State senators try to halt student aid cuts

By Randy Holstood

In a move to head-off proposed cuts in federal student financial aid, several state senators have introduced a resolution calling for federal legislators to reject the cuts.

State Sen. Henry J. Mello (D-Watsonville), the majority leader, authored Senate Joint Resolution 26 (SJR 26) asking Congress not to approve the cuts which would impact several financial aid programs.

The resolution passed the state senate and has moved onto the assembly, Mello said.


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Poly professor snags research grant; $150,000 for mechatronics training

By Ryder M. Berry

Some Alptekin, Cal Poly industrial and manufacturing engineering professor, has been awarded a $150,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to train teachers in the emerging field of mechatronics.

Mechatronics is the new technology that integrates mechanical and electronic parts with decision-making computer software at the design level, eliminating the need to engineer each requirement separately.

Alptekin is an interdisciplinary team of faculty members from Cal Poly, Stanford, and UC Berkeley just completed the first phase of a multi-phase program designed to activate mechatronics education at the undergraduate level.

The first phase, a six-day seminar, was a great success, said Uthy Menon, Cal Poly industrial and manufacturing engineering professor.

The seminar, Preparing the Leaders for Mechatronics Education, was at Cal Poly June 19-24.

"The seminar brought 41 faculty members to Cal Poly from all over the United States," Menon said.

The seminar's hands-on workshops demonstrated how to introduce the new technology into the classroom and laboratory — from the design of complex products to the final manufacturing.

"B. A. S. S. E. D. M., a manufacturing engineering student, worked with Alptekin to make a sample mechatronic product for the seminar," Menon said. "Many other students were also involved and helped run the workshops."

Loft A. Zadah, a retired UC Berkeley professor and science fiction writer, considered as some of the father of "fuzzy logic" gave the keynote address at the seminar.

Fuzzy logic, a component of mechatronics, uses artificial...
Japan, U.S. agree at auto talks

By Dina Dini

GENEVA (AP) — Dodging imminent American sanctions, Japan promised Tuesday to open its long-shielded auto market to the United States in a sudden agreement that staved off an outright trade war between the world's two largest economies.

The pact that culminated two years of negotiations came hours before Washington's deadline to impose 100 percent tariffs on 13 Japanese luxury car models, including Toyota's Lexus and Honda's Acura line. The talks had long appeared doomed.

"We all went from pessimism to the agreement without stopping at optimism," said U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor.

Aware of the high domestic political stakes, both sides claimed victory. Clinton said the agreement would lead to a major increase in sales of U.S. automobiles and spare parts to Japanese companies.

The United States dropped its threat to impose the sanctions against $5.9 billion worth of luxury Japanese parts to Japanese companies.

 spacerox center. Houston (AP) — He's flown combat missions in Southeast Asia, tested experimental aircraft, raced stunt planes and piloted space shuttles five times, more than anyone else.

But the real challenge comes Thursday, when Robert "Hoot" Gibson docks the 100-ton Atlantis with Russia's sprawling space station Mir.

Gibson considers it the ultimate flying experience. "I was very happy being chief of the astronaut office," he said in an interview before the flight, "I fought it for a while and finally gave in."

Now, of course, he wouldn't trade this for anything. Such large objects have never docked before in orbit, and it will be up to Gibson to make sure everything goes well.

Atlantis closed in on Mir on Wednesday as NASA astronauts Norman Thagard and his two Russian comrades did some last-minute tidying up aboard the cluttered station. Two Russian cosmonauts aboard Atlantis will replace the three men on Mir, who will come home next week on the shuttle.

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Los Angeles (AP) — Alarmed by a threat from the Unabomber to blow up a plane by the July Fourth weekend, federal agents grounded all mail in California on Wednesday and imposed the tightest airport security since the Gulf War.

The warning — contained in a typewritten letter presumed authentic by the FBI — represents the first time the elusive bomber has threatened a target in advance.

The letter, received Tuesday by the San Francisco Chronicle, read: "WARNING. The terrorist group PC, called unabomber by the FBI, is planning to blow up an airliner out of Los Angeles International Airport some time during the next six days."

"We are taking it very seriously. ... We do deem it to be a credible threat," said Ed Jones, division manager of security for the Federal Aviation Administration.

At airports from San Francisco to Los Angeles and San Diego, passengers had to produce photo ID at counters and curbside baggage check-ins and were told their bags might be opened. The FAA also warned travelers to watch out for suspicious bags or parcels and expect security delays.

