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Suspect still at large in bookstore theft, escape from campus security

By Rachel Brady
Daily Staff Writer

A search is underway for a male suspect who escaped from El Corral bookstore security after attempting to steal nearly $500 worth of textbooks.

According to Raymond Berrett, university police investigator, on March 18 the suspect took the expensive textbooks off of the shelves before he sat down in an aisle of the bookstore and began thumping through them looking for security tags. At that point, campus police focused their attention on the suspect who they said proceeded to take an El Corral bag out of his clothing and stuff the unpaid books inside.

They said he then headed to the front door of the bookstore where security was waiting for him outside. They stopped him and asked him for identification. They said at that time, there is a record of it. The system is able to digitally compress all signals and record them onto one tape that is kept to use as possible evidence.

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There have been cameras inside of the bookstore for years now, but the upgraded system was installed last summer.

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“Anytime the store is open, there is someone watching,” said Casey Nielsen, El Corral loss prevention coordinator. Every camera is also recorded 24 hours a day, so if something happens that wasn’t identified, they said it is a record of it. The system is able to digitally compress all signals and record them onto one tape that is kept to use as possible evidence.

Surveillance cameras offer sense of security for El Corral

By Rachel Brady
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You run into the bookstore to buy a slanton and a pencil when you stop to marvel over the long lines that have formed at the front of the store. You think to yourself how easy it would be to simply slide the needed items into your pocket without anyone noticing. Little do you know that you are being watched.

There are 32 cameras placed strategically throughout El Corral Bookstore and they can be called up to watch and videotape any aisle at any time. A community service officer or a member of the El Corral loss prevention program is monitoring and watching approximately 15 screens and can follow any activity that begins to look suspicious.

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Utilidetour

Philosophy sophomore and Utilidor CSO Jonathan Wilson explains the intricacies of campus detours to a confused motorist Wednesday.

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Countless believers still waiting for UFO salvation

By Dana Caleo
Assistant Press Writer

EJ CAJON, Calif. - In 2001, Carol Robinson and her colleagues from the Unarious Academy of Science will travel to an exotic Caribbean location. There they plan to greet an incoming spaceship from the planet Myton.

"The human beings on board are called Muons. They'll be coming to stay," Robinson said as she stood underneath a disco ball at the Academy's entrance. "At first they'll just bring one ship, but then they'll bring others."

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SUSPECT

"optional" questions, which gauge students' preferences for funding a surveillance system, El Corral said. "Students really need to know that their votes have a voice; this survey will make the decision in their hands." Yet both Spongier and Welch were concerned that students might vote for the fee raise in the third year ($27) and not in the second year ($48), because the second-year increase is the more expensive of the two.

They see their next hurdle before the vote as informing students about not only the Poly Plan in general, but also the consequences of a split vote, which the Steering Committee will examine more carefully in the upcoming meetings. Spongier also heads the Cal Poly Plan's Communication Task Force. He said that one of these efforts to inform students will be an upcoming campus presidents' meeting to educate the campus opinion leaders and get their feedback about the Poly Plan and the referendum. Spongier hopes that these student leaders can, in turn, better inform their organizations about the plan.

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requirement. Of the 16 questions so far, only two have opposed it. With the process plodding along and some prospects being questioned for an hour or more, it is expected to take weeks to whittle the pool of 350 prospects to 12 jurors and six alternates. McVeigh, 28, is charged in the April 19, 1995, truck bombing in Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 people and injuring hundreds. Among those also questioned Wednesday was a man with someone to identify him.

If anyone has any information about the identity of the suspect they are encouraged to contact the University Police Department at 756-2281.

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Presidential environmental summit on Lake Tahoe scheduled for July

By Sandra Chereb
Associated Press

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How can a God, who claims to love each and every one of us, stand idly by and let tragedies take place? The answer is simple: a God can’t possibly exist. The world is too chaotic and disaster too frequent to suggest otherwise.

An argument against my last statement may generalize that our suffering is a sacrifice for the greater good. Personally, I find this idea reprehensible to people who believe in a God, and especially to the God himself.

Also, the suffering may be part of some plan God has concocted. In the book of Job in the Old Testament there is a story about a guy who had it all. He was wealthy and happy. One day this guy wakes up to find his family dead and himself afflicted with a horrible disease, one that causes him to beg for death to put him out of his misery. Never once does he question his faith, that is until his friends come and suggest that he is being punished by God. Puzzled, the man seeks out God and asks for an explanation as to why. God simply replies to the man that because he is God he can do whatever he wants, and doesn’t have to justify his actions between men. Amazingly, the man is content with the answer he was given. Because his faith was so strong he later finds himself rewarded.

