Blaze sparks in chaparral above San Luis Obispo High

By Travis Mooney
Daily Staff Writer

Fears of last year’s Highway 41 fire may have been dredged up Sunday when an area east of San Luis Obispo caught fire and battled with firefighters for over three hours.

Imagine dragging 2,000 feet of hose up the side of a hill, carrying a 75-pound pack in 86 degree weather for over three hours.

That’s only part of the task firefighters from the San Luis Obispo Fire Department and California Department of Forestry (CDF) faced as a blaze sparked up and burned in the foothills above San Luis Obispo High School.

Firefighters responded to the call at 2:45 p.m. and scrambled engines to the site of the fire — 10 acres of dry grasses and charparral off Lizzie Street.

“This time of year we are especially susceptible to fires,” said Jim Rutledge, a captain with the SLO Fire Department.

Rutledge also cited wind as a problem with fighting the fire early on.

“The steady winds that come through are drier and hotter,” he said.

However, according to Rutledge, when the wind shifted to a more westerly direction, the fire became easier to fight, as these winds are not as hot.

CDF firefighters came to lend a hand in extinguishing the blaze, which crossed into CDF land. CDF provided a tanker plane to combat the fire, and the U.S. Forest Service rounded out the air support with a helicopter.

The helicopter and tanker were used for air drops of retardant foam. The helicopter released at General Hospital, dropping 200 gallons at a time. The tanker flew to a refueling station in Paso Robles and dropped 1,800 gallons at a time.

In addition to being a fairly normal fire for this time of year, it didn’t cost much to fight, according to Rutledge.

“The helicopter (and tanker) are the expensive part,” Rutledge said.

While firefighters battled the blaze, San Luis Obispo Police questioned two people they spotted near the scene of the fire.

The two had been hiking on a trail that runs along the fire line, according to Ken McCool, battalion chief for the SLO Fire Department.

“The (SLO) (police) stopped two people on the other side of the trail near the ridge before the fire,” McCool said. “They turned out just to be hikers. They were coming down the canyon and thought they could make it, but were forced to take an alternate route by the fire.”

The police questioned and released them, according to McCool. At press time, there was no known cause for the fire.

One firefighter suffered a slight case of heat exhaustion, according to Rutledge. There were no other injuries to firefighters.

There were no evacuations from the surrounding neighborhoods.

Former student charged with forging transcripts

By Val Adams
Daily Staff Writer

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Many lack STD awareness, study says

By Ryder M. Irby
Special to the Daily

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 55 million Americans are infected with an STD, approximately 55 million Americans are infected with an STD, approximately 55 million Americans are infected with an STD.

In addition, more than 12 million Americans contract an STD each year.

“Abstinence — that is, no sex — is the only 100 percent guarantee that you will not be infected with an STD,” said Sharon Broom, American Social Health Association (ASHA) director of public relations.

In Spring 1995, ASHA, a nonprofit organization dedicated to stopping STDs, commissioned a Gallup Organization study that surveyed approximately 1,000 adults and 500 teenagers in the United States.

The study, supported by an educational grant from SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, asked questions relating to STD awareness.

According to the study, the greatest danger Americans face today, is lack of education, and therefore, lack of knowledge about STDs.

Although American teenagers know more than adults about some aspects of STDs, both groups demonstrate little overall knowledge on the subject, Broom explained.

The results of the study are unsettling.

Forty-three percent of adults, and 30 percent of teens, know someone who has had an STD. In addition, 26 percent of adults and 42 percent of teenagers could not name an STD other than HIV/AIDS.

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The Ballroom Dance Club will be having its first meeting and dance lesson on Oct. 2 at the Crandall Dance Studio at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 545-

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The American Cancer Society is offering four classes of Aikido Techniques for Beginners Monday evenings at 7:15 p.m. Classes begin Oct. 2 and costs $25 for all four classes. For more information call 543-1481.

Upcoming

A symposium for Affirmative Action will be held at the San Luis Obispo Library Community Room on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. The symposium is open to the public and admission is free.

STD: San Luis Obispo County has large at-risk age group, many students will present fraudulent documents to get an edge.

Berrett agreed with Zuur, citing pressure to succeed as a reason why students forge documents. He said he thinks there are many people doing this who go undetected.

"You hear about them from time to time, but I think (many) actually slip through," he said. "They're taking a real risk here.

