Peek at budget delayed
Gov. wants word from feds first

"Cal Poly officials will have to wait a month longer than usual to get a long-awaited look at the state's draft budget for the 1994-95 fiscal year, Gov. Pete Wilson decided on Friday.

The governor's move means education officials, along with other state administrators, must continue to sketch the next academic year without their traditional skeleton look at the state's fiscal blueprint, known as the May revise.

A long-awaited look at California's draft budget, the annual, critical review that serves as the basis for the final spending plan was delayed until mid-June while Gov. Pete Wilson lobbies for federal money.

The Republican governor, who is up for re-election, planned to go to Washington, D.C., next week to meet with members of Congress and the Clinton administration.

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Nation will mourn Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis today in N.Y.
By Larry Newminster
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Private funeral services for former first lady Jacqueline Ken­nedy Onassis are scheduled this morning at a church near her New York apartment.

Onassis died late Thursday due to complica­tions from non-Hodgkins lymphoma. She was 64.

On Sunday, the public and the media clamored to share one of John F. Ken­nedy Jr.'s private moments. Amid the pain and pres­sure, a glum-looking Ken­nedy mourned his mother.

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Saturday afternoon special

Consensus on Johnson lanes looks elusive
City asks residents for answers, but encounters quagmire, hostility
By Kristina Van Saun
Daily Staff Writer

Johnson Avenue residents meeting over the future of bike lanes in their neighborhood are torn: one side want­ing the change, the other vehemently opposing it.

Nearly 200 residents crowded into a room at the Church of the Nazarene on Thursday night to address the City Council's proposal to install bike lanes on the roadway that includes the drop under the railroad crossing just south of Higuera Street.

The often-debated site was the scene of a fatal bicycle crash last spring.

City officials held the meeting to gauge residents' opinions on the lanes. Protesters at an April 19 City Council meeting argued the body to postpone any decision until June 7.

The Council said it needed more feedback from residents before a decision could be made on whether to install the lanes on Johnson Avenue.

But at Thursday's meet­ing, residents seemed as split on the issue as they had at the April meeting.

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Poly student's project guides SLO cyclists
By Brian Valk
Daily Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo's bike infrastructure is now a bit more tangible, thanks in part to a Cal Poly student's senior project.

A new countywide bike map, unveiled Friday at the Caltrans office in San Luis Obispo, is the first of its kind ever produced for the region, according to Caltrans officials.

Cal Poly city and regional planning graduate Scott Bales said he was excited

See MAP, page 5

SNAP goes beyond duty, nab burglary suspects
By Len Arends
Daily Staff Writer

Members of the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program experienced a less than typical Sunday morning when they helped nab burglary suspects in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Political science seniors Geoff O'Quest and Casey Niel­sen said they were wrapping up their weekend noise patrol at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday. As they passed the corner of Osos and Mill streets, the two said they spotted two dark-clad individuals climbing out of the window of a residence, while two others apparently were waiting out­side as lookouts.

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See SNAP, page 2

Taco Bell moves the border downtown
By Shelly Korison
Daily Staff Writer

Students can now make a run for the border to the first national fast-food chain downtown San Luis Obispo has attracted.

San Luis Obispo's third Taco Bell will open Friday morning on 1018 Monterey Street near the Fremont Theater, across from the County Courthouse.

But owners say they may not be the late-night munchies magnet its sister franchise on Santa Rosa Street has become.

Steno-Wolf Associates — who operate the San Luis Obispo Taco Bell res­taurants located at 397 Santa Rosa Street and 309 Madonna Road — designed the new restaurant unlike any other Taco Bell in the city.

"We wanted to make it different from other Taco Bells," said Co-owner Mitch Wolf. "We wanted to make it look nicer."

Wolf said the new store

See TACO BELL, page 2
Technology firm to offer TVs by the piece

By Jennifer86 McKee
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Imagine buying a television in a piece, like a stereo system or a personal computer. Instead of picking the box you like best, you would purchase a monitor (the screen) and a video receiver, then choose from a variety of components that could, for example, make the television interactive or work like a computer.

That's the basic, evolving concept of General Instru-
ment Corp., which is developing a prototype component television called Joey, said Jeff Roman, vice president for technology and new business development.

The system will have its first public demonstration Monday at the National Cable Television Association's annual convention in New Orleans.

