Council votes: increase sewer fees, take 'Cal Poly' out of sports fields

By Christine Spone
Daily Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo residents will be paying more for sewer and water services this summer. The city council voted on Tuesday to increase sewer rates by 2.5 percent beginning July 1, 1997, and by an additional 1.5 percent on July 1, 1998.

A single family residence is currently charged $20.95 per month for sewer service. By July 1, 1998 that rate will increase to $21.79.

Unlike the flat sewer rate, the city charges for water by the unit. A typical household uses approximately 100 units per month. Each unit equals 100 cubic feet of water. Currently residents pay $31 for 10 units of water. After the 1.5 percent rate hike the same amount of water would cost $31.45.

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Workers got conflicting orders, may have been exposed to chemicals

By Nicholas K. Geranios

SPokane, Wash. — Eight workers caught near a chemical explosion at a nuclear weapons plant got checks at a Seattle hospital, officials said. "One did not sleep or eat for four days," a security worker then ordered them to walk a route that would avoid emergency workers, Gerton said.

But that meant the eight walked through an area under the plume, which was visible for up to 15 minutes after the blast, Gerton said. At about 12:25 a.m., they were allowed to leave the plutonium plant and drove to Kadlec Medical Center, where they were checked by emergency room doctors and then sent home. Gerton said. While Hanford officials declined to release the names of the workers, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in Wednesday's editions quoted some of the men.

Paul Kramer, a 42-year-old electrician, said, "We were instructed to stay inside the facility."

Although seven of the eight are back working, some are complaining of various ailments and will be checked at a Seattle hospital, officials said.

"Some individuals have complained of intestinal gas, blotching, confusion," said Dr. Larry Snack of the Hanford Environmental Health Foundation, which monitors workers on the site. "One did not sleep or eat for four days."

One reported feeling the excessive rush of adrenaline through his body, while another reported feelings of severe anxiety and rage, Smick said.

Other complaints of a metallic taste and eye, nose and throat irritation are consistent with exposure to hydroxylamine nitrate and nitric acid, the chemicals in the tank that exploded on May 14.

Most of the workers have opted to go to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle for additional tests, he said.

Wednesday's briefing about the unusual explosion continued to reveal the inadequacies of the tents mysteriously ended last Oct. A security worker then ordered them to follow emergency procedures and stay inside the trailer, Gerton said. The workers then called the plant's emergency director, who, not aware they were outside the complex, Gerton said. He ordered them to report to room 104.

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The blast blew the lid off the tank, punched a hole in the roof of the concrete building and blew open locked steel doors and windows.

Witnesses reported a plasma, possibly made up of escaping chemicals, leaving the building, Gerton said.

Radiation monitors showed no radiation was involved, Gerton said. But he acknowledged that no equipment was on hand to test for dangerous chemicals.

Eight construction workers in the area were repeatedly ordered to go outside and may have been in the vicinity of the plume, Gerton said.

Workers throughout the entire 560-square-mile Hanford site were ordered to remain indoors minutes after the 7:53 p.m. explosion, Gerton said.

As of 9 a.m. Wednesday, a public address system at the Plutonium Finishing Plant complex began urging all workers there to report to room 104, on the main floor, Gerton said.

The Plutonium Reclamation Facility is part of the complex. But the eight workers were outside the complex, taking a meal break in a trailer, Gerton said.

They heard the PA announcer and left the trailer. Outside, they met a Hanford security officer, who ordered them to follow emergency procedures and stay inside the trailer, Gerton said.

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Speaker talks about sexual assault at forum

By Adrienne Gross

Daily Staff Writer

People at Cal Poly are talking about sexual assault. At an open forum sponsored by the Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource (S.A.F.E.R.) program today at 11 a.m., faculty, staff and students will discuss the S.A.F.E.R. program, sexual assault at Cal Poly and programs available at other universities throughout the country.

The forum’s guest speaker Kathy Bargar, campus outreach coordinator for the Rape Treatment Center (RTC) in Santa Monica, talks at college campuses around the nation on issues of sexual assault prevention and response. While Bargar’s main focus concerns sexual assault at UCLA, she also speaks at training seminars for judicial boards and judicial affairs officers, where Cal Poly’s Director of Campus/Student Relations and Judicial Affairs Sean Banks has nowhere else to turn. •

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now they forgot about the promise," said Yang through an interpreter. "I hope he’ll change what we’re going through," Bill Clinton," Yang said.

