Proposed ordinance could clean out yards

San Luis Obispo residents may soon need to rearrange their yards and roofs.

Under a new Neighborhood Enhancement Ordinance, residents would be required to remove unsightly objects from their front yards and roofs. This would include furniture, garbage cans, lumber, dirt, barbecues, boxes, household appliances, sinks, heaters, recreational vehicles and jet skis.

The ordinance was drafted by San Luis Obispo's Planning Commission, Community Development Department staff (CDD), the Residents for Quality Neighborhoods (RQN) and other community and student groups.

RQN, a group of homeowners, aims to enhance property values by maintaining front-yard quality.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposal during a public hearing Wednesday. Commissioners listened to extended testimony before closing the public hearing.

Ruling on the ordinance has been postponed so the CDD can further review the proposal, said Development Review Manager Ron Whisenand.

A final decision is expected to be made at the Planning Commissioners meeting Feb. 8 in San Luis Obispo City Council Chambers.

"We've selected 20 items to focus on so the staff can provide more detailed information on confusing areas," Whisenand said.

Key provisions of the ordinance are listed below.

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REMINDING US

Remembering a dream

Psychology senior James Johnson-Hill spoke at a rally honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. "We must be committed to love everyday and for the rest of our lives," he said / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

Paying homage to a King

Words of brotherhood and peace echoed through Chumash Auditorium on Thursday as more than 120 students gathered in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his dream of racial equality. "We must learn to live together as brothers or well all perish together as fools," said psychology senior James Johnson-Hill, quoting the words of King. Preceding the rally, about 80 students marched in the rain from the information booth on Grand Avenue singing "Wade in the Water."

"(The song) stands for universal love — something that is here for all of us," said mathematics senior Jim Perry, president of Students for Social Justice.

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Wilson's budget met with hope, concern at Poly

By Miles Evans and Cynthia L. Webb

Cal Poly President Warren Baker released a memo Thursday to campus officials showing some optimism about Gov. Pete Wilson's state budget proposal and its impact on Cal Poly.

The governor's plan, made public on Tuesday, provides a $42.6 million boost to the California State University system's budget for 1995-96. It also makes a four-year commitment to the CSUs, promising a steady funding level not just for the upcoming year but for the next four.

Baker said in the memo the advance notice will be valuable to administrators in charting the number of students Cal Poly can admit each year. After this year's 2.7 percent funding increase, Wilson's budget promises to give CSUs an average of 4 percent more per year for the next three years.

But Baker tempered his optimism in an interview Thursday afternoon, alluding to outbacks in state funding that have plagued California higher education over the last few years.

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U.S. soldier killed in Haiti; second injured in shooting

By Michael Norton

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A U.S. soldier and a Haitian were killed Thursday in a shooting at a Haitian checkpoint in the coastal city of Gonaives, the U.S. officials said.

Another U.S. soldier was wounded in the incident in Gonaives, about 100 miles north of the capital, said U.S. Embassy spokesman Stan Schrager.

It was the first U.S. combat fatality in Haiti since American troops were deployed in Haiti last fall. One American, a translator for the international police force, died in an accident and three U.S. soldiers have committed suicide since the mission began.

Schrager said a white pickup truck rammed the army check-point, and the passenger came out, shooting when U.S. Special Forces troops stationed in the vicinity ran over to investigate.

One soldier was seriously wounded and died a short time later at a mobile army hospital set up by the U.S.-led multinational forces in Haiti, Schrager said. The second was undergoing surgery for a wounded arm.

"Our troops returned fire, killing the guy who fired upon them," he said. The other Haitian was being questioned.

"Apparently it was a criminal activity and not directed at the U.S.," Schrager said.

Major Cindy Stoe, a military spokeswoman, told Cable News Network that the shooting was an "isolated incident."

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TODAY'S WEATHER: Partly cloudy.
TOMORROW'S WEATHER: Mostly cloudy, chance of showers.

Today's high/low: 66/55.
Tomorrow's high/low: 63/NA.

Important winter quarter dates:
- Jan. 16 — Academic Holiday in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.
- Jan. 17 — End of second week of instruction. Last day to drop a class.
- Jan. 18 — Last day to add a class; last day to register late and pay for late registration fees.

