Downtown SLO going modern with big-name stores

By Maxine Obispo
July Staff Writer

If you're feeling weighed down by the sags of downtown San Luis Obispo's revered antiquity, it's time to perk up — downtown is getting a facelift.

In just a few weeks, the downtown area will welcome Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Yogurt, Starbucks' Coffee, Fresh Choice, another Blockbuster Video and the city's second Juice Yogurt, Starbuck's Coffee, Fresh stores have entered the final stages of completion, according to Tom Maino, owner of Maino's.

Construction Corporation.

Maino Construction has been hired by the Copeland Investments Corporation, a company owned by Luis Obispo's revered antiquity, Downtown Centre, the five new stores are expected, but Project Architect Randy Rea said there are always going to be delays and engineering problems.

"If you set a specific date (for the stores to open) and there is a slight delay, the public automatically assumes the development is in trouble," Rea said.

However, Rea did not specify an opening date for the Centre.

"I'll say that it is going to be before Christmas," he said.

Because of the tourism San Luis Obispo attracts and the city's student population, storeowners expect the Downtown Centre to be successful.

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Iraq denies threat; U.S. troops still pouring into Gulf

By Karin Davies
August 25

Kuwait — Skepticism over Saddam Hussein's intentions prevailed Tuesday, with reports that Iraqi troops were pulling away from Kuwait.

Washington was assembling its biggest military force since the 1991 Gulf War to face down the Iraqi leader. Tens of thousands of Americans were still ordered into the Gulf along with hundreds of the most present U.S. aircraft and warships.

The Pentagon acknowledged some of the 80,000 Iraqi units massing Kuwait may be "moving from their combat positions."

But "considerable (Iraqi) units" remain in the area, said Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Iraqi deployment toward the Kuwait border "wasn't just a show of force," Rea said that because of the costs associated with the moves, the board had voted to take the project off-campus projects, but we are still planning the project, but that two or three students will manage it as their senior project.

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Candidates in city election discuss issues, skirt specifics

By Sharon Money
July Staff Writer

At an open forum Tuesday, City Council and mayoral candidates discussed the need for balancing economic growth with still maintaining San Luis Obispo's small-town environment.

The forum was sponsored by the Latino community and hosted by the Soroptimist International of San Luis Obispo.

Several council candidates debated potentially controversial issues such as the use of the Pacific Suites Hotel to state their views on local issues and field questions from audience members.

Council candidates include:

Madonna Inn purchasing manager and Cal Poly political science major, Ricardo Cordero, is one of the candidates.

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Higher than expected bids net delays for new courts

By Dawn Pillsbury
July Staff Writer

The sand volleyball courts planned as an addition to the Recreational Center may be finished before the end of winter quarter.

The two courts are slated to be in the field adjacent to the center.

But before the courts can be built, funding problems need to be hald.

At the ASI Board of Directors Oct. 3 meeting, Director of Recreational Sports Rick John­son said that because of the costs of fencing and cutting into the hillside for retaining walls, the bids for the job had been much higher that what the board had allotted for it.

The board voted to take $55,000 out of last year's surplus to have the courts installed, but the lowest bid so far is $70,000.

But now Johnson says things are looking better.

"It looks like we're in good shape," he said. "The state has been extremely cooperative."

Directors suggested alternatives to increasing the funding of the project. Johnson asked if the Construction Management department could take on the task of bringing down costs.

Hal Johnston, assistant professor of Construction Management, is working with Johnson on the project.

"Students in construction management are real interested in doing these sorts of senior projects," he said. "We do quite a few off-campus projects, but we hadn't had any on-campus projects recently."

Johnston said he and Johnson are still planning the project, but that two or three students will manage it as their senior project.

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Aristide set to assume power in Haiti

By Anita Snow
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — U.S. troops took over the National Palace today, helping the government of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide clear out the last vestiges of Haiti's military-backed administration.

Hundreds of American soldiers entered the sprawling, white building this afternoon. An army captain at the scene said Haitian soldiers would be escorted out as Aristide's prime minister prepared to take office.

