Greek system reviews alcohol policy

By Megan Long
Daily Staff Writer

John Mundell, public relations spokesperson for the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), predicted that in a decade from now Cal Poly's Greek community will virtually disappear.

Mundell, also a Delta Sigma Phi member, said he thinks the stricter regulation of fraternity policies by the university and national chapters, especially where alcohol is concerned, will drive houses out of Poly's Greek system.

While a strict university policy has been in place for years, stronger enforcement of the rules, triggered by last September's stabbing at a Phi Kappa Psi party, has led to fewer Greek events, especially open fraternities.

Mundell's prediction comes at a time when the country's awareness of fraternities — and their parties — has reached new heights. Recent deaths of fraternity pledges at Louisiana State University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have prompted many other universities and Greek systems to reexamine alcohol policies.

Some universities, like Villanova and Southern Illinois, are taking measures to ban the substance in their fraternities by the year 2000.

Events closer to home have also called for a reexamination of Poly and its Greek community. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department has recently been investigating the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

On Oct. 13, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledge from UC Santa Barbara fell into a coma after drinking vodka at a pledge-bonding activity. The student recovered, but the university suspended the fraternity, barring members from all IFC events. The case is being investigated by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

While Cal Poly hasn't planned to ban alcohol from the Greek system, these national problems coupled with local troubles have played a hand in toning down fraternity and sorority events. "Liability is definitely a concern, especially after Phi Psi and the disappearance of Kristin Smart," Mundell said. "That pretty much shut a lot of Greek life down."

The national chapters of two Poly fraternities, Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta, have vowed to ban alcohol at all houses by the year 2000. Sigma Nu President Alex Gile said that action is a step toward tougher standards. "A lot of frat policies are going to be stricter," he said. "The national organizations are putting more pressure on local chapters to follow rules."

Greek houses are threatened by alcohol dilemmas. Greek alcohol problems at Cal Poly.

• Phi Kappa Psi

Problem: Problems following the Sept. 26, 1996 stabbing of wrestler Tyson Rondae during a fight at a party at the frat house for possession of weapons, alcohol and weapons.

Status: On suspension until the end of the school year, and can't participate in the Inter-Fraternity Council or any IFC events, but an appeal was filed and approved to allow participation in full rush.

• Phi Delta Theta

Problem: A woman at an Oct. 9, 1997 party passed out from drinking and was revived by police when they arrived to break up the party, she became belligerent toward the officers and was arrested and taken to the hospital where her stomach was pumped.

Status: The incident is under investigation by the IFC and the University of the Council chamber, waiting to publicly discuss the plan's merits and weaknesses. Twenty-six residents spoke at the meeting.

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Speaker casts different light on affirmative action, environmentalism

By Peggy Gorr
Daily Staff Writer

Conservative-minded students listened to a prominent attorney and author who visited campus to share his views on affirmative action and environmental regulations.

William Perry Pendley addressed a group of about 25 people in the agriculture building on Tuesday morning in a talk sponsored by the Cal Poly College Republicans.

As Chief Legal Counsel for the Mountain States Legal Foundation, Pendley spoke successfully before the U.S. Supreme Court in Arizona vs. Fons that the awarding of government contracts based on race was in violation of the Fifth Amendment's "equal protection under the law" clause. Pendley helped found the government in 1977.

As an author, he has written two books. His most recent is titled "War on the West: Government Tyranny on America's Great Frontier." The book discusses property rights, COUNCIL page 8

Council approves EIR for downtown parking plan

By Christine Spence
Daily Staff Writer

Tuesday night the City Council passed the city's preliminary version of the Parking and Downtown Access Plan by a 5-2 vote.

Mayor Allen Settle and Council members Kathy Smith and Dodie Williams voted to approve the environmental impact report (EIR) process. Council members Dave Romero and Bill Roadman dissented.

The meeting drew a standing-room-only crowd of about 160 people who came to delibe the plan. Students, neighborhood group representatives and downtown business advocates lined the walls of the Council chamber, waiting to publicly discuss the plan's merits and weaknesses. Twenty-six residents spoke at the meeting.

