Sports complex sound test fills Bishop Peak neighborhood

By Kristen Hall
Summer Mustang Staff Writer

Concert-size speakers, placed in the center of Cal Poly's horse track last Wednesday evening, blared noise into a nearby neighborhood as part of a sound test for the university's proposed sports complex.

Surveys were sent to more than 1,000 nearby residents to help monitor how much noise could be heard. The results are expected Friday.

The analysis will be an important factor in the city's decision whether to back the project with part of its $3 million set aside for youth athletic facilities.

With city funding, the 89 million complex would be shared between Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo sports teams. It would include baseball and softball stadiums and six lighted multi-purpose fields.

For the sound test, an aquatic engineer aimed a recording of crowd noise, an announcer's voice, music and other sound effects directly at homes around the base of Bishop's Peak for 30 minutes.

The noise level was cranked to 98 decibels, much louder than the 60 to 70 decibels expected to come from the stadium.

The projected plan for the new sports complex will extend over the west end of campus and sound emitted can range and disrupt nearby neighborhoods.

The analysis may help monitor how much noise residents would have to tolerate from events at the stadium. He said the Bishop's Peak neighborhood has noise levels of about 35 decibels on average.

"The report will be sufficient enough for people to decide about noise that may come from the complex," said Buehler. "The testing is a benefit because it gives people a first-hand view of what to expect with sound transmission."

The speakers, set up on what will be home plate, pointed directly at the residential area.

Self-help housing relieves renters

Heidi Laurenzano
Summer Mustang Staff Writer

Becoming a homeowner isn't as difficult as some might think. Families, couples and even individuals stuck in the rent trap might consider applying for a space in a self-help neighborhood.

Jeanetta Griffin, her husband and her two children are now building their first home in Spring Meadows, a brand new self-help neighborhood in Paso Robles. The terms of the building loan were unbeatable: a 33-year mortgage with an interest rate of 2 percent. Interest rates levied by mainstream financiers now stand at around 8 to 9 percent.

"I figure I'll be paying less on my monthly house payment than rent," Griffin said.

There's only one catch—Griffin and her husband Terrence each need to devote 40 hours per week to help build their own and their neighbors' houses.

Though the Grifffins don't have any experience in construction, they will be able to participate. A construction supervisor employed by People's Self-Help

Local artist brings vibrant colors to U.U. Galerie exhibit

By Anne Thomas
Summer Mustang Staff Writer

It's about color, color and more color. Welcome to the world of local artist, Don Klopf.

Klopf's vibrant works are currently on display in the University Union Galerie and will remain there through July 20.

The exhibit, titled "Dimensions," showcases Klopf's oil and acrylic paintings as well as his wood and bronze sculptures.

Galerie Curator Jeanne LaBarbera said that Klopf's work expresses "a joy for life seldom matched in today's world."

Klopf said that his main hope for the exhibit is to inspire its visitors.

"I just hope they go away a little more aware of painting and how exciting it can be," he said.

The community welcomed the artist to...
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in the parking lot at 1251 Marsh Street. For more information call p.in. June 26 at the Zebra Cantina in San Luis Obispo. For more information contact the Special Olympics office at 544-6444.

SATURDAY

Special Olympics of San Luis Obispo county invites all Special Olympic athletes, volunteers or any interested community members to help clean up downtown San Luis Obispo for Community Improvement Day. All Special Olympics athletes involved will receive a free breakfast. The group will meet at 8 a.m. at the downtown parking lot across from Osos St Subs June 28. For more information contact the Special Olympics office at 544-6444.

SUNDAY

Adopt-A-Pet comes to PayLess/Scalini's Shopping Center in San Luis Obispo. Potential pets can be met there and adopted from County Animal Services. Adoption fees begin 10 a.m. June 29 at 8 p.m. in the parking lot at 1251 Marsh Street. For more information call Animal Services at 781-4400.

Legendary jazz musician Buddy Collette returns for a third time to the Hamlet in Cambria. He brings the Central Coast his internationally acclaimed talent with the flute and saxophone accompanied by guitarist Al Vida, bassist Richard Simon and drummer Johnny Kirkland. Showtimes are 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on June 29. Tickets are $15 for the first show; $12 for the second; $20 for both shows. Call 927-0567 for reservations.

