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Houses planned at foot of Bishop Peak

By Jennifer English

The land at the foot of popular rock climbing and hiking area Bishop Peak has been sold and may soon be the home of nine residences. All the unsold Bishop's Ranch parcels, marked recently by ever-present yellow bulldozers, were sold Sunday, March 24. The lots were auctioned to the highest bidder as part of a mass liquidation by Kennedy-Wilson International, the real estate company representing owners of the land.

More than 100 people attended the auction, which was held at Mulligan's, near Avila Beach. Although exact figures and names of owners were kept private until after the escrow period, the Telegram-Tribune reported that properties sold for up to $80,000 under their list price.

Mas West, local agent for Kennedy-Wilson, answered ques­
tions about the new owners by saying, "the names of the owners will become public as soon as they are recorded."

West confirmed that the nine Bishop's parcels, located at O'Connor Way and Foothill Boulevard, have been sold and were zoned for private residences.

That news comes as a slight setback to local open-space advoca­
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For student affairs, disagreed with Torres and said, "it's time to show our work and ask for a grade.

The last time a survey was distributed, it went to alumni, parents and students. It provided information that university programs and emphasized portions of the university's mission that deserve attention.

This time, only students will be surveyed, and results will be given to the CSU board of trus­tees, President Warren Baker hopes. Administrators hope to do this in selected classrooms, and would also allow other inter­ested students to view the same survey. The random sur­veys most likely will be coded, so that the two are not compared.

Few choices for president on ‘06 ASI election ballots

By Tim Brugg

Students will have few choices on the ballot when voting for ASI president and vice president during the upcoming ASI elec­tions on May 1.

A number of candidates filed for each of the individual seats on the board of directors, however only one candidate will appear on the ballot for each of the top ASI positions.

One other candidate for ASI president, Steve McShane, is running as a declared write-in candidate. Because he is declared, his candidate state­ment will appear with other can­

didates does bother him, but the lack of candidates is not a problem. He said he was unsure why so few people decided to run, but he had tried it's best to publicize the elections to prospective candidates.

Sam Reed, elections commit­

te, said ASI will give all the names of those running for the board of directors chairs to the specific colleges they will represent.

Reed said he is encouraging the colleges to conduct forums for the candidates, and that the university has plans to hold a general candidate forum for the top two positions in the near future.

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Stocks smacked with sharp fall; stumble lessened by technology

By Patricia Lawless
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It could have been a lot worse.

Stocks dropped sharply Monday, after Friday's unexpectedly strong employment data removed resilient hope that the Federal Reserve might soon lower interest rates.

But the major indexes took their hits early and held steady for the remainder of the day, even as bond prices deteriorated in the afternoon.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended down 88.51 points at 5,594.37, having retraced a good portion of its 140-point intraday loss. A buying spurt in the final 30 minutes trimmed the Dow's loss by as much as 30 points.

Declining issues led advancers by about 7 to 1, but that was down from more than 20 to 1 earlier. Big Board volume was moderately heavy at 415.29 million shares, up from Thursday's pace. The market was closed Good Friday.

Broad market indexes were sharply lower. The NYSE's composite index fell 6.27 to 345.65. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 11.62 to 644.24.

"I think there's the potential for further downside," said Kathryn Lunstrum, investment strategist at Duff & Phelps Equity Research in Chicago. "Even today's weather: mostly sunny

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PLAN: First student forum this morning in U.U.

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The administration wants to include students in the decision making process, since students have the final say in the Poly Plan. The administrators also see the need for an unscientific survey, hoping it will show a resounding affirmation of support for the plan.

Mathematics professor and steering committee member Harvey Greenwald said that at the last Academic Senate meeting, the senate overwhelmingly supported the plan in a vote. He said the Senate will not discuss the plan any further unless there is a big change to it.

Torres also indicated that students are confused over proposed fee increases that will fuel the plan.