Long lines formed as ticket agents checked passengers' identification.

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Task force aims to expand globally

SumiThor Staff Writer

In response to increasing international ties, Cal Poly plans to expand its global awareness and international involvement over the next year.

Daniel Howard-Greene, executive assistant to President Baker said there is a clear strategic priority to do a variety of things to expand Cal Poly's international involvement and increase the prospect of cuts.

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“The strategic plan is Cal Poly's vision for the future,” said Daniel Howard-Greene, executive assistant to President Baker.

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Students recognize professors

By Steve Chesterton

Three prominent Cal Poly professors have been singled out for excellence in teaching to receive the 1994-95 Distinguished Teacher awards.

The awards come with a $1,000 check from the Alumni Association and will be given to physics professor Ronald Brown, business administration professor Lee Burgunder and English professor Nancy Lunes. Plaques will also be awarded to the honorees at the general session of Cal Poly's Fall Conference in September.

Professors are nominated for the award by students who voluntarily write essays justifying their picks. Each candidate is then reviewed by a committee comprised of faculty, staff, students, and former award winners before a decision is made.

Brown, who was selected as a finalist for the award in the past, said he was impressed at the amount of energy the selection committee put into choosing a winner and was honored by being chosen.

"It's good because it shows that teaching is valued," he said. "Personally, you feel very good because you are recognized by your students and that is what I am working for. It's also nice being honored by your colleagues." Brown is no stranger to being honored with awards. In 1987, he received the university's Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award. The following year, he was recognized as an outstanding teacher by the colleges of engineering and architecture.

He was again recognized for excellence in teaching by the students. See PROFESSORS page 8.
Children can only lose in custody battles

By Garrett M. Mettler

After twenty years of marriage they decided they hated each other, divorced, and now, seven years later are still embroiled in a bitter dispute for custody of their youngest son, aged 10.

It’s a sad story, but one, unfortunately, that must people are related to. Diverse and child custody battles have almost become the norm these days prompting Republicans and members of the Christian Coalition to issue repeated pleas to the American public for a return to traditional family values — like a mother and father — married and living under the same roof, serving as role models for their children.

Is this too much to ask? But I digress.

The custody battle has landed “the family” in San Diego Family Court for the second time since the divorce. This latest round of parental combat resulted from the mother’s decision to move out of the area and take her son with her.

A seemingly dirty and underhanded trick on its face, but one which is perfectly justified given the circumstances.

The boy’s mom was despondent after being dismissed from four health care jobs in seven years in the San Diego area. Her frustration was further compounded by emotionally draining weekly exchanges with her ex-husband, when sharing their custody of their youngest son.

She needed a change. So she moved to the Los Angeles area in hopes of casting off both of these heavy burdens.

Los Angeles serves as the base for many of the health industry’s leading research and distribution companies. It also provides a much larger consumer base than San Diego. Her career prospects would dramatically improve.

More importantly, however, is the more stable life she wanted to provide for her son. Instead of the stressful weekly exchanges she had endured in San Diego, she wanted to him to spend longer blocks of time with each parent.

Ideally, he would live with her during the school year and with his father over the summer. This is the perfect arrangement because both parents would be involved in the child’s education while the father is good at recreation and going on vacation.

That was the plan. But the court and its child psychologist had a different idea.

Although each tried to convince the parents and themselves that they were concerned about the best interests of the child, it didn’t work out that way.

After examining the past history of this ill-fated custody arrangement, examining the woman’s move to Los Angeles, and talking to the boy’s older brother to get a feel for the family, the child psychologist made his recommendation.

“The child will be better off during the school year and be allowed visitation with his mother every other weekend. Summers will be divided between the parents with one having the child for the first six weeks and the other having him for the remaining six weeks.”

It read as if he was completely oblivious to the best interests of the child and was, instead, more concerned with punishing the mother for this heinous act of disrupting the status quo.

“You are bad,” it seemed to say, “for wanting a better life for your son.”

The fact is, families move all the time. Children have to adjust to new neighborhoods and new schools and they don’t die because of it. Actually, most of the time they are better off because the new location offers something better.

It seems clear to me that avoiding the hassle of going back and forth between parents every week and being with one parent exclusively during the times when each can give their best to their son is in his best interests.

But the child psychologist got caught up in the blame game that has engulfed the child’s parents and lost sight of the child himself. Unfortunately, the court agreed with him.

