by Emily Brodley
Daily Staff Writer

The Special Olympics of San Luis Obispo County has hired Cal Poly graduate, Jody Gaydos, as its new Area Director.

Gaydos began volunteering for the local Special Olympics soon after she came to Cal Poly in 1992. She had worked in a number of non-profit organizations benefiting the developmentally disabled in Ventura County. Over the years, she has been a dedicated coach for several sports teams, including softball, soccer, long-distance running and floor hockey.

One of her greatest contributions to the area has been a Motor Activity Training Program, which is now in its fourth year. Out of her volunteer work at Casa de Vida, a home for severely disabled in San Luis Obispo, she noticed a number of severely disabled athletes were unable to compete in Special Olympics events without the help of their coaches.

This spurred her to start the program, which allows about 40 athletes who need special assistance to compete at the annual area meet in their own category of events. This category has special regulations unlike the strict rules of the traditional competition.

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Telefiling makes tax time easier

By Jennifer Berk
Daily Staff Writer

A 10 minute phone call is all students and families with an income under $50,000 need to file their federal taxes.

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According to IRS public affairs officer Chips Maurer, "telefiling" started last year and expanded to students this year. In order to participate in the program, you must receive a special TeleFile tax booklet in the mail from the IRS. The booklet contains a special Personal Identification Number that substitutes for the signature normally required on paper returns.

"It's really easy," Maurer said. "It takes about 10 minutes and all you need is a touch-tone phone. And if you get direct deposit, you can have the refund in about 2 weeks."

According to the IRS, electronic filing has been in the area since 1980, but the IRS took over the program and made it nationwide last year. Advancements have made things less complicated.

"Last year I had my dad fill out my forms because I did not understand them. Telefiling looks like it would be easy to use and understand," Aarhus said. The new computer program, linked by telephone, does math calculations which tells the taxpayer their refund amount, or how to use it.

The toll-free call is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For those that have complicated taxes and do not fill out the 1040EZ form, the TeleFile system may not work. "My taxes are complicated, so I don't think the use the program. I got the booklet in the mail, so I'll take a look at it to see what it's all about," said Stacy White, an architecture senior.

Cal Poly's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), a group of students who aid others struggling during tax season, will still help students fill out traditional tax returns. In order to reach a VITA representative, campus number x2867 supplies a voice mail recording about available dates and times of service.

Telefiling will not reach all students. Maurer said that because students move around a lot and do not always forward their mail, the booklet might not reach everyone. So, VITA is still an option for those that need assistance.

Telefiling started last Wednesday and reminders of the service will be sent Feb. 1.

DA proposes to withdraw approval for Seldane

By Harry L. Benson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Allergy sufferers who have depended on Seldane to fight off sneezing, watery eyes and runny nose will have to turn to another medicine soon if the government succeeds in pulling the drug off the market.

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The Food and Drug Administration proposed with­drawing approval for the second most popular allergy drug because it has potentially deadly side effects.

Seldane's maker plans to fight the action but is urging doctors to switch patients to a safer version of the drug. Hoechst Marion Roussel, which makes Seldane, also manufactures Allegra, which has Seldane's benefits without the side effects.

The company has 30 days in which to request a hearing on why terfenadine, the generic name of Seldane, should not be taken off the market. Some 40 million Americans suffer from allergies.

When it was introduced in 1985, Seldane was the first drug to relieve the effects of seasonal allergies without drowsiness. But anti-drug attorney general by a state proposition and a judge's order, the club was set to provide pot to its first customer Wednesday.

"We are going to sell the first legal marijuana in over 60 years in America," marveled club founder Devis Peron as he fingered a cannabis plant known as northern lights. "I can't believe it."

The first customer, Peron said, is scheduled to be a San Francisco AIDS patient named Mylar, but the club already has 200 physician authorizations on file and expects many more.

Peron ran the club's predecessor. See VAT page 7

SF club prepares to sell 'first legal marijuana in 60 years'

By Richard Cole
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Phones rang un­answered and pot plants grew at the Cannabis Cultivators Club on Tuesday in preparation for what supporters called its historic reopening.

Protected from California's marijuana crackdown, the club plans to grow marijuana for patients and sell some at a factory store. The club is also launching a membership program and making it nationwide.

The club was founded by Denis Peron, an AIDS patient named Mylar, as a way to go to achieve Dr. King's birthday will fall on Jan. 20, 1997, reaching its 11 anniver­sary.

