Fire damages local Planned Parenthood clinic; federal agents suspect arson

The San Luis Obispo facility is the third abortion clinic in California devastated by a suspicious blaze in less than a week.

By Cynthia L. Webb
Daily News Managing Editor

A suspected arson fire ravaged San Luis Obispo's Planned Parenthood early Wednesday - the third such fire in California in less than a week.

"The initial information was that there appears to have been arson," Santa Maria's supervising FBI agent Frank Larossi said Wednesday morning.

While police tape lined the Planned Parenthood building at 177 Santa Rosa St., while FBI agents swarmed the parking lot, Larossi and a crew of workers from the San Luis Obispo Police Department, Fire Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms also combed the scene of the blaze.

According to San Luis Obispo Fire Marshal Ken McCool, the fire was reported at 3:00 a.m. When foul play was suspected, the FBI and ATF were notified at 3 a.m. to help out with the investigation.

No injuries were reported and the fire was put out 15 minutes after firefighters were called, according to authorities.

McCool said questions of arson arose immediately because of the history of violence involving abortion clinics.

"We did suspect arson because of the nature of the building," McCool said. "We're in support mode with the FBI and ATF. We are the local liaison."

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The Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrance (FACE) Act was signed into law by President Clinton May 26, 1994.

While outside of the office appeared undamaged, Larossi said destruction inside the building "was extensive."

However, because the investigation is ongoing, the amount of damage is still unknown.

"The FBI sent their crisis response team here," Larossi said. "They are trained to conduct investigations. They will search through the rubble and collect evidence."

Larossi said investigations is continuing, and as of noon Wednesday, they had no suspects. Larossi did not give any other information about the specifics of the fire and said more concrete facts would be released after the investigation is complete.

"I hope to finish (the investigation) up by the end of the day," Larossi said. Wednesday's fire made national news, as America continues to grapple sometimes violently with the issue of abortion.

There have been a rash of other arson-related fires at California abortion clinics - including one at the Ventura Family Planning Associates Medical Group clinic on Feb. 9 and another at a private practice in Santa Barbara on Feb. 11.

"I haven't linked it to Santa Barbara and Ventura," Larossi said, adding that what many media organizations have been reporting is pure "speculation."

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Warning signs: Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse

By Karen L. Spader
Daily Staff Writer

Just as domestic violence can physically and emotionally harm victims of the abuse, it can tear families apart, affecting children of abusers and permanently scarring victims.

Spokespeople for the Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo proposed solutions to this dilemma and outlined typical behavior of abusers on Wednesday.

the third day of Women's Week at Cal Poly. Counselor Doug Ballagh of the Center for Alternatives to Domestic Violence joined the panel as well. Ballagh dealt with actual abusers.

The panel discussed questions posed by Marianne Kennedy, executive director of the Women's Shelter Program, as well as a few questions from the audience of about 35.

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South Pole explorer to bring her story to Poly
By Amy Reichsh
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Sorby, 32, is the youngest and newest member of the expedition. Sorby could not be reached to detail her experiences and upcoming visit to Cal Poly.
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FIRE: Blaze has not been linked to other incidents
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The Planned Parenthood building was temporarily closed to the public and media for the investigation to continue, according to Farrell.
But Carolyn Christianson, executive director of San Luis Obispo’s Planned Parenthood, said the damage to the interior was severe.
“It’s definitely an arson,” Christianson said. “The damage is very extensive.”
Christianson had been allowed to look through the charred office with officials. “The waiting room is not there … But we have no records lost. You can still read them, even though some are charred and equipment is fine.”
Despite the damage, Christianson said she is not letting the blaze keep her from helping women seeking reproductive services. Christianson and her co-workers are looking for a temporary site to provide services. The office will be reopened by Monday, she said.
“I am going to keep going,” she said.

Women’s Shelter Program needs volunteers
San Luis Obispo’s Women’s Shelter Program needs volunteers to provide crisis intervention for victims of domestic violence. Training will be held two days a week in the evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. for five weeks. Training will begin next month.
The program also needs help with its hotline, child care and a peer advocate program.
For more information, call the Women’s Shelter Program at 544-3494.