I just can’t understand this line of reasoning. I don’t want to buy into any religion that involves pain and suffering of the innocent. If there isn’t a God involved in our fate, then what is? There must be a controlling force among us that maintains a certain balance of something. In a world where something can go wrong it will, maybe it is safe to say that a God does exist. After all, in a world where problems run rampant, maybe we do have a God who simply has lost the ability for compassion and mercy.

Alan Dunton is a journalism junior and Daily staff writer.

POLY GOAL PLANS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT RAISING FEES

Editor,

We all know what the Cal Poly Plan is supposed to be about, but when I stopped to think about what they are actually intending to do with our money, none of it really made sense. The first goal of the Plan is to “enhance educational quality.” Well, that sounds nice. I’d like to see that. We are not going to keep our title as the No. 1 public university by idling along.

The second goal is to “accelerate student progress to degree completion.” On paper that sounds nice too, but if you think about it, the Plan states that it wants to help us get a four-year degree in four years. Shouldn’t we already expect that? Would increasing fees help the situation? How about cutting down on the general education requirements? That would get us out sooner.

The next issue is “improving university productivity and efficiency.” Ha! What does that mean? Since the several documents I have on the Plan offer no explanation as to what they mean by that statement, I made my own assumption: to be more productive, we would have to work all night until we had our degree. Would we all be more productive if we didn’t have the headache of a monstrous loan hanging over our heads? The fourth and final issue the Plan addresses is to “provide accountability, especially regarding student learning.” Do you mean to tell me that no one is being held accountable right now? A professor could be running amuck and getting away with it? I don’t think so. And even if he is, shouldn’t accountability come at any cost?

Does this get enough attention last quarter? Must we still ask you to write to the Daily. Tell the campus how you feel about the Plan. I look forward to more.

Josie Miller, Daily opinion editor

LETTER FROM THE OPINION EDITOR

Mustang Daily readers,

It’s spring quarter. Commonly thought of as the time to ditch some classes to catch some rays, it also brings with it a host of campus changing possibilities, from ASI elections to the Cal Poly Plan referendum.

Just because the sun’s out doesn’t mean the Cal Poly bureaucracy is going to stop doing things like eliminating credit/no credit or charging us more money. Sure, we wish we could get a break, but we can’t.

So I would like to take this opportunity to once again open up this page to the entire Cal Poly community. Last quarter was good — lots of conversation on lots of issues.

So what I’m asking is that you give me more. What do you want to talk about? What important issues still need to be covered? What didn’t get enough attention last quarter?

I’m here to design this page and manage it all well, at least most of the words are spelled right. I need you to set the agenda, to spark the conversation, to give this page life.

Oh, by the way, thanks for last quarter. I had fun reading all your opinions. I look forward to more.

Torrey Burck, Managing Editor

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CHILD’S DEATH CASTS DOUBT ON GOD’S EXISTENCE

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Scientists say they’ve found a key culprit in breast cancer

By Melinda Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK - Scientists say they have identified a chemical switch that signals breast cancer cells to reproduce wildly, a finding that suggests a promising line of attack against the disease.

The switch, called MAP kinase, normally acts only briefly to tell a cell to divide, but a new study found that cells taken from breast cancer tissue contain five to 20 times the normal amount of the substance.

With such an overabundance, the substance appears to be giving a constant order to divide, causing the wildly reproducing cells seen in cancer, said researcher Craig Malbon of the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Malbon, whose study appears in the April issue of the Journal of Clinical Investigation, said the switch can be shut off in test-tube experiments, but it’s not yet known whether that strategy would work in patients.

Researchers had suspected MAP kinase was a key player in cancer, based on studies in cells grown in laboratories. The new study goes beyond those experiments to gather evidence directly from human breast cancers.

“It’s a very important observation that tells us a lot of our thinking is in the right direction,” said Dr. Larry Norton of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

MAP kinase is one of a series of actors that play a role in regulating cell division. “Somewhere in this pathway, we’ll find the optimum way to interfere ... and thereby kill cancer cells better,” Norton said.

Cell biologist Kerdall Blumer of the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis said the results should be considered preliminary because the study involved tissue from only 11 breast cancer patients.

He also cautioned that the study does not prove that excessive MAP kinase causes the wild cell growth.

Malbon said scientists have been able to shut off MAP kinase production in the test tube by sending short pieces of DNA into cells. The pieces interrupt the chemical orders to produce MAP kinase.

Prove you weren’t asleep during Economics 101.
Proposed $5 fee hike no easy step for Berkeley students

By Z. Byman Wolf
The Daily Californian (UC Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — As students get set to decide the fate of a $5 registration fee hike during next week’s ASUC elections, some have said they still have mixed feelings about shelling out more cash to support ASUC groups.

The proposed mandatory fee hike would require that students pay $15.50 a semester instead of the $10.50 that has been required since the 1960s. If passed, the fee could bring an additional $300,000 a year to the ASUC’s coffers that the student government would earmark for student groups.

