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By John Howard

A free barbecue is being offered to all EE and CPE majors June 1 from noon to 2 p.m. at Santa Rosa Park. Tickets can be picked up in building 20, room 115. For more information, call Ryan Azus at 541-6077.

A night of laughter and fun

A free barbecue will be held at 11:10 a.m. in the Chumash Auditorium on May 23. The event, to be held in conjunction with Lalo Guerro, a Chicano master musician and folklorist, will be sponsored by the Linguistics and Writing Program and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Correction:

On Tuesday, May 21, Mustang Daily reported that Career Services had 1,000-1,200 students on its payroll. It is the state that has 1,000 to 1,200 students on its payroll. Career Services has eight to ten employees on staff.

Upcoming

The Physics Student Colloquium will discuss three topics on May 23 at 11:10 a.m. in building 52, room E-45. Scott King will discuss "Looping Contrails and more information, call 594-0728.

Due to the excessive demand, not on items submitted to the Agenda section will be printed. In printed exactly as it is received (i.e. spacing, times and dates).

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The State of California —

California's vigorous economy and slowed growth in prison and welfare rolls have boosted state revenues, prompting Gov. Pete Wilson to demand new funding for schools while cutting pay­ments to the elderly and dis­abled.

The Republican governor said Tuesday that the state expects to have about $2.7 billion more than was projected in January, when he first unveiled a $16.5 billion budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Most of the new money will go to schools; the rest will be spread among state operations and cover shortfalls induced by federal inaction, the governor said.

The spending stands in marked contrast to earlier warnings that the state might face a deficit of as much as $8 billion.

"We didn't learn about it until about 10 days ago," Wilson said at a news conference Tuesday.

"You can't count the revenues until they're in," he added, referring to the final tally of the April tax collections.

Wilson said he will pursue his plan for a 15 percent personal and business income tax cut which he says is needed to prime the economy — even though his own administration's figures suggest the economy already is in fine fettle. The tax cut plan is backed by majority Republicans in the Assembly, but opposed by Democrats in both houses.

"The cuts, if approved by the Legislature, would cost the state about $600 million next year.

Each year in May, the gover­nor provides the Legislature with the final version of his proposed budget, incorporating the latest tax receipts and projected spend­ings and income changes that have occurred since January. It is this document that forms the basis of the June 30, 1997 population is growing more slowly than projected. The June 1996 popula­tion is expected to be more than 142,000 prisoners, about 4,100 below the January prediction. The June 1997 population is projected to be about 150,000 prisoners — about 6,000 fewer than originally expected.

The lower figures will allow the state to save about $86 mil­lion during the current year and the 1996-97 budget year, the ad­ministration said.

Wilson also will continue to seek the permanent elimination of the renter's income tax credit, which costs the state about $525 million. It provides renters with a maximum tax reduction of $250.

Aside from the tax cut, the budget may fare better in the Legislature than Wilson believed last month, when he predicted in a Los Angeles Times interview that it was "going to be a long and unpleasant summer.

"All of those pipe dreams that I keep hearing about people spending a nonsensical surplus — they'd better awaken to reality," Wilson said. "The reality is very much the contrary," he said, in remarks made before the latest revenue figures arrived.
TRAVEL: Hostels located in almost every country

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Round-trip ticket to Europe costs approximately $750.

Instead of staying at hotels, students can get an American Youth Hostel membership to stay in them instead. Hostels cost anywhere from $8 to $25 a night in the larger cities.

The hostels vary in size and service. Most offer dormitory-style sleeping and some offer meal service. There are hostels in almost every country, including the United States. There is even a hostel in San Luis Obispo.

Students who want information on all aspects of planning a trip can talk to one of the AYH travel advisors. They offer tips on everything from where to go, to what to pack and how to get important travel documents such as passports.

AYH travel adviser Alonso Vargas said he has answered many interesting questions from students. He said most students already know where they want to go on their trips from word of mouth or their own research, but if they are looking for specific things, he can steer them to the right place.

