Poly’s Health Center offers students health insurance plan

By Rebecca Starch
Daily Staff Writer

Students’ frequent combination of sleepless nights and unhealthy eating is likely to land them in the student health center or another medical facility at times. Fortunately for Cal Poly students, medical visits and other services are free at the Health Center, said Head of Support Services Betty Kroeze. Students pay only a mandatory $28 health services fee each quarter.

But the quarterly fee does not include hospitalization and other advanced services, said Insurance Coordinator Shirley Beaumont. Cal Poly offers optional health insurance for services not covered in the $28 fees.

The Student Affairs Council, part of AIS, implemented the mandatory fee in 1993, Kroeze said, after some $1 million was cut from the center’s 1991-1992 fiscal budget. Then during 1992-1993, about 15 Health Center employees were laid off, she said.

The funds allow the Health Center to provide the same quality services they did before with limited funds and staffing.

The mandatory fee provides 45 percent of the health center’s $12.5 million budget, Kroeze said. The remaining costs are covered by the state’s general fund.

For some students no longer covered by their parents’ insurance, the Health Center’s insurance plan is ideal, Beaumont said.

“Each year we take bids from insurance companies so that students can get the best coverage, at the most inexpensive rate,” she said. “One insurance companies do not cover students over 18 even if they are full-time students.” Beaumont said.

Graduates, too, can avoid an insurance lapse — those already using the insurance are authorized to receive up to a six-month insurance extension when they graduate.

This option allows students to find a job with benefits or win lotteries. Customers can pay a credit card or in cash.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ross Perot’s pledge to build the “largest party in the country” got an intriguing boost Tuesday as Colin Powell opened the door to becoming its first presidential nominee.

Perot’s announcement Monday night that he planned to form an Independence Party that would nominate a 1996 presidential candidate was enough to rattle both major parties, and they scrambled to assess whether the move made it more or less likely Perot himself would enter the race.

Before long, however, they also found themselves grappling with the prospect of some sort of Perot-Powell alliance, as the general-turned-author discussed that Perot had called him over the weekend to tell him of his plans for a new party.

 Asked if he would run as its candidate, Powell said: “Obviously it is something I would consider and he knows I would consider it.”

Previously, Powell has said that if he decided to run, he would be inclined to do so as a Republican, in part because of the giant hurdle in getting on the ballot as an independent.

Democrats and Republicans alike were left with the question of whether Powell’s interest was real, or just part of his effort to sell his new autobiography.

Equally important was the question of whether Perot would build a new party only to allow himself to be eclipsed by the Powell — or anyone else.

“One only people in Washington would ask that question,” Perot said in an interview. “This is not about me.”

Little was known about how Perot’s Independence Party would be structured, financed and placed on state ballots and in the presidential primary. Secretary of State spokeswoman Shirley Washington said that would be an incredible feat.

Perot has overcome long odds in California before. He collected 467,451 signatures in 10 weeks to win a place on the California 1992 presidential ballot as an independent candidate, Powell — or anyone else.

Perot said the response was overwhelming because there were more than 5,000 calls an hour were pouring into the headquarters of his United We Stand America organization — the springboard for Perot’s campaign to create a new political party.

For a third party a handsell in CA

By Deep Wills
 Associated Press

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Ross Perot’s campaign to create a new political party faces formidable odds in California, and not all of his former backers support his latest effort.

The party, tentatively named the Reform Party in California, has until Oct. 24 to submit either 89,077 registrations or 890,064 signatures of voters on petition to qualify for the March presidential primary. Secretary of State spokeswoman Shirley Washington said that would be an "impossible feat."

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INSIDE TODAY’S MUSTANG DAILY.

The 49ers are reeling from their Monday night loss, and now the kickers’ jobs are in question.

Those gun-toting people are stirring the fires of the gun-control debate again.
The San Luis Obispo Association for the Education of Young Children (SLOAYEC) will be having a membership drive tomorrow from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. RSVP and get directions from Cynde Felch at: 549-9482

UPCOMING

Those wishing to participate in the Rocky Horror Picture Show should meet in room 26-104 (Graphic Arts Building) Wednesday Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. Positions for both cast and crew are available. For more information call 543-8667.

The first Environmental Council Meeting will be held Sept. 28 in U.U. 220 from 1 to 2 p.m.