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Witchcraft - it's not all brooms and spells

By Christine Spone
Daily Staff Writer

When we think of a witch, most of us picture a hag dressed in a long black robe and pointy hat. She may be bent over a boiling cauldron, stirring a concoction of magic ingredients. Sometimes our mind sees her with a green face like the Wicked Witch of the West in "The Wizard of Oz." and she almost always grows a mane of long, scrappy hair streaked with gray.

When we visualize our witch, she's in a dark forest clearing ringed by a band of creepy animals like giant bats or flying monkeys. Her laughter is an inhuman cackle.

Something's wrong with this picture.

Witches on the Central Coast are homemakers, professionals, students, counselors and teachers. They look, dress and act like almost anyone else when in public. They just practice a religion that has been misunderstood and discriminated against for centuries.

Unfortunately, their religion is usually only explored at Halloween which is a sacred time of year for witches. Halloween, or what some pagans call Samhain, is the most auspicious time for contacting the dead. During this festival, pagans face the fear of death and recognize it as being as great a miracle as birth.

Lucinda Eileen is a Universalist pagan or neo-pagan. She calls it an earth-based spirituality which honors the cycles of the universe rather than a deity.

"On Halloween, life and death are equal and we recognize we are one family with those who have come before and gone on," Eileen said. "We celebrate death because we know the moment of death is just as astounding as the moment of birth."

Eileen identifies herself as a witch and has been practicing the craft for a number of years. Born a Protestant, Eileen later explored Buddhism and Catholicism in college and was fascinated with the religious rituals. She then discovered that these rituals, and many religious holidays, originated in paganism.

"I didn't allow myself to be called a witch until six years ago," Eileen said. "I accept the honor of being called a witch. It's as if you're ordained. I consider a witch to be a leader among practicing pagans.

The word "witch" comes from the word "wick" meaning the wise one. Eileen said she doesn't think she's all that wise, but she's learned a lot and has some background that she can offer to those who come to her for help.

"Witches are just like a lot of other people, except we're also healers, midwives and spiritual counselors. Those who do not understand what we do, like the honoring of death just as life, have been the ones who have misinformation about us," Eileen said. She came to the religion through the path of women's spirituality.

"I began researching ancient myths of mother cultures about 15 years ago and I've been conducting moon circles and teaching classes in women's history and ancient mythology and rituals for about 12 years," Eileen said. "I am a Unitarian Universalistic Educator so I teach adults and children's classes." Unitarian Universalists were the first denomination to ordain women in the 1800s and more than half of their ministers are female. They were also the first mainstream religious denomination to accept earth-centered spirituality as a primary source for religious activities when they amended their constitution to accept paganism three years ago.

"Accepting paganism was very controversial. This change was going to be a big step for many people but we finally acknowledged that the cycle of life and death is sacred," Eileen said. "Indigenous peoples like Native Americans, African Americans and aboriginal people all over the world have a great deal to teach us through the religion that we call paganism."

Eileen teaches a woman-honoring class about ancient goddesses, rituals and rights of passages within women's lives. She said this has changed many women's lives because witchcraft, paganism, and has been practiced against another person's will. Spells can't be used to get a hot date or to put Mr. Hot Date in the hospital.

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Daily photo illustration by Joe Johnston

Witches have on Halloween something at Tapango's

receive a special treat

Wear your halloween costume when you purchase something at Tapango's on halloween at the original Tapango's between Kennedy Library and Dexter open Monday - Friday 7:45am to 2:30pm. offer not valid at The Avenue.
William Perry Pendley spoke against afirmative action.

ignore d by the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine and Fishery Service," Pendley said. 

"These fundamental rights that we have under our constitution are irrelevant when it comes to the environment," he added.

Pendley hoped by speaking with the group that they would not be afraid to voice their opinions even if they went against the common thread.

"One of the real tragedies about the issues I talked about — the race issue and the environmental issue — is there's an attempt to stifle debate," Pendley said. "Anybody who raises the other point of view on this issue is called either a pol­ luter or a racist. That's not right. We should be able to talk about these issues in a thoughtful, civi­ lized way."
Mudrerer ideology

Editor,

The theme of Miss Pillsbury's article is that people who offend her precious sensibilities should be dealt with in the most severe manner. She says smokers should be sterilized and "jerks" should be killed. Miss Pillsbury does not specify what exactly being a jerk entails, but I hope for her sake that writing hair-brained articles for the Mustang Daily does not qualify. Don't the editors of the Mustang Daily have anything better to print? When faced with such garbage like Miss Pillsbury's article, why can't they just substitute in a special horror section?