Some of the other gimmics expected to be on display are a variety of devices that would allow television viewers to call up on-screen electronic menus that sort and list programs by categories.

TACO BELL: Higuera Street, late-night eatery scheduled for Friday opening

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will have an upscale interior, such as custom lighting and
infographics from a well-known local artist.

"Wolff said Benn-Wolf Associates wanted the new Taco Bell to be perceived as something more than just another fast-food restaurant — something that would blend in
with the downtown atmosphere.

"The new store is especially catering to the shoppers, tourists, and employees of local businesses," he said. "We wanted to have a downtown location for people who want to eat good, inexpensive food in a nice environment.

"The new Taco Bell will be open daily from 7 a.m. to midnight. Wolff said he and his associates have no plans to keep the new Taco Bell open 24 hours, unlike the
Santa Rosa chain.

"We are aware of the potential business the new chain could receive from the late-night crowd on the weekends and will probably extend the hours in the future," he said.

SNAP: Patrol members followed fleeing burglary suspects until police arrived

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"At first, we thought it was a joke, but when (the suspects) started running, we knew we had to respond," O' Quest said he and Nelson called the police dispatch about their sighting and then followed the suspects as they ran away, supplying the responding police units with updates on the suspects' positions.

"The police) were there within a minute or so," O' Quest said. "It was real close to the police station.

"According to a recorded report by San Luis Obispo Police Lt. Dan Blanke, three of the suspects were ar
rested at the scene. The fourth was found at his home.

An arraignment date for the suspects was not avail
able Sunday.

O' Quest said he didn't think anything was stolen from the residence, where one person was actually sleeping at the time of the supposed burglary.

"But we don't need another 24-hour restaurant in this
town," the Monterey store is not expecting to take business away from nearby restaurants, Wolff said. He added that the franchises haven't been affected by other fast-food chains because each offers different food items.

"We haven't been affected by other businesses over
time and I don't think (next door eater)'s Hudson's or other local restaurants feel threatened," he said. "If any-
thing, our Santa Rosa store will lose some business.

Albert Juson, who has managed Hudson's res-
taurant at 100ober Monterey St. for three years, said he doesn't expect Taco Bell's late-night hours to be much competition.

"I don't think it will hurt us much because their con-
cept is different than ours," he said. "We offer two dif-
f erent things — burritos and burgers are just not the
same.
They're on quite a bearable field trip
Cal Poly students helping tabulate bear population in Los Padres

By Cindy Utter
Daily Staff Writer

A legion of Cal Poly students volunteered recently to traipse through local wildlands, hanging cans of sardines from the trees. Although that may sound odd, it's actually part of a rather pragmatic venture.

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As John Hubbell mentioned (Phil Fetzer's Final Lesson? 5/18), Fetzer has an enormous number of student followers who support him and believe in him. Our devotion to this innovative teacher has lead many of us to sign petitions write letters of support, and speak directly to our deans. Unfortunately, our outcries seem to have fallen on deaf ears.

I would like to think that at a nationally recognized institute of higher learning such as Cal Poly, students would be treated with the intellectual respect they deserve.

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We are making a conscious demand for the quality of our education. We sit in classrooms daily, we pay the ever-increasing fees; therefore, we command the right to determine what and who is beneficial to the acquisition of academic growth. With a passionate zeal, we applaud Phil Fetzer and insist that he be retained as a vital instructor in the Political Science Department.

As I leave for law school in the fall, I take with me a greater understanding of politics and people, thanks to the lessons taught by Phil Fetzer. He challenges students to probe their beliefs and expand their minds. To suffer an unmeasurable loss if Phil Fetzer is not retained tenure. Come on — out through the bureaucracy and listen to the students for once.

Angela Alvarado
April 2004

LETTERS

Pell Grants for prisoners: A step toward rehabilitation

Re: "Prisoner's studies put students behind bars,"

Allowing prisoners to think for themselves as students may be the only hope of rehabilitation.

The selfish "us-them" tone of Rhonda Shank's commentary perpetuates the anger, hatred and desperation that lead people to criminal behavior.

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JOHNSON: Bike lane compromise hits pothole

numbers were a direct reflection of survey results and community opinion. At one point during the meeting, McCluskey tried to reassure residents that opening Johnson Avenue to bike lanes would allow more people to ride their bikes and perpetuate the kind of lifestyle San Luis Obispo residents are accustomed to.