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Backpack-carrying habits can lead to back problems

By Melody Hua
Daily Northwestern (Northwestern U.)

"Junior high was the one-strap era," said Eric Chiou, a CAS freshman. "When you think about wearing one strap (now), it seems so '90s.

For once, fashion coincides with health. According to Sacred Bodison, chief director and coordinator of sports medicine at the University of Maryland at College Park, using the back muscles symmetrically rather than putting the weight all on one side will help students avoid back problems.

"When you shift to one shoulder, those muscles work harder, and there's pain just from the torque," Bodison said. "It's an over-use syndrome."

To reduce the possibility of back problems, Bodison advises distributing weight over all the muscles by wearing two straps. "The point is using the back muscles symmetrically," she said.

Robert Pulanovich, a chiropactor in downtown Evanston, said he remembers treating a student for upper back problems made worse by carrying her backpack over one shoulder.

"The point is using the back muscles symmetrically," he said.

But some students said they noticed the awkwardness of the one-strap style more than the pain.

"I always had tons of books, and one side would be way stronger than the other," said Lori Williams, a McCormick freshman. "It didn't really hurt, I just noticed I was kind of lopsided."

Lopsided or not, students endured the discomfort for the sake of coolness. "I wore (my backpack) over one shoulder during middle school and high school because I didn't want to be uncool," said Sumi Pendokar, a CAS junior. "Even when you were leaning over to one side, you still had to wear it over one shoulder."

But even the current two-strap fashion won't prevent all the pain, according to Pulanovich.

For some San Luis Obispo County residents 1997 means higher bills.

By Jennifer Burk
Daily Staff Writer

As of Jan. 1, Falcon Cable raised its basic service fees 20 percent, and realtors reported that rental rates and the cost of homes are on the upswing.

The City of San Luis Obispo Utilities Department reported that rates for water and sewer went up in July, and did not change Jan. 1. July is the start of its fiscal year, and at that time they decide if costs have increased or if there are any big projects that may raise the rates.

The city's residential garbage service increased from $15.20 to $15.75 for the use of a gray garbage can. If you are using orange bags, the cost of 10 bags has increased from $11.50 to $12, while the monthly service rate increased from $2.30 to $2.45.

The only major utility rate that decreased was the Gas Company's. The baseline rate has gone down from 50.8 cents to 50.2 cents per unit of water. Above the baseline rate, prices have fallen from 68.6 cents to 67.6 cents per unit of water.

PG&E rates did not change at the beginning of the year. Following this trend, Pacific Bell has not increased rates in more than 5 years.

Despite the 20 percent jump in cable fees, county officials said they are analyzing the increase to determine if it is justified based on Federal Communications Commission rules. If they determine the increase violates regulations, then refunds may be issued to customers.

While Falcon's rates have gone up for 1997, Sonic Cable, which serves most of the student population, has remained constant for now. With additions to the channel lineup and moves to increase overall quality, Sonic Cable representatives said to expect a rate increase this spring.

Due to such utility increases, many students reported the cost of living has increased during the past several years. According to the Community Economic Profile (CEP) prepared by the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce, a two-bedroom rental averages $700 per month while a four-bedroom is at least $1,200. The numbers from the report have risen little the past couple years, but students have a different opinion about the statistics.

Psychology senior Patty Geesman laughed when she heard the reported figures. "If you want to live by the beach and in this area, you pay for it. My rent alone has continued to rise over the last several years," Geesman said. "Those averages may have once been true, but not anymore."

Housing is limited in San Luis Obispo for students looking for rentals. With the increase in enrollment during the fall quarter, the city has talked about ways to accommodate the increase in students seeking housing.

According to the San Luis Obispo Board of Realtors, there are very few lots available within the city limits to build on. Those that are available cost at least $80,000.

According to the CEP, San Luis Obispo is developing within the 1 percent growth restricted by government controls and the state economy. Because of this level of growth, there is still enough available housing for sale. Entry level housing starts, however, are $145,000 and can increase to more than $600,000 according to the Board of Realtors.

While San Luis Obispo is a college town, many attribute the high cost of living to the touristy-town atmosphere.

Architect senior Rodrigo Diaz said San Luis Obispo has always been focused on tourism. "I don't really think that the cost of living has gone up that much, but I do think that San Luis Obispo is geared towards tourism, so that naturally is an expensive market," Diaz said.
The Dream Realized:

Mary Alice Altforder

When I was a young girl, I thought he was crazy. Growing up in rural North Carolina, I saw him as a time machine, someone who could jump into the past and change the course of history. I was too young to understand the significance of his words, but I knew this man was special. He spoke with a passion that I had never heard before. I was captivated.

