A new dawn in science: Gene may allow humans to set their biological clocks

WASHINGTON — A gene for the internal clock that sends the body wake-up alarms in the morning and brings on slumber at night has been located in laboratory mice, a finding that may prompt a similar discovery in humans.

Joseph Takahashi of Northwestern University, senior author of a report to be published Friday in the journal Science, said the research could lead to drugs that will overcome jet lag, keep night workers from falling asleep on the job and solve narcolepsy, one of the most common sleep disorders.

The biological clock, located in the brain, controls the daily, or circadian, rhythms of life. It somehow triggers changes that invigorate or slow down the body on a 24-hour cycle. It is the circadian rhythm that is disrupted by rapid flight across time zones, causing jet lag.

Circadian rhythms have long fascinated and confounded scientists, with ongoing research into sleep and into how humans adapt to daylight and darkness. But the work by Takahashi and his group is the first to locate in a mammal the gene that plays a key role in the cycle.

Takahashi said researchers in his lab located the gene by finding and then breeding mice that lacked the gene.

“We isolated the mutation which affects the circadian clock in the mouse,” he said. “With this mutation, the mouse loses (its) circadian rhythm completely.”

The gene was located in an ingenious system that measured the circadian rhythm of 300 mice automatically at the same time.

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Board has no appetite for Foundation’s snack plan

By Jennifer Sabían

A novelist and former Los Angeles Times staff writer, Njeri spoke to a crowd of professors and students in the Business Administration Building Wednesday night.

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CSU faculty group says 3% raise wasn’t enough

By Pamela Slaughter

The CFA filed the grievance because faculty members who were promoted in September received only one MSA, CFA officials said faculty should receive an additional MSA for the two years when the state was not distributing.

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**TODAY'S WEATHER:** Morning low clouds, mostly sunny through early afternoon.

**TOMORROW'S WEATHER:** Partly cloudy.

**Today's high/low:**

**Tomorrow's high/low:**

30 school days remaining in spring quarter.

**Class Schedule**

- **SNAP**
  - Oiticoi Mass Bike Ride
  - Seeding, Science E-26, 2 p.m.
  - Physics Colloquium
  - Concert
  - Auditions
  - Hancock College Marian Theatre — info: 756-5277
  - Conference
  - San Antonio — info: 238-4343
  - Mountain Bike Race
  - Conference, U.U. #226, Cal Poly — Fax: 756-6784

**UPCOMING**

- **Dance Theater** — "Dance Spectrum," April 27-May 1, Allan Hancock College Marian Theatre / 922-8313
- **Auditions** — Two Edward Albee plays, May 2, Music 212
- **Seminar** — Nutrition and fitness with Ellen Coleman, MA, MPH, RD, May 4, Chumash, 3 p.m.
- **Performance** — Xicano Teatro Group, May 4, Sandwich Plant, 6 p.m.
- **Cheerleading** — Football and basketball season tryouts, morning, May 4, U.U. 219, 7 p.m. / 549-0494
- **Conferences** — "Keeping Current in the 1990's," May 13
  - For reservations: 543-0369
- **Mountain Bike Race** — Real Riders’ Rendezvous, May 15, Lake San Antonio / 538-4433
- **WriterSpeak** — Jane Hirshfield and Kim Addonizio, May 18, U.U. 264, 7 p.m.
- **Rally** — "Take Back the Night," May 19, Chumash Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. / 756-2600
- **WriterSpeak** — Glenn Irvis and Paula Huston, June 1, Science B-5, 7 p.m.

**APRIL 29, 1994**

**CLOCKS:** Science may soon allow bouncing back from jet lags, all-nighters.

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Each of the mouse cages was connected to a computer. When each mouse awoke and started exercising, a switch was thrown that recorded the time.

"They all started within a minute or two of the same time each day," he said.

Except for one mouse.

Researchers discovered that this rodent started an hour later each day. When it was bred, some of its descendents also started late.

By comparing the genetic pattern of the prompt and the tardy mice, Takahashi said they located a single mutation in an area of chromosome 5.