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Interview Skills Workshop • Career Services, Room 224, 11 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Physics Colloquium • Professor Joe Redish from the University of Maryland will speak on “What Can A Physics Student Learn From Using A Computer?,” Bldg. 52-B5, 11 a.m. — 12 p.m.
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VIOLENCE: Most attacks go unreported

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Cadmus, legal services coordinator of the program, the number of clients who have visited the shelter in the last three years has jumped from 782 to 1,255 — almost a 40 percent increase.

In addition, Cadmus said 100,000 hospital visits in those three years have been attributed to domestic violence in San Luis Obispo alone.

But only seven to 10 percent of attacks are reported, so the violence persists.

This leads to several problems. Aside from the obvious physical and emotional pain endured by victims, children are taught to counter anger with violence, and often grow to mistrust others.

"It fundamentally alters a child's view that the world is a safe place," said Bonita Zisla, clinical coordinator of the women's shelter.

She asked, if children cannot trust the people they live with, how can they trust outsiders? Children also frequently become easily distracted in school, wondering if they will come home to violence or stay up at night, hoping their mothers are okay. Boys, in particular, feel the need to protect the mother, Zisla said.

Boys are at greater risk of repeating this behavior when they grow older. "Boys raised in domestic violence are 700 times more likely to be violent themselves," Zisla said.

Cadmus then outlined warning signs that a relationship could become abusive.

One should ask, "Is my sense of independence being threatened?" Ballagh said. "That should be the number one red flag for you."

Abusers, among other things, generally tend to be overly dependent, lack communication skills, have explosive tempers, feel the need to control situations and often abuse alcohol or other drugs, Ballagh explained.

If any of these signs sound familiar, Ballagh said women should take action.

"Physical violence is never appropriate," he said. "One of the last ways to get the message across is through criminal prosecution."

The community can help too, Zisla said.

"As a society, we need to make a decision that we are not going to tolerate (domestic violence)," she said.

Neighbors and friends, she said, should be aware if someone often appears bruised, and should call the police if they hear violent activity from a neighbor's house.

"There are only so many times (victims) can run into a door," Zisla said, referring to a typical excuse given by women who appear beaten.

Parents should be aware of these issues as well, said Ballagh. They should deal with children in a nurturing manner, rather than expending their anger on the child's detriment.

Counseling services also can help battered women deal with the trauma of domestic violence, Zisla added.

Without it, many people become psychologically ill, believing they are the cause of the problem, and that if they "try harder" they will not be beaten.

"That is the image repeatedly given to women," Ballagh said.

But the reality, he said, is that the woman is not the problem — the problem is the man's need to control the woman.

Cadmus then offered solutions to the problem of domestic violence. People must not only become aware of the problem, but be willing to promote change.

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Fed up with weddings and diamonds

I have recently reached the age where friends start getting married by the truckload and fade into the distance, respect — as if you had last seen each other in a far-off place. And yet, in the peculiar way; you are no longer 'buddies' as before. I did together when we were both single and the world was a vast, empty place to fill up with zany things. But now, we are getting married by the truckload and fade into the distance.

The truth is, diamonds are not scarce. Europeans did not fantasize about wedding ceremonies. Already, the groom will find himself lost during the many decisions and weddings. Men do not fantasize about wedding ceremonies. Diamonds are not scarce. Europeans did not fantasize about wedding ceremonies. Already, the groom will find himself lost during the many decisions and weddings. Men do not fantasize about wedding ceremonies. Already, the groom will find himself lost during the many decisions and weddings. Men do not fantasize about wedding ceremonies.

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However, most weddings are not interesting and the grooms find himself lost during the many months of preparation — regardless of how little a task he has been granted. There is a good reason for this phenomenon. In part, it is due to the lifelong frustration of many women with wedding ceremonies. Men do not fantasize about wedding ceremonies. Already, the groom, after months of preparation — regardless of how little a task he has been granted.