The increase will be $45 in 1996-97, then go up to $89 in 1997-98 and up again to $120 for the 1998-99 school year. The increase will not be compounded.

During the first year of fee increases, money will go toward increasing availability to and quality of technology on campus. This information ran in a full-page advertisement in Mustang Daily last week.

Gonzales challenged the committee to draft the new survey this week, and to compose it in ways that are more logical as well as probing. The survey's goal will be to validate questions on the principals of the plan made by the steering committee.

Under discussion by the committee, are the upcoming Poly Plan forums, beginning today. The forums scheduled for the next four Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m in U.U. room 220 will allow students to openly question the administration about the plan.

Torres, however, remained skeptical about the forums and seemed to sense annoyance among students if all are not fully involved in the process.

"The rest of the campus hasn't even bought into it. There is a lag time. Maybe next year the students will be ready," Torres said.

Although Torres was not exactly sure what it would take for students to be ready, he maintained that the process may need more time.

"There's just something wrong here," Torres said, "expectations are too high. There will be discussion among the ranks if they understand the participatory process.

Members of the faculty, however, remained confident that the committee's plan will go ahead with the survey and forums.

"As one faculty representative said today, we never know unless we try it," Torres said.

ELECTIONS: 'People will be forced to campaign'

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what is involved in being a top

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By E. Scott Reckard

CALIFORNIA

By E. Scott Reckard

SEAL BEACH, Calif. — Rockwell International Corp. agreed Monday to plead guilty to hazardous-waste crimes and pay a $6.5 million fine over a 1994 explosion that killed two men at its rocket-engine testing grounds.

The victims — a third man, who was injured — were apparently trying to dispose of a highly explosive propellant by blowing it up.

The fine was the maximum allowed and the biggest criminal environmental fine in California history, federal prosecutors said.

The defense contractor's formal guilty plea was supposed to be entered Monday, but was delayed until Thursday by U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer, who wanted time to review the agreement.

The plea bargain does not provide individuals from charges including negligent homicide. Nor does it protect Rockwell from lawsuits.

The explosion took place at Rockdyne's Saasaa Susana Mountains field laboratory northwest of Los Angeles.

Scientist Otto K. Heinze, 53, and Larry A. Pugh, 51, were killed while trying to destroy small batches of triaminoguanidine nitrate, known as TGAN (rhymes with "waggin"). Lee Wells, 62, a technician, was seriously injured.

TAGN is so dangerous that the explosion of a single particle can fracture a finger, federal prosecutor Nera Manella said.

Exact details of what went wrong are still unknown, Rockwell's chairman, Donald R. Beall.

Rockdyne executives at first said the two scientists were conducting an experiment. However, the state Occupational Safety and Health Administration said the blasts appeared to be "a disaster for destroying waste explosive material" and levied more than $200,000 in fines.

The company has now admitted it violated rules for storing, handling and disposing of the hazardous materials. Beall said the company has strengthened its emphasis on safety and management accountability.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William Carter said surplus TAGN is shipped in special containers to one of several U.S. disposal sites that are licensed to incinerate or detonate high explosives.

The Air Force could bar Rockwell from future contracts, but Beall said it doesn't believe that will happen. It has closed the corporate unit where the accident occurred and now hires contractors to dispose of the waste.

Since 1947, Rockwell has developed rocket engines, including the space shuttle's, at the 2,700-acre laboratory.

Rockwell has transformed itself in recent years from mainly a contractor on big government projects like the B-1 bomber and space shuttle into a high-tech conglomerate with products like industrial robots, fax modems and sunroofs.

Tom Bradley improving but can't speak

LOS ANGELES — Former Mayor Tom Bradley, unable to speak after a stroke last week, was using smiles and hand squeezes Monday to communicate with doctors and family, a hospital spokeswoman said.

"He's very alert today and his doctors have him sitting up in a chair," said Roberta Tinajero of Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center.