"If they are looking for a certain thing or place to go, I help them," Vargas said. "If they want to party, if they want to assimilate into the culture, it's up to them.

Birchell said many students already know where they are going by the time they reach the office.

"We usually just make their airline reservations, give them their hostel cards and their international Student Identity Cards and they're gone," she said.

AYH travel advisors also present workshops on general travel topics, such as traveling and packing and provide a travel library so students can find information about the places they want to go. Vargas said students can also get advice about traveling on a budget.

The advisers recommend that students plan to spend $50 a day for food and accommodations, Vargas said, but it's possible to go for $25 a day by cutting costs such as buying food in stores instead of restaurants.

Most students plan their trips for three to eight weeks, Vargas said. AYH travel advisors also recommend that students use a backpack to carry their belongings, because most will be traveling by rail once they enter places like Europe.

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The debate over gun control has been going on for decades. Some people argue that it is important to have guns in order to protect oneself from violence. Others believe that guns are too readily available and that this makes it easier for people to commit acts of violence. Yet others argue that gun control laws are necessary in order to reduce the number of gun-related deaths and injuries.

The issue of gun control is complex and there are many different perspectives on it. Ultimately, the decision about whether or not to have gun control laws is up to the states and the federal government. It is important for individuals to educate themselves about the issue and to understand the different viewpoints before forming an opinion.
Speaker attacked for going over time limit

The San Bernardino Sun — The mayor and a councilman wrestled a local golfer to the floor at a city council meeting after the man exceeded his three-minute speaking limit and resisted a police officer.

Mayor Tom Minor was kicked in the ribs as he held Larry Singleton's feet. Councilman Jerry Devlin got hit in the eye, his glasses smashed. Singleton got a split lip and a stream of pepper spray from the officer.

A group of wide-eyed eighth-grade students from Rosewell School watched it all. The bad came to hear about city government.

Singleton, a 38-year-old construction worker, spoke about facilities on the trail or at the campgrounds. According to park host Cindy Lopez, there are no drinking facilities on the trail or at the campgrounds.

There are no day-use fees for Lopez Lake. This event is put on by the same organizers as the Wildflower Festival. Lopez and Rinconada trails, connected by the developed side of the lake along the trail.

The Rinconada Trail runs approximately 12 miles one-way along the headwaters of the lake in the rugged north-county wilderness. According to park host Cindy Karr, riders should stay alert because there are mountain lions, brown bears and rattlesnakes in this area.

Fees for day use are $5 per vehicle and $1.50 per horse. Fees for trailer are $15 per night for a vehicle and $20 per night for a trailer.

There are no drinking facilities near the trail or at the camp, but horses can drink from the lake.

Portable toilets are also available at the trail's end and camping areas.

This park also offers other trails through the main gate and along the developed side of the lake. Access to Park Superintendent Art Robinson, the lake will hold an exhibit day on June 8. All vehicle entrance fees will be half price and all fishing will be free.

Local merchants will display products along the lake shore related to camping, fishing and boating.

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By John King
Associated Press

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It was the beginning of an effort by Dole, the certain Republican presidential nominee, to seize the initiative on an issue with proven political momentum.

President Clinton stressed the issue with considerable success in his 1992 campaign.

Dole said that in the days since candidate Clinton promised to "end welfare as we know it," the president has twice vetoed Republican welfare reform plans.

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Venezuela's gas prices skyrocket

By David Jones

CARACAS, Venezuela — Stuck in his newly acquired lot, used car dealer Oswaldo Ochoa recalls how easily he used bodies and thirsty engines. Cheap gas was considered a biddable in this oil-rich South American nation. Reduced by inflation to as little as 7 cents a gallon — and car dealers -

Not any more. Last month the government increased gas prices for the second time this year, to $2.99 a gallon, which is the national minimum wage.

Few drivers have turned in their clunkers yet because money is tight and even the smallest new cars are prohibitively expensive — $48,000. But driving habits are already starting to change.

