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El Ballet Folklorico performed at a Cinco de Mayo celebration held Sunday on Cal Poly’s Amphitheatre Lawn. The group performs traditional dances of three regions of Mexico. At left, Carmen Barragan dances the Tilingolingo of Veracruz. Below, members perform La Madrágada, a dance of the Jalisco region. The festivities were organized by the Cal Poly chapter of MEChA.

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Insurance costs put help out of reach

Critically ill may fall through cracks in ‘fragmented’ health care system

By Jennifer Morehouse

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Serene, a resident of Morro Bay for 20 years, worked locally as a contractor before being diagnosed with cancer. He doesn’t have health insurance because he wanted to wait until he was financially stable before purchasing it.

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In Serene’s case, the community support has kept him from falling through the cracks, but local hospital officials say that not everyone is so fortunate.

Last year, General Hospital — the county’s only not-for-profit hospital — served approximately 50,000 people. Of those, 20 percent did not have medical insurance and did not qualify for any type of government aid, said Jim Gater, General’s business office manager.

Gater attributes these figures to costly health insurance. According to an estimate for basic hospital-surgical health insurance from the State Farm Insurance office of Son Johnson, it would cost $499.47 per month to insure a family of five. Johnson said the cost puts insurance out of reach for 30 percent of San Luis Obispo residents. He predicts prices will continue to escalate.

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Kinder, gentler jail wing approaches occupancy

New facility features pleasant colors, skylights to help keep inmates calm

By Lee Arends
Staff Writer

A brighter, cheerier $8 million addition to the San Luis Obispo County Jail will open for operations within the next three to four weeks, according to county officials who conducted a tour of the new facility Tuesday.

Sheriff's Sgt. Scott Thompson said the state-of-the-art structure is designed to hold 196 inmates and incorporates many advanced security and safety features.

Sheriff Ed Williams said that the county jail is used to hold people awaiting trial and leaves service terms of less than one year.

The facility is capable of operating independently of the present jail and is maintained by a crew of eight jailers,道士 and a central control room.

The control room is the nerve center of the facility, where doors are electronically blocked and unlocked and remote cameras are monitored.

The addition adds eight inmate cell blocks to the existing six, Thompson said. Each cell block has independent showers, dining halls and recreation areas.

During the tour, Thompson pointed out the various security levels of different cell blocks. Two are low-security dormitories, with bunk beds grouped in a common area and direct access to an outdoor exercise yard.

'Where two blocks have individual cells, with accommodations for one person, but the ability to be expanded to two.

The walls are a nondescript beige with strips of dark burgundy and cool gray just above eye level. Skylights are used in the common areas of every cell block, admitting natural light into the enclosed environment.

'The lighting and lighting of the interior is designed to calm the inmates, according to Williams.

'The inmate's conduct is a lot better in a colorful environment than in a regular drab, gray jail,' he said.

Capt. Tom Garrity, the jail commander, said an advanced feature planned for the addition is a $120,000 video arraignment system which would link a room in the jail to the courtroom via telephone lines. Arraignment is when a judge hears a defendant's plea to the crimes he or she is charged with.

Garrity said the link would be used to carry out an inmate's arraignment proceeding without having to bring the inmate to court.

Thompson said the new facility will not replace the present one, but will replace some of the temporary or aging portions of the present jail, which has a capacity of 412 inmates. Ninety beds would be moved from the old jail to the new facility, he said.

Maggie Arkfeld of the Sheriff Transition Team, said the county covered $3 million of the cost of the addition. The remaining $5 million was provided by the state through Proposition 86, which controls the funding of jail construction, she said.