Aristide's cabinet ministers fired all employees hired under a civilian figurehead government installed in May by military strongman Raoul Cedras, who resigned Monday under pressure from the U.S. forces in Haiti. Cedras' resignation clears the way for Aristide's return on Saturday.

"We can now roll up our sleeves and begin to rebuild democracy," said Aristide's commerce minister, Louis Dejoie II, said in an interview.

The government of Robert Malval, Aristide's prime minister, announced today it would be taking over the government ministry offices. To back up that effort, hundreds of U.S. troops were sent to the National Palace.

Earlier today, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said Haiti's former military ruler and his right-hand man will be heading together into exile with his wife.

Shipments of gas and diesel oil were on their way to Haiti, meanwhile, the first sent by international oil companies since December. The world's trade embargo on Haiti ends after Aristide's homecoming.

Cedras' resignation has cleared "the field for the real work of reconciliation," said Aristide spokesman Jean-Claude Martinon.

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U.S. warplanes were in the air, ready to launch an invasion.

Cedras is about to go into sequestration for handing over power to the neighboring Dominican Republic.

The agreement did not require the coup leaders to leave Haiti, but the United States has been urging them to do so. Today, U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Stanley Schrager said Cedras and Biamby were remaining in Haiti together, but he said he did not know when or where.

A Panamanian official said today that Panama's government had been approached by U.S. officials about granting asylum to Cedras and Biamby, who belong to the pro-army Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti. Panama, however, said it was not immediately ready to accept the two.

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One day keeps the doctor away

The hope of the nation's farmers was that Congress would expand food safety regulations and help farmers market their goods. With the passage of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act in 1938, the federal government began to regulate the safety and quality of food and drugs, protecting consumers from harmful products.

The act required food and drug manufacturers to ensure the safety of their products before they entered the market. It also established the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to enforce these regulations, ensuring that consumers could trust the products they bought.

The act had a significant impact on the food and drug industry, as it led to the creation of new laws and regulations aimed at protecting consumers. It also provided a framework for the FDA to enforce these laws, ensuring that food and drug manufacturers met the necessary standards.

Today, the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act remains an essential piece of federal legislation that protects consumers from harmful products and ensures that the food and drug industry operates with integrity and accountability.

One day keeps the doctor away.
There's this Christian evangelist named Cliffy who I used to see proselytizing in the U.U. Plaza and on the beach. Evidently, his diatribe would pull me into the debate, since I had a vindictive attitude toward people who justify their actions solely on "faith," and he and I would have a back-and-forth for 15 or 20 minutes at a time. Most of the times I debated him, the crowd was largely on my side (Cal Poly being the den of godlessness that it is). But this one time — I think it was in the spring — someone had dropped off a bus load of the saved in the U.U. Plaza. Judging from their vigor, I would say they had just returned from a two-week vacation at Heritage U.U. Plaza. Judging from their vigor, I would say they had just returned from a two-week vacation at Heritage USA.

It was not my best experience. At that time, I considered myself an atheist, or an agnostic with atheistic longings. But I'm not trying to damage the reputation of fraternal ideas.

I'm not talking about the esoteric, idealistic opportunities — like "the chance to grow," "the chance to explore one's potential," or the chance to "learn by doing." No, I'm talking about the opportunity to buy stuff — like books, tie-dyed clothing, credit cards, calling cards, cheese doodles, a parking space, bumper stickers, soft pretzels, etc. I have nothing against this, but I wasn't wacked by the idea of purchasing friendship for $60 a month.

What if I was a minority?

But even astronomically thin odds are measurable, and so we must consider the possibility that there is a universe where strong and weak nuclear forces should pan out in just the opposite way. Then again, what if we educated the public instead of complained about "National Enquirer journalism" characterized in one student's reply? The essay addresses a sad fact — racism is a neglected subject many would rather keep to themselves instead of bringing it out into the open.

Just because slavery ended years ago, prejudice still permeates our society. It may not be as widespread as it used to be, but there are many fields of study, religion foremost among them, where there are several conflicting philosophies, all equally valid (because they continue to foster fresh believers). And atheism is imbued in these numbers.