For more information, check the winter class schedule.

TODAY
Interview Skills — Career Services, Room 224. 2 to 3 p.m.

THIS WEEKEND
Cal Poly Women's Basketball — Jan. 14. Southern Utah University, Mont Gym. 7:30 p.m.
Athletes United Debate — Jan. 14. Both Christian and non-believer viewpoints will be represented in the debate on whether or not 7736 or 544-1580 are suitable for tax dollars.

UPCOMING
Bike Ride Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. — Jan. 16. The event is sponsored by Student Community Services, Students for Social Responsibility and Mothers for Peace and SLO Earth Day Coalition.

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HAITI: U.S. plans to transfer authority to United Nations force

The soldiers' names were not immediately available. They were part of the Special Forces contingent that has been deployed in the outlying towns of Haiti.

U.S. soldiers were deployed in Haiti to lead a multinational force that removed Haiti's military leader from power in September, allowing for the return of elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The fall of the dictatorship has brought a crime wave, often attributed to the gunmen who enforced the military's brutal rule and now are looking for another way to make a living.

Clinton administration officials earlier this week said the U.S. military would transfer authority to a United Nations force by mid-March.
The change would go into effect on this by March," Brown said.

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By Robert Merry

LAS VEGAS — One crewman was killed and three were injured in a train collision Wednesday when two Union Pacific Railroad cars collided approximately 110 miles northeast of here.

Six locomotives and 18 coal cars sat derailed at 2:44 p.m. after the closing of the railroad's main line between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles, said John Bremley, a Union Pacific spokesman in Sacramento.

The accident occurred in a deep canyon 23 miles east of Caliente, near the Nevada-Utah border. One of the trains was supposed to pull over onto an alternative track called a siding, but did not, Bromley said.

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FROM THE HIP:
What's your worst or wildest rainy-day experience?

"I crossed the creek over by Woodside and had mud from my knees down. I had to go to class like that." 

Erika Wong
Biology sophomore

"When I was coming from school, a bus drove by and splashed a million gallons of water over me." 

Frank Denes
Environmental engineering sophomore

"I was interviewed by Channel Nine in Hollywood on the first rainy day of the year two years ago." 

Eddie Ach lump
Liberal studies senior

"I got to play in the mud in my backyard. I got to take a mud bath." 

Darice Goya
Kindergartner, ASI Children's Center

"My truck went into a 360-degree spin and crashed into a mountain. It was two feet deep in mud." 

Anthony Denogean
Agricultural engineering student

Photos by Scott Robinson
Poly's Regier named director of Performing Arts Center

By Karren Mills

MINNEAPOLIS — A daughter of Malcolm X was charged Thursday with trying to kill the leader of the Nation of Islam scheduled a news conference to announce her father's murder as a 'massacre.'

Ron Regier, director of Cal Poly Arts Center, made a decade-old dream a reality after the Central Coast Performing Arts Commission, made up of various members of the community and the university, reviewed 90 applicants. After choosing four finalists, the commission conducted rigorous interviews of the applicants, and recommended Regier for the job, according to Warren Sinseimer, the commission's president. "Regier clearly is the right candidate," he said. He said he was glad that a Cal Poly administrator got the job.

Regier was the director of Cal Poly Arts for seven years and previously was the executive director of arts facilities in Detroit, Ind.

"That position was similar to (Cal Poly) in that I had to serve multiple constituents for both the university and separate community and the university, and separate constituents," Regier said.

The center will improve cultural life and will provide more art life and will provide more arts and programs," he said. He added the center will attract more people to Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo, giving the university's art department a chance to perform and host more events.

"The (Performing Arts Center) will increase the profile of the performing and visual arts creating a special venue for the university," said College of Liberal Arts Dean Paul Zingg.

He added that with the future of the center and "its architectural achievement it is a wonderful reflection of the university."

Poly's Regier named director of Performing Arts Center

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NEIGHBORHOODS: Repair work must be completed in 72 hours

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1995
Elderhostel program brings enthusiastic older students to Poly

By Natasha Collins
Daily Staff Writer

The room was filled with cheerful jabbering and laughter from 27 enthusiastic, eager-to-learn senior citizens waiting in anticipation for the evening lecture to begin.