TUESDAY

Edna Valley Vineyard is opening a new tasting room and event center on July 1. The winery is known for it's Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. There will be free tasting for groups of 10 or less. Call ahead for scheduled tours, large groups or private events at 544-5855. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily or check out their web page at http://www.ednavalley.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women is gathering information from county residents with a questionnaire inquiring perceptions and experiences with family law courts to determine whether or not a low-cost legal aid service for domestic law to county residents should be established. Distribution points are located around the county and returned questionnaires can be left at a site or mailed directly to the Commission until July 30, 1997. Some locations are at Cal Poly Women's Resource Center Offices, Department of Social Services and Mental Health Services offices. For more information about the questionnaire or the Commission call 528-5926 or 466-3986 for North County.

The Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards applications are now available through Senator Jack O'Connell's district office. Applications will be considered on the basis of program or project results, transferability, environmental impact, resource conservation, economic progress and innovation. Deadline for submitting the applications is June 30, 1997. For more information call Senator O'Connell's district office at 544-1800.

PAD program excites, motivates students

“An unknown virus is about to attack the Central Coast and the fate of the world is in the hands of 35 local middle-school children.”

This science-fiction story line, combined with activities, is part of a program to get seventh, eighth and ninth graders excited about higher education.

The program, Pre-Collegiate Academic Development (PAD), is designed to motivate students academically by targeting those who are not performing as high as tests suggest they can.

PAD participants are meeting at their “Command Center” in Cal Poly's education building for three consecutive Saturdays. The first session was held June 21.

Liz Ceaser, of the University Center Teacher Education (UCTE) and “Commander of Reading” for the program, called the three Saturday meetings the “launching pad” for the project. During the next three weeks, tutors and staff will be helping students solve the puzzle of the deadly virus while guiding them through math problems and creative writing. Carl Wallace, project director, heads up the program and Kevin Clark, English, Jane Flesler, Mathematics and Liz Ceaser, Reading, will teach the course.

There are eight tutors, all Cal Poly students from various majors, who are employed by the PAD project. Last Saturday PAD students decoded a message for the viral anti-virus, wrote a poem to communicate with martian allies and practiced their public speaking skills by reading their work out loud.

On the final Saturday, July 5, students will be able to write their own ending to the science-fiction story line and pretend they're saving the world from destruction and disease.

Brandon Beach, an English graduate student at Cal Poly, is one of the tutors for the project. Beach said his job was to lead the students through the story and encourage them to work together.

“I think it’s a great program," said Beach. "This is a good age to target students and get them motivated and excited about school."

The PAD project also teaches students about college while building the academic skills required for admission. At the last session, Ceaser said students learned what a major is and about “the flavor of Cal Poly.”

The students also went outside and explored the campus. Tricia Sutton, a 13-year-old student, said her favorite part of the day was the hike to the Design Village in Poly Canyon.

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Crisis in Space: Mir loses half its power and lab following collision

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

In the worst space collision ever, a piece of equipment crashed into Russia's Mir space station Wednesday, knocking out half the laboratory and raising questions of how long the decrepit spacecraft can function before someone gets killed. The men were forced to work in the dark, and their equipment turned off to save energy. Unless more power is restored soon — how soon, NASA couldn't say — they may not be able to operate the life-support systems, such as the primary oxygen generator and the carbon dioxide removal system. "It's a serious situation," said astronaut Jerry Linenger, who was in the Russian laboratory module when the accident occurred. "I may have to turn off everything to save our energy."

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Henderson includes vivid anecdotes about the city's downtown music scene during the time he spent in the area, as well as a look at the inner workings of band relationships and romance. He shows that the "SLO scene" was alive and well way before today's student readers did not live in San Luis Obispo during that period. "Drums" serves as a reminder that the "SLO scene" was alive and well way before today's students got here.

Our bodies tangled as we fell to the floor. No one spoke. The girls erupted with giggles. One of them pranced over and slammed shut the door, trampling all five of us in Spook's room. "Geezoo," she said, "we thought you guys were never going to open up." Her face had a hard, sexy edge.

"Were you guys scared?" asked her friend, who was slight and twiggy, and wearing a lot of blue eyeshadow.

Spook was not the least bit ruffled. "This is Jane, and this is Leslie. My two other roommates. Jane was the cute, petite girl and Leslie was the rough, ravenous girl, who asked us to call her Flipper. I'd seen them before with Spook at one of our gigs.