The Physics Colloquium will be meeting Sept. 28 11:10 a.m. in the Science 52 room. The discussion will be held Sept. 28 in U.U. 220 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Cal Poly’s Multicultural Programs will be offering a coffee talk discussing diversity in WOW. The discussion will be held Sept. 28 in U.U. 220 from 1 to 2 p.m.

The Physics Colloquium will be meeting Sept. 28 11:10 a.m. in the Science 52 E-45 building. The topics to be discussed are: Close coupling approximation and R-matrix approximation of electron-hydrogen scattering.

TODAY’S WEATHER:

Clear skies, coastal morning clouds

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PEROT: '96 presidential race likely to be 3-way

By Jeff Wience

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two alleged gang members were charged Tuesday with killing a 9-year-old girl in a car that turned onto a gang-infested dead-end street and was blasted with gunfire.

Marvin Peck, 18, and Marcus Luna, 23, were each charged with murder after a dispute of attempted murder, said Elka Worner, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office.

Municipal Court arraignment was scheduled later in the day.

It wasn't known if the death penalty would be sought, said Worner.

Deputy District Attorney Eleanor Hunter said the same charges may be filed against a 16-year-old youth. A decision was expected later.

Peck was identified as a South Central gang member and Luna as a member of a gang in the Cypress Park neighborhood northeast of downtown where Stephanie Kuben, 3, was fatally shot Sept. 17.

More arrests were expected, authorities said.

Six people in a Ford Thunderbird were returning from a barbeque when their car turned into a gang-infested dead-end where gang members congregated.

Driver Timothy Stone, 25, said he thought he was taking a shortcut home when he turned down Isabel Street. Ten to 15 people surrounded the car when he made a U-turn and they opened fire, Stone said.

The attack enraged the nation. President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich condemned the shooting and Mayor Richard Riordan said, "Any day a child dies in this country, it is a national tragedy."

Stephanie was shot in the head, her 2-year-old brother Joseph was wounded in the foot and Stone, a family friend, suffered a minor back wound.

Two other alleged gang members arrested earlier were still being questioned, authorities said.

Wrong-turn suspects charged

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Controversy of the Week

Our first controversy of the week is...Boo Perot!

YEAH! The mildly maniacal millionaire is back, and is that any surprise? It seems every little political party so that maybe, if he feels like it, barring unforeseen circumstances overnight and even showers, runs for president. It seems Perot's base hasn't totally evaporated after his precipitous departure and equally drastic return to the last presidential race. I guess the Cubans aren't nearly so threatening this time. Let's just hope his daughter isn't planning on getting married again.

Now, you just need to get your vote in on this. What's your opinion?

Did you vote for Perot in '92? Would you vote for him again? Would you rather see Nixon back in office? Would you rather vote for Mickey Mouse than any of this lead of jokers?

Will you be volunteering for "United We Stand America" as they campaign in a phony Cuban race? Would you be afraid to have this man as the commander-in-chief of one of the largest militaries in the world? Or do you think he can cap the other like one of his companies?

Do you think Colin Powell's running on the ticket will help allay fears about Perot's not-so-nice tendencies? Or do you think Powell would be another Eisenhower? Let us know!

Just write a brief, or not too brief, letter about your thoughts on Perot with your name, major, year and phone number. Tell me what you think of the tyrannical forces and gun owners is far more insidious.

Of course, Smith & Wesson can't afford nearly the numbers, they, by the numbers, should be 25 times harder to get than cars. The only real attack on cars comes from Mr. Nature, Al Gore, he of the electric cars and spotted owls.

The first battle of the American Revolution was fought when the British tried to confiscate the American store of weapons and munitions at Lexington.

One of the first things the Nazis did when they came to power in Germany was to require registration of all citizens' guns.

Any totalitarian regime wants a population unable and unwilling to fight. No one wants to look at their government as potentially despotic, but unless we want to squander chance to avoid authoritarianism, we have to look closely at the sects.

Congress started with big guns, automatic assault rifles, military items that were flashy and only owned by a few die-hard gun lovers. The average citizen should look at such a weapon and say, "That can't possibly be used for hunting or self-defense. That's a murder weapon, and no one should own one."

Congress then worked to ban semiautomatic weapons, then handguns. Always they brought up emotional pleas, that if only we can get rid of those killing weapons, we would all sleep safe and sound. And if we just get those damned Gypsies to stay in one place and if we put those Japanese in relocation camps it's for their own good and I'll still respect you in the morning.

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Don't let government keep pushing us around. We are not children to be parented by the all-wise state. They are our employees, and if they have to be reminded harshly of that, we did a hundred years ago, then so be it.