"The issue that drove the entire plan was to maintain (the city's) quality of life," McCluskey said. Residents were asked to respond to five bike lane alternatives in the survey. The alternatives included:

- putting bike lanes between parked cars and traffic or putting bike lanes between parked cars and the curb;
- installing bike lanes between parked cars and one lane of traffic and adding a middle turn lane;
- narrowing both lanes of traffic along Johnson Avenue in each direction and adding bike lanes;
- making no changes to Johnson Avenue; and
- adding bike lanes and removing parking on one side of the avenue.

A vote also was taken at the meeting for each alternative. Eighty-seven hands were raised for alternative four — no change which seemingly contradicted the results of the survey. McCluskey said he would take the residents' concerns back to the City Council on June 7. He added that further concerns about the survey results and the City Council's decision could provide.

A group of around 50 onlookers were given copies of the map, which features hundreds of miles of mountain bike trails, recreational and commuter routes throughout the county.

It also includes safety tips, traffic laws, useful phone numbers and other helpful navigating tidbits.

Due to local government's growing interest in bicycling as an alternative to driving and the county's temperate weather, more bicyclists come every year to San Luis Obispo, Eades said. "If we can have a bicycling map available for tourists and residents, it's going to increase bicycling and tourism," Eades said.

Eades also said an effort was made to illustrate on the map how Cal Poly fits within the city. "This is going to help a lot of students to be able to go out and take a recreational ride," Eades said. "It will also help them find the road that is the safest or has the least amount of traffic if they are not familiar with them." Beth Young of the San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare Program said the idea and basic plan for the map began four years ago with the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG).

Starting in December 1992 as a part-time employee of Caltrans, Eades worked with SLOCOG and Youn to produce the map. Spurred on by the deadline pressures of the senior project, Eades and Young modeled the map after 20 existing regional bike maps, including ones for the city of Davis, L.A. County and Eugene, Oregon.

Of all the bike maps produced to date, Young said she feels San Luis Obispos is the most comprehensive. But it wasn't until a $12,000 SLOCOG grant supported the completion of the map.

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Mandateled the team with a 347 batting average while driving in 25 runs.

Simone had a 10-3 record and 2.26 earned run average.

Junior shortstop Marc Townes, junior outfielder Brett Mueller, junior designated hitter Rob Neal and junior pitcher Shannon Stephens were named second team All-CCAA selections.

Townes batted .303, Mueller hit .307 and Neal batted .306 with a team-high five home runs.

Stephens was 8-3 with a 3.31 ERA.

Cal State Dominguez Hills' George Wing and Andy Owen were named Coach of the Year and Most Valuable Player, respectively.

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With the track open for another attempt, Greco moved onto the track in the 33-car lineup on the pit lane entrance.

Indianapolis 500 field finalized

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Sports
Launching into the National
By Pamela Slaughter

Jennifer Peters anxiously stepped into the throwers’ circle for the first time this season. She would find her body up like a rubber-band-driven toy airplane. After passing and exhaling, she explosively snatched and launched a metal disc into the sky. The flying sancer then arched downward and crashed into the ground with a thud. It had flown 161 feet and 6 inches — far enough to automatically qualify her for a trip to Raleigh, N.C. to compete in the Nationals May 28 and 29.

“I knew I was going to do it, but I didn’t think it would be my first throw my first meet,” Peters said. “It made it a nice senior year.”

And it got better for the physical education senior. She broke the school record five weeks later at the Fresno Relays with a throw of 168 feet and 11 inches.

Breaking the school record was the most exciting thing Peters has experienced this year, she said.

With the pressure of qualifying for the nationals off her shoulders, Peters said she was able to perfect her technique with the help of Track and Field Co-Director Brooks Johnson.

“Brooks has … pushed me to go further,” Peters said. Although Peters said Johnson has helped her out extensively, Peters said she is a unique athlete that came to Cal Poly already possessing the athletic potential of the best.

“She is one of the people who can think about the event and also perform it,” Johnson said. “She is extremely knowledgeable about the event.”

Peters said she relies on basics when approaching a competition.

“If I let the adrenaline work for me instead of fighting it, that’s when I get my best throws,” Peters said.