With this new insight, I fearlessly proceeded to draft a new personal belief system, one which I still follow the universe is either spontaneous and creatorless, or designed with the intent of letting its inhabitants run wild.

What if I was a minority?

And for the record it progresses as follows: It amazes me that a newspaper on a so-called univer­sal news service would publish an unsolicited letter from a minority who decided to scrawl his name on the wall remain piles of junk.

Sensing my peril, Cliffy finished me off by equating atheism with the belief that a tornado will as­semble a pile of junk into a working motorcycle. I hung on for a few more minutes, but Clifffy and his junior God squad had already written me off. I left the room.

What if Mr. McDonald was forced to swallow his own words?

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Parking permits jam machines

By Kelly Koring

Rushing to school to snag a parking spot may be tough enough, but recently Cal Poly students and visitors have had problems getting a parking permit.

The yellow parking permit machines dispersed across campus have been malfunctioning more than usual.

According to Parking and Commuter Services Administrator Cindy Campbell, the daily parking-pass dispensers weren’t working as well as they normally do during the storm last week.

The machines jam or hang up when the weather is wet, said Campbell. Fig. rain and mist are the main culprits.

Campbell said that the parking passes stick together when they get moist and do the machine. Recently, Campbell said she ordered water-resistant paper to be used for the passes. However, the new paper has jammed. She is currently contacting the vendor of that special paper to make sure she gets what she paid for.

“The passes are not supposed to be doing what they are doing,” Campbell said.

But wet weather is not solely to blame - permits machines break down.

“If there’s more money in and the pass came out with the wrong information, they have to tear it up,” said senior Rachel Hodges. “I got a ticket.

“We had problems with those machines once or twice,” said agricultural engineering technology senior John Desousa.

The operation on the machine and his money did not give him a pass. Desousa also got a ticket.

Betty Hodgson said that the problem was not with the machines. The students have been having problems with permit machines breaking down is not a major problem.”

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He placed the number of American forces in the region at 19,000, with an additional 44,500 “deployed in a ready posture and prepared for deployment.”

He said the U.S. military buildup is similar to the one that preceded Iraq’s 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

“Russia’s increased forces in the Caspian area...is not a transparent effort to protect our legitimate interests,” said Kazak, who previously served as a minister in the Russian defense ministry.

“Russia seriously warned Baghdad not to take any steps that could escalate tensions even further,” Foreign Minister Goryk Kazak said.

Before the Iraqi invasion, Russia, along with France, had been leading efforts to cease U.N. sanctions imposed on Baghdad for invading Kuwait.

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Also settle said he favors slow growth for San Luis Obispo. “We need to make the right decisions doing the right things,” he said.

“Growth is a step further.

In choosing another spot for the community center, Joseph said he would only consider areas close enough to the current area and areas that have some sort of commercial use.

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Prop. 187 pits African Americans against illegal immigrants

By Steve Farr

Sacramento — For many black proponents of the “Save Our State” initiative, illegal immigrants aren’t victims of discrimination. They’re competitors for a shrinking number of jobs and dwindling health and welfare benefits.

“Illegal immigration has placed the African American in the position of having to compete for resources that are far and few between,” said Compton Mayor Omar Bradley, a Democrat. “Even though this is a Republican initiative, you’re going to find a lot of blacks favoring it.”

A recent Field Poll found that black and Asian American voters support Proposition 187 by 53 to 37 percent.

Opponents of the initiative point out that illegal aliens are already barred by law from receiving welfare and taxpayer-funded medical care, except in emergencies. They also claim that California could lose billions of federal dollars if undocumented children are kicked out of public schools.

Former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and most of the state’s nine black legislators oppose the measure.

With California’s black unemployment rate hovering around 14 percent, however, some black leaders say they’ll back anything that attempts to reduce the flow of illegal immigrants from Mexico and Asia.

“In Southern California, aliens have taken over most of the entry-level jobs,” said William Ruffin, executive director of the 6,000-member Black Employees Association of Los Angeles County. “Those jobs do not exist any more for blacks.”