Lastly, I would like to say that the magazine did not feel the need to make this transfer. This whole process has been very demoralizing to our staff. I would like to thank Harvey, and the other people who have done helping us get through this difficult period these last nine months.

There is not a better group of accounting people on campus. But, the decision has been made, so let's get on with the process for this year.

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Here is another topic that may be a bit of a diamond engagement rings. Everyone knows that you are obligated, yet there is scarcely another symbol that is as regnant to me. Diamonds represent one of the biggest corporate rip-offs in history. It is tacky enough that people put emphasis on the size of a diamond ring (as if it relates to commitment or quality of a relationship), especially in light of the fact that diamonds, once a common commodity, have been manufactured. There was no tradition of engagement diamonds, yet one has been created through product-dumping on Hollywood and advertisements by DeBeers, which has monopolized the diamond supply. Have you ever felt manipulated by the media and thought that three months is acceptable for an engagement ring?

The truth is, diamonds are not scarce. Europeans "discovered" the diamonds of Africa in the 19th century. The diamonds were so plentiful that they could be bought by the ton from the mines. DeBeers was able to maintain a policy of South Africa that prevented the diamonds from being sold in other countries. The monopoly of the diamond industry is almost a caricature of the supposed social desirability of the West, and yet we allow diamonds to become our symbol of integrity and purity in marriage. Sounds crazy to me. Then again, maybe the diamond fascist is ironically appropriate.

Jedediah Ireland is a civil engineering senior. His column appears biweekly on Thursdays.
What do a converted school bus, a boat in Morro Bay and a house with a paradise-like backyard have in common? They are all unusual places in which Cal Poly students live or have lived.

Five students call their house on Chorro street "Vern." "Vern" has been a pet project for these students for more than three years.

"We saw an ad in the paper for the house, and after we moved in, (we) just went from one project to the next," said Shane Gallimore, a civil engineering senior.

The house is used for many parties and formal dinners. "We have served up to forty people and have rented tables, chairs, etc... we have even hired caterers," said Mike Riel, a Cal Poly graduate.

The dinners are held in the roomy interior of the house and are served from a newly restored kitchen.

The remarkable furnishings of the house include an indoor bike rack, an assortment of plant life and artistic center pieces, the occupants made for past parties.

Some students have used their creative abilities to find housing that is affordable.
A retired plan to supplement SIRS or PERS

By Donna Haines
Special to The Daily

There's a lot of truth in Tracy Bird's popular ballad about his half-breed "two-step," as students from various majors have discovered.

A decade ago students hustled each other with questions relating to homework and career goals, but today young adults are pursuing friendships differently. Western dancing such as the "two step," or "western swing" is one way to do so, as some students think. It's an arm-wrenching, shoulder twisting, twirl, torque dance that's taught at the Crop's Building and at The Graduate.

The dancers are getting the girls; you've got to show her you (can) dance, not just buy her a beer," said Joan Thompson, western dance instructor at the Crops Unit Building.

Who are these courageous dancers? The guys dress in bun-bugging Wranglers with horse hair belts, western shirts, roper or cowboy boots and wear cowboy hats. Gals pour into Rocky Mountain pants, pastel, colorful, light shirts and cowboy boots to protect their nimble feet.

On the dance floor a couple begins a mirror-image, side-step, rolling motion that explodes into a blur of left-to-right, front-to-back arm motions.

Suddenly the man's partner is airborne; for a split second she's suspended in a frozen moment. The woman's partner is an expert hand to her position opposite her partner where they resume the simple pattern as if the aerial had not been launched. The more graceful, soft side of dance is demonstrated in the "western swing," keeping rhythm to the poignant, heartbroken sounds of Vince Gill.

"We used to have a lot more girls than guys taking lessons," Thompson said. "Currently, the ratio is more evenly split between female and males."

"It's a positive experience, a lot of fun, a great way to meet people and great exercise," she added.

