Where will low-cost healthcare go?

The decision to cut off inpatient services at General Hospital has caused debate between those who think the hospital will run more smoothly and those who fear losing low-cost health care.

By Stephen Eders

Anyone without medical insurance may want to take notice of the recent decision by the County Board of Supervisors to close San Luis Obispo General Hospital's inpatient services.

Some say that closing the hospital will make health care in San Luis Obispo County run more efficiently and save the county millions of dollars in renovations that the hospital would need. Others say that those without medical insurance will fall through the cracks of county health care, as many could be refused care at private hospitals.

General Hospital's inpatient services have long held a good reputation with the community as a health care provider for people with lower incomes and people who do not belong to managed health care.

By law, hospitals are required to care for all patients who walk through their doors with an emergency or life-threatening situation, according to Jeff Hamm, San Luis Obispo County administrative analyst. Hamm is working with the board in addressing the contracting of the hospitals.

The situation in San Luis Obispo County begins in February 1993, when a bond measure that would have allowed more funds for the hospital was rejected by voters. In November 1994, a similar measure failed, leaving the county to ask itself, "now what?"

"Over the past 10-20 years, the inpatient hospital market has gotten competitive," Hamm said. "The hospital is in an enterprise fund, which is, in theory, supposed to pay for itself." Hamm said General Hospital has been losing patients to private hospitals, and what used to be long stays for patients are now in-and-out procedures. Therefore, the county was forced to assess the need for General Hospital.

Hamm said the County Board of Supervisors will have to negotiate to give students the same service, and it remains to be seen who is going to pay for these emergency-type situations.

The County Board of Supervisors' next action will be to set long-term contracts with other private hospitals and urgent-care facilities in the area. In order to continue to provide the services offered at General Hospital and other hospitals around the state, they will have to decide which care facilities will take on those responsibilities.

"It's a no-free-lunch dilemma," Hamm said.

Mark Goldberg, a retired CEO of General Hospital, called it "a tragic event for the community."

"We thought that (the bond measure) was supported by the community. The voters evidently decided not to have a hospital," Goldberg also commented on the loss of such a large employer at General.

The impact of a $15-million payroll will be devastating on the community.

Martin Bragg, director of Health Services at Cal Poly, said students need to get insurance. One option for students, Bragg said, is a supplemental health care plan available at the campus Health Center. The plan covers students needing care off-campus, and after the Health Center's regular hours.

By Travis Mooney

There has been a lot of talk about fee hikes lately — but no concrete information on where those fees will go, or how much fees will increase.

The Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee seems to be giving some answers.

At last Friday's committee meeting, the student representatives proposed funding for different areas during years two and three of the plan.

The fees proposed by student representatives — ASI President Cristin Brady, Chair of the ASI Board of Directors Tony Torres and Mike Roca, a member of the board — would rise by a set amount for the next three years. At $45 in the first year, the fee would rise to $60 per quarter in the 1996-1997 school year. Cal Poly Plan fees would rise to $75 per quarter in the 1997-1998 school year and top out at $90 per quarter in the 1998-1999 school year.

The fees were proposed for the ASI Board of Directors before they receive the new positions.

"I like the student proposal in a lot of ways," said John Hampsey, member and chair of the Academic Senate. "It limits the year's there's no belief that the plan has to go to $90."

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Plan taking shape: proposal sets areas in need of funding

By Alonne Levitt

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still plenty of tickets given out each day.

Tickets can range from $8 to $250 — the maximum levied for illegally parking in a student-occupied space. Parking ticket fines total about $35,000 per year, more than half of which is used to subsidize free bus transportation for students.

In relation to the number of parking spaces distributed each quarter, there is not an equal one-to-one ratio. In reality, there is a large oversell.

"If we were to try a one-to-one parking sale price, you would see not only people who couldn't buy parking permits but also a lot of empty parking spaces," said Parking and Commuter Services Administrator Cindy Campbell.

"Students feel there is a problem because there is no close parking," Campbell said. However, all it takes is a little willingness to walk and your Stacie will be found even faster.

There are 1,694 spaces reserved for staff, disabled guests and other miscellaneous parking spots. With no limit set..." See PARKING page 3
State/Federal Financial Aid and Cal Poly Scholarships for the '96/'97 school year deadlines are March 2. Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office.

Today
The fourth Open House meeting will be Thursday, at 11 a.m. in building 3, room 213 and is mandatory for all club representatives. Call 756-7576 for more information.