Federal laws against hiring illegal aliens are routinely ignored, Ruffin said. His organization receives 100 complaints a week from blacks, especially young men who can’t find work in the hotels, hospitals, and restaurants that once offered blacks their first steps to independence.

In Oakland, an explosion in Alameda County’s welfare caseloads over the past two years has forced the county to slash payments, said Deborah Wright, a black Republican running for the congressional seat held by Democrat Ron Dellums. Although illegals cannot receive aid, area blacks claim newcomers are swamping the system, she said.

“There’s a limited amount of money in the pot and we have to split it up among more people,” Wright said. “I think that money should go to American citizens first.”

In Wright’s overwhelmingly Democratic district, “I mention limiting immigration and people are very responsive,” she said. While the number of blacks in the state remains flat, the Hispanic population is growing rapidly due to immigration and a high birthrate.

According to the 1990 census, blacks make up nearly eight percent of the state’s population and nine percent of registered voters. Hispanics are 26 percent of residents but just five percent of voters.

In Compton, a city of 100,000 that borders south Los Angeles, blacks who spent 30 years gaining power in the civil rights movement feel politically threatened by immigrants from Mexico and Central America who have moved into the area during the last decade, Bradley said.

“Weve seen a lot of Latino groups come to us and say ‘we want the power, we demand the power,’” Bradley said. “It’s a natural law that you attack the weakest, and right now African Americans are weak.”

But Bradley and Wright say the issue is not one of race or class.

“The question is not black versus Latino, the question is American versus non-American,” said Bradley, who refused to state his position on the initiative.

“Lower-income American citizens are being impacted most by illegal immigration regardless of race,” Wright added. “People who are opposing 187 aren’t representing low-income people.”

Norman Matloff, a computer science professor at the University of California at Davis who has editorialized for Prop. 187, says many mainstream black leaders have remained publicly neutral on the issue for fear of alienating other ethnic groups.

“What’s happening is I think it’s a lot of waffling,” said Matloff, who is married to a Chinese immigrant and studies the use of welfare by aliens.

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Grieving fathers berate gang members at sentencing

By Laura Tolley
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Over objections from defense lawyers, two grieving fathers lashed out in court Tuesday at the gang members who raped and killed their teenage daughters.

“We live for the day that you die,” a tearful Randy Ertman said after the three defendants were sentenced to death. “You are baby killers.”

As the last of the three was being led from the packed courtroom, Ertman told him, “I’ll watch you die, boy.”

The fathers were allowed to confront their daughters’ killers under a Texas law that allows victims or their surviving relatives to speak at sentencing.

Such courtroom confrontations stem from the growing victims’ rights movement of the past several years. Thirty-five states permit victims to speak at sentencing, according to the Arlington, Va.-based National Victim’s Center.

Five other states allow statements from victims to be read at sentencing.

There are a lot of social issues that we deal with in criminal justice, psychological needs of society,” said Sandra Guerra, an assistant professor of law at the University of Houston. “I think it is appropriate to use the courtroom to a limited extent.”

On Tuesday, Efrain Perez, 18, Raul Villarreal, 18, and Joe Medellin, 19, showed no emotion during the fathers’ speeches. They were convicted last month.

Two other gang members, Peter Cantu and Derrick Sean O’Brien, both 19, were already sentenced to die in the case. A sixth defendant, Vinny Medellin, got 40 years because he was a juvenile.

After the hearing, a shouting and shoving match erupted in the hallway between relatives from both sides. No one was hurt, and sheriff’s deputies quickly separated the feuding parties. Security had been increased for the hearing, and courtroom metal detectors were used to screen for weapons.

The fathers, who addressed the court from the spectators’ gallery, berated the defendants even though they were told to be civil and to speak to the three judges who had presided over the defendants’ trials.

“At one point Ertman said, “You are worse than spit. You belong in hell.”

Adolf Pena said, “I wish that these guys could get executed the way they did and be left out there, just left there on the ground to die.”