Carlos Rodriguez used to think nothing of driving his 1972 Buick LeSabre to visit his family in the southern plains, a five-hour ride from his workplace. When he could fill his 24-gallon tank for $35, it was a national tragedy. But now those cars and relaxing casino nights are a thing of the past, and Rodriguez will fall off the 4,600-year-old Sphinx's neck would fall off in 200 years if present conditions continue,
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Federal agents poison gulls to aid other birds

By Michael Tipton

BOSTON — Hundreds of dead gulls were found Monday after federal agents poisoned them to protect piping plover habitats.

Many of those birds were found in or near freshwater because the poison induces kidney failure, making the birds thirsty. But federal officials said they poisoned more than 2,800 nests at an offshore island to protect that habitat.

Jack Clarke, advocacy director for the Massachusetts Audubon Society, said federal officials estimated up to 32 piping plovers will die because of those "plovers-dousing permits." Federal officials said allowing accidental kills of piping plovers was granted by the state and contained tight restrictions that prevented people from behaving "wilfully.

The piping plover is protected under the federal Endangered Species Act and has a species of the federal recovery plan since 1988. A record 28 piping plovers were recorded at the refuge last year, up from 14 the year before. Federal officials estimated the great black backed gull population at 14,700 and the herring gull population when the poisoning Saturday because of as much as 6 cents a gallon by Independence Day even with no action on federal tax levels.

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**House ready to freeze gas tax**

By Dave Skidmore

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GOP appoints four to coastal California commission

By Jennifer Kerr
Sacramento Bee

SACRAMENTO — The California Coastal Commission, long criticized by Republicans, got its first GOP-appointed majority Tuesday, including two people who denounce its past "Gestapo" and "Romanian tribunal" tactics.

Assembly Speaker Curt Pringle appointed four people — two from local government and two "public" members who both have had past battles with the commission — to the 12-member body that regulates development along California's 1,100-mile coast.

The two appointees' hostility toward the commission prompted quick concern from environmentalist groups.

"I think that the two members of the public — quote, unquote — have truly already played their hands," said Ann Nottlof of the Natural Resources Defense Council, who has been watching the commission for 18 years.

They have kind of an ax to grind that's not going to help protect California's coast.

The appointees replace four by former Speaker Willie Brown, D-San Francisco, and join four by Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, R-Fullerton, the Democratic-controlled Senate Rules Committee.

It's important that the Coastal Commission balances California's need for the environ­ment with private property rights," said Pringle, R-Garden Grove. "It is my intention that these appointments provide that balance by giving the voice of property owners a chance to be heard."

The appointees, who get $100 per meeting plus expenses, are:

— San Diego City Councilman Byron Wear, 41, former national director of the U.S. Livestocking Association and partner in a public relations firm.

— Santa Cruz County Supervisor Ray Belgard, 65, of Watsonville, former Watsonville police chief.

— Arnold Steinberg, 48, of Calabasas, a Republican political strategists and pollster.

— Patricia Randa, 40, of Sonata, a former commissioner and property rights activist.

The Coastal Commission was created by a 1972 initiative and the 1976 Coastal Act. It regulates development in the coastal zone, which extends three miles out to sea and inland an average of about two miles of two miles. The inland zone ranges from about 1,500 feet in heavily developed urban areas to 12 miles in undeveloped areas. Its budget this year is $31.4 million and it has 118 employees.

Both Steinberg, who has known Pringle for 10 years, and Randa said they wanted to be named to the commission be­cause of their past experiences with it.

Steinberg fought with the commission for two years over the home-office he built on 4.8 remote acres near Calabasas' border with Malibu. The property is four miles from the ocean; the coastal zone is five miles there.

"It was a tremendously raw horror story and financially disastrous for me," he said. "When I went to the hearing, it resembled a Romanian tribunal. It was sort of like going into a court hearing where it didn't matter what you said."

Randa fought with the com­mission for 10 years over her family's home in the Santa Monica Mountains. The family was in court in 1992 and the commission removed the property from the coastal zone.

She recalled the commission's "Gestapo tactics" during the fight.