"We did it all," Spook replied. "That's ability," Flippier said. "You're not being nice to your two girls," she playfully shook her finger at Spook. Spook seemed on the verge of letting out a giant yawn. He recovered his mirror and all of us gathered around it. Jane sat next to me; Flippier sat next to Jay; Spook sat by himself. This arrangement pleased our host.

The girls hungrily snorted white powder, and the rest of us did some more lines as well. Spook said he had to get back to his party. As he left, he winked at me. It was a funny wink. He had a hard, hulking body, open while closing the other—it was more of a contorted squint. "So," I said to the girls. "This is some party."


The cocaine screamed in my head like a high-pitched noise.
Sixth annual Cambria Fest raises money for SLO Arthritis Fund

Free exercise programs for sufferers of arthritis offered with festival revenue

By Christina Pratt
Summer Mustang Staff Writer

Sunny weather, lively music and local beer and wine tasting—all for a good cause. The 6th Annual Cambria Fest, a fund-raiser for the San Luis Obispo branch of the Arthritis Foundation, was held at the Cambria Pines Lodge last weekend, for the first time as a two-day event.

Saturday's festivities included wine tasting provided by Central Coast vineyards, two jazz bands, a barbecue lunch and a live auction. On Sunday, local micro-breweries offered beer-tasting and music from a local folk band and reggae band. "The weather is perfect and the music has been wonderful both days," said Paul Roide, a member of the Board of Advisors for the San Luis Obispo Arthritis Foundation. "There is a real cross-section of people."

The atmosphere was casual and some people were dancing while others were relaxing in the sun. "I'm having a good time, the atmosphere is great, and the cause is incredible," said Steven Chandler, a stockbroker from Morro Bay who was attending the festival for the first time.

The money raised by this event helps fund the foundation's exercise programs, education courses and support groups for arthritis sufferers. A land-based exercise program called "PACE" and water-based program called "Twinges in the Hinges" are available free of charge to people with arthritis according to Cindy Whitaker, the program director for the branch.

The foundation also has a six-week self-help program that teaches everything there is to know about the disease.

"We want the public to know we're their source of help and hope," Whitaker said.

Last year's Cambria Fest had more than 1,000 people in attendance and earned about $25,000 for the foundation, according to Alyse Thorp, executive director of the local Arthritis Foundation branch.

Whitaker estimated that this year's turn-out was about the same as last year and said she felt the festival was a success.

Future fund-raisers for the San Luis Obispo Arthritis Foundation include the Central Coast Wine Festival on August 30 and a Poinsettia Sale around Christmas time.

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San Luis billboards draw big bucks

by Heidi Laurencio
Sunset Nurturing Staff Writer

Driving the 101 to Cal Poly, it’s hard to miss the billboards that dot the side of the freeway. They serve as distance markers, sources of information, maybe even causes of annoyance.

For 3M Media and local landowners, they’re moneymakers.

Nearly all the billboards between Atascadero and Santa Maria along the 101 include a small credit that says “3M Media.” Outdoor Systems, Inc., an East Coast outfit, purchased 3M Media a month ago for $1 billion.

Even though 3M owns about 97 percent of the billboards in the county, there is no antitrust concern, according to Federal Trade Commission Field Representative Brad Martin.

“What would the advertisers do if such a company raised their prices too high? They’d advertise on the radio or on shopping carts,” said Martin. “Such a company doesn’t sound like they’re cornering the market.”

Todd Hanson, general manager for the Fresno office of Martin Outdoor, the only other company with billboards in San Luis Obispo county, doesn’t feel competition is threatened. Martin Outdoor owns six billboards in this county, two of which were just erected at the Mid-State Fairgrounds. In Kern county, the company owns 800 billboards — 50 percent of all billboards in that county.

San Luis Obispo county only has about 150 billboards total, and that number hasn’t increased in more than 30 years because of an ordinance that says no new billboards can be erected in rural areas without permission from the county.

Many counties and states have similar ordinances. They stem from the Highway Beautification Act of 1965, which gave control of highway billboards to local governments. Highway billboards have been banned in Hawaii, Alaska, Maine and Vermont. The main crusader for the bill, Lady Bird Johnson, wanted to protect the appearance of rural areas from the highway.

The low number of billboards in San Luis Obispo county points to the classic economic equation involving supply and demand. Wes Murphy, former marketing director for Pea Soup Andersen’s in Buellton, said the cost of billboard advertising “has gone up tremendously.”