By the way, I do not think that Miss Pillsbury really believes the things she writes, because if she does, then she is in the same ideological league as the more extreme people. She really believes the things she writes, because if she does, then she is in the same ideological league as the more extreme people. She is a nice woman, and I will give her some advice: I'm here. My past is not my present, and I have done the fatties a favor by at least getting started with fatties!

Chad Labarre is an electrical engineering senior.

Start with the fatties

Editor,

Ford and a totally brilliant idea—sterilize fat people! I've long been of the opinion that overeating is an incredibly nasty habit, the only blessing of which is, the obese tend to die early. If we sterilize those pathetic people (otherwise stupid, dependent, personali- ties exhibiting no willpower whatsoever) some day my visual senses will longer be offended by their presence. And don't get me started on illegal immigrants, welfare mothers and tree huggers. Let's just get started with fatties!

Isn't it great to be self-righteous? I mean, it's so much easier than exhibiting compassion and kindness. People need a scapegoat population to bash anyway. It has always been this way, so obviously smokers are fulfilling a societal need, right? Besides, who has the time for self-examination, tolerance and charity. Pointing our fingers and throwing stones is far preferable than, say, attempting to live by crack head Rodney King's dictum to "just get along."

Joe Nichols is a philosophy senior.

O P I N I O N

What about the Men's Center?

By Greg Taylor

This is written for men, to help them get over the fear of the Women's Center and get involved in important events like Take Back the Night. It's also for women, to help them see the kind of crap men have to grow up with. It's not a pretty picture for either sex, but despite men's rul- ing the world, our situation gets very little press, so here's my contribution.

As I walk towards it, it glares at me, menacingly. A citadel, a fortress. But today, I am not afraid.

I've been labelled 'man.' It is not a label with privileg- e as many would say to think.

There is no home for my kind here, no safe haven. We are the privileged, we don't need a home, they say, our home is the world—the world which we so cruelly rule with our mercy for the downtrodden.

Throughout my life, I've been the oppressor, the enemy, the barbarian, the rapist. That's why I'm here. My passions rekindle. I intend to be counted, to be heard.

The women's rights movement, like many left, left out an essential sector in its efforts. It left out the men. Thus, it drew a line between men and women, a battle line in and out of the war. A war which should have been fought together, was fought apart and against each other.

Here is the result of growing up in a confused and mixed generation. I was fed a diet of equal rights and fairness my whole life—mixed with a side order of white male blame for the existing and past inequities...here I am.

I'm here. My past is not my present, and I have done the fatties a favor by at least getting started with fatties!

"The Women's Center" sign. I'm not a woman, but I've looked, and I can find no Men's Center, so I guess this is the place. Peeking cautiously inside, I knock. I am greeted by a look of surprise and a warm welcome. She offers me a drink and a seat on the couch. I am able to

Greg Taylor is a computer science junior.

We're sorry!

Editor,

This is in response to Kelly Davis' letter which appeared on Tuesday, Oct. 28. An error was made by the Records office on Ms. Davis' record. They are all that she notified us so that a correction could be made immediately.

It is TRUE that a grade of an S or an A has a change for a student's major, only the student can do this. Our office makes thousands of updates to student records each quarter and we are dedi- cated to ensuring that each record is accurate. If something "mysteriously" appears on a student's record, it should belong there. We stress the importance of quality service from our window and telephone staff and regret this was not Kelly's experience. Certain times of the quarter are especially busy at the window, so a student may be asked to give us time to investigate a situation and return for additional help. A suggestion/comment box will be placed at the Records win- dow that will help us monitor/improve our services. We encourage student feed- back.

Thomas L. Zuur is the Registrar for the office of Academic Records.

Marcia Friedman and Marlene Carter are associate registrars for student ser- vices.