The ASUC Senate voted earlier this semester to place an initiative for the fee hike on the spring ballot following its decision to give money to religious and political groups. The senate amended its constitution to allow funding for such groups in order to comply with U.S. Supreme Court decision Rosenberg v. The University of Virginia, which allowed university support of ideological organizations.

ASUC Senator Walter Lee, who sponsored the bill, said the decision to sponsor ideological groups will create an influx of funding requests that will drain the $700,000 the ASUC currently spends on student groups before each group gets its allotment of money.

According to Lee, there are more than 150 student groups, $200 for second-year groups and $300 for third-year groups.

Sophomore Mark Smith said he is in favor of the proposal because he respects the existence of student groups on campus.

“My group is not an issue; I don’t think it’s fair to force every student to pay for services that are only utilized by a few,” Naderi said.

Instead of raising the registration fees, Naderi said he would propose a fee hike to fund its activities. If passed, however, the Graduate Assembly’s fee hike will only affect graduate students.

Tomas Sandoval, external vice president for the Graduate Assembly, said the assembly supports both its own measure and the ASUC’s.

“If our passes, only graduate students will pay; if the ASUC’s passes, all students will pay,” Sandoval said.

Because graduate students also would be affected by the ASUC-proposed fee increase, the assembly will be able to negotiate for a portion of the funds that would be made available if students pass the $5 fee hike initiative.

Sandoval said the fee hikes would not only allow the ASUC to better support student groups but also give the organization a greater voice on campus.

Angry 49ers try to block stadium measure argument

SAN FRANCISCO - With friends like these, the San Francisco 49ers say, who needs enemies?

The football team has a $100 million bond issue on the June 3 city ballot for a new stadium, and is angered by a group that has submitted a satirical ballot argument that purports to the back the stadium.

The group’s real take, however, is apparent in its name - Multimillionaires for Corporate Welfare, headed by Daniel Larkosh.

In an exchange of letters, the 49ers have threatened criminal action against Larkosh, who paid $269 to put his argument on the “fake” side of the ballot.

Larkosh calls the threat a “blatant attempt at intimidation,” and “laughable.”

Larkosh’s stunt has thrown the Elections Department into a tizzy.

Registrar of Voters Germaine Wong has gone to court to gain permission to shift the argument from the support to opposition section of the voter pamphlet, which will be sent to 480,000 voters before the June 3 election.

Judge William Caball set arguments Monday on Wong’s motion. The 49ers object to the language of several paid arguments against Propositions D and F, the bond issue and land use ordinance that must win voter approval to make the team’s $525 million stadium-mall proposal work.

But Larkosh’s job - which says, among other things, that DeBartolo need the money because they live in Ohio and must maintain two residences - evidently got under their skin.

Attorney James A. Reuben,
By Jason Scott
Arts Weekly Staff Writer

The 1990s seem to lack an identity as a decade, defining itself by borrowing from the past. Corduroy, platform shoes, butterfly collars and loud colors: they’re all back. No pop culture classic seems safe from new exploitation. Hollywood’s 1990s releases have included such been-there, done-that items, as television series’ “The Beverly Hillbillies” and “The Brady Bunch,” and soon to come: “Gilligan’s Island.”

Studio executives seem to be saying, “If it worked once, it’ll work again, and we won’t even have to work at it.” Have storytellers run out of ideas? Of course not! Now there’s a whole new trend in Hollywoodland that’s taking the country by storm: re-releasing restored, enhanced versions of classic films.

George Lucas started the fad earlier this year with his “Star Wars” trilogy, re-releasing the sci-fi classics for the original 1977 film’s 20th anniversary. “Films,” Lucas said in a recent issue of Wired magazine, “are no longer static. They can be changed by the artist, again and again, to grow closer to the initial vision.”

The newly-enhanced films generated newly-enhanced box-office success, and now other filmmakers are attempting to repeat the green side of the Force.

For its 30th anniversary, the 1967 Mike Nichols film “The Graduate” returns to the silver screen at San Luis Obispo’s Palm Theatre to seduce us all over again. Launching the careers of Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft, the sexually-liberated classic has been digitally restored and reprinted on film — all the better to admire Mrs. Robinson’s leg — and Paul Simon’s original songs never sounded better with the newly enhanced, digitized soundtrack.

Francis Ford Coppola’s “The Godfather” spurned two sequels and a California vineyard for the Coppola family. Paramount’s plan to put the Mafia classic back in multiplexes this year was an offer Coppola couldn’t refuse. To mark the anniversary of its debut 25 years ago, Paramount released the masterpiece on March 21 in the top 20 United States and Canadian markets.