The irony here is that this whole big fight is the result of the strong love each parent has for their son. The tragedy is that, because of their intense hatred towards each other, they are unable to channel any of that love towards reconciling their differences, and their son suffers.

I can’t understand how two people could be driven past the point of no return where their own interests get in the way of their ability to provide the best for their son. I don’t want to understand.

But I have to deal with it because it is the undeniable reality in my family. The most painful part is that I now have to watch my brother get shafted in the same way I did seven years ago and the court, his only supposed advocate, does nothing to help.
The Santa Barbara County Fair, sporting the motto "Your Brand of Fun," is open noon to midnight today through July 4 at the fairgrounds in Santa Maria. Attendance for the six-day fair is expected to reach 100,000, with an array of entertainment for all ages.

Running in four-sided drive, eight little porkers from the All-Alaskan Racing Pig team, will entertain you in elimination style racing fun.

The Monster Truck Battle and Tuff Truck Racing are sure to be a smash with the world famous "Grave Digger" and challengers "Bad Boy" and "Shocker." Monster truck legend "Grave Digger" will take on these two tough, local contenders in events such as car jumping, free style, side-by-side drag racing, air jumping exhibitions and car crushing.

The Old Glory Farm, presented by Farm Supply, will offer an innovative setting for agricultural education through its exhibits and demonstrations. The farm includes goats, sheep, horses, poultry and much more. All the farm's animal and crop exhibits feature agriculture and livestock products that are in abundance on the Central Coast.

According to Marylna Marshall, public relations intern and recent Cal Poly graduate, "demonstrations will be going on in all the exhibits, such as fine arts, home arts, floral design, agriculture and photography, to name a few."

The fair will host a daily variety of demonstrations and informational presentations. Ms. Market Place and Consumer Products pavilions will include a number of product demonstrations. Many businesses will present information on their products, from car polish and back massage to cooking techniques and salsa makers. Outdoor activities will include fishing lure techniques, automotive shows, sheep shearing and goat milking.

In addition, each exhibit hall will host various artists and their crafts providing opportunities for learning.

Sandscapes, a Los Osos based company that won the 1994 World Championship in sand sculpture, will be creating "The Castle" at this year's fair. The company's three partners have a combined history of 21 years experience in full-time professional sand sculpturing.

"The fair is not only offering 'Your Brand of Fun,' but also, your brand of savings," said Marshal. "The Concert Club Card offered by the fair is an example of the savings, according to Marshal. The card allows fair visitors to see concerts by Kathy Mattea, Chris LeDuan, Snooky Robinson, Shemansoah, Rheti Atkins, Smokin' Armadillos and Paul Lenon.

"Free entertainment includes the legendary Coasters, hypnotist Terry Stokes, Hotel California's tribute to the Eagles and Juice Newton. A fireworks show on the fourth will wrap up the six-day fair."

"We have filled nearly every minute of the fair with great entertainment, exciting ground acts, educational exhibits and friendly competition, but our Fourth of July celebration promises to be the best around," said Theresa Garcia, fair general manager.

Giving at-risk youths the opportunity to develop their artistic interests is the aim of Atascadero's new Social Mentoring in the Arts program. At-risk youths are funneled into S.M.ARTS by schools, parents or the juvenile courts. For some youths, the court may allow them to participate in the program as a substitute for a community service sentence. S.M.ARTS will then match the youths with an artist who works in the medium of their interest.

"This is an excellent approach to diversion programs," said Atascadero Police Chief Bud McHale, who has been involved in the development of S.M.ARTS. "The program is not for those who have committed serious crimes, but for those on the threshold or who have committed minor offenses." McHale explained diversion programs provide at-risk youths with constructive activities.

S.M.ARTS is sponsored by Atascadero State Hospital, San Luis Obispo County Probation Department, Atascadero Police Department and the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council. "We are looking to start small, with a pilot run," said Dr. Carmel Muller, S.M.ARTS committee chair. "We have not received any grant money, so now we are looking for artists to volunteer their time to the theater group for juvenile delinquents."

"The program) provided interest in drama, so reading (for the participants) became important," Lum said.

He added that their low self images where influenced by the program, "Nothing feels better than applause and recognition as something other than a criminal."

The Atascadero program began when Muller heard about a similar program in Los Angeles. Chief McHale said he had also seen a program like S.M.ARTS in the south county. "Two weeks ago I went to their art show, where at risk youths had displayed some quite impressive work," he said.