"If (Dole) had gotten away with it this time, how much longer would he have gotten away with it?" Berrett said. "Somewhere down the line the door gets open and you can't shut it.

Although Long Beach State was aware of the fraudulent transcripts, Dole's paper work slipped through the cracks and he was able to enroll, Berrett said. However, according to Rambo, Dole no longer attends Long Beach State. Rambo declined further comment.

If Dole is convicted of the misdemeanor, he could face imprisonment in the county jail, a fine up to $1,000, or both.

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Experts say Simpson jury could ignore the law and follow hearts

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In the world of TV viewers turned legal experts in the O.J. Simpson case, the term "jury nullification" is not yet part of the jargon. But it could become familiar if jurors who begin deliberations Monday decide to vote from their hearts instead of their minds.

"Jury nullification means going outside the law, nullifying the law," Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson said of the oldest legal concept in American law, dating to 1670. "It says, * We don't care about the evidence; our gut reaction is that this man should go free,*" she said.

If there was one thing that made prosecutor Marcia Clark furious in defense lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr.'s summation last week, it was what she denounced as an "outrageous" demand for jury nullification. "Some see this case as screaming out for jury nullification," Levenson said. "Certainly Johnnie Cochran is screaming for it when he asks them to send a message about racism. ... Johnnie is saying, Don't follow the instructions. Follow your hearts."

Cases which have resulted in jury nullification often involved political causes, civil disobedience or — an issue raised in the Simpson case — racism. Historically, it was a tool used by Southern white juries to avoid convicting other whites who had lynched blacks, Levenson said. They ignored the facts and voted from prejudice — exactly what Judge Lance Ito told the Simpson jurors not to do. During the Vietnam War, lawyers representing protesters routinely called for jury nullification, suggesting the defendants were answering to a higher law.

One of the earliest cases in which jurors defied the law was the 1670 unlawful assembly trial of William Penn for organizing Quaker meetings. The jury was told by the judge that they could be jailed if they failed to convict. Nevertheless, they acquitted.

In 1740, John Peter Zenger, publisher of the New York Weekly Journal, was jailed on a charge of seditious libel for satirizing the king's appointed governor for the British colonies. His lawyer, Andrew Hamilton, argued for jury nullification and won.

In a few states, jurors are given legal instructions about nullification, but California is not one of them.

Perhaps the most troubling thing about jury nullification is that it is implied rather than stated. Anyone reviewing the trial record would have no overt evidence that is what the jury did. The verdict would be " Not guilty," and the only way that jury nullification would become obvious would be if one or more jurors chose to state publicly that they had disregarded the evidence and voted for reasons outside the law.

"It's contrary to everything you learned in civics class," Levenson said. "And yet it's very American. It says, 'No immoral law controls us. We're Americans.'

"But in modern times, jury nullification sometimes has been known as payback. " And that's what worries Clark.

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Nobody’s wrong with atheism!
by Brian Johnson
As the atheists came out of their annual religion of disbelief meeting, they were greeted with discovery of finding all their tires slashed, their interior in ribbons, and every dumpster they possessed defiled and sent afloat down the gutter. As the perpetrators ran away, the atheists were filled with emotion.

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After that, press them as to why they wouldn’t let them have their rings. "They’re mine." "No, of course not." "They’re mine." "No, of course not." In between ducking chalkboard erasers and coffee, you would see them quickly slide down the self-defeating slope of atheism, evident even when lightly prodded. "You’re an atheist, isn’t that what you consider a ‘common sense’ reason, “no.” This would then turn into the "right reasoning” argument.

Once you would get them this far they would soon be forced to concede that since they had nothing to base the destruction of their possessions by you as wrong on, they could not validate their position that it would wrong over your position that it would be right because the only base either party would have would be that of subjective opinion. (But don’t blame me for the “F” you would receive.)

In other words, they have dirty movies on TV. In other words, they have dirty movies on TV. Fortunately for the producers of “Showgirls,” our society is hung-up enough for any movie that promises sex to do well at the box office. If anything we have our puritanical forefathers to thank for that.

Truth be told, there’s been more than a few studies done on the sexual habits of the Puritans. It turns out that they were pretty diverse in the way they viewed sex. For what would be the point of living if not sex?

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Former leaders gather to talk politics in freeform discussion of world issues

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Three of the world’s most prominent former leaders gathered on stage Sunday in a freeform discussion of world politics.