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Let's keep America polite. Does the Daily Opinion editor and looking forward to the many anti-gun mates who will write spelt-flecked responses to this commentary.

Keep your gun, you'll need it

by Dawn Pillsbury

In the original version of "Podkayne of Mars" by Robert A. Heinlein, several pages of dialogue, especially the protagonist, a 12-year-old (by Earth years) girl getting her license to carry a gun.

Now, Marsopolis is a dangerous, frontier territory. All Marines carry weapons, for defense against both native two-legged beasts that prowl the Martian city and waste. But the publisher decided not to run that part of the story.

It has become fashionable to blame guns on all theills of modern American culture. If there's violence on television, riots in the streets, or scandals in the Senate, at least part of the problem will be blamed on guns.

Not that our elected and unelected officials are against guns. They're just against "irresponsible people" having guns. If the good and responsible agents of, say, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms want to carry any matter of weapons to protect innocent women and children, more power to them.

They point out the accident rate: 2,000 people a year die in firearms-related accidents. Pretty nasty, unless you care.

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REBEL SERBS, MUSLIM CROATS DISAGREE OVER FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT

By Stefan Kotel
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - With battlefield grown quiet in anticipation, Bosnia's warring factions met in New York on Tuesday to decide how their future government should be set up.

Delegates were discussing the constitutional question of how much power should be given to the central authorities in a Bosnian state divided between rebel Serbs and a Muslim-Croat federation.

Convening the meeting, which also included diplomats from Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the European Union, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said it was "an important day, a time to maintain the momentum for peace."

Christopher said the meeting at the U.S. mission to the United Nations would be a success if "the parties adopt a set of constitutional principles" for the structure of a future Bosnian government.

The Serb rebels, who want the right to secede eventually and unite with neighboring Serbia, oppose a strong central government. But the Muslims, who insist on keeping their country intact, want to make it as powerful as possible.

Elections for an all-Bosnian parliament and for a joint presidency council, the nation's future top executive body, emerged as the most contentious issue Tuesday, said an official familiar with the negotiations.

The plan under discussion calls for a presidency, not a single president. Collective presidencies are a common fix for nations dominated by several ethnic groups. For example, Yugoslavia has two to a presidency.

"We simply do not want war criminals to dictate our future," Bosnian Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey said in a speech Wednesday. "Serb efforts to create two completely separate states, one of which could secede at some later date, are evident," said Sven Alkalaj, Bosnian ambassador to the United States.

These are the first formal peace talks since a U.S.-brokered agreement in Geneva on Sept. 8 aimed to keep Bosnia's external borders intact while dividing the state internally between the two groups.

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Carjackers get death penalty, Wilson says

By Jake Howard

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Pete Wilson sent "an unmistakable message to gang bangers" on Tuesday by signing a bill authorizing the death penalty for people who commit murder during carjackings.

The bill also authorized the death penalty for people convicted of killing a juror as a retaliation or to prevent the juror from performing official duties.

Wilson, a Republican president of the Senate, has long been an advocate of the death penalty. He was governor when California executed its first prisoner in 25 years, in 1992.

"This is an unmistakable message to gang bangers: If you take someone's life while committing a cowardly carjacking, you can expect to pay for your crime with your own life," Wilson said at a Capitol ceremony at which he signed the bill.

Pete Wilson sent "an unmistakable message to gang bangers." The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Also in 1992, San Francisco reported 443 carjackings, Fresno 245 and Sacramento 214. The Los Angeles County sheriff's office reported 11 murders during carjackings in 1993.

The carjacking bill takes effect next January.

Wilson has about 575 bills awaiting his signature or veto, his office said Monday. Later this week, Wilson is expected to sign a bill authorizing the death penalty for drive-by shootings.

Wilson defended the random violence that haunts California's city streets. He said the legislation was aimed at stopping carjackings.

"Descent people should not have to live in fear," Wilson said. "We are taking a step in the fight to take back our streets."

Two alleged gang members were charged Tuesday with killing the girl, who was riding in a car that made a wrong turn onto a gang-infested dead-end street and was blasted with gunfire.

People in the news


The widow of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, donated a reported $20 million to the main library at the University of California at San Diego.

The library will be renamed the Geisel Library in honor of Theodor and Audrey Geisel, it was announced Monday.

The whimiscal eight-story building had caught Geisel's eye. Opened in 1970, it resembles a pyramid turned on its tip.