Utilimess

Editor,

I was quite tickled by the Utilidors decided to shut down power to the Sierra corridor dorms as well as the Yosemite tower dorms as well as the Yosemite tower dorms. No notice was given to any students and the housing department claims that they had no idea about the outage. Utilidor's lack of consideration for the students on the campus is going to extremes. I know of three friends who missed classes because their alarm clocks didn't go off. I can't even imagine how many who missed mid-terms and that is the biggest thing. All my teachers are very strict when it comes to exams. This is NO WAY EXCUS- ES and now thanks to Utilidor's igno- rance many students living in the dorms are now going to have to go through the hassle of-fighting overworked and underpaid teachers for the opportunity to prove their knowledge. This is unfair and Utilidor and the housing depart- ment should have gone to better lengths to inform the students. If such notice was given, I am sure that provisions could have been made to accommodate the power outage. Are we asking to much? I really don't know what terms they say about common sense, it just isn't that common.

Edward Drake is a forestry and natural resources fresh- man.
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The policy forbids those who are not 21 from being served alcohol, those who are 21 and in the control of alcohol cannot be served at any of the campus recognition, give wristbands to those least three days from a Greek for alcohol violations to the university; and cannot be served at any of the campus recognition, give wristbands to those least three days from a Greek for alcohol violations to the university.

The IFC, like the sororities¹ Pandellic Board earlier, discorard TAP for the university policy because of conflicts between the policies. To add to the confusion, fraternities and sororities also have to follow the standards of their national chapter.

Some fraternity members thought an overflow of policies contributed to increased problems. "Any time you have more rules, you have more violations," said. "There is some confusion just because there are so many different policies. It's hard to know where one to follow," Lambert said. Lambert said it would have been difficult to interpret the various policies into one comprehensive plan.

Lambert said that one policy because of conflicts with university guidelines, "Lambert said, "Some people fell TAP was in conflict with the university policy."

While confusion existed over alcohol policies, Mundell said the intentions of TAP were to reduce problems. "We're trying to take care of ourselves instead of being looked after," he said. "It's a way of governing ourselves and taking care of problems before they go to a higher level." However, Mundell said the university will go by its own policies. "Regardless of what we say, the university will do what they want," he said. "The university has taken the alcohol policy on their shoulders.

Mundell also thinks the city police don't appreciate the IFC's effort at self-regulation and unfairly target fraternities for violations. "The police have frats red-flagged for noise disturbances," Mundell said. See ALCOHOL page 6

Seven
The Inferno

Humanities 410 is a 3-unit class which satisfies GE C and meets MB8 from 9 - 10. VALUES, MEDIA, CULTURE is concerned with the relationship between great books and popular entertainments. Friends and Shakespeare, Sexfild and Restoration comedy, Cosmopolitan and Sense and Sensibility. Two exams and one paper. More information is Simon 756-2475. Winter 1998.

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Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Kappa, Gamma Phi Beta
Problem: On Oct. 9, 1997 police were called to the Sunset Drive-In when the fraternity and sororities were conducting a rush activity where alcohol was being served to minors; two citations were given to minors in possession of alcohol.

Minutes: The incident is under investigation by the IFC and the university.

In the last five years, the national organizations of two fraternities have pulled the charter for their Cal Poly chapters because of policy violations: Alpha Epsilon Pi and Theta Chi; which has reemerged as the local fraternity Kappa Chi.
MUSTANG DAILY

Body of Congressman Walter Capps being returned to Santa Barbara for funeral

Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA — The body of Rep. Walter Capps was being flown Wednesday from Virginia to California as his family and staff prepared for a funeral next week at Mission Santa Barbara.

It's a big shock for everyone," said Sharon Sneed, director of Capps' district office in Santa Barbara.

The office received many calls of condolence and flowers after Capps' sudden death Tuesday.

Capps' body was escorted by his wife of 37 years, Lois, on a military aircraft expected at Santa Barbara Airport about 9 p.m. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Mission Santa Barbara.

The 63-year-old Santa Barbara Democrat was returning to Washington when he apparently suffered a heart attack Tuesday at Dulles International Airport.

Lois Capps, a Republican from Los Angeles, said it was not age discrimination.

"Most of the voters were people who cared about the district, the people here. He represented them in the most positive way he could. He cared about people, and transplantation that into what he did in Congress," said State Sen. Jack O'Connell, a Democrat who represents the state level much the same area as Capps, said he remembered Capps as a congressman for a keen intellect and strong sense of compassion.