Much of the hourlong conversation between Margaret Thatcher, George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev focused on what role the United Nations and United States should play in world conflicts.

Thatcher, the former British prime minister, cautioned that the United Nations “must be employed only for what it’s meant for,” particularly in wartime.

“Bosnia, the way that has been handled, has been a great mistake,” she said. “It should never have been under United Nations’ authority, but under the authority of those countries prepared to take action. Then we might have resolved it much more quickly.”

She added that “Saddam Hussein would still be in Kuwait and doing nothing but lecture, and the United States pulls back and makes a huge mistake.”

Former Prime Minister of Britain, Margaret Thatcher, moderated the discussion, which was billed as the first event of a five-year effort focused on solutions to pressing global problems.

“The United Nations we have today is something we are not satisfied with, but that does not mean that we do not need an international organization,” he told an audience of about 1,500 gathered for the State of the World Forum.

“Do you see how the world is changing, how new centers are taking shape. United Germany, Russia will revive. China is gaining strength, and India, too,” he said. “Do you think that all of them will agree to being secondary players, and do you not think you need a format for cooperation with them?”

Former President Bush responded that there are many problems that demand the diplomacy of individual countries.

“I also agree (the U.N.) needs to make a change, but I also state that it cannot be the substitute for active ... U.S. involvement,” he added.

Bush particularly cautioned against relying on a world body to navigate the future of China.

“And if we isolate China ... if the United States pulls back and does nothing but lecture, and doesn’t stay involved on the diplomacy, then I think we’re making a huge mistake.”

The discussion, moderated by Bernard Shaw, marked the final day of the State of the World Forum.

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Students design vehicle; their project wins award

By Allan Levit
Photo Editor

For most students, a senior project is something they put a lot of thought into. For John Brinkman, computer engineering graduate, things came a little easier.

"I was walking along Perimeter Road and thought it would be great to have a machine that could go up to the P," Brinkman said.

It was this thought that sparked the idea for the Hazardous Environment Vehicle (HEV). Brinkman and his partner Jon Syvertsen, an engineering technology graduate, designed the HEV to go into hazardous situations and report findings before public safety officials place themselves at risk.

The HEV consists of a self-propelled vehicle that has remote control capabilities. The 150 pound, 3 foot by 3 foot vehicle is capable of traveling 3 feet per second.

The vehicle is also equipped with a video camera so it can be guided from one location while relaying video information about an accident scene.

Constraints such as budget, component availability and technical support limited some phases of the project, Brinkman said, but did not stand in the way of the overall design.

Brinkman achieved his goal of completing a working prototype of the HEV so it could be used as a model for future designs.

Although the idea for the HEV came easy, the work was difficult, Brinkman said.

Syvertsen and Brinkman placed many disciplines of their major into the HEV and the actual design was completed in two steps.

First, they completed the frame, drive system, camera, motor and steering system. Stage two involved development and installation of the control systems and remote data link on the vehicle. This project was completed in only six months with minimal cost, Brinkman said.

Brinkman was one of only five students to win an award at graduation for recognition of an outstanding senior project.

As for what the HEV is doing now, "Well, it is sitting in my garage," Brinkman said.

Brinkman feels he has Cal Poly to thank, not only for the use of their computer engineering lab, but for his current job as well. Brinkman is currently working at Seagate Technology in Simi Valley designing disk drives.

"Being a graduate of Cal Poly definitely helped me get my job," Brinkman said. "Cal Poly's learn-by-doing system is great."
Peres: Israelis to start closing offices, withdrawing troops from West Bank

By Hillary冯热

JERUSALEM — After 28 years of occupation, Israel will start withdrawing troops and shutting down the offices of its military government in the West Bank this month, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Sunday.

The impending transfer of power set off protests among Jewish settlers, who vowed to block the Israeli government of abandoning that part of the country.

Peres, speaking to The Associated Press by telephone from New York, said the troop withdrawal from the West Bank would probably begin "in several weeks."

He said Israel also would shut down the 12 offices of its military government in the West Bank. Shlomo Dror, a spokesman for the military government, said the first four offices would be closed next week, and the others within six months.

Peres repeated Israel's intention to have its troops out of six West Bank towns by the end of the year.

This was part of a compromise worked out between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chief Yasser Arafat just before they signed an accord Thursday in Washington on expanding Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank.