The Physics Colloquium is having a discussion titled "Past, Present, Future of Military Head Mounted Displays" at 11:10 a.m. in building 52, room E-45.

"Health Care 2005," a discussion about skills and knowledge necessary to be a health care provider in the year 2005 and beyond, is taking place at 11 a.m. in building 53, room 201.

Culture Talk will be discussing "Diversity in the Workplace" in UU 219 at 1 p.m.

Upcoming
The International Business and Careers Symposium will be Saturday, March 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All majors are invited. For more information, call Toby Buschini at 781-0674.

Beans & Jeans Jamboree's Fun, a day filled with dance workshops, a chili cook-off and a public dance, is taking place in Cambria March 2 beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call 927-3624.

Alarm boxes: not enough at Poly?
By Josie Miller
Daily Staff Writer

It's one of those dark, eerie nights when it seems as though something bad is going to happen.

You're walking to your car, parked in the general lot outside of Yosemite Hall, when all of a sudden you hear footsteps behind you.

You quicken your pace. So do the footsteps.

Soon you're running toward your car, chased by those feet. You need help desperately.

and you run right past it.

Stacey Marshall, a graphic communication sophomore, is concerned that the nine alarm boxes on campus are not visible enough to actually be of use to someone in an emergency situation.

She's submitting a proposal to the Public Safety Advisory Committee to increase visibility and awareness of alarm boxes on campus.

Marshall surveyed 100 students and staff, and found that 53 percent don't know where alarm boxes are located.

Marshall attributes this ignorance to a lack of sufficient lighting around the boxes. The alarm boxes do not have lights directly above them, although Public Safety said they all have lights within 10 feet.

Marshall's proposal asks Public Safety to install red or blue lights above each alarm box.

Cal Poly's alarm boxes are only hooked up to telephone lines, so running electricity to them would be costly, according to Facilities Planning staff.

For instance, installing lights

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PARKING: New structure set to be built this year

From page 1 on the number of parking passes that can be sold, the allotted 4,005 spots for students seem to be rapidly disappearing.

One of the largest problems is that students want to park as close as possible to their classes. Although the lots may appear to be full, officials say there are constantly more than 100 open parking spots every day, even at the peak hours of parking. These spots may not be near classrooms, but there may be a chance that by the time you park and walk to your class, you may be actually saving time rather than driving around aimlessly.

However, the problem may be resolved in the future.

When the new athletic stadium is built, there will be 250 parking spots created. A new parking structure is also set to be built sometime this year.

This structure, which will sit on top of the six tennis courts closest to the music department, is awaiting the approval of the California State University Board of Trustees. When completed, an additional 1,079 spaces will be added.

Although the parking structure will be built next to the Performing Arts Center, the center is not intended for more parking, Campbell said.

"Parking built at any CSU campus (has) to address general parking needs, and with the Performing Arts Center, that was sort of the straw that broke the camel's back," she said. "We knew that it would require more parking on campus."

Another concern of students is the location of staff spots versus student spots.

"I don't understand why all of the teachers get to park so close to campus while we (students) are parking out by the pigs," crop science senior Tammy ArmiJo said. "There should be an equal number of parking spots for teachers over by the union wing as there are for students."

And though some students have question why there are 86 disabled spots on campus, Campbell said they are needed.

"I can guarantee you, they are not always empty. They have to be available," Campbell said. "We work very closely with Disabled Student Services on campus to determine need in certain areas and when the need arises, we fill it."

Some students do have one more option – don't drive.

Most officials realize that class conflicts often make commuting impossible for students. However, students are encouraged to take advantage of the free bus service. This way, more spots can open up for those students who still drive to school.

Congress and Clinton agree on new sanctions punishing Castro

By Jim Abramo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rushing to punish Cuba, Congress and President Clinton agreed Wednesday on new sanctions that would bridle foreign investment with the goal of removing Fidel Castro.

"Farewell Fidel. That's the message of this bill," said Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., the legislation's Senate sponsor.

The White House, seeking to avoid a veto of the bill as a violation of the universial language in the sanctions bill that will allow American citizens to sue foreign investors who make use of property in Cuba confiscated during the 30s and 40s of Castro's rule.

It also denies entry into the United States to anyone who traffic in confiscated property and codifies into law all previous executive orders on America's 34-year-old embargo on Cuba.

"This is going to have a tremendous impact on Fidel Castro and his ability to stay in power," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., the House sponsor of the legislation.