Defense attorneys repeatedly objected when either man directly addressed the defendants.

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Nobel nomination for PLO chairman causes controversy

Dong Malyyoe
Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — The traditional secrecy around the Nobel Peace Prize seemed torn Tues­day, just days before the award announce­ment, when a newspaper reported a bitter di­spute over the choice of Yasser Arafat as co-winner.

The Oslo newspaper Aftenposten, in its top front-page story, reported that the PLO chairman and Israeli Prime Minister Yitz­hak Rabin would be announced as winners Friday, ten, in its top front-page story, as winners Friday.

And the newspaper said a committee member, Kare Kris­tiansen, who has labeled Arafat a terrorist, would resign if the Palestinian leader shares the $935,000 prize.

There was little surprise about the names of Rabin and Arafat, who have been men­tioned for months as likely win­ners for the historic treaty they signed last year, granting Pales­tines self-rule.

But the bold disclosure of the names and glimpses at behind-the-scenes bickering was rare. Even though there have been leaks in past years to Norwegian media, the news wasn’t reported with such frequency.

Even more seldom were reports of disputes within the five-member committee, which has a tradition of keeping its quarrels private and putting on a public show of unity.

"Even in 1973, when two resigned from the committee, they waited until after the awards ceremony," said Geir Lundestad, the committee’s vice­chairman.

Lundestad, Kristiansen and others involved in the peace prize refused to confirm or deny the newspaper’s report to The Associated Press or to Nor­wegian media, which all were quieting Aftenposten on Tuesday.

According to the newspaper, the award committee still had time to meet and change its mind, although the sources said that appeared unlikely.

"I don’t have any comment until after the chairman has made the announcement on Friday," Kristiansen said. "If we started to confirm or deny reports, it would lead to secrecy’s falling apart."

Kristiansen is a former Chris­tian Democratic politician and a long­time friend of Israel. Asked whether his reputation for dislik­ing Arafat was correct, Kristian­sen said, "That’s right."

Earlier Tuesday, when Israeli radio told him in an interview that some Israelis would ap­preciate his stand, Kristiansen answered: "Thank you very much."

Lundestad, the committee secretary, has said he has tried to end the leaks since taking of­fice in 1990.

"Leaks are not compatible with our trust in the commit­tee," he said Tuesday.

Speaking in an interview Monday, Lundestad admitted past committees had sometimes intentionally leaked some infor­mation to selected Norwegian media but said that practice had been stopped.

Norwegian treasure privacy and the news media, aware of the prize’s international prestige, have been careful to portray any reports as speculation. Whether and why Arafat departed from the pattern is unknown.

As two committee mem­bers quit in protest over the peace prize being awarded to the U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and North Viet­namese negotiator Le Duc Thu — the only laureate to ever decline the prize.

But the members waited two months to announce their resig­nations so they wouldn’t mar the prize. Disputes "usually remain within the committee," Lundes­ted said.

The two men who might be most interested in the decision — Rabin and Arafat — have refused comment. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres even tried to take the high road:

"I am working for a prize much greater than the Nobel and that is to bring peace," Peres told Israeli television.

The Aftenposten report said Kristiansen opposed Arafat throughout the selection process. He reportedly wanted to honor those who did the actual work in the Norwegian-mediated talks, such as Norwegian peace broker Terje Roed Larsen and Israeli and Palestinian negotiators.

Other key players in the 1993 Israel-PLO accord were Peres and Mahmoud Abbas, founder of the Palestine Liberation Or­ganization who signed the peace accord last year.

Kristiansen, a former member of Parliament who joined the committee in 1961, made waves before he has questioned the giving of awards to active politicians, pointing out that the Soviet crackdown on Lithuania came just months after then-Soviet President Mikhail Gor­bachev won the prize.

Kristiansen also has noted that Israel invaded Lebanon after the Nobel committee honored the Israeli Minister Menachem Begin, along with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, in 1978.