"The problem with the Coastal Commission is not that it's too pro- or anti-development. The problem is it's unfair," she said.

Belgard said he asked for the appointment because "I want to make some effort to bring common sense to the Coastal Commis­sion effort."

"I believe there must be some balance between all the users, fishermen, commercial, pleasure, recreational boating, environ­mental protection. I'm not one who wants to pave over all the dunes and beaches at all. I think the Coastal Act was a very im­portant thing the people put into place," he said.

Nottlof of the Natural Resources Defense Council said any big change in the commis­sion's policy could prompt nega­tive public reaction.

"Our appointees," said Senate Democratic leader Bill Lockyer, D-Hayward, "understand that the people created the Coastal Commission to protect the coastline first and allow appropriate development. Ap­parently, Republican appointees think the Coastal Commission is there to protect them."

National Cancer Institute says ovarian cancer not thoroughly checked

By DaMia Q. Honey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Cancer Institute says ovarian cancer is not thoroughly checked among women, particularly older ones.

"It certainly is disturbing that people are not getting the treatment that we recommend for them," said Dr. Edward Trimble, chief of clinical oncology.

"If you do not take the proper treatment, you might be putting yourself at unnecessary risk."

Among women with advanced ovarian cancer, the study found that 80 percent were receiving chemotherapy for just over two years, but Trimble said he thinks doctors can do better.

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"He has a Dan Marino and John Elway style with good accuracy throwing the ball 20 yards down the field," Patterson said.

Ecklund, a San Luis Obispo native, was recruited to play at Cal Poly out of high school in 1993. He said he came to Cal Poly because he felt the program was on the up.

He sees himself as a drop-back passer who doesn't run with the ball too often. He said the spring practices helped him and gave him a chance to learn more about the offense.

"I got a lot more confidence in my playing ability," Ecklund said. "But I always think there is room for improvement; the more I learn, the better I will get."

Patterson said Ecklund improved a lot from the reps he took during spring practice.

"We always knew he would be a good player; he just needed to play," Patterson said. "I am happy to have a guy like Ecklund on my team."

NFL tests out instant replay

By Joe Moneka

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The NFL is back in the instant replay business, but only in the presea­son and on a limited basis.

Four years after instant replay was voted out by team owners, the NFL on Tuesday outlined plans to implement a modified form of the procedure for 10 exhibition games in August.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue also said at the NFL owners' meetings that he was enacting a ban until the end of the regular season on any team engaging in discussions with another city that might be looking to land an NFL team.

"If a team thought they could do the right thing, it was a very compelling argument," Tagliabue said.

Calling his action a direct result of all the recent franchise-hopping in the NFL, Tagliabue said any teams that violate the ban would cover three categories of plays and each coach would be allowed to challenge three plays per half.

"This experiment is a means for the league to determine if there are satisfactory methods to correct the rare and significant obvious error," Tagliabue said, "and at the same time eliminate many of the disadvantages of the prior system."

The three categories of reviewable plays are:

— questions of whether a player crosses the goal line in a bid to score or is in his own end zone while in possession of the ball;

— questions of whether a player is in bounds as he runs with the ball, tries to make a catch, tries to intercept the ball or tries to recover a fumble;

— questions of whether a team has the appropriate number of players on the field.

While there are no plans to bring back instant replay beyond the 1996 exhibition season, there is clearly support for the move.

Twenty-six of the league’s 30 coaches favor some type of review system, and there remains substantial support among the owners to at least study the matter.

Sampras top seed over Muster in French Open

Associated Press

PARIS — Pete Sampras is the No. 1 player in the world, so it only seemed right that he be the No. 1 seed in the French Open. Right?

Maybe not so right.

Thomas Muster, the No. 2 seed, is 95-3 the past two years on clay, the surface over which the French Open will be played starting Monday, and he is still considered the favorite.

"We have to rank our players according to the ATP statistics or else the decision could become too subjective," chief referee Gilbert Ysern said.