After agreement was reached with the White House, House and Senate negotiators quickly approved the "Libertad" (Liberty) bill. It is expected to go to the Senate and House floors by early next week for certain decisive appearance.

The White House threatened to veto the bill if it passed both chambers because of the lawsuit provision. But Clinton was reluctant this time to stand in the way of passage after Cuba's downing over the weekend of two American planes, presumably killing four Cuban-Americans.

In a compromise, the president was given authority to waive the litigation right, but for no more than six months at a time, when the national interest is involved.

"The president, in light of the incident Saturday, believes tightening the embargo on Cuba is a necessary step now, both to deal with this incident and promote our overall goal of democratic change in Cuba," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said.

The lawsuit provision and the entry ban are certain to draw fire from other Western countries that trade with Cuba and have long participated in the U.S. embargo. Canada and other countries have voiced displeasure over the idea of unilateral U.S. action restricting their rights to invest in Cuba. Opponents in Congress say the lawsuit provision also could cause a serious legal in U.S. courts.

Backers of the bill, which has strong congressional support, insist the provision is necessary to finally bring down the Castro government. Rep. Benjamin Gilman, R-N.Y., chairman of the House International Relations Committee, called for the "bringing an early end to the Castro regime by cutting off capital."

"We are in the very last stages of this confrontation," said Rep. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J. He called for the "purest, hardest and most determined form" of legislation.

Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he will vote against the bill because it would worsen living conditions for the Cuban people, "alienate our allies and tie the administration's foreign policy hands."

Supporters said the interests of other countries are secondary to driving Castro from power. "The United States cannot continue placing American lives at the hands of foreign interests," said Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., a Cuban-American representing Miami. "The United States must stop hiding behind international public opinion and stop waverling on its foreign policy."

The bill urges the president to seek an international embargo against the Castro government and authorizes him to assist the democratic movement there.

It bars financial aid by U.S. agencies for any transaction involving U.S. property confiscated by the Cuban government and codifies into law all existing executive orders on the trade embargo. U.S. citizens may not be lifted before a transition government is in place.
LEGENDS

L e a f  p r o p o s e s  t h e  d o o r
Of o a k s  a n d  o l d  f o l k s
by Randy Davis

One day I got new grandparents. They had a wood box in the kitchen for the cast-iron and nickel-plated stove where meals were prepared. Ices formed on the rain barrels, and one Easter we hunted eggs in the hundred-year-old barn. Life was good. Grandma’s old monkey-wrench 2-sided axe.

“...God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand straining hundred-year-old bam. Life was good. Grandpa called rain barrels, and one Easter we hunted eggs in the This new world was shared with me as if I had al- ways been a part of the picture, a dagoorrty from a West which most folk pass by and never come to ap- preciate.

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BOXES: Installing lights on boxes a costly process

From page 2

on the boxes located on the out-skirts of campus, such as the Crop Unit and Beef Unit park­
ling lot, would involve digging trenches through campus, an ex­
pensive endeavor.

Marshall also said alarm boxes should be marked with more noticeable signs.

Alarm boxes are currently in­
dicated by the word “Emergency” in two-inch letters.

Marshall thinks people aren't aware of how to use alarm boxes. When the alarm button is pushed, it connects with a dis­
patcher who talks to the victim.

If there is no reply, the dis­
patcher assumes the victim’s mouth is being covered, and police are still sent to the area.

Though police received many calls in the past year, only one was a true emergency. The rest were crank calls.

Marshall also wants more alarm boxes to be installed around campus, an opinion Cal Poly Police Chief Tom Mitchell said he agrees with.

"One of the first things I noticed, and I've only been here 18 months, was the alarm boxes," he told Marshall.

Marshall said she is con­
cerned that there aren't any alarm boxes near the center of campus.

Two of the boxes are located in the parking lots behind the red brick dome, one in the park­
ing lot in front of Yosemite, one in the Beef Unit parking lot and one near Dexter Road and North Penjerey Road.

The others are located near the Foundation Warehouse, Or­

namental Horticulture Building, Crop Unit and the Beef and Cattle Evaluation Center, all of which are off Mt. Bishop Road.

The other major component of the plan — the request for proposal (RFP) process, is also to be completed next week. Cur­
rently, all funds raised by the plan other than those put aside for capital projects will be awarded by RFP.