I knew this man was the word leader of the civil rights movement, the man who gave us hope and a voice. But I didn’t understand the depth of his message. I didn’t understand the impact of his words.

It wasn’t until I grew older that I began to appreciate what he did. I saw the changes that he brought about. I saw the progress that we made as a society. I saw the impact that his words had on the world.

But I was never able to fully understand him. I was too young. I was too naive. I was too far away.

Now, as a young woman, I understand him. I see the impact that his words had on the world. I see the progress that we made as a society. I see the impact that his words had on me.

I am grateful for what he did. I am grateful for his words. I am grateful for the way he changed the world.

To quote Rev. King, I began to pick my friends and associates "not for the color of their skin, but for the content of their character."
Tenure is a bain to higher education

SHEHNAH HEBSHI

I once read about a professor at another university who had come up with a completely different style of teaching — total and utter laziness. He would bring their tape recorders to class and get nothing out of it. I have a hard time believing that we would have so many bad teachers in the university. I think tenure is necessary to ensure a high quality of education at the university level. I think the view that tenure needs to be restructured is wrong.

Shoshana Hebshi is a Journalism junior.
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By Martha Irvine
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Language barriers and fear of anti-immigrant bias is keeping many California farm workers from seeking help for flood assistance, immigrant advocates say.

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Hundreds of farm workers in Stanislaus County south of Modesto and in Yuba and Sutter counties north of Sacramento are among the hardest hit by the flooding that followed days of torrential rain around the New Year holiday.

Not only have they been driven from their houses and trailers, orchards and farm fields where they work, but many also speak only Spanish, Hmong or occasionally Punjabi, a language that originated in India.

"Assistance has certainly been haphazard at this point," said Ilene Jacobs, directing attorney for the Marysville office of the nonprofit California Rural Legal Assistance Inc.

"Immigrants who are here lawfully fear asking for emergency assistance because of the atmosphere of immigrant bash ing in this state," she added. "And there's rashes, septic systems with contaminated water wells and people who need tetanus shots."

Officials admit tracking down everyone affected by the floods is difficult, especially if they don't come forward or don't speak English.

To that end, some government agencies, such as the Federal Emergency Management Administration, provide Spanish translations on their telephone assistance lines.

Relief groups such as the American Red Cross also have provided flyers translated into Spanish and have been working with the Mexican consulate to provide assistance to immigrants from that country, said Red Cross spokeswoman Elizabeth Quirk.

Several volunteers from Amertorps, a federally funded youth corps, serve as translators, Quirk said. And organizations such as the local Farm Bureau in Yuba City is setting aside furniture and clothing for farm workers.

Gonzalez says turning away immigrant workers, generally employed during the summer and fall, into temporary housing for flood victims, many of whom are staying in cramped quarters with relatives and friends.

"When you are in crisis, you don't want fancy things," she said. "You just want a bed and a place to cook."
Balloonist heading across Atlantic in transglobal attempt to be first nonstop

By Mike Robinson
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sweeping along on powerful — and brutal — circle the Earth nonstop. Fossett headed across the lionaire adventurer Steve of the flight. "Steve is fine. He little bit, but it went back up," said with one of two heaters. Temperatures of 40 degrees and less than 6 feet high. To succeed in his one-man mission, the softspoken Chicago looks promising to Portugal and anyancy. To win and scientific validity of the survey, but he has not taken any sub­sequent action. The SG’s actions are part of a growing national effort by stu­dent leaders on college campuses to encourage administrators to boycott the annual report by releasing U.S. News requests for information. The idea of boy­cotting the magazine survey began last fall at Stanford University. Student leaders at several universi­ties, including Harvard and Yale, have since joined the move­ment. U.S. News dropped the University into the unranked tier in last year’s survey, providing many students and adminis­trators to react critically to the report. Dissatisfied with the University’s poor showing, Tsai and SG Vice President Brian Feld signed on to the movement. Tsai has drafted an open letter to Berdahl asking the president to take action in regard to the con­trovery over the survey. Tsai said he will release the contents of the letter when he for­mally meets with Berdahl, hope­fully later this week. The goal of meeting with Berdahl, Tsai said, is to persuade him to write a letter stating, "We are not going to submit informa­tion to U.S. News." "But if he decides to send the letter, (Berdahl should) write a letter denouncing what U.S. News does," Tsai said. Tsai said the report is "one is kind of get screwed on every year.