The organizing committee for the two-week tournament went along with the rankings of the professional tennis associations despite Muster’s dominance on clay.

Muster, seeded No. 2, won his fifth clay tournament of the year Sunday, capturing the Italian Open again.


On the women’s side, Steffi Graf and Monica Seles are co-top seeds. They also share the top spot in the rankings.

After flipping a coin to decide who would be in the top half of the draw, Graf took the top half and Seles the bottom.

Graf won last year for the fourth time, and Seles was a three-time winner before her lay-off after being stabbed at a tournament in 1993.

Four-time Italian Open champion Conchita Martinez is seeded third, although she is No. 2 in the WTA rankings.
SPORTS: New conference will help schedule year because with a young team we’ll have more time to work together," Rafal said.

Sophomore pitcher Kelly Smith agreed, saying, "We should be stronger in the upcoming year for having played together." Rafal said it will also help that they have experience with many of the teams in the Big West.

"We’ve seen most of the teams so there won’t be any surprises," Rafal said.

"Unlike this year where we once played 13 games in a row over spring break."
Last football season, Nate Ecklund was just a backup quarterback living in the shadows of Mike Fisher, the all-time leading passer in Cal Poly history. Now Fisher is out of the picture and Ecklund is...

Stepping out of the shadows

By Jeff Deach
Daily Staff Writer

Summer is approaching and students are looking to relax and enjoy the time off. However, for Nate Ecklund, a biology junior, his time will be spent on the football field preparing himself for the Mustangs’ 1996 season.

Ecklund, (6 feet, 3 inches, 200 pounds) is a candidate for the starting quarterback position for next season, along with four others who will be taking the time to practice whenever possible.

"I will be weight training every other day and throwing as often as I can," Ecklund said. "There will be other players around who I will call to practice with.

Last year’s quarterback, Mike Fisher, the all-time leading passer in Cal Poly history, played his last season in 1995 and the Mustangs are looking for someone to fill his position.

According to Coach Andre Patterson, the job has not yet been filled and no decisions have been made as to who is the likely candidate to fill the position.

"Whoever steps up and performs better than the others will get the starting job," Patterson said. "It's about performance."

During spring practice a few weeks ago, all the candidates received the same number of snaps.

According to Offensive Coordinator Phil Earley, all the candidates improved from the practices.

"When you have more players for a position it will improve competition," Earley said. "All we want is the most productive guy on the field."

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Softball team looking toward next season

By Randy Halstead
Daily Staff Writer

Football season may still not start until the fall, but Cal Poly softball team Nate Ecklund is still keeping his arm in shape. Ecklund is in contention with teammate Ali Arew for the starting position next season / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

With two years of Division I competition under their belts and a strong nucleus returning next season, Cal Poly softball is in a good position to join the Big West Conference.

The team, which ended the 1996 season with a record of 23-19, had winning seasons in its first two years playing Division I ball.

Mustang head coach Lisa Boyer said she was encouraged by the team’s performance this year. She said she was especially happy that the team would only be losing two seniors next year, giving the team more stability as it prepares to enter the Big West next season.

Boyer said the whole team did well this year, but singled out the pitching staff as significant in the Mustang’s 23 wins.

"The whole pitching staff stood out," Boyer said. "Especially Desarie Knipfer, who was among the top twenty of 600 pitchers for strike outs per game."

Boyer also credited the hitting of sophomore second baseman Debbie Rafael, sophomore first baseman Anna Bauer, and freshman shortstop Sara Stockton.

The teams biggest achievements this season were its record and its performance at the Arizona State Classic tournament, Boyer said.

"The record is a tribute to the team’s talent," Boyer said.

With a record of 5-0, the Mustangs took first place at the Arizona State tournament.

"Arizona was the high point," Bauer said. "Everyone was hitting pretty well."

Another good experience for the team was playing nationally-ranked teams such as number three Fresno State and number 14 Nebraska.

Also big in the minds of players is the prospect of entering the Big West next season.

Stockton, who will be rehabilitating a partially torn ligament in her left arm, said she is

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