Peters has spent many hours working toward perfecting her form. Her coach said she has a deep appreciation for her also.

“I think Jen (Peters) holds our whole throwing team together,” said Allison Eilerts, a javelin thrower and athlete science junior. She is not afraid to take risks.”

Eilerts said Peters helps the throwing team by serving as a surrogate coach when Johnson is absent from the field.

“She coaches all of us if Brooks isn’t around, especially during a meet,” Eilerts said. “She really helps us out because she is knowledgeable about the throws. She is out there coaching and competing herself.”

It was appropriate that Peters’ teammate commented on her coaching abilities because she and Johnson would be good at teaching. Peters said she would like to spend her life learning about the sport.

Peters would also like to follow in her father’s footsteps by teaching high school physical education. She is not going into the prospect blindly though.

“In general, the physical education programs (in high school) are for those who aren’t considered as talented,” Peters said. “You really have to be convincing to get people to do things.”

She said she could not have gotten where she is today without the support she has received from her teammates.

“Brooks and the rest of the track team have been real supportive throughout,” Peters said. “It’s a lot more fun when you have people behind you.”

Peters broke a school record with her discus throw of 166-11 at the Fresno Relays April 8 and 9. Peters is a senior and a select few of teammates are in the middle of their venture to Raleigh, N.C. May 28 and 29 to compete in Nationals.

Athletics’ diversity is disturbing

When I calculated the numbers to determine the Ath­letics Department’s ethnic diversity, I was as surprised as I was when I first heard John Madden actually went to Cal Poly.

Based on covering almost every sport on this campus over the last three years, I had encountered few minorities.

After concluding coach interviews to identify the ethnic makeup of the 17 sports players, it was discovered there were 80 percent of the active student-athletes on this season’s roster are white. On campus, whites total 61 percent of the student population.

It is no wonder that the Athletics Department doesn’t keep records on the ethnic diversity of its teams or subscribes to quotas. Maybe it should start.

Throughout my years here, various sources said, “Yes, it would think we are more diverse than the university.”

And I went along with that.

I figured sports is slightly different than society. I thought sports allowed minorities a greater shot at equal opportunity.

And if you look at the number of African-Americans in the three major sports, this theory seems to have as much backing as a Hells Angel and 340 of his friends.

The numbers seem to shout loud and clear that sports does not discriminate against players. In the NBA, 75 percent of those on the floor are African-Americans. In the NFL, 60 percent of the players flying into one another on the football fields are African-Americans. And in Major League Baseball, African-Americans comprise 25 percent of the player population.

These numbers far exceed the 12 percent of African-Americans that make up this nation’s population, according to the 1990 census.

Coaches often say they recruit based on skills of the athlete — not ethnicity. But it appears in these particular sports, a great number of African-Americans have proven to be the best athletes.

Where are they at Cal Poly?

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Jennifer Peters Daily photo by Scott Robinson

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Lean Machines

Canada’s Pascal Picotte set a track record with his 89.867 mph pass on Friday when the American Motorcycle Association Superbike Series touched down at Laguna Seca in Monterey. Stac­tor’s Fred Merkel qualified in the fourth spot. Santa Rosa native Scott Herold qualified 23rd. The race was held Sunday. Results were not available at press time.

/ Daily photo by Mark Gewartz

Tabasco Cat nips Gin to win the Preakness

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Tabasco Cat, a four-headed nightmare for D. Wayne Lukas in December, became the trainer’s Preakness dream horse on Saturday at Pimlico.

The colt, who made headlines by running over and almost killing Lukas’ son, Jeff, in the Santa Anita stable area, made headlines again on this brilliantly sunny day by outdueling Kentucky Derby winner Go for Gin.

At the top of the stretch, it looked as if Go for Gin might put himself into position to win the Triple Crown. But it was not to be as Tabasco Cat, ridden by Pat Day, loomed up on his outside and then won the two-handicap wire in 1:35.6 for 1 3-16 miles on a fast track.

Stretch-running Concern, a Maryland-bred stabled at Pimlico, finished third while Kan­daly, another stretch runner, finished fourth in the field of 10 3-year-olds.

Tabasco Cat’s victory came one year after the Lukas-trained Union City broke down in the Preakness and had to be humanely destroyed.

The 40-year-old Day, winning his third Preakness, kept Tabasco Cat in good position throughout.

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