Israel has until March 30 to redeploy troops in the seventh city, Hebron, where 450 Jewish settlers live among 120,000 Palestinians.

The transfer of power in cities and villages will give the Palestinians control over almost a third of the West Bank, which Israel captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast War.

The-Israel-PLO agreement removed stiff opposition from home.

The settlers said they were protesting Israel's plans to remove army roadblocks and expand the area of Palestinian self-rule around Jericho. Jericho, in the Jordan Valley, and the Gaza Strip have been autonomous since May 1994.

"They lied to us," David Elhiani, head of the Jerusalem settlers' council, told Israeli radio. "We will not allow Palestinian police into the Jordan Valley. We will fight with everything we have."

Israel's parliament is scheduled to debated the Israeli-PLO agreement on Thursday. Peres said he expected it to be approved.

Another, less powerful quake shook Dinar last Wednesday, damaging dozens of homes.

Aftershocks continued the next few days, and many residents slept outdoors out of fear of a major quake.

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The army is expected to withdraw first from the city of Jenin in the northern West Bank and surrounding villages, followed by Nablus, Tulkarem and Qalqilya, then Ramallah and Bethlehem and finally Hebron.

Dior, the military government spokesman, said Israeli and Palestinian officials would meet Sunday to work out the details of the transfer of authority.

The four offices that will be closed next week are in Salfit, near the city of Nablus; Kharbata, near Ramallah; Yatta, near Hebron; and Qabatiya, near Jenin.

While the Palestinians made strides toward greater self-rule, the limits of that independence were clear Sunday, when Israel extended the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip through Oct. 8 — after the Jewish Yom Kippur holiday.

The Gaza Strip has been sealed since Sept. 24 and the West Bank since Wednesday. The closure, which strangles a struggling Palestinian economy highly dependent on jobs in Israel, had been scheduled to end on Sunday.

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Strong quake shakes western Turkey; at least 14 dead

An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.0 shook western Turkey on Sunday, killing at least 14 people and leveling dozens more believed buried under the rubble of collapsed buildings.

Public Works Minister Halil Culhaoglu said the death toll could reach 100.

Two-thirds of the buildings collapsed in Dinar, a city of 100,000 people near the quake's epicenter, said Semih Koken, an editor for a local TV station.

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The police station and local government building were among those damaged, the news agency said. It also reported damage in the neighboring towns of Evteker and Kniloren.

The Turkish Red Crescent, the Muslim equivalent of the Red Cross, dispatched the first aid convoy with 500 tents and 2,500 blankets to Dinar from the capital Ankara.

Sunday's quake hit at 5:57 p.m. An aftershock measuring 4.7 hit Dinar at 8:23 p.m., said Ahmet Isikara, a spokesman for Istanbul's Kendilli Observatory.

The last major quake in Turkey occurred in 1992 and had a magnitude of 6.8. It killed more than 800 people and left 180,000 homeless.

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South Central LA overrun with wild dogs, city needs new facilities to contain them

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In the front lawn of Thelma Kaiser’s house sits a coyote trap. But the device isn’t meant for coyotes.

Like others living in her South Central neighborhood, Kaiser gets unwanted visits from dogs that are lost or abandoned, then form packs that have become an increasing threat in the one-square-mile area.

In just one week, Kaiser said nine strays have moved in. “It starts with one dog, then another joins, then another and pretty soon you have a pack of dogs — terrorizing a community,” said Gary Owen, general manager of the city’s Department of Animal Regulation.

In part, the problem stems from people who keep aggressive dogs for security reasons, but then let them go when they can no longer afford them.

In addition, Kaiser said, animal complaints go unanswered and only the sickest of dogs are taken off the streets because of an怎么做 system.

In just two days in June, animal control officers picked up 60 dogs during sweeps. Because of manpower shortages and lack of kennel space, more than 90 percent of the animals brought to the South Central shelter are housed up after it was found wandering the streets bowled over by pain. His owner had wrapped rubber bands tightly around the dog’s tail to keep it from wagging.

“He doesn’t understand that fellow destroyed it,” Kaiser said. As the pup was loaded into a truck it lashed the animal control officer’s hand. Minutes later, after it arrived at the shelter, it was destroyed.