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Several bills have been introduced to the Legislature to ensure that legal immigrants continue receiving social and financial assistance. A bill authored by Assembly Member Roger Villaraigosa, D-Los Angeles, would require the state to notify legal immigrants about benefits to elderly, disabled and needy legal immigrants.

Latinos civil rights attorney Laura Carcagno said one positive aspect of the legal immigrant welfare crisis is that it has united diverse groups in the fight to retain welfare rights.

"One thing this has shown us is that as immigrants we are a very vulnerable group and that’s why we all want to become citizens," Carcagno said, adding that her application for citizenship is still pending. learned more about sexual assault survivor rights.

"Bargar was an enthusiastic about the issue. She made me feel more comfortable with the issue of sexual assault," Banks said.

He thought Bargar would be perfect to consult with and speak at the S.A.F.E.R. program's open forum, as she might talk about the many ways a campus community can help a sexual assault survivor's healing process. S.A.F.E.R. coordinator Rojean Dominguez said Bargar will touch on many issues including various campus sexual assault programs, staff and faculty roles, legal aspects (new laws and survivor rights) and a sexual assault program's relationship with the community.

"The Rape Crisis Center is our primary community (link)," Dominguez said. "After the forum, (S.A.F.E.R. committee members) will meet with the Rape Crisis Center to see how we can better help each other, so we’re not perceived as a double service."

Dominguez said questions are welcome after the presentation and during the luncheon at noon. She added that about 70 people are expected to attend, but more are certainly welcome.

S.A.F.E.R. was developed during the last year by staff and faculty from student services. Dominguez said most of the work until now has been behind the scenes, but now the program is ready to implement its ideas and activities, including a 24-hour response phone line (756-SAFE) and today's forum.

Dominguez's assistant and Cal Poly psychology alumnus Becky Berkhile said more volunteers are needed for the S.A.F.E.R. program in general and to be trained over the summer as sexual assault advisers starting fall quarter.

The open forum will be held in the Cal Poly Theatre and the luncheon will be served on the patio at noon.

Arson suspected in small grass fire behind campus residence halls

By Jamie Borell

Daily Staff Writer

A small grass fire on the fourth level of the parking area behind the South Mountain residence halls was quickly extinguished last Wednesday night after three students caught a glimpse of the blaze and contacted police and fire departments.

Mike Cole, an officer with the California Department of Forestry, said evidence recovered at the scene indicates that the hillside was intentionally set on fire. However, Cole said standard procedures prevent the nature of the evidence to be released in order to not jeopardize the investigation.

University police have no suspects at this time. After returning home from the store at around 10 p.m. last week, Neil Lahey, a Muir resident and business junior, said that he and two other students noticed smoke on the fourth level of the parking area.

Lahey and Rene Gonzalez, an electrical engineering senior, ran toward the flames while Grant Bargar, a city and regional planning freshman, ran for help. With his cellular phone, Lahey called 911.

"At first we were scared. We didn’t know how quick it was going to spread," he said. "By the time I got a hold of the dispatcher lady, it had grown." Lahey stripped the shirt off of his back and used it to put the top of the fire and prevent it from spreading. It wasn’t until police and fire vehicles arrived with extinguishers and hoses that flames were entirely put out.

"I didn’t want it to spread towards a pine tree that was nearby," Lahey said. "I was able to put some out up at the top with my shirt and keep it from spread- ing. It was such a rush." University Police Sergeant Steve Schreuder said that because of the fire’s location, the department believes the fire was started by a student.

"It’s similar to the situation with the Highway 41 fire," he said. "A number of fires start in rural areas. We don’t know why anyone would ever try to do this." Although the fire didn’t cause much damage to the surrounding area, university police are offering a reward of up to $5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the responsible party.

"It was probably a malicious mischievous fire," Cole said. "But the act was arson, which is a felony. In this case we’re probably not looking at a serial arsonist."

Cole said the fire only burned a small patch of land about 10 feet by 20 feet, regardless of the minimal damage, he said that those responsible need to realize the dangerous potential of their actions.

"We want people to know these things are taken seriously," Cole said. "We are very much interested in finding who started this fire. The department doesn’t want to leave any stone unturned."
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Cal Poly students honored for their poetic pens

By Jason Scott
Arts Weekly Staff Writer

Cal Poly, known mainly as a technical school, is quietly sprouting insightful literary geniuses.

Cal Poly students Sophia Giacomazzi and Deanna Wallo were honored this May in the annual Academy of American Poets contest, a nonprofit organization supporting poetry competitions at U.S. colleges.

Giacomazzi took first place in the national competition, winning $100.