Spacecraft ends $900 million mission with one final trip

By Jane E. Allen
The Ann Arbor News

PASADENA — Magellan hurtled to its demise Tuesday in the gaseous atmosphere of Venus, ending its four-year map­ping mission with one last ex­periment: a study of the spacecraft’s aerodynamics as it dove.

Since there was no way to return Magellan to Earth, scien­tists ordered the craft into a slow dive to gather information that will be used in other missions.

The researchers at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory begin­ning Magellan’s thrusters at 7:21 a.m., sending it through miles of Venus’ carbon dioxide and sulfuric acid clouds.

Magellan was expected to lose power and contact with Earth, possibly by Wednesday, ending the $900 million mission. Exactly what happens to the craft may never be known.

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RODEO

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bucking and movement as well
as the rider. The higher the score
of the animal's performance, the
higher the rider's score.

One of the problems the rodeo
circuit sometimes encounters is
threats and protests from animal
rights activists for the inhumane
treatment of livestock.

"The treatment of rodeo
animals is a controversial issue," said Ron Walsh, executive direc­
tor of the Wood's Humane Society. "As a local humane society, we have no direct
knowledge of how the animals are treated. We hope that the
animals are cared for as humanity as possible."

According to Keith, there is an
open invitation for anyone to
come and see the livestock and
talk to the people who take care
of them.

Rodeo club member Michelle
Motominner said it is in the best
interest of the animals and the
riders if the animals are treated
well.

"A lot of people who criticize rodeo have never even been to
a rodeo," she said. "An animal that's not treated well doesn't
perform well. If rodeo was inhumane for animals, it wouldn't
have been around so long."

Keith did not know of any re­

Action like this can be seen at this weekend's Cal Poly Rodeo / Daily photo
by L. Scott Robinson

ganized protests at Cal Poly. He
added that the livestock is an ex­
pensive venture.

"The animals are an invest­
ment," Keith said. "And I'm not
gong to let anything happen to
them."

The Cal Poly Fall Rodeo is
Saturday at noon and 4 p.m.
and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Ticket prices are $7 for
adults and $5 for children 12
and under. Tickets are avail­
able at the gate or the ASI
Ticket Office.

There is also a Rodeo Club
dance on Oct. 15 at 8:30 p.m.
at the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge #232. Tickets are $7 at the
door. The dance is open
to anyone 18 and older.

St. Louis group to make
top for Los Angeles Rams

by R.B. Follstrom

ST. LOUIS — The city takes
its latest shot at returning to the
NFL on Wednesday when a four
man delegation makes its formal
presentation to the Los Angeles
Rams in Anaheim.

Thomas Eagleton, the former
Missouri senator, heads FANS,
Inc., a non-profit group, and his
tour of civic leaders, Eagleton will be
accompanied by a lawyer, a
broker and a businessman.

"They had a political show
earlier this year," Eagleton said.
"One of those is enough. This is
low-key, down to business. It's
what's your proposal?"

Eagleton said he's convinced
the Rams are just as serious
about moving.

"I think they're genuinely in­
terested in the prospect," Eagleton said. "I don't think this
is just an exercise they're going through."

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Eagleton said. "We've had a
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$150 million during a seat-licen­
sing campaign that helped that
city land an NFL expansion
team.

On Monday, a group trying to
keep the Rams in Anaheim
presented some written
proposals during a three-hour
meeting with team president
John Shaw.

"We're still talking," Shaw said.
"They haven't kicked us out the door," said Wayne Wedin, an Anaheim­
based business consultant.

Save the Rams was "more of the
same."

"We're still talking," Shaw said.
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NUYEN: Freshman is Northern California's leading high school rusher

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He had to follow. 

Nguyen was introduced to the game on his neighborhood streets and his ambition to play college ball grew from what he saw on television. Like many other second generation Vietnamese college students, Nguyen's parents immigrated to the U.S. from South Vietnam after the Vietnam War. His mother True is a Catholic charities worker in Oakland and his father Minh owns a plumbing and remodeling business. During the war the two were separated. True left the war-torn country with Nguyen's older brother Dave for the Philippines while her husband stayed back to defend their homeland.