The RFP timeline is currently slated to begin March 6 with an informational meeting and end May 15 with the steering com­
mingle of the plan’s budget for year one. All members of the university community are encouraged to attend the infor­
mational meetings and submit proposals.

"This class was an important event in my life. Dr. M. rocked my world and sent me searching through the library!" (graduating senior, spring '95)

"When I think about what the students have presented," Hampsey said, "we like the bottom line, and like the category.

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The pet advisory committee will get the job done by mid-March?

The members of the Citizen's Animal Services Advisory Com­
mingle have been playing around for their last three meetings, but now the game is over.

The committee, which was formed by the Title 9 pet law task force, held its third meeting Feb. 21, yet it was the first time anything substantial was ac­
complished.

Getting to know one another was the focus of the first meet­ing. The second meeting was a course in learning how to work together and listen to each other.

One of the committee’s les­
sions in listening involved a talk­ing stick, which facilitator and Cal Poly instructor Rita Dee­
Burnett passed around the room.

Even though the stick was supposed to help members focus on what each was saying, it made many audience members laugh at adults grasping for a stick in order to say what was on their minds.

Many committee members be­
came agitated with the process and began worrying about their mid-March deadline.

"We should get on the ball and do what we need to," said Texas Shelansky, a committee member from District 1. "This is taking entirely too long." (Texas Shelansky, a committee member)

What they needed to do was resolve questions regarding the proposed Title 9 pet law.

Eight issues need to be ad­
dressed by the committee and then presented to the Board of Supervisors.

The issues consist of:

• What limits should be imposed on the number of pets people can own.

• Whether ranchers should have limits on the number of cats and working dogs they can own.

• Whether people should be re­
quired to have a special breeder's permit for a litter of cats or dogs they have rescued from the wild but want to give away.

• Whether working, hunting and show dogs should be required to wear their licenses while work­ing.

• Whether house dogs should wear their licenses when they are outside their home or only when they are off their property.

• How the policy for animal con­
rol officers should be set regarding the use of batons, pep­
er spray and guns to control highly aggressive animals.

In the committee’s three meetings, these issues have not been addressed. Although the deadline is creeping up on the committee members, they aren’t worried — they were granted a reprieve by the Board of Super­
visors last week.

"The Board requested that the committee come back by the April 2 meeting, but now they have time," said Tom Maier, a Health Department employee.

"They are itching to get going."

The committee had just begun to get things moving at their last meeting by creating a mission statement and drafting bylaws.

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State safety inspectors shut down high-speed chairlifts at three popular ski areas after discovering tiny cracks in the metal grips that clasp the moving cable, authorities said Wednesday. The four-seat Van lifts, built by Lift Engineering of Carson City, Nev., were closed at two Lake Tahoe-area resorts, Alpine Meadows and Sierra at Tahoe, and at Mammoth Mountain near Mono Lake. A total of five chairlifts were shut down and may remain closed until mid-March. Those five are the only lifts in California with the suspected grips, said Rick Rice, a spokesman for the California Department of Occupational Safety and Health.

"We were notified of a possible problem with these grips and one of our inspectors looked at a few of them. On a visual inspection, he noticed very, very minute cracks or what appeared to be cracks," Rice said. The grips were sent to state labs for testing. The results are due by March 17, but may be available before then, Rice said. The lifts can carry up to 3,200 skiers an hour and can ride a mile in seven minutes. They were in use by March 7.

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MORISETTE SEES BROADENING OF HMOs

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GENERAL: Federal funding has decreased because of an increase of HMOs

From page 1 being put into HMOs are being kept out of emergency rooms. Emergency room officials and consumer advocates are warning that emergency rooms are being starved of funding.

Federal officials told the American Hospital Association that HMOs and other managed-care organizations are not paying their fair share of the costs of caring for the uninsured. The officials said that many HMOs were not paying the full costs of caring for the uninsured and were therefore not contributing to the nation's health care system.

"Some HMOs have stopped paying for hospital services, which is a serious problem," said Dr. John Porter, a board member of the American Hospital Association. "This is a real concern for hospitals that are trying to provide care to the uninsured."
the gin blossoms are coming to cal poly with growing fame and a newly-released album

the growing gin blossoms

By Travis Mooney
Daily Staff Writer

After four years of touring the country, delivering dark, bittersweet and sometimes painful music to the world, the Gin Blossoms are coming to San Luis Obispo.