Electrical engineering senior, Kurt Limburg, doesn't come from an agricultural background like his friend, Jason Woodruff an industrial technology senior, but they both took the full series of dance lessons.

Last year Woodruff introduced the crop swing to his buddy to western dance.

"Everyone, including the students don't get out much," Limburg said. "I don't aspire to horseshoe games, I want to have as much fun as I can."

Currently, these two guys assist in classes with dance.

"We do it just for kicks," Limburg said. "If there's a female without a partner, we fill in."

Molly Leonard, a business junior who completed the first series of lessons last week liked the "swing" best and adds, "it's easier to be the girl, we get the dance."

Steve Ramirez is an electrical engineering senior who listened to country and Spanish music growing up in Fillmore. The popularity of country western weakened his country spirit.

"Since I listen to country music, I have to learn to dance," Ramirez said.

Terry and Joan Thompson teach western dance lessons every Tuesday in the Crop's Unit from 7 to 8 p.m.

Small town band on the cutting edge of technology

By Monika Phillips
Daily Staff Writer

The band 2 Minutes Hate starts its technical debut in San Luis Obispo, transforming musical compact discs as we know it to CD-ROM, a new trend for the future.

The band from Little Rock, Ark., categorized as "alternative" with psychedelic touches, brings its new album "Worm" to California for the Third Rail College Tour to promote a new "AudioVision CD."

Philips Media and Ardent Records signed an agreement to introduce a series of multimedia "AudioVision CD" products.

Ardent Records is a well-known recording studio that gained its fame in the mid-70s by promoting big names like ZZ Top, B.B. King and R.E.M.

Coupled with the efforts of Philips Media, Ardent Records has cast two new hands to play on the new format of a CDD-ROM.

The new format features music videos, band interviews, live footage, liner notes and other information on the band.

The new CDD-ROM format is available for under $20 and is playable on all audio equipment and the CDD-ROM drive on any Macintosh.

The CD-ROM for 2 Minutes Hate features two music videos.

Barry Payton lead singer, guitarist and founder of the band is most proud about the video for the song "Quicksand," because "it's a great experience. It's like an extension of the album."

"This technology is gonna be big. We've been presented pretty damn soon. We never wanted to be video stars," Payton said. "We're interested in making music. If you're into visuals it's a fun, but we didn't want that.""
U.U. Galerie celebrates an artist's dream for Black History Month

By Maria T. Garcia

Daily Staff Writer

Boy meets girl. Boy falls in love with girl only hours after meeting her. If you consider that a good theme for a movie, then "Before Sunrise" is the movie for you.

"Before Sunrise" chronicles a brief encounter between Jesse (Ethan Hawke), an American student and Celine (Julie Deply), a French student. "Before Sunrise" is directed by Richard Linklater, director of "Slacker" and "Dazed and Confused."

This movie is not for viewers who are easily bored when a movie lacks excitement. If you want action go see "The Quick and the Dead" because "Before Sunrise" is all talk.

This movie is about two strangers who meet during a train ride. Jesse and Celine spend less than one day in Vienna. During their time together they talk about topics ranging from the battle of the sexes to the effects of war.

In only 14 hours, Jesse and Celine go to a fair, have dinner, go to a club, a cemetery and end up falling in love. Which makes you wonder how the whole thing can happen in less than one day.

What I like about this movie is that you can expect the entire movie to revolve around a man and a woman who want nothing more in life than to find Cinderella and Prince Charming. In fact, there is a scene where Celine tells Jesse, "This is where you're supposed to produce the glass slipper."

Other than Jesse and Celine, the characters are remotely important to the movie. It's a couple of weird amateur actors standing by a bridge talking about some cow being the central theme of their play.

To give you an idea of the lack of character variation, the credits at the end of the movie jump from Jesse and Celine right to the film crew. Well not exactly, but the two are the only characters referred to by name.

However, the conversations between Jesse and Celine are somewhat interesting. They talk about their first time experienc­ ing sexual feelings and the im­ portance of female and male relationships.

This movie may challenge you to think about the important roles relationships play in your own lives. At the least it made me ponder this issue.