"The first time Ted saw the form of that building, he said to me, 'If I had turned my thoughts to designing a building, it might have looked strangely similar to this,'" Ms. Geisel recalled.

Geisel wrote such children's classics as "Green Eggs and Ham" and "The Cat in the Hat."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Leesa Gibbons was taping a show on wedding scams when she made a startling discovery: She had been taken by the cleaners, too.

The host of the NBC talk show "Leesa" was talking to a guest whose wedding gown came back from the cleaners stained. Gibbons then brought out her own boxed and tagged wedding gown to see if it had been cleaned properly seven years ago.

"This isn't my dress!" Gibbons said as she opened the box. After further inspection, she found that the box contained her headpiece, veil and petticoat, but her custom designed gown was missing.

"It's still hanging in there. It's not hers!" Gibbons said.

During the "Peek-a-boo" episode of "Leesa" was to be broadcast Tuesday.

NEW YORK (AP) — Pop star Debbie Gibson has graduated to a new role in "Grease," going from the sweet and virginal Sandy Dumbrowski to the tough-talking, wisecracking Betty Rizzo.

Gibson was Sandy in the London revival of the musical. She joins the touring company of the current Broadway version on Oct. 30 in Erie, Pa., and will stay with the show until March.

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Now THAT's roadside service. Gov. Gary Johnson had to stop on the first day of a 500-mile bicycle trip because of a pinched nerve in his left leg.

Karen Factor, a Santa Fe ampamour... along for the ride, pulled her needles out of her bike kit and went to work on the governor.

"She did a real number on my back," said Johnson, who credited the treatment Saturday with allowing him to continue his "Truck for Trash" trip promoting litter cleanup.

Johnson said Monday that 1,000 bags of trash had already been picked up.

"I think New Mexico is the most beautiful state in the country," he said, "but I also believe New Mexico is the trashiest state."

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — George Strait fans seeking tickets to the country singer's Oct. 19 concert overloaded phone lines and knocked out service to the police department and other city offices for about two hours.

No emergency calls were lost during the crunch, caused by people calling the Civic Center box office Monday, Assistant City Manager Alan Taylor said.

The 6,400 tickets sold out in five hours.

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Showgirls irate over role shown in NC-17 movie

By Robert Mayer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — "Showgirls," a high-budget skin flick that took a shot at the nation's leading showgirls, is "totally appalled and embarrassed" by the portrayal of her profession in the NC-17 rated, 131-minute sex film.

Movie critics have labeled the movie "high gloss trash," "a ripoff" and a bore.

The lead in the show, fictional Nomi Malone, bumps and grinds her way from a topless lounge to a starring role as a Las Vegas showgirl, in part by lap dancing nude on a hotel entertainment director.

"I hope God people don't take the movie for the truth," said Griffin, who has appeared in the "Fuhbles" production show at Bally's resort the past five years.

"Our life is quite different from what was portrayed," said Lucy Beling, a showgirl in the Folies Bergere's stage show.

They gave our profession a Hollywood portrayal to make the movie salable.

"Ridiculous," responded Lorina Chamberlin, who is in the Folies Bergere's "Night" show at the Stardust Hotel.

In the movie, Nomi (actress Elizabeth Berkley) shocks her iconcriptions and her clothes in a bid to move from stripper to showgirl.

In reality, the opposite is often true, according to showgirls who saw the movie, then talked to the Associated Press.

"I've known a lot more girls who go from the production shows to stripping than the other way around, because they can make a lot more money stripping," Chamberlin said.

She said showgirls are paid around $600 a week while strippers can make as much as $3,000 a week.

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Lynn Waddell, a former showgirl who did research for the film, said much of the movie, said the film was a taut and less-than-entertaining.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Agreement appeared near Tuesday on keeping the government operating for six weeks while congressional Republicans and the Clinton administration battle over what federal social programs will look like next year.

But Democrats demonstrated that the long-range budget dispute will be hard to resolve as they declared that GOP cuts in three big 1996 spending bills were so drastic that they would simply let the measures move to the White House by week's end — for a presidential veto.

"They're extremes in every way," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-Dak., said of planned Republican reductions in education, job training and other programs that are part of the GOP drive to balance the budget by 2002. "They devastate families, they devastate workers, they cripple the economy."

With fiscal 1996 to begin Sunday, Congress sent to President Clinton on Tuesday the first two of the 13 annual spending measures needed to keep agencies operating. They're likely to send him one or two more, at best, before Sunday, necessitating a stopgap measure to keep agencies from sending some workers home.