Bradley, 78, was in fair condition, she said, "but we are looking for improvement in the next few days." The former mayor was stable from last Thursday's stroke.

"He's communicating through smiles and hand squeezes. He's able to fully flex his right foot, and that's a good sign," Tinajero said.

Bradley suffered a heart attack last month and underwent triple bypass surgery at Kaiser Permanente last Wednesday. He had a stroke the following day.

At the city's first black mayor, Bradley served 20 years beginning in 1973. His tenure was highlighted by the 1984 Summer Olympics but marred by the deadly 1992 riot, which he called "the most painful experience of my life."
EDTITORIAL

The Poly Plan, ulterior motives and the danger of bulldozers

by Jason D. Plemens

ASI seems to be up to its historically inept ways. Mustang Daily reported that the ASI Board of Directors decided in its unformed wisdom to disallow late filers the benefit of the doubt and addition on the ballot for ASI President next month.

In its decision, the board ignored the advice of the ASI President and the ASI Vice President,pushing deadlines 5 p.m. instead of 11 a.m. The council said they felt that inconsistency and a large number of late filers warranted a change in the deadlines.

It seems this would have not only been fair, but also just, but now, ASI President Tony Torres, plans to have a candidate run off the ASI slate with a write-in candidate. This undermines the democratic process of the election. With only one "official" candidate one has to ask if ulterior motives are at play here.

The actions of the board can only be interpreted as a breach of duty. If the duty of elected representatives is to represent their constituents, then the board has failed at its job of putting the interests of students first.

It is still too early to give an official endorsement in the ASI race, but Steve McShane has to be a frontrunner for his poise in dealing with the situation. McShane admitted he missed the deadline, regardless of the Cal Poly Plan. These are students just don't get it.

Speaking of putting students first, the board seems to be failing at another aspect of its job — the touted and hyped-up Cal Poly Plan. Yet another survey is about to be distributed to students. But before this can happen, the council needs to decide on the format. At least ASI Chair Tony Torres seems to grasp one aspect of the Cal Poly Plan — students just don't get it.

The only thing that is clear on campus is that fees are at play here, but Steve McShane has to be a frontrunner for his poise in dealing with the situation. McShane admitted he missed the deadline, regardless of the Cal Poly Plan. That only ASI Chair Tony Torres seems to grasp one aspect of the Cal Poly Plan — students just don't get it.

The pipeline could have been routed through an area that contains none of the 300-year-old trees. If the pipeline is routed through an area that contains none of the 300-year-old trees, then the environmentalists warrant praise, but perspective seems to be lacking on their part. Water is not only a vital resource in California, it is a very part of all life. Unfortunately, a few oak trees are going to be sacrificed so that several thousand people can water their lawns for free.

That's the point: as these oak trees are we talking about here. Unlike old-growth redwoods, oak trees are all over the state. If the trees in question were redwoods there would have been more people standing in front of the bulldozers.

ASI was by all accounts in no danger. But if he is looking for a cause to sacrifice for perhaps he should fight for human rights in Central America. It's easy to stand in front of a bulldozer in America, but try stand in front of a bulldozer in El Salvador or Guatemala.

Jason Plemens is the Daily's Editorial-in-Chief.

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""Take your ball to another game "

by Helen Baer

Cut the melodrama, Daily

Last Thursday's front-page article romanticized to epic proportions an episode in which Professor Steven Marx faced of with a bulldozer in Stenner Canyon. Comparing this incident to Tiananmen Square in 1991 is like comparing the Daily to The New York Times.

If I were Dr. Marx, I'd be embarrassed at the photo accompanying the article, showing him with overstretched arms in front of an oak tree as if poised to stave off invading tractor.

I admire Dr. Marx's persistence in and dedication to saving the Stenner Canyon oak. What I take issue with is the Daily's sensationalized reporting of the incident. Examples: Marx ... sacrificed his body for the trees ... Marx escaped unscathed. What, did he nimbly step aside just as the wheels were crashing toward him?