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Dwellings: Students are living strange and saving money

From left to right, ornamental horticulture graduate Mike Riel, civil engineering senior Travis Owen / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

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When Pappas decided to go back to school, the family moved into an apartment for a year. The rent almost broke us, it was so expensive and a lot of landlords wouldn’t even consider us because of the number of children we had,” Tiri Pappas said.

That is when the family decided to use the school bus they had been rebuilding. The bus is 150 feet long and includes a kitchen, bathroom and separated lofts for the children and their parents.

“The bus is really nice inside, almost like a hotel room,” Tiri Pappas said. “It isn’t your typical hippie school bus.”

The bus was connected to El Chorro Regional Park for their electricity and television. However, due to regulations, the family had to find a new place. They now live in a basement game room at a friend’s house in Morro Bay.

“We plan to move to Colorado when Bill graduates, and buy a place where there is lots of room,” Tori said. “We will hopefully sell the bus to some hippies.” She said that she enjoyed living on the bus and the time the family spent in it.

Cuesta college junior John Knapp also enjoys his unique living situation. His first unusual place of residence was at a house on the campus where there was lots of space.

“Twenty miles outside of Riverside we had this house that just had the wood frame with no inside walls,” Knapp said. “I had to move in and destroy the trailer.”

Knapp said he put up bamboo sticks in his bedroom to replicate a type of jungle hut and then installed an indoor basketball court and a fireman’s pole to get from one level to the next.

“I had a wood stove for heating,” Knapp said. “At night my friends and I would turn out the lights and play a huge game of hide-and-seek. People would hide in the frame of the house and in the rafters and jump out at you — it was great.”

Knapp then moved to San Luis Obispo where he lived in a friend’s converted camper shell.

It stood on stilts and could fit only a mattress, he said.

“Even though I didn’t have any cooking facilities or a heater but it had this hatch and it was like having a sky light a foot from your face,” Knapp said.

Sleeping arrangements was the interesting aspect for philosophy junior Scott Reeder.

He said he shared a room with a woman in a house where five other women lived, none of which were his girlfriend.

“It started with a guy friend and me sharing a place with girls over the summer,” Reeder said. “My friend moved out and girls moved in. With my dog, the place I was in worked out best.

Reeder lived there from June through December when he said he felt it was one of the most peaceful places he lived.

“It makes you change your habits and your attitude,” Reeder said. “Before living with the girls, I was more intimidated and now when I see a group of girls, I see them as individuals, not just a group.”
FIRE: Local pro-life activists condemn fire

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1995

Coles and her husband Jim head

for reproductive choice in a non-

violent way," Osborne said. He is

an active member of the San

Luis Obispo Green Party.

"While I'm angry, I'm not for

violent retaliation," Osborne

said. "I am very angry. This

creates a climate where sickos

can justify their actions.

Although no suspects have

been named, many from the pro-

choice movement are quick to

blame pro-lifers.

"We don't like being grouped

with people that act in a violent

way," she said.

"It's real tragic that it did

occur," Coles said. "We are com-

mitted to nonviolence. Our goal

is to provide alternatives to girls

that find they are in a so-called

crisis situation.

"We don't condone violence in

any way whatsoever," Coles said.

"I think violent action like this

sets us back from our goal."
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Deborah Johnson, art and advertising manager at Adventure 16 Outdoor Travel and Outfitters in San Diego, said the trip took about five years to plan. According to Johnson, American Women's Expedition was founded primarily to support the journey.

The main component of the trip was to educate students about Antarctica and how studies there affect the world. "AWE" wanted to get information out about Antarctica to schools across the United States and Canada," she said. They also wanted to inspire children, especially girls, to pursue their dreams. "The group wanted to remind girls that size and gender are not a factor in achieving your dreams — you can do whatever you want," she said.

The women brought along extra radio equipment to communicate with students via computer electronic mail, Johnson said. AWE has no future trips planned, Johnson said, since they are still trying to pay off debts incurred from the expedition.

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