"Being out on the road for four years will either break you up or make you a better band," said Jesse Valenzuela, one of the band's guitarists. "In our case, it makes us a better band. A lot of things that we really had to work at come naturally to us now."

Following the wake of the explosive success of their first major-label record "New Miserable Experience," the Gin Blossoms will perform old favorites and songs from their newly-released album, "Congratulations I'm Sorry."

The Gin Blossoms' fame grew with their first album's sales success in the fall of 1995 and the release of the hit "Till I Hear From You." It was the number-one most added track on five different formats of radio stations in its first week of release.

"We'd already been touring for over a year — often playing two shows a day — when 'New Miserable Experience' started selling," Rhodes said. "So when it finally happened, we felt like we worked for it."

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Pops Concert gives a musical tone to sparkling atmosphere

By Susannah Unwood

Cheris! The chime of clinking glasses sound. Among the beverages and lively atmosphere, guests intently listen to an assortment of upbeat music.

The notes of jazz, popular and classical music will fill throughout Cal Poly's annual Pops Concert March 2 and 3 at Chumash Auditorium. The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra and the University Jazz Band will play together and separately at the Pops Concert.

"The Pops Concert is probably one of the more fun concerts," said liberal studies sophomore Noelle Donaldson, who plays in the Wind Orchestra. "Everyone gets to sit around round tables," she continued. "We play things that are less serious. They're musically serious, but a little on the lighter side."

Donaldson, who plays the flute and the piccolo in the Wind Orchestra plays orchestral, classical and traditional styles of music. She said they will be playing pieces such as "Summer Samba" by Mark Taylor.

"It will be more like the theater side of orchestra music," he said.

The Jazz Band plays popular tunes that are written recently, according to Donaldson. "It's more big band. It's not as serious. It's more upbeat."

Wind Orchestra plays orchestral, flute and the piccolo, said the theater side of orchestra music. "Most people would rather hear jazz," she continued. "They can move with it. The orchestra is more serious."

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Buchholz said one of her favorite pieces to play is "American Faces" by David Hol-singer. "I love to play it," she said. "It's really dynamic. It's one or two years old. The guy who wrote it is world renowned for playing music very fast. He's awesome. He composes pieces all over the world."

Other songs the Wind Or chestra will perform include an Overture to the "Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart, "Theatre Music" by Philip Sparke and "Chorale and Alleluia" by Howard Hanson.

The University Jazz Band will play tunes such as "Spain" by Chick Corea, "Petaluma Lu" by Bill Holman and "Summer Samba" by Mark Taylor.

Other numbers arranged by guest artist Bill Linn include, "I Can't Get Started," "Soprano Duet" and "Take a Number, Please."

Liston, a composer and ar renagger from Los Angeles plays the saxophone, flute and clarinet. He will join the University Jazz Band and the University Wind Orchestra in two performances.

Both bands will perform the finale, Listen's new symphonic arrangement of The Magic of Barbara Streisand.

More than 80 musicians will perform on stage to the pieces. The musicians will play renowned Streisand songs such as "Happy Days Are Here Again," "Sam You Made the Pants Too Long" and "Don't Rain on My Parade."

This year's Pops Concert offers a dynamic mix of modern sounds and rhythm for music enth usiasts.

The Pops Concert will perform on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are $11.50 for adults and senior citizens and $14 for the public. To reserve seats call the AIS Ticket Office at 756-5806.

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By Jim Brooks

Three Billy Band draws wide variety with party beat

You're tired of the same old music? Are you looking for something different and upbeat? If you're looking for fun music that comes from the roots of American Rock and Roll, the Roadhouse Rockers may be the group for you.

The Roadhouse Rockers, a rock-a-billy group, rocked Back stage Pizza Feb. 23. The group is made up of bass player Micky Rae, drummer John Palmer and Tony Balbinot on guitar. All three members also sing vocals.

Neil Losey, manager of the Wax Museum at Boo Boo Records, said the group is well known on the central coast for its upbeat music and the different types of fans they attract.

"They are a really good rock-a­ billy band that has played across the nation and has opened for some big-name groups," Losey said.

"It's amazing the diversity in people they attract," he said. "The main reason I think they attract so many different people is because the music they play is really fun. It's great to dance and party to."

Balbinot, the only original band member, said he started the group over 10 years ago because music was something he has always loved.

"When my parents divorced, I remember listening to music as a way to keep a small, happy entertainment. I listened to music so much I wound record players of music with each other," he said.

"I was molded at an early age on different types of music and I just continued to like that music."