When the United States withdrew their forces and surrendered South Vietnam to the north, Minh fled in search of his wife and son in the Philippines. After the three were reunited, they were sponsored to come to the United States by a family in Fosterville, Mo. where Dave was born after his family came to Arkansas.

Within three years the Nguyen family moved to Oakland where Nu-neng lived with his dad Dan and 11 and then settled down in Alameda.

It was there that Nguyen began his football days playing for the San Leandro Crusaders, a Pop Warner team.

He continued his athletic prowess at Alameda High School, where he was a three-sport athlete--football, basketball and baseball.

But football became his best sport. Nguyen won the honor of being Northern California's all-time leading rusher.

In his senior season, Nguyen topped high school records as he rushed for 2,180 yards and 24 touchdowns.

Nguyen's accomplishments attracted many college recruiters. Schools from the Pac-10, Big West and Western Athletic Conference all inquired about him. Nguyen didn't want to move far from home, so he was hoping to sign a letter of intent with UC-Berkeley -- the school which had been recruiting him the hardest. But the recruiting process was bittersweet for Nguyen.

Berkeley decided not to recruit him just before the end of the signing period for high school football players.

"I think they led me on that they were going to give me a scholarship but they never did," Nguyen said.

He found himself in a bind since all the other schools had lost interest. "All the other schools stopped calling because I had told them I had committed verbally to Cal."

"I knew he would be productive here," Patterson said. "At his size and strength I thought he'd have the ability to help us as a true freshman.

Cal Poly was allowed an extra three weeks to sign players after the NCAA dead line because of the new coaching staff.

Reflecting on what happened last year, Nguyen said he was surprised that Cal Poly was interested in him because the school fits both his football and academic needs.

Patterson credits the academic reputation as a key tool in luring Nguyen to Cal Poly. "Academics is very important to him and his family and with the academic reputation of Cal Poly I think that helped a lot in selling Dan that this was the best place for him to come," Patterson said.

As for a life after football, Nguyen said he doesn't think about it much. As an industrial technologist, he hopes to make a career in business engineering.

Nguyen realizes that the chances of playing football after college are slim, but he says, "anything can happen."
Breathing a sigh of relief

Saturday, Rafael Huerta danced near took away my manhood. It wasn’t because he beat me 6-0, 6-0 in tennis, although that didn’t help matters. It was one particular shot that could have been devastating. Huerta, last year’s Division II freshman of the year and the No. 2 player on Cal Poly’s men’s tennis team, had just finished whacking the ball off the back fence. Ah, relief.

My gut ached in anticipation of the worst as the tennis ball bobbled closer at a ferocious pace. My body tensed as I reached to see the ball deflect off the back fence. Ah, relief.

The ball hit the back fence on the top of my leg, just right of my groin. I laughed it off, Rafael was nice enough to give me an apologetic wave from the other side of the net. Yeah, it was his fault for serving at a gargantuan pace and then getting caught napping by the back fence. It was his fault that the thought never occurred to me to use my racket. Duh.

With my manhood still in tact, thankfully, I was able to continue playing — a breathing — rather drudging — on the tennis court.

Tennis is for wuss best sport. I played varsity for four years in high school. I was the No. 1 player on the team my junior year and won my league doubles title my senior year. Rafael hardly seemed impressed. He disposed of me formally, and I could throw away that three-month-old meatloaf behind the milk on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator. He said it was his fault for serving at a gargantuan pace and then getting caught napping by the back fence. It was his fault that the thought never occurred to me to use my racket. Duh.

But even a few points, most of them were because of his double faults. But other than that, I was no threat to Rafael.

So he seemed at ease. I had to make excuses. It was the shadows that created a real problem in seeing the ball. I had my eyes closed for a long time. And of course, the ever popular “I’ve never played this bad in my entire life.”

Meanwhile, an after-match conversation revealed that Rafael was the one with legitimate excuses. The two were at a party at his house that ended about 3 a.m. On top of that, Rafael had to play two other matches starting at 8 a.m. and he had a pulled muscle in his abdomen. He said it slowed the velocity of his backhand.