By Michele Mitchell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With a record $3.1 billion budget, the nation’s immigration service is allocating $400 million in new money to deter illegal crossings along the Southwest border and remove undocumented aliens from the country’s interior. The Immigration and Naturalization Service is using the extra money provided by Congress to hire 2,000 new personnel — including 1,000 new Border Patrol agents and 350 inspectors at land border cross­ings.

Our first priority remains to secure the border," INS Commissioner Doris Meissner told a news conference Tuesday. "Our second priority is to deter unlawful entries. "Our third priority is to ensure the nation’s immigration system is operating as efficiently as possible," Meissner said. Beyond the new hires, the nearly $200 million in new fund­ing to beef up enforcement along the U.S.-Mexican border includes $24 million to speed authorized crossings at border checkpoints, and new technologies such as infrared scopes and motion detec­tors to deter unlawful entries. Another $114 million is dedi­cated to improve the agency’s detention and removal of criminal and other illegal aliens. INS

INS hiring 2,000 more to protect borders

By Mark McKenzie
The Daily Texan (U. of Texas)

WASHINGTON — The number of illegal aliens who have been deported at border checkpoints, the U.S.-Mexican border includes $24 million to speed authorized crossings at border checkpoints, and new technologies such as infrared scopes and motion detec­tors to deter unlawful entries. Another $114 million is dedi­cated to improve the agency’s detention and removal of criminal and other illegal aliens. INS
Economy brightens job market for grads

By Lisa Hearlander

The Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — A stronger economy in 1996 may mean college graduates will have an easier time finding a job, according to a Michigan State University study.

Employers responding to a survey anticipated 6.2 percent more job openings than last year, said Patrick Scheetz, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State and author of the study.

Starting salaries for recent college graduates could increase 3.5 percent to about $22,102, according to the SEMI employers who responded. The survey estimates that chemical engineers will have the highest starting salaries — $42,758, whereas journalists will have the lowest starting salaries — $22,102.

Scheetz said the economy is the main reason for the better outlook.

"When people have more money, they hire more people to do more work. If the economy nose-dives, if employers have to tighten their belts, they quit hiring," he said. "And if they quit hiring, the first place they quit hiring is new college graduates."

Because recent graduates require more training and hand-holding, Scheetz said employers may favor hiring experienced applicants when money is tight.

People with experience may have an edge, but good communication skills can increase the chances of landing a job, said Douglas Barbin, president of Alpha Kappa Psi, a business fraternity at Penn State. The organization often holds seminars on building resumes, interviewing and other job-hunting tips.

Young inventor goes to market with folding board

Associated Press

IRVINE, Calif. — A fourth-grader who figured out how to fold up his skateboard is drumming up some marketing interest from the invention.

Justin Glober, 10, says he got the idea for the "fold-a-board," a skateboard that collapses to backpack size, when he couldn't find a skateboard to fit in his locker. "When we used to let him hide it under a cupboard," said Sharon McCubbin of Santiago Hills Elementary School, "he said, 'I don't like making my bed.'"

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The new funding, in part to matrix engineers will have the highest starting salaries — $42,758, whereas journalists will have the lowest starting salaries — $22,102.

Scheetz said the economy is the main reason for the better outlook.

"When people have more money, they hire more people to do more work. If the economy nose-dives, if employers have to tighten their belts, they quit hiring," he said. "And if they quit hiring, the first place they quit hiring is new college graduates."

Because recent graduates require more training and hand-holding, Scheetz said employers may favor hiring experienced applicants when money is tight.

People with experience may have an edge, but good communication skills can increase the chances of landing a job, said Douglas Barbin, president of Alpha Kappa Psi, a business fraternity at Penn State. The organization often holds seminars on building resumes, interviewing and other job-hunting tips.

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President Clinton looks to Medicare, Medicaid savings to balance budget

By Ron Fournier

WASHINGTON — After blurring Republican plans to hold back Medicare and Medicaid, and own scalpel to the massive program, Democrats may be unhappy, but that apparently is a price Clinton is willing to pay for a balanced budget.

The president proposed similar reductions in 1995 and 1996, but deeper cuts offered by GOP lawmakers allowed Clinton to declare himself the election-year champion of health care to the poor, disabled and elderly. Republicans accused Democrats of distorting the record.