The actions of the environmentalists warrant praise, but perspective seems to be lacking on their part. Water is not only a vital resource in California, it is a very part of all life. Unfortunately, a few oak trees are going to be sacrificed so that several thousand people can water their lawns for free.

If Mrs. Johnson and others like her want women and married men to become priests then form another religion that allows that. Why don't people like Mrs. Johnson go to the Amish and tell them that they need a television set, a motor vehicle, that they need to change for society? The simple fact is because they know the Amish would not change their teaching and neither would the Muslims if they told them not to follow the Koran. The only reason people like Mrs. Johnson make these attacks about the Bishop brukweit and the Catholic Church is because they know that he is right in doing so and that they are only trying to draw negative conceptions about the most powerful and influential church in the world.

Therefore if people want to be homosexual, believe in abortion, death with dignity, or be members of Planned Parenthood or other groups like it, then they should get out of the Catholic Church and stay out until they are ready to follow ALL the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Michelle Marie Gray Political science junior
This letter is in response to last Monday's article "Student returns after drug episode." When I first started reading this article it sounded remarkably similar to a similar incident I witnessed at the end of last year.

Two weeks before graduation, a good friend had lost his mind in a similar fashion. He even hiked up to the Poly "P" but did not see his mind in a similar fashion. He was constantly trying to explain far-out theories to me. His roommates no longer listened to him because they knew what was going on in his head.

He even hiked up to the Poly "P"; but not to see his mind. He returned from the hike with some painted rocks. He was going to use the rocks to "mark the area of his universe." He was constantly trying to explain far-out theories to me. His roommates no longer listened to him because they knew what was going on in his head.

One day when I was on my way home, I saw him running around in circles, jumping up and down, speaking gibberish and basically acting very confused and frantic. I decided to wait one week before I wrote to you, hoping there would be an article about the Festival. If you believe that, I find that hard to believe. More than 1,200 people attended. I don't know of any other student-produced event that attracted so many people. With all the hard work that went into making the Lantern Festival possible, I think that everyone involved would have liked some sort of acknowledgment, especially from the school newspaper — a publication read by many students. I am not asking for an apology, but I would rather like to know why the Festival was not mentioned in the paper.

I would also hope that you do not make this same oversight next year because you can be sure you will hear from me if it happens again.

James Tanaka
Business sophomore

Thus spoke Zarathustra

Editor,

Yesterday afternoon I walked out of class, after having a nine-hour day at school, to find that my front bike wheel had been stolen. It really bothered me that someone would have the audacity to steal from a struggling student, especially if it was another student. Why would you ask me to steal?

I want you to ask me to steal someone else's tire. I believe that it would be against my beliefs and values. I believe that I should treat all people as I would like to be treated. Therefore, I would not go do something else to me that I would not want done to me. This is an example of the "Golden Rule." A rule most kids are taught in the first grade. I guess most thieves were absent that day.

I hope that after reading this letter a few of those bike thieves will re-evaluate their disrespectful antics and look at what happens to the individual they stole from.

P.S. To the idiot who stole my wheel: It is broken; the clicking noise gets real annoying after a while, doesn't it?

Christine Fabian
Human development senior

Uncovered lanterns

Editor,

I am writing because of the lack of coverage of a major event that took place on campus March 30. The Lantern Festival was the product of hard work from 13 clubs and organizations with one goal in mind, to spread Asian awareness through Cal Poly and Central Coast communities.

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Officials decide suicide not related to crash

By Tony Smith

DUBROVNIK, Croatia — A U.S. team investigating the plane crash that killed Commerce Secretary Ron Brown focused on the Dubrovnik airport's navigation system Monday, and ruled out any link between the crash and the suicide of the system's maintenance chief.

Niko Jerkic shot himself in the chest at his home Saturday, three days after Brown's plane slammed into a hilltop near Dubrovnik in a windy rainstorm, killing all 35 people aboard.