"The process has moved very slowly," Muller said. "We have not received any grant money, so now we are looking for artists to volunteer their time to the program. Right now, we have one artist, but the artist is not available until the fall."

Muller said S.M.ARTS will try to accommodate as many artists and youths as they can.

The program is looking for artists from all areas, including visual arts, media art, sculpture, literature, theater and music.

The youth and the mentor will work together to develop a performance. Atascadero State Hospital is willing to allow the art to be displayed at its yearly fair. The police department and Arts Council are also willing to display visual art in their offices. An important part of the program, according to Muller, is that once youths have completed it, they will return to serve as a mentor with the artist for another youth. "This is a way for the youths to repay the community for the opportunity they have been given."

New art program aims to promote youth talent and ego by Cofeie Body

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CSU to vote on faculty contracts amid protests

Summers Unveils
Summer Staff Writer

Cal Poly professors will be given a new employment con­tract pending a vote by the CSU Board of Trustees and the California Faculty Association, vote for it. The Board will vote on July 19, and the CFA will vote by mail ballot afterwards.

On May 9, professors from the 21 state universities staged a protest at the California State University Chancellor's office in Long Beach. The protest was to demonstrate that not enough state funding is given to educa­tion and to demand a new con­tract.

The proposed contract will provide a 1.2 percent salary in­crease for all faculty, according to Colleen Bentley-Adler, CFA spokesperson. "There will be $900,000 set aside for performance raises that will be allocated for each campus by the number of faculty per campus." Bentley-Adler said.

Junior faculty moving up the salary ladder are eligible for the Service Salary Increases, up to five percent that are based on service, Bentley-Adler said.

In regards to performance raises, Trudy Goodwin Barnes, the CFA public relations repre­sentative said, "campus senate on each campus will create procedures for faculty review."

Goodwin Barnes also said faculty committees will make recommendations to their cam­pus presidents for qualified per­sonnel to receive performance­based raises.

With the salary step schedule, the minimal pay will start at $35,000 instead of $25,000. And a long term faculty member can earn up to $120,000 instead of $60,000 or $62,000, Goodwin Barnes said.

"This is not a reward proce­dures we would have chosen, but given the current political and economic climate we feel that it's workable," she said.

The problem is that the state legislature hasn't fully funded CSUs in over ten years, Goodwin Barnes said. Until better educa­tion becomes top priority again in California, there will continue to be a decline in funding for faculty and a decline in funding for much needed higher educa­tion programs, she said.

George Lewis, mathematics professor and president of the local chapter of the CFA said the faculty negotiated the contract from a position of weakness and the chancellor knew that.

Lewis said membership in the union is voluntary and the mem­bership of tenured-track faculty statewide is about 83 percent, while Cal Poly has only 42 per­cent membership. "That level of support is not enough."

"We didn't have much leverage, and the chancellor was able to pass a new pay schedule. Which in effect will make it much harder for new faculty to advance to new
decline in visitors to the center.

Christianson however, did express concern toward the fire's affects on the center's funding.

"It's unfortunate that much of the center's funding has to be used towards relocating and damage costs in this kind of occurrence."

The community seemed to pitch in after the fire and private donations increased to help replenish funding. Other than grants, this is the center's only means of financial support, she said.

Many community members are under the misconception that the investigation is being conducted by local police agen­cies, she said.

The FBI is conducting the in­vestigation in relation to the destruction of other Planned Parenthood clinics throughout California.

The center is planning a grand opening celebration early next month. The com­munity is invited in apprecia­tion of their support.
O.C. grouping of politics, sports, weather, etc.

By L. Scott Redhead

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — The overwhelming rejection of a sales tax increase in the home of Disneyland and Richard Nixon denied Orange County leaders a $13.5 million contribution toward a bankruptcy es­cape.

With no believable, comprehensive plan to replace it apparent, Gov. Pete Wilson’s deputy chief of staff, Kevin Hall, and state Finance Direc­tor Ross Gould met with county officials Wednesday. The topic: how to keep 1.4 million residents from suffering from the state’s problems from affecting the rest of the state.

The vote already has ruined the county’s ability to borrow, The Standard & Poor’s credit rating agency classified county

Serbs blast TV building, apartment house

Sarajevo’s TV center and an rebel Serbs blew gaping holes in ZEGOVINA (AP) — Rockets fired by retaliation for government at­tacks.