"Music to me is a luxury, it's more big band. It's not as serious. It's more upbeat."

The group, which started in a church basement, was made up of members that played for the fun of it, Balbinot said. He added that the members in the beginning all had day jobs, but in the last few years have turned the band into a full-time profession.

Balbinot also said since that time because the full-time musicians they have been concentrating on playing their own music. But Balbinot admits it has been a challenge to introduce their type of music to a lot of people.

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**A decade of artistic treasures hide on Poly’s campus**

By Michelle Carillo

Doily Staff Writer

**There’s an oasis in the middle of the university campus.**

Although it’s not on the most heavily-traveled path, it might be worth the extra steps to reach what some students feel is a touch of the tropics.

The University Art Gallery in the Dexter Building is celebrating its 10-year anniversary.

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BAND: New CD follows the first in musical style

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-It must have been hard," said Robin Wilson, the lead vocalist for the Gin Blossoms. "But it was actually surprisingly easy. We just tried to focus on the task..."

"It's been suggested that being Riding high on that success, The 12 tracks of "Congratulations on a good show," said Matt Elsbernd, the page contains information on the Gin Blossoms. The home page also has an A&R concert's band survey that offers students the ability to voice what bands they want to hear on campus. Such as talking to the ball antics, such as talking to the ball and swimming for the balls which he hit in the water trap.

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The laughs begin in the opening scenes when Sandler stars as Happy Gilmore, a hockey player who can't skate and never makes the team. Instead he uses his hard slap shot to hit golf balls on the professional golf tour to earn money to save his grandma's house.

Sandler combines this ridiculous story line and his fresh, original style of comedy with a crazy golf form to make the movie hilarious. Gilmore forgets the traditional golf swing, as he takes a running start to whack the ball off the tee and send it straight to the green.

Getting the ball off the green and into the hole poses a problem for Gilmore and he vents his frustration with language that keeps the television coverage bleeping endlessly. To improve his putting game and add amusement, he uses a putter which resembles a hockey stick.

Some of the other golf pros felt Gilmore's playing on the tour disgusted their normally-sub­ dued game with his unorthodox antics, such as talking to the ball and swimming for the balls which he hit in the water trap.

But the audience thought his wild additions to the game were fun. So as the crowds roared, they did the courses, for the groups huddled around the greens traduced the traditional golf claps for cheers and banners.

The theater often needed laughter, especially when Bob Barker appeared as Gilmore's golf partner in a tournament and they duded it out in a fight of frustration. Gilmore tried to show Barker that the "price is wrong," but the older man proved age doesn't matter with his powerful upper cut.

Sandler's humor continues to appeal to a younger adult audience and is sometimes a lit­ tle bit crude, but is always funny.
WASHINGTON — The United States suffered a $111.04 billion trade deficit last year, the worst in seven years. The deficit with Mexico was a record, a showing certain to energize foes against the "barons and buccaneers," Senator Bob Dole said Tuesday over workers and American Free Trade Agreement proponents represented an increase of worst in seven years. The deficit has shown certain to energize foes with Mexico was a record, a spiking to an all-time high of the imbalance was even worse, shrinking for the first time in four years.

The deficit in goods and services represented an increase of 4.5 percent from a 1994 gap of $106.21 billion. In goods alone, the imbalance was even worse, surging to an all-time high of $174.47 billion. The administration, which has made trade the centerpiece of its foreign policy strategy, sought to play down the rising deficit and focus instead on the advantages the U.S. economy was receiving from rising exports.

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Britain and Northern Ireland schedule peace talks for Wed.

By Sue Lemon

LONDON — Britain and Ireland set a date for Northern Ireland peace talks on Wednesday, and waited to see whether the IRA chooses to continue bombing or have its allies take seats at the negotiating table.

For 17 months, the Irish Republican Army had suspended its violent campaign to end British rule of Northern Ireland. The war was shattered Feb. 9 when the IRA, fed up with the slow progress toward talks, called off the cease-fire and set off a bomb in east London, killing two people.

Prospects for peace seemed to collapse under the renewed violence, but in a dramatic turnaround Wednesday, Prime Minister John Major of Britain and Irish leader John Bruton announced in London that talks would begin June 10.

Sinn Fein, the IRA's political arm, cannot join the talks unless the guerrillas restore their truce, the two leaders insisted. But Britain dropped its demand that the IRA start disarming before it would join the negotiations.