The film established Coppola as a major director and helped launch the careers of Al Pacino, James Caan, Robert Duvall and Diane Keaton.

Downtown Centre Cinema Manager Amber Shuck indicated Paramount isn’t hinting much about its further intentions with the re-release of “The Godfather.” “We don’t really know when we might be getting it in,” Shuck said.

And according to Entertainment Weekly, there’s word from MCA/Universal that Steven Spielberg is considering a re-release of his blockbusters “Jaws” and “E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial” for 1998, with “newly-enhanced scenes” using ’90s computer know-how (though both the socially-challenged shark and the shell-less space-turtle may still look fake).

Studio executives claim their efforts are for the sake of the films. Ripped, faded and not properly stored, many films will become unrecognizable in the years to come due to oxidation and resulting corrosion.

The only way studios can spend millions restoring these films, they argue, is to offset the cost by re-releasing them.

Oddly enough, in an entertainment era where no-names win all the Oscars and Hollywood insults our intelligence, the old stuff is better than the new.

Hollywood clones: Old classics in a new light
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Scenes from “The Graduate,” now showing at the Palm Theatre
You’ve heard the impostors, now hear a British original

**By Matt Lazier**
\*Arts Weekly Staff Writer*

The Central Coast will get a full and diverse platter of music this weekend, with artists, some of them world famous, performing tantalizing entrees of rock, folk and jazz.

Last weekend, San Luis Obispo got a look at a reasonable facsimile of two of the most famous British rock imports when "The British Invasion" show invaded the Performing Arts Center. This Sunday, San Luis Obispo will get a taste of the real thing.

Ray Davies, former lead singer and songwriter of '60s Brit-pop band the Kinks, will perform a special one-man show at the Cuesta College Auditorium Sunday.

Instead of nine lads playing mock-rock and showing the crowd how the Beatles and the Rolling Stones looked on stage, Davies' performance will provide fans of British rock the opportunity to glimpse inside the mind of one of the genre's forefathers.

The performance, called "A Musical Evening With a 20th Century Man" will feature Davies performing some of the Kinks' greatest hits, in addition to telling the stories behind the songs. Davies gave a similar performance which was taped and televised by VH-1 last year.

Davies formed the Kinks with his brother Dave in 1963. From that point, the group collected a string of international hits including "You Really Got Me," "Lola," and "Come Dancing." The band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. Additionally, numerous groups, including Van Halen and the Pretenders, have covered Kinks songs. "Lola" even became the subject of a "Weird Al" Yankovic parody.

Advance tickets for Davies' Cuesta College performance are $25, $22, $15 and $18.50 and can be purchased at Boo Boo Records and Blue Note Music. Tickets for the performance are $28.50, $22.50 and $18.50 and can be purchased at Boo Boo Records in San Luis Obispo.

Saturday evening, acoustic musician Tony Pasturdo will give San Luis Obispo a sampling of his brand of jazz-, blues-, folk-, and folk-inspired slide guitar and banjo prowess.

At the Unity Church on Johnson Avenue in San Luis Obispo, Pasturdo will display some of the musical diversity that earned him the Grand National Banjo Championship, as well as opportunities to record with such musicians as Alison Krauss and John Jackson.

Pasturdo will perform pieces from his four solo albums at Saturday's show. Advanced tickets are available for $12.50 at Boo Boo Records and Blue Note Music. Tickets are $14 at the door and the show begins at 7 p.m.

Tomorrow night, Atascadero will get a helping of vocal and big-band jazz when the No Deadwood Big Band brings its music to the Atascadero Lake Pavilion.

The 19-member group, featuring musicians from San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, has backed such musicians as Herb Ellis, John Handy and the Four Freshmen.

"It's a contemporary approach to big band jazz," director George Gershwin said. The band performs new arrangements of old standards from the 1940s, including songs by George Gershwin and Tommy Dorsey.

Tickets for the performance are $8 for adults and $6 for seniors, students and children. Tickets can be purchased at the Cuesta College Public Events office or by phone at 546-3311. The show begins at 7 p.m.

And finally, for the pure country fan, Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys will bring an evening of 1950s and '60s country and western to Mother's Tavern tonight. The band will mix its own original tunes with some classics.

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Photo left: CHYRSALIS, an exhibit at the University Union Gallery through May 2, features the works of Rifle Lang and Cal Poly art and design graduate Mary Fullwood. The exhibit shows acrylic paintings, black and white photography and several mixed medium art pieces. Fullwood's last show at the U.U. Gallery was in 1987 entitled "Face Two Face Photography." An artist reception is scheduled for Saturday April 26 from 5-7 p.m.

I MADONNARI: POSTERS AND BEYOND features posters from the Italian Street Painting Festival and words by other local artists through May 15 at Big Sky Cafe. There will be a reception April 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.