Remind me to bring support next time, Rafael. Maybe I’ll stick to intramural inner tube water polo.

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Transcending stereotypes

Vietnamese-American leads team in rushing

By Ajoy Bhombani

When freshman tailback Dan Nguyen carries the ball for the Mustangs he never thinks of what is unusual about him playing college football.

Nguyen, who is of Vietnamese descent, is one of two Asian Americans on this year’s football squad.

But it doesn’t matter to Nguyen that he is one of the few Asian Americans playing Division I college football.

He said he never thought about it before, so he doesn’t think about it now.

At 6 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 230 pounds, Nguyen knows he is talented enough to play in the college ranks. He also has the potential to become one of the premier running backs in the country.

But don’t ask Nguyen about how good he thinks he can be, because that’s of little significance to him. Nguyen says he doesn’t like to focus on any kind of personal goals — it’s the team’s performance he cares about.

“I didn’t come here to make a name for myself and I didn’t really come here with the intention to set records,” he said. “I just want to have the chance to play.”

Nguyen was the starter for Head Coach Keith Patterson, who followed Nguyen in high school, gets excited when he talks about the potential of his running back.

“I think Dan has the ability to have a great future and be successful at Cal Poly,” Patterson said. “He has the potential to be a 1,000-yard rusher this year.”

Nguyen has been splitting time with freshman Anton Warren because of an injury to sophomore starting tailback Jacques Jordan. He has already put up impressive numbers in the five games he has played.

Nguyen is averaging 5.8 yards per carry every time he carries the ball and leads the team with 205 net rushing yards on 49 carries. He is third on the team with 368 total yards rushing.

But the only numbers that matter to this freshman are 2-0 — Cal Poly’s record.

The Nguyen File

Tidbits on football player Dan Nguyen

Age: 18
Position: Tailback
Major: Industrial Technology
Year: Freshman
Hobbies: Weightlifting
Favorite food: All kinds
Favorite movie: Cheech and Chong
Favorite sports memory: 328 yards and 5 touchdowns over DeAnza High School
Career goal: Be happy and successful
Nickname: Viper

Rodeo Club Readies for its bi-annual bonanza

By Dak Merry

Rodeo Club President Blake Lott said it’s time to pull your boots on, shine your belt buckle and get ready for a hoot-hollerin’ time at the Cal Poly rodeo.

The rodeo is scheduled for Oct. 15 and 16 in the Collet Arena on campus and promises to be the biggest event according to Cal Poly rodeo coach Randy Wilson.

“It’s the biggest year we’ve had in college rodeo,” he said. “The numbers are up at all levels.”

According to Wilson there are usually three schools competing at this rodeo. This weekend there will be six.

“West Hills in Covina is our toughest competition,” he said. “And Laassen from Susanville County, they’re bringing a really tough women’s team.”

The Cal Poly Rodeo Club has been nationally-ranked for a number of years. According to Wilson, there have been seven national championships in the last five years.

Last year the men’s and women’s teams finished first in the West Coast Regionals last year and were also dominant in steer wrestling.

Four of the men’s team members graduated last year, Wilson said, so this year’s team is young.

“Not one of them is older than a junior,” he said.

Wilson said he tries to help as much as possible in recruiting potential rodeo team members.

“If they are at a junior college, I’ll tell them which courses will transfer to Cal Poly,” he said. “I get a lot of transfer students. These kids go out of state or they come to us.”

The club hosts two rodeos a year, with the second one taking place during spring quarter.

According to 1994 national steer wrestling champion senior Tyler Keith, wrestling a steer is a lot harder than it looks.

“A lot of steer wrestlers are normally the bigger guys,” Keith said. “A lot of strength is involved and some technique.”

The best technique is to wrestle the head part down,” he said. “This is a strength animal. The technique is a lot like wrestling.

“My old wrestling coach used to say you should be able to close your eyes and feel where other guy is,” Keith added. “It’s like that with a steer.”

Other fast-paced events include team roping, calf roping, breakaway, goat tying and barrel racing.

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