The group loudly discussed the previous evening’s night out and raised many questions they hoped to have answered by the end of the evening. Raised from different parts of the country to participate in the Elderhostel program, a senior citizens educational program that is now at Cal Poly. The program is a part of the extended university programs and services at Cal Poly.

Elderhostels are not new to the senior citizen community. Founded in 1975 in New Hampshire, the Boston-based organization rapidly grew to conduct programs at more than 1,800 institutions worldwide. "I'm surprised how well it's gone," said Cal Poly Elderhostel participant M.J. Seljos of Wheaton, Illinois. "Plus, who could put a price on the friendships and ideas you leave with?"

According to Black, the Elderhostel program has been offered through Cal Poly for at least six years.

Most participants said they learned of the program through friends. And all expressed their excitement at finally turning 55, making them able to participate in the program.

"My sister is 1 1/2 years older than I and she got me interested in the program," Seljos said. "I couldn't wait till I, too, could attend."

Cal Poly biology professor Maxine Bryson, Elderhostel participant Thomas Richards, an instructor with the Elderhostel program, said he really enjoys his part.

"The people who participate in these programs are extremely talented and bright," he said. "I must be on the ball and make no mistakes, or someone is sure to catch me."

Richards became involved in the Elderhostel program during his sabbatical in Hawaii.

"I was a tour instructor at first," Richards said. "And then later I was asked to instruct a lecture."

Richards said instructing with the Elderhostel program is probably more difficult than teaching his classes at Cal Poly. He said he feels Cal Poly students are more willing to participate in his class, but the Elderhostel participants do.

Richards feels he has an obligation to make their experience worthwhile.

"Plus, they offer an area of expertise to the lecture," he said. "Cal Poly Elderhostel program has been held at The Inn at Morro Bay for about five years."

Originally, sessions were held in Cambria. But due to a fire that destroyed parts of the Cambria campus, classes were transferred to Morro Bay. Today, lectures are held at both locations and each offers a different combination of topics.

The theme for this year's Elderhostel series, Richards plans to discuss whales by taking a "Whole Watching Walk" to Montana de Oro. He also plans on discussing Oyster Farming, "Plus we get great instructors and learn about interesting topics... we just love to learn."

Daily Staff Writer Amy Rasbach contributed to this report.

King's words inspire environmental effort

Maria L. Garce
Senior Staff Writer

"I have a dream..."

These were the famous words uttered by Martin Luther King Jr. during the civil rights movement three decades ago.

Elderhostel participants are being echoed by two Cal Poly students.

"The March on Washington is probably the most well known event of the civil rights movement. "I like the idea of tying (the environmental movement) in with the ideas of Martin Luther King," said computer science senior Paul Beaudry, president of the African American Student Union.

"We must be committed to love everybody and for the rest of our lives."

He also said many Native Americans are truly concerned about being forced to move out of the sacred burial sites. "The government is taking land from people who don't have a voice but have a right to have a voice," he said.

"If this is really a democratic country, then those people should have a voice," he said.

The celebration begins with a prayer by Pastor Dennis Ford, Sr. from New Light Christian Church. He also said he got involved with the march because "I believe that God wants us to be united and I believe this is a small step towards that goal."

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Seahawks land Erickson

Ruby provide account of group interested in Bucs

By James Martin

TAMPA, Fla. — New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner announced Thursday he is part of a group that has offered to buy the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and keep the team in town.

Steinbrenner, who refused to say how much his group offered or name his partners, made his announcement amid speculation the team could be sold to those planning to move the team to Baltimore. The three other offers under consideration all come from those with ties to that former NFL city.

"I'm not a white knight," Steinbrenner told a news conference. "I'm a gray-haired old man." News reports in recent weeks have linked Steinbrenner in an investment group with former Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca and Minnesota Twins owner Carl Pohlad, who owns a minority stake in the NFL's Minnesota Vikings.

Steinbrenner answered carefully when asked if his group's bid would top the $205 million offered by Peter Angelos to move the team to Baltimore. Steinbrenner is owner of the perennial Yankees rival Baltimore Orioles.