FINE PRINTS FROM SPECTRUM COLOR IMAGES: A Sampling of Spectrum Client Work is on display at Linnaea's Cafe featuring works by local artists and Cal Poly art and design professors. The opening reception is set for Sunday, April 6 from 3 to 6 p.m.

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86 people were gathered up at

Student volunteers aid athletes at last year's Wildflower Triathlon.

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trash bags to protect them from

Lake San Antonio to listen to

construction management

Fifteen volunteers, clothed in

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redeem myself and the event,"

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It's currently the second largest

triathlon in the world, attracting

more than 3,000 participants,

including the best-ever profes­
sional athletes in its history this

year.

It is also the much-anticipated
weekend in May when thousands
of Cal Poly students attend to par­
ticipate as either athletes, spec­
tators or volunteers.

According to Davis, it's the Cal
Poly student volunteers' enthusi­
amism and help that has made the

event, which isn't sponsored by

Cal Poly, the success that it is
today.

Cal Poly is volunteering for the
13th year this May 2-4.

The 800 volunteers that Tri­
California requested this year will
come from the many clubs and
organizations at Cal Poly.

The event not only provides
a fun environment for club mem­
bers to hang out with each other,
but it also serves as a profitable
fund raising event for the clubs
that send numerous volunteers to
work in several areas including:
food, start and finish, aid stations
and volunteer entertainment.

Tri-California gives the clubs
and organizations $5 for each stu­
dent that completes the required
day's volunteer period.

Business junior Matt Boyce
is on the committee for volunteer
management and emphasized the
importance of staying all three
days.

"If you don't stay all three
days, it doesn't count," Boyce
said.

In the past years students
have often stuck around for the
entertainment on Friday night,
then taken off after their shifts
were completed on Saturday.

The volunteers' schedule is
demanding, requiring them to
arrive on Friday night, get up at 6
a.m. both Saturday and Sunday,
and leave following the Olympic
course on Sunday afternoon.

Construction management
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Poly Ski Club, believes that it is

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owner of Tri-California, along
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PAC. The music ranges from
classical to jazz and will be sung
in several languages in addition
to English.

"The hall is terrific - it's great
for singing," Davies said. "Some
halls favor a certain sound but
voicists like to sing in this hall."

The choirs performing are the
Women's Chorus, PolyPhonics and three barber­
shop groups. The Women's
Chorus is comprised of 54
women, and PolyPhonics is a
mix of 29 men and women.

Two of the barbershop
groups, Up Tempo and Here
Come Trouble, are quartets of
women. The third group is a
quartet of men called A Token
Effort.

One member of Women's
Chorus is Sydney James, a
sophomore music major. She's
been in the chorus for two years
and sings alto. Choir students
are required to go on tour and
she has gone both times.

"It's frustrating to go on tour
because it's our spring break
but we always do something
fun," James said. "Tom is a real
person and he makes it fun."

James said people should see
the concert because it's more
than just folk songs and spiritu­
als. She said it's entertaining
and a lot of fun.

"I'm proud of our singing," she
said. "Seeing our hard work
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has more than redeemed itself.

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CONCERTS

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MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS for the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra will perform Saturday, April 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets $7 and $15 available at the PAC ticket office.

THE CIVIC BALLET presents "Inner Details: The story of night young lives, their paths, their pathos." Saturday, April 26 at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets $15, $18 and $24 available at the PAC ticket office.

THE SHOULDERHEART CHURCH CHOIR from the Netherlands performs Thursday, April 10 at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets $13 available at Boo Boo Records and Liquid Cds. For info call 987-2026.

SPOONER'S COVE STRING BAND's Scott Hurrah takes place Saturday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Coalesce Bookstore Chapel in Morro Bay. Tickets $7 available at 772-2880.

THE ANGELES STRING QUARTET performs works by Haydn, Webern, Schubert and Beethoven Tuesday, April 22 at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets $10 and $15 available at the PAC ticket office.

Two Open House concerts featuring the CAL POLY WIND ORCHESTRA and jazz bands, and the All-State High School Festival Wind Orchestra, will perform Saturday, April 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets $3 and $8 available at the PAC ticket office.

KIRK TAYLOR and PIANIST PAUL ASARO pay tribute to jazz pioneer Jelly Roll Morton Thursday, April 10 at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets $4, $6 and $8 available at the PAC ticket office.

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Smith calls such billboards “poison.”

But Landis Graden, vice president of Loc-N-Load, defended his company’s ads. He sympathized with those who are offended, but said the real issues are the problems in the community songs about them.

“We believe that what is reported by rappers in their music is real. It is as real as the oxygen we breathe to sustain life,” he said. “If they (rappers) are merely repeating something they’ve experienced and/or witnessed, the incident came before the record - which gets to the crux of our argument.”