Current 3M billboard prices range from $1,400 per month for the smallest size to $3,200 per month for the largest.

Andersens pays around $13,500 per month for nine billboards situated throughout San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis counties. The price goes up 5 percent per year.

The billboards have paid off for Andersen’s. Murphy said Andersens did monthly surveys of customers asking how they learned about the restaurant. Billboards pointed the way for 82 percent of them.

The billboards even attracted famous folks. Murphy said Tom Snyder, a late night talk show host on network television, did a feature on Andersen’s and their billboards. The Andersens’ billboards feature two cartoon margaritas, one’s name is Hap-Pea and the other is Pea-Wee.

Murphy believes putting in a billboard in the high-traffic area between Gaviota and Ventura would increase business at Andersen’s, but there’s absolutely no available space at the moment.

Martin Outdoor’s Hanson said national corporations such as the Milk Board, Pepsi and Coke want to buy space in San Luis Obispo county—but there’s none available.

The high demand for billboard space puts landowners in a good position. Those that have the structures on their land in a high traffic area can command big money from the billboard companies.

Larry Profit, general manager of 3M Media for Southern California, said landowners have “absolutely” been raising their prices for leasing the land to 3M.

Andersens best bet is that if the billboards is low and falling.

Even though he wouldn’t go into dollar amounts, local landowner Harold Miossi said he was happy with the price he was getting for leasing the land to 3M.

But he wouldn’t have agreed to sell the land to 3M if it had been canceled already, and the only other match being played was in the tube that way, maybe why them up?”

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Seles wins after 2 days of waiting

by Steve Whitsin
Associated Press

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Seles said she hopes the court is ready by Sunday at 10 a.m. for the third set with McQuillan leading 6-2, 6-0.

Everyone’s getting pretty weary of the wet weather, which could push Wimbledon into a third week.

It was tough because I was supposed to play Monday, so I was just sitting here all day Monday, and then I was expecting to play yesterday,” Seles said. “Today I was lucky to be first, but it’s tough on the other players.”

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QUICK FACTS

- On the campus of Cal Poly, one can of soda ranges anywhere from 40 cents to 75 cents.
- To buy a Snapple at the Avenue costs $1.20, while across campus at the Campus Store it's 95 cents.
- The cost difference for the beverage ranges anywhere from 40 cents to 75 cents.

Merrell said that his competition comes from these local retailers' prices. "Convenient stores are unique operations because there's nothing else in the market that is comparable," Merrell said.

Pennington agreed that, though the Campus Store and the Avenue are both supported by the Cal Poly Foundation and the money goes directly back into the foundation, they are separate.

Pennington said that the Avenue and the Campus Store do compete against each other in an attempt to continue running the best separate services as possible.

If the Avenue is having a two-for-one special on an item that is sold at the Campus Store, it won't be long until the same special, or better, is (at the Campus Store)," Pennington said.

Competition at different venues under one roof is common in the marketing and business world. Pennington used PepsiCo Inc. as an analogy for the competition within venues run by the Cal Poly Foundation. PepsiCo, she said, owns both Kentucky Fried Chicken and Taco Bell, yet will often sell similar items for different prices.

"The separate services (under Campus Dining) compete against similar retailers throughout the city," Pennington said.

"We are not a monopoly like some of the teams emerged from this ahead of the other, that team would have earned a point, winning the game," Pennington said.

This wasn't the case for Saturday night's game, where both teams were shut out in the first five-round shootout.

As the fans, with hands clasped in front of their eyes, inch closer and closer to the edges of their seats, a sudden-death shootout began.

It lasted through four more rounds, with four points for each team, when Bigfoot midfielder John Conaway broke the tie in the tenth.

"Oh, no," fans from the crowd yelled in unison.

The loss brought the Runners to 7-4 in the league, but left them in second place behind the Highlanders, who are 9-4 after a weekend win.

Because the Roadrunners, who were the national champions last season, will be hosting the Premier Amateur League National Championships in August at Mustang Stadium, the Runners will automatically be qualified for the championship.

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Roadrunners get mixed results over weekend

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The Central Coast Roadrunners are quickly moving toward the team's final goal of making an appearance in the United Systems of Independent Soccer Leagues' (USISL) U.S. Open Cup Championships against a major league soccer team.

Last Friday evening at Mustang Stadium, the USISL Premier League Roadrunners beat the Albuquerque Geckos, a D-3 professional league team, 4-2 in the first round of the U.S. Open Cup.