Judge Elyse Blankley, literary critic and English professor at Cal State Long Beach, had nothing but praise for both Poly poets, citing Giacomazzi’s poem “The Reconciliation” as especially memorable.

“Its ending has stayed with me since I first read it,” Blankley said.

“It’s what we call in the poetry world ‘a boffo ending,’” Giacomazzi said.

English junior Giacomazzi, 21, won last year’s first place prize as well for a group of poems. She submitted a group this year as well, but judges selected “The Reconciliation” as their favorite.

“This is my second year in a row winning,” she said. “It’s about

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Annual 'Byzantium' features students' poems, short stories

By Martha Blackwell
Arts Weekly Staff Writer

Once again, the old saying holds true. You really can’t judge a book by its cover.

The white cover with the translucent slip and multiple-font lettering of the seventh volume of "Byzantium," a literary magazine that is published by the English department, appears simple and pure. What’s inside is a different story.

Actually, six fiction short stories and six poems, to be exact. "Byzantium" is a publication of the winners from the Cal Poly creative writing contest, which has been active at the university for 27 years.

Before the first issue of "Byzantium," in 1990, the students' work was published in Mustang Daily. According to English professor Kevin Clark, who served as the adviser to the issue this year, in 1989 Mustang Daily reported that it could no longer afford to publish the winning pieces. Clark said that the College of Liberal Arts and the English department realized that there was a need to publish the work and put together the first "Byzantium."

Seven years later, the annual has developed into a product that serves as two students' senior projects and has a $4,000 budget.

This year's edition was designed by boss Len as an art and design senior, and Elora Supp, an English senior. "We merged creative expression with visual art," Supp said. Supp said that the two began working on the senior project in January, continued throughout the week of spring break, and finished in time for Open House April 19.

Along with editing and organizing the winning selections, Supp was also in charge of selling advertisements for the costs. The College of Liberal Arts and the English Department contributed a combined total of $1,000, leaving more than 75 percent to be raised by advertisements and donations. Anyone picking up this year's edition will pleasantly surprised though, to see that there aren't any advertisements.

"I had such a hard time selling ads this year," Supp said. "I just started talking with people and networking and soon I had found a couple of anonymous donors."

The absence of advertisements gives "Byzantium" an even more professional literary appearance.

"Writing poetry is how I work out issues," she said. "One weird and amazing things about poetry is that the poem writes itself. Even I don't know where it's going to go."

Because she has found what she wants to do and is fulfilled, Giacomazzi considers herself "lucky, but not blessed."

"Byzantium" has now expanded the article into a book by the same title. "Into the Wild," Krakauer undertook Christopher McCandless's story as an assignment from Outside. Following commencement ceremonies, most college graduates rush haphazardly into a job. After hard years of studying and accumulating student debt, a job offers the new diploma-bearing public their next step, but 1990 Emory University grad Christopher McCandless took his next step in an entirely different direction - it would be his last.

Author Jon Krakauer follows this young man's tragic steps in his best-selling second book, "Into The Wild." Krakauer has authored three books and contributes articles regularly to Outside and other national magazines. His most recent article, "Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster," appeared in the September 1996 issue of Outside. It was a finalist for this year's National Magazine Award, won the Alpine Club award, and has now expanded the article into a book by the same title.

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Robert Schwerin, who heads the festival, has been a tour stop for about five years. "Mike" Gribble, known for his signature purple beard, started the festival in 1977 as a showcase for experimental animation. Animated short films were shown before the bands came on, to allow the popularity of the cartoons overshadowed that of the musicians. Spike & Mike decided to drop the music component of the festival completely and stick solely with underground bands. Animated cartoons are part of the music scene.

In addition to the animated show, audience members can expect a few wild and funky dressed emos to whip people into an excited frenzy. Typical of their antics is an oversized beachball volley session among the crowd, Schwerin said.

Tickets are $7 and go on sale one hour prior to show time at the door. Bring a valid ID, because you have to be 18 to attend the festival.
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imagination take over until reaching the end.

"It's funny how overwhelm something so small can become in my writing," she said.

Jenkins's story, which deals with rape, is only one of the 12 entries in the edition. Love, spiritu­

ity and death, as well as other obscure issues, are also dealt with in the pieces.

Cash prizes of $100, $75 and $50 were awarded to the first three places in both the fiction

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tions that caused McCandless to reject society and turn to the wild. Frustrated with a domineering father, spurred by the unreasonable pursuit of material wealth he was emboldened by the writings of Leo Tolstoy, Jack London and Henry David Thoreau, McCandless left

of rice, a backpack full of books

and poem categories.

three places in both the fiction

and poem categories.

three students in each group to

receive honorable mention recog­

nition.