More mice were bred until there were lab animals that contained double mutations in the chromosome 5, which means they had no normal gene for the circadian rhythm.

These mice started their exercise four hours later each day, evidence of a body clock ticking completely different than that of the average mouse. Eventually, said Takahashi, the mice with double mutations lost all regularity in their daily activity. Their biological clock was broken.

Takahashi said it is fortunate that the clock gene is on chromosome 5. Other researchers already have established that this chromosome carries many of the functions found on human chromosome 4. He said researchers now can narrow the search for the human body clock gene.

Once the gene is isolated and cloned, Takahashi said researchers will be able to identify the protein that it produces. The protein could then, perhaps, be used to create a drug that would permit control of the circadian rhythm in humans.

Though Spira said that there is no immediate clinical application from the research, he said that eventually drugs could be developed to treat conditions such as narcolepsy, a serious and common disorder in which people have sudden ‘sleep attacks’ and hallucinations.

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South Africa election goes into overtime

Some rural regions still voting, ballot counting to begin on Saturday

By John Dzwaniwski

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Most of South Africa stumbled to the finish of its historical-making election Thursday after a titanic effort to reach millions to millions of people to vote and end three centuries of white rule.

Air force planes rushed hastily painted a truer picture for the girls who attended.

"I'm a big fan of fairness. It matters to bring some clarity to the multicultural and the news media. With the face of the population constantly changing, journalists must also search for ways to understand an evolving multistudio society as it is, said "something unknown, something new, something that is happening to our culture."

Wholly religious, the Ms. Foundation said it was important to focus this day on building girls' self-image, which it said deteriorate within the 9 to 15 age range.

When it turned out many remote areas were already bedeviled by shortages of ballots, ink and stickers, and the Independent Electoral Commission authorized some rural regions to continue voting Friday.

Several officials said the counting would start at 6 a.m. Saturday, and they plan to issue hourly results as the counting progresses.

The crush of people seen at polling stations Wednesday was not as evident Thursday, as people turned out to elect the country's first government representing blacks, who make up three-fifths of the nation's populace.

For one thing, it appeared the vast majority of first-time black voters who had registered with local government had stormed the polls Wednesday, the first day of general voting.

All signs pointed a massive turnout among the country's 23 million voters, but there were no immediate figures from election officials. The odds-on favorite to be president was African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela.

"Happy, happy, I nearly next to my body," said Eddy Mola, a vegetable vendor who was one of the last voters in Soweto, outside Johannesburg.

The situation also was helped by the military and Independent Electoral Commission pulling up all stops before dawn Thursday to resupply voting stations.

Photographers were dispatched to some polling stations to help issue temporary identity documents. Asked if people were waiting in long lines, she said "massive sabotage."

Mandela suggested that the ups were more than just bungling and poor planning. In a television interview, he blamed "massive sabotage."
Why aren’t educators more vocal about the impact of ‘Three Strikes’?

Here is a look at another newspaper’s stance on the effect of California’s “Three Strikes” prison initiative threat on the state’s public education system.

From the Fresno Bee

Warren Fox, the executive director of the California Postsecondary Education Commission, said that the “Three Strikes” prison initiative and the legislation copied from it jeopardize higher education in California, and 10 places in the community colleges.

And if you’re Out... will mean “you’re out of a college admissions, almost half again as many as this year. Warren Fox says, “Three Strikes and You’re Out” will mean “you’re out of a college admissions. ‘A lot of other people should be saying it as well.

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Unfortunately, Fox is a voice in the wilderness. At a time when the leaders of higher education, public and private, should be issuing statements and holding press conferences, when the state’s business community, and particularly the leaders of high-tech industries, should be issuing similar warnings, almost nothing has been heard but the strident political opportunists in the Capitol.

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Employing students: Tales from the dark side

By Cynthia Fleener

My husband and I are alumni of Cal Poly. We’re local business owners, and have three young children. We actively try to hire Cal Poly students and graduates when openings become available in our companies, and when part-time or occasional help is needed.