The Croatian Interior Ministry issued a statement Monday saying Jerkic was not working Wednesday, the day of the crash. He "neither had any connection with the operational service of the control tower, nor did his death have any connections with the tragic crash of the U.S. aircraft," it said.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Ray Shepherd, spokesman for Brig. Gen. Charles Coolidge who is investigating the crash, said the U.S. team had received the statement and was satisfied Jerkic was not responsible. "That's enough for us," he said Monday.

Jerkic, whose duties included keeping the navigation system working properly, died before the U.S. team got a chance to question him in an interview. Shepherd has described him as routine.

The team will probably spend two days examining the navigation equipment, Shepherd said. The system relied on technology that is about 50 years old, but both U.S. and Croatian officials have described it as reliable. The Yugoslav army stripped the airport of a more sophisticated landing system in 1992 and the equipment was never replaced.

Police, who originally reported the maintenance chief's name as Niko Junkic, have refused to release any details of the suicide. Jerkic's family refused to talk to reporters Monday.

Airport officials also declined to be interviewed about Jerkic, but neighbors described him as serious and somewhat reclusive and said they hadn't seen him since the crash.

Jerkic shot himself about an hour after the bodies of the 35 Americans were flown out of the airport back to the United States.

The 46-year-old bachelor lived on the ground floor of his parents' three-story home overlooking Dubrovnik's harbor. He almost always used a private garage exit rather than the main house entrance to come and go, said the neighbors, who would not give their names.

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In addition to their performance in the maze, the robots will be judged by the audience on their looks. The contestants can make their robots look however they want.

A practice run will take place April 23 and the match will be on April 30 at 2 p.m. in Faculty Office Building 20. Students from any major can participate.

Students have entered the race for a variety of reasons. Aside from the challenge of making a robot from scratch, some contestants see the contest as a valuable experience to talk about during a job interview.

"It will give us experience integrating the electronics, coding and mechanical elements of a system," said computer engineering senior Brian Hemme.

Others see the experience as a way to reinforce skills learned at Cal Poly.

"I got into this competition because it's a way to bring meaning to my microprocessor classes," said computer engineering senior Robert Sinedes.

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President knew of Iranian arms supplies to Bosnia

By Barry Schwid
Kamppa Press

WASHINGTON — With Bos­nians on the ropes in its war with Serb rebels, President Clinton knew of and did not try to stop arms shipments from Iran through Croatia to Bosnia's beleaguered army, an ad­ministration official said Mon­day.

The United Nations had an arms embargo in force barring weapons shipments to all sides in the Balkan war. The United States was not obligated to enforce it, and in 1994 Congress even prohibited any enforcement.

Iran's clandestine aid helped the Muslims resist Serb rebel at­tacks in several key parts of the republic. After punitive NATO air attacks on the Bosnian Serbs in 1995, the Muslims regained much of the land they had lost.

Clinton had proposed a "lift and strike" strategy during his election campaign in 1992 — lift the embargo and bomb Bosnian Serb military installations. But as Iranian arms flowed to the Muslims, he came out against ex­empting Sarajevo from the U.N. ban.

The war, in the meantime, was going badly for the Bosnian Muslims. The country's indepen­dence was at risk.

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Confession ends Sioux murder; tribes accuse racism for delays

By Joe Kolla
Associated Press

MORBRIDGE, S.D. — For 15 years, ever since the decomposing body of Candace Rough Surface turned up in an evaporating bay, her family and tribe wondered who killed her and why.

Now, one young man — betrayed during a bitter divorce — has confessed to helping his cousin beat, rape and fatally shoot the young Standing Rock Sioux woman. The cousin has denied any part in the crime.

Far from bringing peace to Rough Surface's friends and relatives, the news instead has angered those who think racism explains why it took so long to solve the mystery. Both suspects are white.