The judges are chosen from

the faculty in the English depart­

ment and read the entries blind, without knowing who the author is.

To be eligible for the contest, a student must be enrolled as an undergraduate at Cal Poly during winter quarter.

While many students may be intimidated by the possibility of having their work published, Jenkins said the rewards are def­

initely worth the effort.

"You just have to take that leap of faith, knowing that some­
time, somewhere, somebody is going to (like your story)," she said.

"Byzantium," is available in limited editions at bookstores up

including, Barnes and Noble and El Corral bookstore.
One of Air Force's 14 female pilots killed on training mission

By Arthur H. Rotstein
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — An aviator whose A-10 attack jet went down during a training run over a desert bombing range became the Air Force's first woman fighter pilot to die in a crash.

Search crews Wednesday found the remains of Capt. Amy Lynn Svoboda, one of just 14 female fighter pilots in the Air Force, in the wreckage of her jet.

The cause of the crash was under investigation. There was no sign Svoboda tried to eject.

Svoboda, 29, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., was two hours into a mission with another A-10 Thunderbolt on Tuesday night when her plane went down in the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range near Gila Bend, about 100 miles from Tucson.

Svoboda's plane was carrying her squadron. Women joined the fighter pilot ranks in 1993.

"Since the first time she expressed her desire to fly for the Air Force, we have been excited for her and proud of her accomplishments," her parents, James and Sharon Svoboda, said in a statement from their Tucson home.

"She was a beautiful girl who loved life and flying and was very proud to serve her country as one of the Air Force's first women fighter pilots. She was taken from us far too soon, even though she died courageously doing what she loved."

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Referring to the 20th anniversary of the first class of female fighter pilots in the Air Force, Lynn Svoboda is the second A-10 pilot from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to die in as many months. Capt. Craig Button died last month.

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trician, said he has had breathing problems, severe headaches and bouts of rage.

"That plume cloud wasn't small," Kramer told the newspaper. "Basically that whole building took a sneeze, and I don't think we'll ever know everything that came out of that building."

Winston McCulley Jr., supervisor of the crew, said he is sorry he followed the order to head to Room 104.

"I'm just kicking myself in the butt for not staying put," McCulley told the newspaper in its copyright story. He said he has since been plagued by headaches, sleeplessness and an inability to think clearly.

At the hospital, crew members were told it was unlikely they had been exposed to anything, and their requests for blood and urine tests were denied by emergency room doctors, they said.

"The emergency room was kind of a joke," electrician Bernard Griswold, 53, told the newspaper. "They took your vital signs and that was about it. They said we were imagining it."

But when he got home, he said his bald head was breaking out in a rash of bright red blisters.

The eight were checked at the Hanford Environmental Health Foundation on Friday, where they were told they would be checked monthly for the next six months, said Stewart Heaton, president of Fluor Daniel Northwest, which operates the plant for DOE.

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picked up from the Koran about living together, the Jews and the Christians and the Muslims, side by side."

Farani Golbaz, a psychology professor, said the presentation addressed a problem that does exist at Cal Poly.

"I thought it was very good and very unbiased," Golbaz said. "I had an experience where a professor told my class that all Middle-Easterners are terrorists and I am Middle-Eastern. (Administration) would not give me a withdrawal because that would have been admitting that the professor was discriminat­ ing."

But Joseph Sagisi, an electrician, said the presentation was about it. They said we were telling us everything, so I guess I would have to do some reading on my own."

Every Thursday, go to the Outer Limits

Final Exam Question #2

The Collect Call

What's the only number to use for all your collect calls that could instantly win you cool stuff (like hip Planet Hollywood jackets and packs of 24 free movie passes) every hour, every day?

a) d
b) d
c) d
d) 1 800 CALL ATT
e) HELLO-d

For all your collect calls—even local.

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day and working up to a teaspoon a day. Some people are allergic to bee pollen, however, so it should be used carefully, Saslove said.

Local honey can also be taken with the same effects, but it shouldn't be heated because toxins could be released, Saslove said.

Saslove said the one downside of natural remedies is that they are not always a quick fix. She said each person is a unique biochemical individual and that it can take several days before a person will see results.

She said every bottle in the store is labeled and that customers need to read these labels. Customers can also contact the manufacturer directly for more information.

"The products work though. That's why I'm in this business," she said. "You don't have to shock your system to get results."