Six Loc-N-Load billboards appeared in Oakland, Danville, Concord, Pleasanton, Richmond and San Francisco. The Oakland billboard switched to a beer ad three days later, but Graden says Loc-N-Load wants to advertise by billboard again in Oakland.

Acid remains a niche drug for students

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(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Scientists secretly locked away in laboratories once experimented with a drug so potent, they believed, it could be used for chemical warfare.

The effects of mental illness and a treatment for alcoholism were two more applications for the wonder drug. The drug was lysergic acid diethylamide — or just acid.

"After World War II, the U.S. thought the Soviet Union was experimenting with LSD as a mind control device," said Dr. Charles Kutscher, biopsychologist and professor of psychology. "Some people are seeing the CIA now, because they believe they were given LSD without their permission as part of an experiment."

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"The first time I did it, I was in ninth grade and a bunch of my friends were doing it, so I did it," he said. "I took four hits because that’s what they were doing."

Small packages LSD, one of the most potent chemicals known to man, is effective at doses as low as 50 micrograms, according to Kutscher. On the flip side, he added that direct mortality from LSD is almost zero. According to Kutscher, the lethal dose for humans is 14,000 micrograms.

"The drug has a big impact on the neurotransmitter serotonin, which is very active in the brain in calming you down and helping you sleep," Kutscher said.

By occupying the same receptor sites in the brain as serotonin, which is involved in the process of perceptions and mood change, the drug causes perceptual distortions and mood modification, according to "Concepts of Chemical Dependency," the textbook used in Kutsher’s PSY 433 class. "Biological and Social Aspects of Drug Addiction."

"It affects thinking, reasoning and aggressive...

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A Health Care. Carinj^, Profvssional, University Union, Room 207, Chumash.

"I didn't know that about Planned Parenthood."

By Rody Velez
The Californian Aggie (UC Davis)

(U-WIRE): DAVIS, Calif. — Market competition in the form of national chain businesses is nothing new to local caie owners, who have nevertheless joined independent bookellers in Davis to oppose the arrival of a 20,000-square-foot Borders Books and Music store at Aggie Village.

"There's not much you can say," said Tim Ma, co-owner of Xeno Cafe, an F Street restaurant located almost directly across the street from Starbucks coffee, a national chain that moved in last May. "Starbucks is already here. It's already pretty bad."

Agreeing with Ma was his business partner Jared Lin. "We're closest to Starbucks. With Borders coming in — Davis will lose some of its charm."

Their tactic to lessen the effects of competition has been to change Xeno's format more toward that of a restaurant, according to Ma.

Mishka's Cafe co-owner Bobbi Bohnert said she is concerned that Borders will affect the downtown area in a negative way.

"My concern is the effects it will have on the community and the downtown," Bohnert said. "There's a symbiotic relationship between cafes and bookstores. We make money off each other, and if we live here and spend it here."

"Borders can lose money for years, until the building is out of business," she added.

But not all cafe owners were willing to enter the fray, and some even felt uncomfortable discussing Borders.

Cathy Olson, a owner of Cafe California, said she knows people on both sides of the issue.

"Regardless of what they put there (at Aggie Village), there will be a restaurant," Olson said. "I can't go out and fight everyone for doing what I'm doing."

Others were not so self-effacing. Gary Brewer, general manager of Cafe Roma, said he opposes the opening of Borders, and said his business will suffer just as it did when Starbucks opened last year.

Starbucks manager Cheryl Bryant, who has been asked to sign a petition opposing Borders, said her initial feelings were favorable to Borders, but she admitted that she faced the same resistance that the national bookstore is now experiencing.

"I was the outside guy coming into town once," Bryant said. "I wish they wouldn't come because they're putting up their own building, and it's a large building, but I don't think I can sign a petition, because people could have signed a petition against me."

Other cafe owners or managers favorable to entering the market include Cafe Bernardos' Frank Mike, Delta of Venus' Vic Henderson said. "It would have been wonderful for me. No one here (at Aggie Village) will lose some of its charm."

Less outspoken against Borders were the owners of music stores in the downtown area.

Tower Records assistant manager Kim Henderson said everyone at Tower's Davis store is opposed to Borders except her.

"I find competition healthy," Henderson said. "It would have been a little unfair to Dave to have a Mervyn's or a clothing store come in — Davis will lose some of its charm."

Other cafe owners or managers favorable to competition is Mike Krell, owner of Armadillo Music on F Street.

"I neither favor nor disfavor them, personally," Krell said. "I'm cross the street from Tower (Records) and I think that's a wonderful location for them."

Clearly opposed, however, is Ryan Johnston, owner of CD Research, who, like the owners of Xeno Cafe, has had to expand his business to include a D.J. service, smoke shop, insec and videos.