British rule of Northern Ireland.

The elections, first proposed by a referendum on non-violence in both parts of Ireland — an idea the Protestant unionists dislike because they think it smacks of a united Ireland.

Major said the elections would begin June 10. Sinn Fein has in all of this is to get clarity in determining whether the present package contains the dynamic to reestablish the peace process, "said Martin McGuinness, the reputed former IRA commander who now heads Sinn Fein's negotiating team.

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The elections, first proposed by a Protestant-based party, gained symbolic significance after IRA supporters dismissed them as a delay tactic that proved Britain was not serious about negotiating. IRA supporters have claimed that Major's adoption of the elections proposal was the straw that provoked the IRA's return to violence.

Three people died in IRA bombings in London this month — one of them the bomb-maker.

Bruton and Major insisted that Sinn Fein could not join the talks until the IRA reinstates its cease-fire.

"There is no place whatsoever for violence or the threat of violence in the peace process or in the negotiations," Major told Parliament.

Those who advocate violence or do not dissociate themselves clearly from its use … cannot expect others to go on sitting at the negotiating table with them," he said.

The two governments said consultations with all Northern Ireland parties would start Monday on the arrangements for elections and the ensuing negotiations.

No election date was announced.

"This is not a chicken," predicted Craigavon Selby, the "Selby. "This a goat. Not an ordinary British goat, but an Alpine one that gives four liters of milk every day. Like a cow."

Mira Muratovic, the Muslim, had a strong comeback.

"You have little choice," he said, "because you are moving out of here today."

His argument was convincing — Selby and Surbuck are leaving northern suburbs of Sarajevo in droves as the territory is turned over to their wartime enemies.

The goat deal didn't go through because Surbuck knew there were more potential customers on their way. Muslims are returning to their homes, but those who were chased at the beginning of the war.

Even as the former neighbors play out the latest act in the ethnic migrations of the former Yugoslavia, the fact that they are trading instead of shooting gives some hope that they will live side by side again someday.

"This shows that we can still live together," said Selim Becic, a Muslim from nearby government-controlled Viasi. "It shows that trade will bring us back to normal."

The open-air market has sprung up in the past two weeks along a main highway north of Sarajevo, on the edge of a small rim of Serb-held territory that is being turned over to the government. Serbs visit it before they leave the area to sell animals and household goods they cannot take with them...

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Chicago sausage maker says: it's the yuppies or me

By Paul A. Driscoll

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CHICAGO — Ultimately, Chicago is going to have to choose — sausage makers or yuppies.

A developer wants to turn an industrial plot along the river into an upscale island of townhomes, residential lofts and single-family homes. But the owner of the Vienna Sausage Co. fears that once the well-to-do catch a whiff of his Wiener Fac­ tory, Vienna's days in Chicago will be numbered.

"At some point it will become so difficult we'll have to pack our bags and leave," James Bodman said. "We don't need any more homes. We need jobs."

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"I'd bitch about it if I lived there," he said.

Historically, the zoning board follows the advice of the alder­ man from the ward where the project is located — in this case, veteran politician Terry Gabinski.

Gabinski didn't return calls for comment, but both sides agree that he favors the residen­ tial development. Still, Bodman remains hopeful.

"Gabinski has been our ally and friend for 25 years," he said. "We're going to try to change his mind."

Vienna Sausage was founded in 1895 and has been cranking out meat in its current plant for a quarter-century. The plant four miles north of the Loop produces most of the $100 million worth of sausages, hot dogs and other products Vienna ships nation­ wide.

Across the Chicago River, however, is a 20-acre parcel that has residential developers salivating. It is now home to shuttered warehouses and other industrial buildings. Sold as an industrial property, the land is worth about $4 million; with a zoning change, it could be closer to $17 million.

Developer Ron Shipka wants to put up 525 residential units. Total cost: $125 million.

"As soon as the city commits itself to this project is the day we start making plans to move out," Bodman said. "It might take us five or 10 years, but we're con­ vinced that if they build residen­ tial, that will be the death knell for our ability to stay in Chicago."

Bodman and Shipka, both highly successful entrepreneurs, don't come close to talking the same language.

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- **TOMORROW’S GAMES**
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  - Men’s Basketball: American West Conference Tournament vs. Cal State Sacramento @ Northridge, 3 p.m.
  - Women’s Basketball: American West Conference Tournament vs. Cal State Sacramento @ Northridge, 12:30 p.m.
  - Women’s Tennis vs. Cal State Sacramento @ Moraga, Calif., 2 p.m.
  - Wrestling: Pacific Ten Championships @ Bakersfield, 12 p.m.

