pleased."

Jelderks said he has had a few women inquire about the silicone implants since the FDA asked for the ban.
The FDA has advised women who have already received the implants not to have them removed unless they cause problems.

Implants filled with saline solution (salt water) are still available. Although the implants have a silicone shell, they require a smaller incision than their counterparts. But the salt water implants are more likely to rupture, and many women claim they feel a "sloshing sensation" in their breasts, according to news articles on the implants.

Every year more than 150,000 women pay between $1,000 and $5,000 to receive silicone breast implants. Eighty percent of those women have the operation for cosmetic reasons, while the remaining 20 percent have it to reconstruct the breast after breast cancer surgery.

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more and pay it back sooner, Conant said. Those who make less money or lose their jobs would have their loans automatically rescheduled.

"Any part of the loan not repaid after 25 years would be wiped off the books," Conant added.

Student loan payments would be calculated and collected by the Internal Revenue Service as part of the former student's income taxes.

The IRS, which attended the hearing, is against expanding its operations to include the loan program. Besides having to change computers and tax forms, the IRS said it did not want to become involved in what it sees as non-tax debts.

"The IRS did concede, though, that it can do it (from the program)," Conant said.

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