Over the past seven years, I usually have been pleased with the students we have hired to help in the office and to care for our children through the part-time job listings at the placement office. But recently, there has been a change in the attitude of the people we have interviewed.

The following experience demonstrates my concern. During the past two months, we have gone through four siters. The first one hit “Louise.” The next was an immature that she actually fought with my kids and let them run out into a busy street. Another constantly fed her kids while telling the kids that they were not allowed to “eat all day.” She actually refused to feed the two-year-old all day, because “she didn’t know what to feed him.”

This sitter’s father purchased her a meal plan on campus, but she refused to eat there, preferring to eat our food and take more back to the dorm from our refrigerator. She also played with the kids’ toys irresponsibly, excluding the kids from play and losing parts of the toys.

I discussed with this sitter my hope to have a neighbor care for the girls. The result! The following workday, the sitter simply did not show up for work, leaving us in the lurch. Last week, I hired another new sitter. That morning, her first day on the job, nothing. No show, no call, nothing.

What is going on?

How do people expect to succeed in the real world if they treat their responsibilities so lightly? Why is it so difficult to at least notify their employer when they are quitting so alternate help can be arranged?

I sincerely hope that we soon see a change in the “typical” work ethic of students, evidencing the understanding that in order to earn money, you must earn it. And no, I am not an antiquated old-timer with an outdated outlook. My husband and I are young adults in our 30s, with successful businesses. My husband is an electronic engineer, and I am the vice president for a financial institution. We own our home, have a wonderful young family and enjoy a great sense of fun and fair play.

I sincerely hope that there is soon to be a great increase in the number of people out there with high goals and the determination to succeed.

Cynthia Fleener lives in San Luis Obispo.

Kudos from Council on Open House

During this past year, I’ve had the privilege to be involved with a group of Cal Poly students who have accomplished the almost unimaginable task of bringing back a spring Open House.

ASB President Margaret Prosa and Vice Chair Melanie Money held many, many meetings with advisory committees, city representatives, the business community and campus administration to overcome the initial reservations and concerns raised by the last Poly Royal. Then they moved ahead with the huge effort of organizing and dealing with the innumerable problems which arise in putting on an event of this magnitude from scratch.

I’m certain I speak for the entire City Council and the citizens of San Luis Obispo in expressing our deep gratitude and appreciation to Marquarn, his chief assistants Diana Flynn, Leslie Brown, Wendy Schilling, Mary Kay Duffy, Creighton Oyler, Jim Varalles, Duane Banderson, Lisa Correia and many others for their untiring efforts in putting on this event.

Dave Romero
San Luis Obispo City Council Member

I was never out to discredit students

Re: "Gary, Gary, Quite Contrary," Mustang Daily, April 27

Your recent front page article by Investigative Editor Silas Lyons touched on my motivation for bringing the election challenge of County Supervisor David Blakely and City Council Member Allen Settle. Lyons covered the issue objectively and treated me fairly.

However, on this very important issue for students, the Daily repeated the same misrepresentations and misreporting which were first printed in the Telegram-Tribune last July.

For the record, I have never challenged Cal Poly “students’ right to vote.” I have “alleged that most students were not qualified to vote.” These false accusations against me first came up when both Settle and Blakely immediately seized upon the rights of students to vote as their sole defense for what they did in November 1992.

I did allege, as the Daily’s article correctly stated, that both Blakely and Settle have anti-student voting records, and that Blakely and Settle managed to save their failing campaigns by quickly registering first-time student voters who were new to the area and who had little knowledge of the men’s past anti-student voting records.

I alleged that it was Blakely and Settle who acted unethically, and possibly illegally — not the students. I view students, as you correctly reported, as “the biggest victims in these elections.”

Any student who wants to discuss this with me is free to call me at 543-5495, or talk with me on campus at the University Union Plaza. I’m the guy with the Blakely Recall petitions, asking for a new, fair, honest election.

Gary Kukol
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For more information, call current editor John Hubbell at 756-1796. And start getting ahead on your sleep now.
NFL schedule offers viewers a tease of firsts

NEW YORK — The 1994 NFL schedule is filled with firsts, from Fox Network’s opening telecast featuring Super Bowl champion Dallas vs. Pittsburgh to the first meeting of father and son coaches — Miami’s Don Shula vs. Cincinnati’s David Shula.