**NATIONAL BRIEFS**

**Blues don’t expect a problem with Gretzky’s contract**
St. Louis (AP) — After working on the Wayne Gretzky deal for more than a month, the St. Louis Blues aren’t about to let him get away.

During trade talks that resulted in the deal Tuesday night, the Los Angeles Kings did not allow the Blues to talk to Gretzky or his agent, Michael Barnett. But neither Gretzky, who can be a free agent July 1, nor the Blues expect any trouble reaching an agreement on a new contract.

“We just think we have enough knowledge, enough experience and enough background to complete this before any danger of his leaving would occur,” Blues president Jack Quinn said. “We don’t really think that’s going to be a problem. We’re going to start immediately.”

Gretzky is making $8.5 million this season, and the nine-time MVP is seeking a new deal worth about $21 million, an amount that would keep him the NHL’s highest-paid player.

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By Ron Kampen

LONDON — Princess Diana has agreed to a divorce from Prince Charles, ending a stormy marriage that began with a glittering ceremony in 1981 and collapsed 11 years later after both sought solace in affairs.

The decision to divorce means that Diana will never become Queen of England.

No financial settlement for Diana was announced, and there was no word about whether she had won the role she wanted as an informal goodwill ambassador for Britain.

Diana’s statement apparently caught Buckingham Palace by surprise. There also were sharp differences between the two sides over whether Diana would retain her title of Princess of Wales.

Diana’s spokeswoman said she would retain the title, but Buckingham Palace insisted that no titles had yet been discussed.

The couple, who separated in 1992, have two sons: Prince William, 13, and Prince Harry, 11. William is second in line to the throne, after Charles.

Wednesday’s announcement was the culmination of years of reports on Charles’ and Diana’s troubled union, ranging from TV interviews that captivated the nation to tabloid speculation over whom they might marry next.

The public airing of dirty laundry created a spectacle that led some to question whether Britain’s royal family was still an asset to the country.

Queen Elizabeth II herself was visibly pained by the constant stream of public recriminations and revelations about her son’s tortured marriage.

Last December, fed up with the bickering, the queen recommended that Diana and Charles divorce quickly. Charles, 47, immediately agreed to his mother’s request, but Diana waited to consult her lawyers.

“The Princess of Wales will retain the title and be known as Diana, Princess of Wales,” a spokeswoman for the princess said Wednesday. She spoke with customary anonymity.

The statement issued on behalf of the 34-year-old princess said: “The Princess of Wales has agreed to Prince Charles’ request for a divorce.

“The Princess will continue to be involved in all decisions relating to the children and will remain at Kensington Palace with offices in St. James’ Palace.”

St. James’ Palace is Charles’ official residence.

A Buckingham Palace, however, disputed the report by Diana’s spokeswoman.

“We can confirm that the Prince and Princess of Wales had a private meeting this afternoon at St. James’ Palace,” the statement said. “At this meeting, details of the divorce settlement and the princess’s future role were not discussed.”

“The queen was most interested to hear that the Princess of Wales had agreed to divorce,” the statement added.

Last fall, Diana gave an extraordinary television interview in which she detailed the breakdown of her marriage and directly addressed her husband’s adultery and her own. In that interview, she said she preferred not to divorce.

But with the couple now agreed on divorce, the legal proceedings probably will be quick and brief, since they have already exceeded the two-year minimum separation for an uncontested divorce.

Prime Minister John Major’s office said he had no comment.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the spiritual head of the Church of England, said the divorce “is in the best interests of all concerned.”

Under British law, a couple must be separated for five years to have a divorce without the consent of both parties. Diana’s agreement ends the prospect of two more years of embarrasing marital limbo.

Charles has said he has no intention of remarrying. But Camilla Parker Bowles, the woman with whom Charles had an affair, divorced her husband last year.

The monarch is tempory head of the Church of England, which does not accept remarriage of divorced people in church.

The royal family has already experienced divorce — both Charles’ sister, Princess Anne, and his aunt, Princess Margaret were divorced. King Henry VIII annulled two of his marriages, and King George I was divorced from his cousin Sophia in 1694 on grounds of adultery.

In addition, Charles’ younger brother, Prince Andrew, is separated from his wife, the former Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York.

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