Cafe owners in Davis join anti-Borders books crowd

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Wednesday, April 30th & Thursday, May 1st
9:00 am -- 7:30 pm
California grows strawberries despite the fear of hepatitis A

By Joe Hight
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Orders for 2,000 flats of John Cottle's fresh California strawberries were canceled Wednesday even though a possible hepatitis A outbreak was limited to frozen Mexican strawberries.

Other strawberry growers entering peak harvest in this state also lost sales, and one broker had seven loads canceled, Cottle said. His gross loss was $12,700 from 80 acres of strawberries at Watsonville on the Central Coast.

"Chains are now worried that their movement at the store level is going to stop due to the outbreak and people not knowing what's going on," Cottle said.

At a Ralphs supermarket in Hollywood, 12-ounce baskets of fresh red strawberries were on sale for 59 cents. Shopper Alison Dale changed her mind about buying the berries when questioned by a reporter:

"I didn't even think about it. I was making something for other people. I guess I'll have to think about making something else," she said.

Industry leaders said consumers shouldn't worry because California requires more stringent health quality controls than do other nations or even most states.

"California has very much stricter health and sanitation laws," said California Farm Bureau spokesman Clark Bugs. "The requirements that our farmers have to go through in providing hand washing and other facilities are the strictest anywhere."

The state has the nation's most stringent field sanitation and enforcement standards, echoed Teresa Thorne, spokeswoman for the California Strawberry Commission. The state's strawberry growers, who raise 80 percent of the nation's domestic crop, also operate under a quality assurance program in which field sanitation standards exceed the state's, she added.

"Part of the reason is to protect both farm workers and consumers and make sure consumers are receiving the safest food possible," Thorne said.

But growers fear high safety standards won't prevent lost sales if buyers don't understand the difference between their fresh crop and frozen Mexican berries that may contain hepatitis, a parasite that can cause fever, nausea, stomach aches and jaundice.

"There's apprehension among buyers any time something is in the news," said Louis Ivanovich, a partner in Westlake Fresh brokers at Watsonville. "The thing we're very concerned about is that they get the message this hepatitis comes in a frozen product."

"We're trying to do our job, and it's not our fields, and it's not our farmers."

The industry is especially frustrated because sales plummeted just last summer after another health scare: California strawberry growers weren't the culprit then either.

Texas health officials initially blamed fresh California strawberries for an outbreak of cyclospora, a parasite that invades the small intestine and makes people ill. But studies later showed the cyclospora outbreak came from Guatemalan raspberries.

"To have two incidents that were unrelated to our fields and how we farm is frustrating," Thorne said, which makes our job to assure consumers that the California strawberries are produced with quality and safety in mind."

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"Super Saturday's"
Martini Cocktail Party-
Lounge music 6-9pm
"Preps For an Outbreak"

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"It's bad for you but it's a lot of fun. It's different for everybody."

Hopefully you'll get something positive out of it though," said Willie Williamson, a sophomore illustration major. "You'll look at the world differently because your brain is being fried."

Sophomore public relations major Courtney Friedman cited some of her friends' bad experiences with the drug as one of the reasons she disliked it.

"I think it's stupid and people who do it aren't thinking," Friedman said.

"I know people who have done it and have majorly regretted it."
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - NASA installed insulation on Columbia's water pipes Tuesday, holding up the launch for a job that should have been done as much as 14 years ago.

NASA delayed Columbia's launch by one day to perform the work. The shuttle is now scheduled to lift off with seven astronauts and 33 laboratory experiments on Friday afternoon.

The space agency realized only this week that 3-foot sections of two coolant loops on Columbia lacked thermal blankets, said shuttle operations director Bob Sieck. The fear is that water in the exposed lines might freeze in orbit, causing the shuttle electronics to overheat and forcing an early landing.

Columbia may have been flying without the insulation since 1983, two years after it made the first shuttle flight, Sieck said.

"We're not smart enough to know whether these blankets were left off intentionally or they were an 'I forgot,'" Sieck said.

Engineers were poring over years of paperwork to find that answer, he added.

While the shuttle has flown safely before without the insulation, Columbia's flight this time is longer than usual at 16 days, Sieck said.

"We want to continue our record, obviously, of safe and successful missions so this is the right thing to do," he said.

Engineers became concerned last year when they discovered that a metal plate for a payload bay floodlight had been damaged by frozen water in a coolant loop of another shuttle. That investigation took months and led to this week's discovery of Columbia's exposed water pipes, Sieck said.

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Saturday, April 19
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Elfin Forest Wildflower Walk - call 528-4545.
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Sunday, April 20
Dunes Hike - call Bill @ 929-3467.
Nature Conservancy Hikes of Dunes Lake, Santa Maria River Estuary - call 343-2455.
Sunday, April 21
An Evening with Dr. Elisabeth Koppen

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Khoo led an opening ceremony chant. Several brave voices gradually accompanied her in the repetitive, pulsating beat.