Some dozens of residents and foreign officials Wednesday. The topic: the county’s ability to borrow.

The attack appeared to be retaliation for government at­tacks on two Serb-held suburbs, including shelling by government guns near the TV center, as part of its effort to break the siege of Sarajevo.

The international lead in the war in the Balkans, marking the important Serb holiday of Vidovdan, urged Serbs to return to an end to the war by stepping up their at­tacks.

Three more people were killed in shelling elsewhere in Sarajevo Wednesday, hospital officials said.

Television journalists, whose faces bloodied, stumbled through shards of glass, office furniture and shattered walls after Serb rockets hit the second floor of the TV center just after 9:30 a.m.

One guard was killed and 36 others were injured inside the six-story concrete building, built in the 1984 Winter Olympics. Its top four floors are unused be­cause they are too exposed to shelling.

About an hour later, a rocket punched a hole through the fifth and sixth stories of an apartment building across the street, killing at least one person and injuring dozen.

In both attacks, the Serbs used powerful but inaccurate homemade rocket bombs, said U.N. officials.

The rocket that hit the TV center carried an estimated 550 pounds of explosives, said U.N. spokesman Lt. Col. Gary Coward.

“They believe they make them by connecting up four high­caliber shells together, probably 128-mm, and then they launch them by rocket,” said Maj. Myrian Sochacki, a U.N. spokes­woman. “They are crude but they can cause tremendous damage.”

The Associated Press Television News cameras on the second floor was destroyed. APTV employees Edmar Emri, Aja Resani, and Mirela Resanovic were unscathed Wednesday.

Also injured was Cable News Network employee David Allbrit­ton, an American who had only been in Sarajevo a few hours, and Faridoun Hamani, a Canadian who works for Worldwide Television News.

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Summer Staff Report

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By Michael Enholm

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Disney unit forms new company to distribute 'Kids,' explicit film may receive NC-17 rating

By John Horn
Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — The Miramax Film Corp. is forming a separate company to distribute and market the movie "Kids," an explicit account of the sex life and drug use of young teens.

Miramax said Wednesday the new unit, called Excalibur Films, will be funded and owned by Miramax principals Harvey and Bob Weinstein. "Kids" is set for release in New York July 21, with additional cities added July 28.

"Kids" has not yet been rated by the Motion Picture Association of America, but it is expected to receive the adults-only NC-17 rating. One of the movie's characters specializes in having sex with 14-year-old girls.

Excalibur will release the film unrated if it receives the NC-17 mark, said Evron Scholnick, Miramax's chief operating officer. "Excalibur is contractually allowed to deliver unrated films and refuses to let Miramax handle any NC-17 fare." Bowles said the Weinstein will put up all of the $67 million to acquire, market and distribute "Kids." No Disney funds will be used, he said.

"It's to let the emphasis be on the film, not the politics surrounding it," Bowles said. "If this film bombs, there is no safety net," and the Weinstein will lose money.

If the film succeeds, of course, they will share in the profits.

Disney acquired Miramax in 1992, and the sexual content of "Kids" distributed by Miramax was criticized for the 1996 release "Pulp," about a gay Roman Catholic clergyman.

Christopher Reeve moved to rehab center

By Donna De La Cruz
Associated Press

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP) — Christopher Reeve was transferred Wednesday to a rehabilitation center specializing in spinal cord injuries, where he will undergo tests to see if he can regain some movement in his paralyzed body.

Reeve was taken from the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, where he had been since his May 27 paralyzing riding accident, to the Kessler Institute For Rehabilitation.

His doctor at Kessler, Marco Bispik, said Reeve still couldn't breathe without a respirator, although he could move his eyes, chin, tongue or neck.

The 42-year-old star of the "Superman" films suffered his top two vertebrae, damaged his spinal cord and was paralyzed from the neck down when he was thrown from a horse during an riding show.

He has sensation on his left side from his shoulders to his leg and in his right shoulder, said Dr. John A. Jane, who performed emergency surgery earlier this month to stabilize Reeve's spine.

The Kessler Institute is one of several medical facilities in the country able to handle patients with severe spinal cord injuries.

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PROFESSORS: Award adds to recipients' list of previous distinctions

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Burgunder has also garnered many awards during his tenure at Cal Poly. In 1988, he was honored with the College of Business' Most Outstanding Teacher and Distinguished Teaching Award, followed by the Outstanding Faculty Advisor Emeritus Award in 1990.

Named best teacher four times by the Business Ad-

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