"We finished ahead of the Orioles last year," Steinbrenner joked. "I don't have to be a managing partner for this team.

Steinbrenner, 64, who lives in Tampa, choked up as he made the announcement and stressed the importance of the Buccaneers to the community. Already, the three-man trust handling the sale has rejected other offers from suitors who planned to keep the team in town.

"We've at a crossroads in Tampa Bay," Steinbrenner said. "We've go to keep baseball, and we've got to keep our other pro sports. The quality of life in this area will deteriorate greatly if we lose any one of them.

"We've got to decide whether we want to be big league or little league again. The last few years we were talking about America's next great city. We're at the crossroads where we might not even be Florida's next great city."

Whoever buys the team, Steinbrenner will have to negotiate either an improvement or replacement of Tampa Stadium. "It's got to be state of the art."

NRL rules prohibit its owners from being majority shareholders in other sports franchises. Steinbrenner and Angelos are majority owners of major league baseball teams, so gaining approval to own the Bucs could be difficult.

Angelos has said he expects to work out a cross-ownership arrangement, but he will not divest himself of the Orioles if it means he can't own the Bucs. He said he would not be a managing partner of the NFL team.

Steinbrenner said the problem of cross-ownership has "been handled." Later, he said he would not be a managing partner in the group and has no intention of selling the Yankees.

Buccaneers trustees who put the team up for sale three months after the August death of owner Hugh Downs have not immediately been reached for comment.
Mustangs get first win in Div. I
Coach Steve Reason happy to get 'monkey off our back'

Frame Cavallini / Daily photo

At last, the Cal Poly men's basketball team pulled off its first win in 11 months, a feat that Reason has termed be a gratifying inauguration into Division I.

"The win didn't come easy," Reason said. "The Mustangs actually trailed behind the lowly Division III Menlo College Oaks for most of the game before rallying for a 62-59 victory.

It took a three-point scoring barrage late in the game, led by senior guard David Dinesen, for Cal Poly to nail down the elusive win. Dinesen finished with a game-high 16 points.

With the Mustangs trailing by two with 5:17 remaining, Dinesen's fourth 3-pointer gave the Mustangs a 55-54 lead, a lead they wouldn't relinquish. But after Menlo freshman center Don Johnson hit one of two free throws with seven seconds remaining to pull the Oaks within three, 62-59, Mustangs sophomore forward Damien Levelwood backhanded junior forward Brian Stewart to come up with clutch baskets from the three-point line.

"I think the one (three-point shot) that hurt was the one that Dinesen hit when we knew he was going to shoot it if we left him open, and we left him open," Klein said.

Dinesen, who made 5 of 8 field goals, came into the game shooting a team high 42 percent from the floor.

The Mustangs struggled early as they were unable to gain a lead on the Oaks in the first half. They were behind by as much as eight points when Oaks' sophomore forward Fine Lauese's layup gave them a 29-21 lead with 6:42 remaining. Lauese finished with a team high 15 points for Menlo.

The Mustangs were cold from the field in the first 20 minutes, shooting only 36 percent.

"Once again, turnovers—17 in all—plagued Cal Poly's offense, giving Menlo opportunities to capitalize on takeaways by the Mustangs." By the end of the first half, the Mustangs found themselves down by four to a school playing its first game ever against a Division I team.

In the second half, Cal Poly battled hard but were within the Oaks until the final six minutes when the Mustangs pulled off their second half surge.

Cal Poly improved its shooting percentage during the second half to 46 percent, making 12 of 26 field goals, and turned the ball over only seven times.

"We stole in there," Dinesen said. "The shots I got, I credit Damien (Levesque) and Bunky (Tucker) for their screens. They were doing a great job all night."

Beason understood that Menlo was of Division III stature, but said his team improved from its last game.

"We are getting better," Beason said. "Tonight, in the second half, we finally came to grips with what we had to do offensively."

Dinesen said the team felt good about its victory, but they weren't overjoyed.

"Even though the locker room wasn't really jubilant after the game," Dinesen said. "Everyone knows it's good getting that first win."

Cal Poly will next compete in the Aggie Open at UC Davis Jan. 14.