The South Central shelter operates out of cramped, makeshift offices that once served as a spay and neuter clinic. Officers were forced to relax there after their dilapidated headquarters were declared in a fire following the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

Nearly $8 million is available to build a new South Central shelter, but officials say the project has been stalled for more than a year because a fund to relocate to a temporary shelter was slow to come.

“There are parts of the city where you have dogs, some of whom have been bred for fighting and dumped, some have been shot,” said Gini Barrett, president of the city Animal Regulation Commission. “There are issues that involve public safety, individual responsibility and animal cruelty.”

Cellular phones raise major health concerns; researchers have found no solid links though

By Joe L. Allen

New Scientist

Debra Wright, a real estate manager for a cellular phone company in Phoenix, used to live by her portable telephone — now she has a brain tumor. She contends the phone and possibly other cellulars used daily for six years are responsible.

Susan Raymond of St. Petersburg, Fla., died from brain cancer. A judge dismissed a suit against her manufacturers.

Unlike car phones with antennas mounted outside the vehicle, hand-held cellulars like those in the Raymond and Wright cases have antennas that sit flush with the head, exposing callers to an electromagnetic field whose long-term effects remain a mystery to scientists.

“We don’t have enough information about the phone and carcinomas. At the same time, we really don’t know enough to say it’s not going to kill you,” said Elizabeth Jacobson, deputy director of the National Cancer Institute for Devices and Radiological Health. “I think if there is a risk, it’s probably small.”

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NEW YORK — Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and nine other militant Muslims were convicted Sunday of conspiring to wage a holy war against the United States with a string of terrorist bombings and assassinations.

The federal jury also convicted one defendant, El Sayed Nosair, of killing extremist Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1990 as part of the larger conspiracy. The assassination was once described as an isolated attack by a crazy gunman but prosecutors later called it the opening blow in a "war of urban terrorism."

Security was tightened at the nation's airports after the verdict.

The jurors, who had deliberated for a week, looked tired as their verdict was read.

Most of the defendants looked on sternly, but one smirked and another repeatedly yelled in Arabic, "Allahu Akbar!" or "God is great!," after jurors left the courtroom.

Abdel-Rahman kept his head bowed, as he had throughout the trial while listening to an interpreter through headphones. He tried to comfort his lawyer, Lynne Stewart, as she cried.

Afterward, she told reporters that the blind cleric said he's not the first person to go to prison for his beliefs and he won't be the last.

Lawyers for the defendants said all will appeal.

The verdict concluded a nine-month trial that brought more than 200 witnesses and hundreds of exhibits to a heavily guarded Manhattan courthouse patrolled daily by a bomb-sniffing dog.

Facing a rarely used Civil War-era sedition conspiracy charge, the defendants were accused of plotting to force the United States to stop supporting Israel and Egypt, two enemies of militant Muslims.

"Terrorism is real. It is here. It is in this courtroom," Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald told the jury. He also said Abdel-Rahman called the United States "the No. 1 enemy of Islam."

The plot's centerpiece was a plan to set off five bombs in 10 minutes, blowing up the United Nations, the Lincoln and Holland tunnels, the George Washington Bridge and a federal building housing the FBI, the government charged. Videotapes showed defendants mixing bomb ingredients in a garage just before their arrest in 1993.

They also plotted to assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and even discussed kidnapping ex-President Nixon, who died last year, and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the government said.

"If terrorism is theater, the acts of terrorism planned by these defendants was theater of the absurd," James Kallstrom, chief of the FBI's New York office, said after the verdict. "In their own demented way, they were going to send the United States a message. These verdicts return the favor in the strongest possible language."

At the Abu Bakr mosque in Brooklyn, where the sheik once preached, the mood was subdued, sad and angry. "This is абсолютно discrimination," said Nasser Ahmed, treasurer and acing spokesman.

Jurors were taken away in a van under police escort after refusing to talk with reporters.

Stewart said the sheik would be moved to a prison hospital. He is diabetic and has heart trouble. Besides sedition conspiracy, the defendants faced various lesser charges. Nosair and Ibrahim El-Gabrowny were each found innocent of a direct role in the plot to bomb New York City landmarks but convicted of the broader sedition conspiracy charge.

The sheik and Nosair face life in prison when they are sentenced in January; the rest face 20 to 30 years.

The government had cast a wide net with the trial, using Emad Salem, an FBI informant code-named Dallas, to shut down a terrorist cell that prosecutors said had operated in the United States since 1989.