Khoo then began a litany of reflection on the earth's creatures - the salmon, the trees, the sea, the native peoples' ancestors, the caretakers. She invited all to make a totem offering to the fire, either internally or out loud.

The shadow of the fire's smoke danced on the sand as the low sun beat on those approaching the fire one by one. Some bent at the waist to toss their tobacco quietly and quickly. Others knelt before the fire pronouncing their intentions as crisply as the morning ocean breeze. Some called their offering a prayer, others a gift to the Great Spirit.

After all had made their offerings, a Comanche man bellowed a traditional Bear song. With a rattler in hand and the soundless piercing of his bare foot on the sand, he pierced the group's momentary trance of silence.

Khoo then announced the ceremony's end, but invited those interested to stay longer and embrace one another's company. Half of the group scuttled toward their shoes as they checked their watches, while others broke into small patches of conversation.

The fire eventually burned out.

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Another Native American, Comanche Marty Cantu, came to the event to share his singing ability.

"I just came out to help support and help pray for the people - and to sing," said Cantu, who led a traditional Comanche bear song during the ceremony.

"We sing to the sun to bring the bear out after his sleep, for him to gain his compusure and flourish in the new growth."

Although Cantu agreed that the ceremony illustrated a good way to begin Earth Month, the event has a much larger role in his life.

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This year's theme, "Live Simply, Tread Lightly," made the ceremony open an opportunity beginning to the more than 35 events planned for Earth Month, he said.

Working with ECSOLO, Lovejoy and his volunteers have coordinated lectures, hikes, fundraising walks, festival and volunteer opportunities throughout April.

"I want Cal Poly at Earth Day, Lovejoy said, referring to the April 26 event in Atascadero. "All of those exhibits from Open House dealing with human-power vehicles, solar and wind power, alternative building and design - we would love to see that at Earth Day."

For more information about the Atascadero event, call 544-9561 or contact Lovejoy at 428-3806.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1997
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B y  S t e v e  M o o r e
by Joe Martin
The sunrise ceremony began with an invitation to everyone to take off their shoes and strengthen their connection with Mother Earth. Cold toes were exposed to the chilly morning weather. Tennis shoes, work boots and moccasins were shed.

The women in the group congregated around Chumash Elder Pilulaw Khus, who stood off to the side. She softly explained the power of a woman's "moon time," the time when a female undergoes her own cyclical, personal ceremony. To avoid any conflict, Khus asked those on their moon time to remain outside the sunrise ceremony circle.

When the genders reunited, a small fire of logs was burning in the circle's center. A woven basket, a bouquet of purple, white and red wildflowers and a wooden bowl covered with carvings rested beside the small blaze.

Wendy Whittaker stood on the edge of the drawn circle with an abalone shell in one hand and a bundle of burning sage in the other. One by one, they approached her. With their arms outstretched they waved the smoking sage before their faces, arms, chest and down the length of their bodies.

A quick nod prompted them to turn their back to her for the same treatment. Once cleansed by the sage, each person turned clockwise to join the circle.

Standing in the center of the large imperfect circle, Khus spoke. Rotating herself to face all members of the circle, she spoke above the nearby crashing waves. She spoke of the group's diversity as a strength in its implied mission to protect Mother Earth. She spoke of the stress Mother Earth endured and the importance of helping her.

Khus, who has led the event in the past, said this year's ceremony differed in more than just size.

"Each one is unique and stands on its own," she said. "Each has its own beauty and strength. That strength can't be put in words — it is just a feeling." Khus said unlike most Chumash ceremonies, which are celebrated within family clans, the public event allowed people of all backgrounds to connect with the earth.

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Chumash elder leads gathering, begins month-long festivities

By Sandra Naughton
Daily City Editor

The rising sun welcomed Earth Month. But it was not alone.

About 40 people gathered at Cayucos Beach at 7 a.m. Tuesday for a Chumash sunrise ceremony to initiate a month-long celebration of the planet.

Chumash Elder Pilulaw Khus led the opening ceremony, which brought together residents from across the county from a variety of backgrounds and age groups. Their common concern for the earth drew them to the small plot of the beach under the bright, but not yet warm sun.

"This is a spiritual rally for many activists here, who are very sincere in trying to deal with the problems plaguing the planet," said Ben Lovejoy, director of the Earth Day Coalition.

"For Earth Day we immediately searched out local natives so they could teach us how to live harmoniously with the earth. Pilulaw's clan is from this area and she said she would lead the ceremony,"

Lovejoy said the small crowd gathered on the beach marked the biggest turnout since the annual event began five years ago.

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