Allergies can also be fought from the outside rather than just internally. One of the single most important ways to externally alleviate pollen, mold and dust problems is to add air conditioning to your home. Air conditioning units keep humidity low and filter the air at the same time, according to "The Doctor's Book of Home Remedies."

Most students don't own homes, but many do own cars. Using the air conditioning in a car will help in the same way that air conditioning in a house will.

Installation of an air cleaner will also help by removing particles out of the air.

If those remedies seem too drastic, there is the option of buying a dehumidifier. This will keep the room dry and will help put a stop to dust problems as well. If you have pets, they should be either be sealed off from entering the house or gotten rid of all together. Also, when cleaning house, a face mask can be worn to reduce exposure to airborne materials, states the home remedy book.

 Carpets make a perfect home for dust and mold. Steam cleaning usually will not help. The best alternative to carpets is to buy throw rugs. These can be washed and keep the floors underneath cooler and drier.

Many doctors suggest making one room a sanctuary if you can't make these changes to your whole home. Make the bedroom allergy free by sealing it off from the rest of the house and applying the remedies suggested.

New products on the market may also prove to be beneficial. A portable purifier called Air Supply has just been launched by the IonAir Company. It is a beep­ er-size, wearable air purifier that draws in bacteria and viruses and emits pure, clean air.

The company claims the purifier also destroys odors, dust, mold, pollen and spores, attempting to create an ideal environment for people with allergies as well as hay-fever and asthma.
This spring many students are struck by allergies.

Photos by Joe Johnston

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Drying up with allergy remedies

By Kristen Hall
Daily Staff Writer

Although your watery eyes and dripping nose may seem eternal, allergy sufferers can battle their microscopic annoyances and put an end to a life of sniffles.

There are many remedies to battle allergies, from medical to natural methods.

Traditional remedies include prescription medication, shots and over-the-counter drugs. The Health Center provides two types of shots. One contains steroids and is used for allergies as well as asthma. The steroid shot can lower the strength of the immune system, however.

The second shot is available only to students with severe allergies and must be prescribed by an allergist. This shot is given once a week, starting in the fall before allergy season begins. The shots can be given for years depending on the patient, but could cause swelling where the shot was given and occasional allergic reactions until the correct dosage is found.

Over-the-counter drugs most commonly used include eye drops and nasal sprays. The most commonly prescribed pill is Claritin, said Dr. Andrea Reininger, a general practitioner at the Health Center.

Inhalant allergies start when a material, like pollen, is breathed in. The body's immune system notes the presence of pollen and produces a "bad" antibody. The pollen reacts with the antibody causing a histamine to be released from mast cells that float in the blood stream. The histamine is what causes the symptoms.

Food For the Family, a natural grocery store in San Luis Obispo, offers natural alternatives to medical facilities like the Health Center.

Lisa Saslove, a vitamin clerk at the store, said many allergy sufferers have come in recently searching for remedies.

"People usually complain of sinus congestion, watery eyes, headaches and sometimes asthma," she said. "We first tell them to do the obvious, avoid the allergen. If they don't know what the allergen is then we look at their symptoms and point them in the right direction."

When choosing natural remedies, there are three methods to choose from: homeopathic, herbal and vitamin supplements.

The homeopathic route uses like to treat like. Exposure to a small, diluted amount of the allergy-causing agent will cause the body to respond with antibody and create a defense to the allergen.

Saslove said the effectiveness of homeopathic pills depends on the person. The personality, mental state, preferences and general aches and pains are important in determining which ingredient will work best.

"It's like pieces of a puzzle," Saslove said. "It's a hit-and-miss thing when people come in, but it's very effective."

Herbal remedies are also popular. The most common herb to treat allergies is stinging nettles, which produce a histamine response that prepares the body ahead of time. Saslove is allergic to grass and said that for her, taking herbal supplements is the difference between functioning and not functioning.

The third alternative is supplemental vitamins. Saslove said those natural pills go a long way in alleviating the cause of the allergy instead of just relieving symptoms.

"You must go to the root of the problem," she said. "Taking natural remedies can wipe out allergies. And I've never had anyone complain about side effects except for maybe a few stomach aches."

The benefits to using natural remedies are many, Saslove said. There are no side effects like drowsiness or fatigue caused by drugs. There are no allergic reactions and the pills are full of vitamins that your system recognizes. They are more gentle on the body than synthetic drugs, allowing your body to stay in balance. They are safer for kids and they don't cause death if large amounts are taken.

Lisa Saslove, a nutritional science graduate student, works at Foods For the Family as a vitamin consultant.

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