After a successful 3-1 qualifying round, the Roadrunners took the first official step toward national recognition by beating the Geckos.

"We're looking forward to going on to play major league soccer, team," forward Clay Harty said. "This game was a vital step, now we're on our way." Harty had a lot to do with the team's win against the Geckos.

During the majority of the first half of the game, the Roadrunners appeared a bit out of sync. The Geckos were able to take advantage of a controversial out-of-bounds ball setting up the throw-in for a goal.

This brought the crowd and the players to their feet. With about ten minutes left in the first half, Harty converted a pass from forward Abel Gutierrez into the Roadrunners' first goal of the night.

The structure of the second half of the game was quite similar to the first half — slow in the beginning, but fast toward the end.

With 25 minutes left on the clock, the Geckos scored off a corner kick, placing the Geckos ahead 2-1. The level of the Roadrunners' play automatically responded to the situation. Gutierrez again answered the leading Geckos, by passing the ball to forward Craig Tomlinson, who carried it into the goal. A quick seven minutes later, Tomlinson used his speed for an easy goal, bringing the score to 3-2.

Anxious to secure the team's victory, Harty accepted a well-dribbled ball from midfielder Joe Munoz, and with two minutes and 15 seconds left on the clock, kicked it into the goal for the final score of 4-2.

Giants beat up on Padres

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — J.T. Snow matched his career-high with four RBIs, and Barry Bonds scored four times as the San Francisco Giants defeated the San Diego Padres 14-7 Wednesday.

Bonds, Darryl Hamilton and Stan Javier had RBI singles; Jose Vizcaino and Damon Berryhill had two-run singles and Jeff Kent drove in two runs for the Giants, who have won eight of 11.

Bonds went 3-for-5 with a walk. Hamilton also went 3-for-5, including a triple, as the Giants collected a season-high 17 hits.

The 14 runs also were a season-high for San Francisco.

Tomlinson was excited about the team's playing. He said that he had saved the best for the end—his next-to-last game for the Roadrunners before moving back to his home country of Jamaica for a two-week trial to play for its national team.

"I just wanted to finish up on a good note," Tomlinson said. After achieving last year's title as national champions of the premier amateur leagues, the team knew that it could step up to a higher level of play.

"(Playing in the tournament) is something that we really wanted to do," Coach Dan Tobias said. "It's such a great opportunity for the team to receive the national exposure that they deserve."

The Roadrunners will now move forward in the tournament to play a USISL A-League team in the second-round match in early July.

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It is a situation that all too many of us are familiar with. Everything is going fantastic in life. You've just accomplished a major goal and are rolling along that well-paved path of glory.

Then something, which the day before had been nothing more than a brief thought — if even that — stops you in your path, causing you to rethink. What exactly went wrong?

This was the scenario for the Central Coast Roadrunners last Saturday night at Mustang Stadium after an enduring 2-1 loss to the Puget Sound Bigfoot caused the 'Runners to refocus their goals.

"If anything, this weekend told us that we have to focus our energy on getting the league wins we need," said Larry Smyth, the general manager for the Roadrunners. "It's a tough thing to do, to split your focus between the U.S. Open Cup and league matches."

Following the Friday night 4-2 victory over the Albuquerque Geckos, a D-3 professional team, the Roadrunners were feeling good about the advancements into the second round of the USISL U.S. Open Cup tournament occurring in early July.

They were ready to move through the regular league game against the Puget Sound Bigfoot, a team they had beaten last season, and possibly into a tie with the San Gabriel Valley Highlanders for first place in their premier league.

What neither the Roadrunners nor the anxious crowd was prepared for, though, was a game that would be resolved in a ten-round shootout in double overtime.

"This was a situation that we weren't really expecting or ready for," forward Craig Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson, who was playing in his last Roadrunners' game before heading to his home country of Jamaica for the two-week trials with the National Team, said that the 'Runners had wanted to go in and win.

"After the regular 15 minutes of overtime, we were just really tired," Tomlinson said.

Forward Clay Harty was the only player to score for the Roadrunners during the regular 90 minutes of play. The goal occurred during the second 45 minutes half, tying the game at 1-1.

The score remained tied through both the end of the regular playing time and the 15 minutes of sudden-death overtime.

After 105 minutes of playing time, the two teams had to line up in the middle of the field for a five-round shootout, where five members from each team shoot one-on-one against the opposing team's