Mustang Daily. Love it. Touch it. Recycle it.
By Pedro Arroyo

Napoleon III, saw this as a good opportunity to make Mexico an empire controlled by France. Juárez, faced with a strong French offensive, decided to leave the capital and relocate to the State of San Luis Potosí, from which he fought until 1864, when the Mexican forces were defeated. Juárez accepted the decision made by Juárez to suspend payments of foreign debt. More than 130 years have already announced their “Cinco De Mayo food and beer specials.” It has been estimated that 1988, companies like Adolph Coors and Anheuser-Busch spent about $25 million to publicize this event in Southern California alone. In 1989, Anheuser-Busch and Coors sponsored the Cinco De Mayo celebration in downtown L.A., which turned out to be a drunken fiasco. The Annual Cinco De Mayo concert held at Lincoln Park in East Los Angeles was stopped when people began to throw bottles and rocks, and bullets began to fly. Many people were hurt and at least one was killed. Again, Anheuser-Busch was involved in the sponsorship of this event.

The real losers in this case are the people of this community who have not had a Cinco De Mayo celebration at their park since this incident took place.

For Chicanos and Mexicans in the United States, Cinco De Mayo represents a day of continuing struggles for equality, self-determination and justice. Today we celebrate and pay tribute to those men and women like Benito Juárez and Cinco, who gave their lives for the betterment of our people without personal or commercial gain in mind.

For Chicanos and Chicanas, it’s take back Cinco De Mayo! Pedro Arroyo is a political science junior at Cal Poly and is president of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicoense De Activismo (MECHA).

Letters to the Editor

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UCSD set for 9 percent cut
UC system faces expected $243 million shortfall

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The University of California, San Diego, faces a budget cut of at least 9 percent beginning this fall, possibly eliminating hundreds of smaller classes and up to 70 instructors, school officials said.

The cuts come as the 18,000-student college and its sister institutions across California struggle with cutbacks in the amount of money they received from the recession-wrecked state.

“We are in very serious trouble,” UCSD Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson told students at a forum Monday.

“The problem is that the state has walked away from its support of the University of California.”

The nine-campus UC system faces an expected $243 million shortfall in state money beginning July 1. And that could worsen, UC officials have warned.

Facing that grim situation, UC regents in March increased student fees by a record $900 and imposed a temporary 5 percent pay cut for faculty and staff.

Individual schools also have taken steps. UC Berkeley last week announced the elimination of first-year Spanish and hundreds of class sections.

UCSD officials have ordered the school’s four academic divisions to each prepare for at least a 6 percent cut, or $21 million from the school’s $324 million state budget.

The reductions could force the campus into “bitter and vicious decisions,” Atkinson warned.

There will be a University of California campus here in 10 years,” Atkinson told students. “But it won’t be the campus it is today.”

Humanities, mathematics and social sciences could be hit hardest, said Stanley Chodorow, associate vice chancellor for academic planning.

Officials said the cuts probably would result in:

- The suspension of UCSD’s new graduate school of architecture. Students already probably would transfer to other UC campuses.
- The elimination of more than 50 faculty positions and 22 full-time temporary slots through early retirement or attrition.
- Elimination of up to 300 class sections that have enrollment of eight students or less. Those classes are mostly upper-division elective courses in areas such as engineering or social sciences.
- Dismantling most of a new Korean studies program.
- New fees, possibly $25, for students taking laboratory classes to cover costs such as chemicals.

Administrators said there would be no big cuts in the number of required lower-division classes offered to students. But class sizes in upper-division courses probably will grow from 100 to about 150 students.

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much trust in our government,” she said.

“I really think the direct lending program is wrong.”

Also joining the skepticism were veterans’ groups who were outraged that the new plan would provide more generous benefits than those available under the

GI Bill.

Representative G. V. Montgomery, D-Miss., a leader in veterans’ interests, was able to scale down the proposal which originally provided students with $26,000.

Linda Marlette, an ROTC representative for the West Coast, said she has not seen an import from college campuses — yet.

“I wouldn’t be able to speculate on how this will affect (military) enlistment,” Marlette said.

Ryan said she felt the proposal would make the national service plan more favorable than joining the military.

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