It cited telephone contact between the sheik and World Trade Center bombers and transcripts of hundreds of taped conversations and excerpts from speeches in which the Egyptian sheik said, "We must terrorize the enemies of Islam and ... shake the earth under their feet."

In 1990, prosecutors said, the 57-year-old sheik urged attacks similar to the 1983 suicide bombing in Lebanon that killed 241 U.S. Marines and caused the withdrawal of a peacekeeping force.
Dole says he may settle for smaller tax cut despite Gingrich's protests

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, expressing surprise at the opposition of some Republican conservatives, said Sunday he might have to give ground on the $245 billion tax cut favored by House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., speaking on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," noted that Dole and other Senate leaders had voted for the $245 billion cut and said, "I think the Senate frankly is honor bound to deliver on it." Gingrich said it would be "virtually impossible" to win House approval of a smaller cut. The tax reduction plan, a cornerstone of House Republicans' "Contract With America," has been hammered by Democrats who say Republicans are preparing cuts that mainly benefit the well-off at the same time they are slashing social programs and promoting steep cuts in the growth of Medicare and Medicaid. That argument got some support last week when three Republican members on the Senate Finance Committee, Orrin Hatch of Utah, Alan Simpson of Wyoming and Alfonse D'Amato of New York, all acknowledged skepticism about the wisdom of cutting taxes while Congress was struggling to balance the budget. Hatch predicted that the tax cut "would never happen," and D'Amato said he would prefer dealing with Medicare and Medicaid reform without "this business of tax cuts." Dole said he was "hearing from a lot of sources on the Republican side, and not just those who've said from the start that they thought it was too much, but others who frankly I'm a little surprised by." "For the time being," he said, the $245 billion cut will remain his goal. "We'll see what happens." The Republican plan would offer a $500-a-child tax credit for families and reductions in the capital gains rate. President Clinton has proposed a $105 billion tax cut, with much of that going to encourage secondary education.

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MEN: Mustangs lost second straight

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But the Mustangs couldn't utilize their early chances by finding the empty net.

"If you make more patient, keep our heads up and take a team like that and punish them," said freshman midfielder P.J. Woolridge. 

"If we miss those chances, it's hard for us to regroup," Woolridge said.

Cal Poly spent the second half pressuring the Mustangs defense. With minute remaining, Woolridge and freshman midfielder Yves Flandin cracked a dangerous shot that seemed hard for us to regroup," Woolridge said. "We came close to scoring, and if it wasn't for the rest of the team, was senior midfielder Wendy Jones.

"We had more than the half this time," Croutier said. "We did create scoring chances, but not as many as we would have liked." Croutier wasn't the only one who noticed the Mustangs' slowness on field.

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"The Mustangs didn't have any time to celebrate their first goal. They had to prepare to host Fresno State in the second round of the games (6-6) Sunday afternoon.

"I was a little upset about it," Crozier said. "She added a spark by overtaking Fresno State's inexperience. Sometimes playing inexperiencted teams can be more experienced teams down. Crozier said Fresno State's being a new place with 35 career goals."

"Fresno State's being a new place to Buckle rather than shoot it herself," Crozier said. "Oeguera made her first appearance in this season's Mustangs' first half against the Bulldogs."

Up until now, Oeguera had remained strictly a second-half player.

"We just needed a little spark," Crozier said. "She added that.

The Mustang's roadtrip begins Oct. 6 against St. Mary's.
Gaels squeak past Poly

By Rebecca Nerdup
Daily Staff Writer

It took Saint Mary's College 14 years to beat Cal Poly. For the Mustangs, the Gaels picked a bad time to do it.

With Cal Poly (6-9-1) seeking to redeem itself as one of the top 25 teams in the nation, St. Mary's (4-5) victory spoiled the Mustangs' redemption plan.

Cal Poly was undefeated against the Gaels with a (7-0-3) record before Friday night. But, this time statistics didn't matter, when the Mustangs somberly walked off the soccer field with their second-consecutive loss, 1-0.

St. Mary's stole the evenly-matched game that featured only 17 combined shots with the goal coming in the second half. Cal Poly only got off seven shots compared to St. Mary's 10.

"It was a tough soccer game and either team could have won," said Cal Poly Coach Wolfgang Gartner. "Excluding the first 15 minutes of the game, I thought they all played well."