The Cowboys and Jerry Switzer, begin their bid for an unprecedented third straight Super Bowl title on Sunday, Sept. 4, when they visit Pittsburgh. It will be the first regular-season NFL game televised by Fox, which outbid CBS for rights to NFC games.

The Buffalo Bills, who have lost the last four Super Bowls, open their season Sept. 4 against the New York Giants.

The first Sunday night game on TNT will match San Diego at Denver. ABC’s Monday night series kicks off its 25th year with the Los Angeles Raiders at the San Francisco 49ers. San Francisco receiver Jerry Rice needs only three touchdowns to pass Jim Brown as NFL all-time leader.

The second week of the season will be highlighted by Montana’s matchup against the 49ers, the team Montana led to four Super Bowl championships. The 49ers visit Arrowhead Stadium on Sept. 11 to take on Montana’s Kansas City Chiefs.

SOFTBALL: Mustangs need one win for first NCAA title in their last attempt

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"We have people coming from all over the world like Belgium and New Zealand."

The woman’s side of the Long Course Triathlon has many of today’s top names. Among them is Paula Newby-Fraiser, a six-time winner of the Hawaiian Ironman and perhaps the top female athlete in the world. Newby-Fraiser won the Wildflower Triathlon in 1986 and 1990, setting course records only two years she competed in the event.

Denna Peters, the two-time defending champion in the event, also returns for a chance at an unprecedented third consecutive title. Peters also holds the course record for women at 1:42:81. She beat Newby-Fraiser in a recent triathlon last weekend in St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Others expected to compete are Terry Martin, who finished second to Peters last year in her first triathlon ever; Terry Schneider, a top-three finisher at Wildflower in 1984 and 1989; Sherry Cook, who finished an impressive second in the New Zealand Triathlon last month, and Joy Hansen, a third-place finisher last year.

The men’s side will be as strong as the women’s. Three-time winner and defending champion Andrew MacNaughton and veteran triathlete Scott Tinley, who finished second in 1987, will be back.

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This is what we’ve been waiting for. It all comes down to these two games. I think we have a chance to happen in this one," Crawford said. "Some people have said this is the strongest we’ve had," Crawford said.

WILDFLOWER: More than 3,000 athletes expected this weekend

From page B

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Another threat will come from Germany’s Wolfgang Dettrick. He finished second in the Hawaii Ironman Triathlon three times and placed third there in 1990.

Curves James Curwen said Dettrick is considered the favorite to win. The North Carolina athlete is entering his first season as a professional triathlete.

Other international names to watch are Kevin Brew of Great Britain and Wolfgang Kattguth of West Germany.

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Saturday, the Long Course Triathlon starts at 8 a.m. fol­lowed an hour later by the Sprint Mountain Bike Triathlon. The Cornita Inter-Lake Triathlon begins at 9 a.m. Sunday.
**BASEBALL**: Mustangs start a 10-game homestand tonight

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... Riverside 3-5

**4/22 UC-Riverside 2-13**

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**Regardless of where (San Bernardino)**

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...who is a proven player." "Williams, 26, said coming to the Raiders "was a dream come true... to come here and play for Art Shell and Al Davis. Hopefully, I can finish my career here in L.A."

"He's a young man who has already shown that he can be a productive NFL player," Raiders coach Art Shell said. "We feel we've got the best of both worlds in Harvey, like we got an extra first-round draft choice who is a proven player."

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**EL SEGUNDO — The Los Angeles Raiders, who averaged only 89.1 yards rushing per game last season, made an attempt to upgrade their ground at—**
Poly in need of weekend sweep

By Jeffery J. Jen

Cal Poly's baseball team has strayed into a corner — with the door to the playoffs standing at the other side of the room.

The Mustangs have dropped four straight and seven of their last eight games — slipping 4-1/2 games behind league-leading UC-Riverside.

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Both teams suit up again Saturday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.