"Medicare! Medicare! Medicaid!" Republican rival Bob Dole bellowed again and again on the campaign trail. Heading to the voting booths, few people realized that Clinton wanted to cut the health care programs, Republicans complained.

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Swiss bank admits to throwing away archives

By Ernst F. Aebi

ZURICH, Switzerland—Switzerland's biggest bank admitted Tuesday it threw away material in violations of a government ban on destroying records that might reveal financial transactions during the Nazi era.

"If God puts these documents in my hands, then I have to do something," Meili said.

ZURICH, Switzerland also has its own internal ban on destroying archive material in violation of a Swiss law that Switzerland collided with Hitler's Germany, siphoned off Jewish assets and laundered Nazi gold.

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The signs of a better economy have also been seen at Penn State by the staff in the Career Development and Placement Services.

More employers are coming to campus and conducting more interviews, said Ralph DeSloy, associate director for placement and programming.

"The number of interviews during Fall Semester increased 14.2 percent," he said; the number of employers coming to campus increased 6 percent in 1997.

"Much of it has been a general decrease in unemployment," she said. "But it is still recovering from the tough economic times in the 1980s."

"What do you call a small convenience store that has just about everything you could need during the day on campus?" You call it the CAMPUS STORE, the little store that can fulfill your needs. Mon-Thur 10:00am-9:00pm, Fri 10:00am-6:00pm, Sat 10:00am-5:00pm, Sun 12am-9pm.

"In today's economy, having a college degree will get you a job." he said. "Even in today's market or back in 1988, there's not a guarantee that a college degree will get you a job."
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notice: Clinton is required by law to produce a budget plan, forced by political reality to introduce
one that balances and, aides say, bound by economic forces to cut Medicare and Medicaid.
So Republicans will let Clinton make the first move. Even so they promise to work with Democrats on
any serious balanced-budget efforts. Republicans welcome the prospect of Clinton sweating
Medicare and Medicaid cuts.
"Now that Bill Clinton can't ever run for re-election, perhaps
he will put the political chores behind him," said Haley Barbour,
Republican National Committee chairman. "But America can't afford another phony political
gesture."
White House officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Clinton's Feb. 6 budget sub-
mission is expected to include:
—Reductions in payments to health maintenance organiza-
tions, doctors and hospitals to save about $100 billion from the
giant Medicare program over the
next five years. Medicare provides health insurance for the elderly and disabled.
—A per-capita limit on the growth of Medicaid, which
provides health care to the poor. Under the plan, states would
receive a set amount of federal
money for each person in their
Medicaid programs. But Medicaid
spending would not be allowed to grow faster than the nation's per-capita
economic output.
Both items are drawn heavily from balanced-budget proposals
offered by Clinton in 1995 and 1996.
Under both Clinton's and the
Republicans' proposals, Medicare and
Medicaid spending is project-
ted to rise in future years. The two
plans differ, however, in how much they would trim those pro-
jected increases to achieve the
savings needed to balance the
budget.
On Medicare, the president's election-year budget plan pro-
posed $124 billion in savings over
six years, only $40 billion less than
Republicans.
On Medicaid, the president had offered a per-capita cap as an
alternative to GOP plans to slap an
overall limit on Medicaid fund-
ing to each state. The per-capita
 cap would allow states to increase their
funding proportionately if poverty
rolls swell.
Still, Democrats fear that faster-than-expected increases in
medical costs would force deep
cuts in Medicaid under the
per-capita cap.
Though most of the complaints are made in private, liberal mem-
bers of Clinton's own party have
begun asking why the White
House made the proposal so
early — cashing in a valuable
bargaining chip.
Another argument from
Democrats: Clinton won the elec-
tion in large part because of
defense of Medicare and Medicaid, so why risk looking like
the guy who abandoned the poor,
disabled and elderly?
For now, the criticism is
muted. Lawmakers are taking a
wait-and-see position until the
budget is made public.
White House aides argue that
Clinton has no other choice,
because he promised to balance the
budget.
"We do have an interest in
making sure that, in our
Medicare and Medicaid proposals,
we generate sufficient savings that are consistent with the pres-
ident's balanced-budget goal," spokesman Mike McCurry told
reporters Tuesday.
Then there's the inevitable political calculation: Clinton has
determined that it was not his
Medicare stance that won re-
election, but a broader promise to
govern as a moderate, aides say.
Voters will insist that he offer a
credible balanced-budget plan, said
one senior adviser.
Wells, a quiet winner on the mats

By Kimberly Koney

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• Wrestling

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