"I'm not for widening the gap between Indians and whites," said Mark White Bull, a Standing Rock tribe member. "I'm for bridging it. But we want justice for Candie."

The 18-year-old woman disappeared Aug. 2, 1980, on a trip to Mobridge, across the Missouri River from the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation where she lived.

After three days, her mother reported her missing. No trace of her was found until nine months later, when the river level dropped and a rancher came across the nearly skeletal remains. She had been shot five times.

The mystery went unsolved until last fall, when a relative of James E. Stroh II tipped police that Stroh was involved.

Stroh, of Eagle River, Wis., had told his wife before they were married that he had helped kill Rough Surface. A bitter divorce apparently drove some one in his wife's family to go to authorities, according to court papers.

He was arrested in October and confessed but said the killing was masterminded by his cousin, Nicholas A. Scherr of Mobridge.

At a preliminary hearing several months ago, Stroh said his family was on vacation and had stopped for a few days in Mobridge when he, then 15, and his 16-year-old cousin encountered Rough Surface.

He said the woman was drunk when she approached him outside a cafe after dark, and appeared to be looking for sex. She went with several teen-age boys to a mobile home, but one apparently offended her and the gathering broke up, he said.

Rough Surface, Scherr and Stroh were the last to leave, getting into Scherr's truck, Stroh said. He said the girl hit him, angering Scherr, who stopped the truck, dragged Rough Surface out and raped her.

Stroh said he raped Rough Surface at the insistence of his cousin, who raped the woman again and then shot her with a rifle. Stroh said Scherr told him to shoot Rough Surface, too; he remembered pulling the trigger but wasn't sure if he hit her.

Stroh said he helped wrap a chain around the nude body and watched from the back of the truck as Scherr dragged the corpse to the river.

Stroh will be allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter for his cousin's crime. He could get the death penalty or life in prison without parole.

Stroh remains in jail, but Scherr was released on $200,000 bail in January, angering some Indians.

"If that was a Native American, he'd still be in jail, White Bull said.

They were further upset when a rape charge against Scherr was dropped because the statute of limitations had expired.

Some also fear Scherr's jury won't include Indians. Walworth County, where Rough Surface's body was found, is 92 percent white.

In December, more than 300 people walked, drove or rode horses over a 25-mile route to show support for the Rough Surface family. Nearly all were Indians who think race clouded the investigation, White Bull said.

There are a lot of misconceptions about Indians," he said. "No. 1, some people think we're all drunks. No. 2, we're dirty. And No. 3, we're stupid."

A second trek is planned for the weekend before Scherr's trial, scheduled to begin May 6. Sheriff Jim Spiry defended his investigation before Circuit Judge Jack Wald slapped a gag order on trial participants.

There was precious little evidence, the sheriff said: "It wasn't like in the movies."

Others say the focus on race is unfair — racism exists in the county, but wasn't the reason it took so long to solve the case, said Larry Atkinson, publisher and owner of the Mobridge Tribune weekly newspaper.

"People are getting quite angry about this focus on race," Atkinson said. "I haven't talked to any white person in this community who doesn't express sympathy for the Rough Surface family. I think it has brought the white community closer to the Indian community in sharing the pain."

"We had a young girl who was horribly murdered. After all that has happened, he is the first lead. That's the real problem here. Justice should be done."

The question of racism hasn't been an issue for Alberta Rough Surface, the slain woman's mother. He is a die-hard Democrat. No. 2, we're dirty. No. 1, I don't think I could take it."

"For the first time, they know what it is like to wait and suffer like I had to go through," the 71-year-old woman said.

"I will forgive her murderers because they know what it is like to wait and suffer like I had to go through," the 71-year-old woman said.

Mrs. Rough Surface said she will not attend the trial. Her husband — Candace's father — was raped and murdered in 1966 by a nephew, who is serving a life sentence.

"I don't want to hear those things about my little girl," she said. "I don't think I could take it."

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