But fearing blame by voters weary of stalemate in Washington, both sides were working toward an agreement that would keep the government operating until Nov. 15 at lower spending levels than this year. Officials from both sides said they were moving toward a compromise on a financing formula, and a deal seemed imminent.

"We see no reason for any kind of layoffs," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., told reporters. "We see no reason for any problems at the beginning of the fiscal year. We've taken rational steps to make sure that the government can continue over the next six weeks, while we complete work on the remaining spending bills.

House leaders planned to bring the stopgap measure to the floor Thursday, with the Senate acting as early as that day, too.

One possible roadblock to final passage, however, seemed to be Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn. He was unhappy over a GOP proposal, included in an early version of the temporary spending bill, to block new funds for home-heating aid for the poor.

"That's just not acceptable," said the liberal lawmaker, who delayed passage of a $16 billion spending-cut package earlier this year because of reductions in social programs.

As the two sides sought middle ground on spending bills, the Senate Finance Committee commenced writing the biggest chunk of the GOP balanced-budget package legislation cutting projected growth of Medicare and Medicaid. Similar work by the House Ways and Means Committee, planned for Wednesday, was delayed. Officials blamed delays in receiving savings estimates from the Congressional Budget Office.

The spending bills Republicans sent Clinton on Tuesday, financing Congress' own operations and military construction, traditionally contain little controversy.
BRAVES: Avery, Mercker off rotation

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Avery, with a shoulder problem, will not start. Mercker, who has started all two of his games since making the big leagues in 1990 — relieving one that first season and one in the 1992 playoffs against Pittsburgh.

"Steve and Kent are quality pitchers and you've got to feel good that they will be available for any situation," said Smoltz.

The bullpen had been con-

idered one of Atlanta's weak-
spot in its postseason past, which included losing the World Series in seven games to the Minnesota Twins in 1991 and in six games to the Toronto Blue Jays in 1992. In 1993, the Braves lost to the Philadelphia Phillies for the NL championship.

That shouldn't be a problem this time around with the blossoming of closer Mark Wohlers and setup man Greg McMichael and the addition of Avery and Mercker.

BASKETBALL: San Jose might get venue

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right there at the sock counter, she would be a part of a professional women's league.

She happily added that Goodenough, who played for the Cardinal when they won the 1960 and 1992 NCAA championships, was one of the players already signed up for the women's league.

Azzi, who also played on the 1990 Stanford team and has since played professionally in Europe, said she believes the ABL work.

"That shouldn't be a problem," said Cavalli. "We're also doing it because we think it's the right thing to do for more and more people across the United States are getting more interested and more excited about women's basketball. We think the window of opportunity is here."

In addition to Azzi, Edwards, and Leslie, other members of the U.S. National Team who have signed on were Ruthie Bolton, who played for Auburn; Nikki May of Tennessee; Carla McGhee of Tennessee; Dawn Staley of Virginia; Kathy Steding of Stanford; and Sheryl Swoopes of Texas Tech. Twenty-five others also agreed to play.

Edwards, who has played for three U.S. Olympic teams, said that she is convinced that the commitment and the addition of the players will make the ABL work.

"We've been waiting for this," she said.
Jones will meet with NFL owners

From Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Dallas owner Jerry Jones met with a select group of NFL owners Wednesday to try to settle the league's $300 million lawsuit against him because of the lucrative Pepsi Cola and Nike deals.

Jones said Tuesday "I'd like to see this thing resolved and out of the public eye.

Wearing a $400 gold Nike "swosh" pin on the lapel of his jacket, Jones said he will travel to Washington for the conference and said it was possible "a meeting of the minds could come quickly.

But Jones also added 'I'm not optimistic we are where we need to be.'

Jones' deals have openly chagrined NFL Properties, the league's marketing arm, who he also suggested a move away from sharing revenue on licensing.

Jones reiterated that the league 'did a very good job of making this issue litigious. It was the kind of thing that should be worked out with dialogue.'

"The Dallas Cowboys are being sued. They are going to win the game. They are going to win the NFL. Old rules don't work anymore.'

Braves drop two pitchers from rotation

By Tom Sadek

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A decision by Atlanta general manager Bobby Cox to go with a three-man rotation in the first round of the playoffs has the blessing of the two guys left out — Steve Avery and Kent Mercker.

The pair of left-handers, who were part of Atlanta's rotation during the regular season, will used in the bullpen, while Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz will start.

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