"Without a doubt, he left a mark on so many people, not just as a member of Congress, but as a professor at UCSC," said O'Connell. "He commanded respect. He was just a wonderful human being."
A Day for the Dead

La muerte Calaca y flaca...
No engorda por lo mas que empaca.
Skinny, skeleton Death...
doesn’t get fat, no matter how she eats.
— Popular Mexican Refrain

By Pedro Arroyo
Special to Arts Weekly

She sits on top of my desk throughout the year. Sometimes she offers me a smile; other times she seems witty and takes on a playful attitude. She is never sad or somber.

Her constant presence, even if it is only in the form of a paper-mache doll, serves as a constant reminder of what will ultimately happen to me and the rest of us someday. We will face death at one point or another. But when I see this colorful and playful Mexican Calaca (Death) wearing a blue dress and multi-colored clothing, it serves to remind me that there is life in death.

The ancient Mexicans (Aztecs) as well as other indigenous people in Mexico, firmly believed that life and death were tied together. Their visual portrayal of Death was human, and their culture emphasized remembering the dead.

José Guadalupe Posada, an early 19th century Mexican engraver, understood these concepts well. He was the first modern visual artist to draw La Calaca (Death) and other Calaveras (Skulls) in his Mexico City print shop. He drew La Calaca and Calaveras (Skulls) performing a variety of human activities like dancing, drinking and even fighting. His now world famous drawing of La Catrina (The Well-Dressed One), portrays Death wearing a colonial dress, complete with an intricate hat.

Posada did not only give La Calaca a recognizable face, but he did it in a playful and mocking manner. Posada gave La Calaca a variety of funny and sarcastic names such as Doña Huéspes (Ms. Bones), La Seca (The Dry One), La Apótesa (The Putrid One) and La Sin Dientes (The Toothless One). The list of names for Death in Mexican culture goes on and on and they get funnier every time.

Posada’s artistic ability to mock and play with death was superb. By dealing

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Mix Thai with Crabb

By Carrie Cardona
Art Weekly Writer

While the fall leaves are colorfully painting the sidewalks outside, the Cal Poly art and design department is featuring two art exhibitions to decorate the interior of campus buildings.

Students are invited to experience a taste of Thailand's rich culture by checking out the Thailand Art Show in the Dexter Building University Art Gallery. In addition, art and design senior Wendy Crabb is featuring her collection of original photos in the library.

The Thailand Art Show

The Dexter gallery exhibit titled "Traditional and Contemporary Thai Paintings" will run through Nov. 2, and is a unique three-screen slide documentation of murals of Buddhist origin in Thailand. It includes 17th century through contemporary paintings of the temples.

This show is the first of a two-part Thai exhibit. It is meant to provide some historical and contextual background for an upcoming exhibit titled "Thai Visions I," which will begin Sunday, Nov. 9 and last through Thursday, Dec. 4. The exhibit will feature original works designed by art professors from Silpakorn University's School of Visual Arts in Bangkok, Thailand.

Both exhibitions result from initiatives inspired by the Pacific Rim Studies Group, an organization created by sociology professor Harold Kerbo and others that attempt to foster interest in students of all nations that border the rim of the Pacific Ocean in many fields.

The idea for a Thai exhibit also stemmed from a trip to Thailand in January of 1993 in which George Jerich, Cal Poly art and design professor, along with other faculty — Paul Zingg, vice president of academic affairs and university relations; Harold Kerbo, sociology professor; Irei Chusawan, former director of the global affairs department; Del Dingus, soil science professor; and Phru Mage Thoranee, mechanical engineering professor — went to compare and contrast Eastern art to Western art and encourage future student and faculty art exchanges. "It was an East meets West art-appreciation trip," Jerich said.

Silpakorn University is one of the universities that agreed to the exchange. As a result, its department of decorative arts decided to feature art work at Cal Poly just as Cal Poly art and design professors have shown their art work at Silpakorn.

"Traditional and Contemporary Thai Paintings" is the first art exhibit using slide projectors to present art. Jerich said the department wanted to create a temple-wall-like atmosphere in which to display the art. "We wanted to project the paintings in a setting that fit with the idea of being in Buddhist temple," he said.

Background Thai music combined with a dimly lit gallery contributes to the department's symbolic effort to present a Buddhist temple atmosphere.

Jerich credited Crissa Hewitt's Art 136 exhibition display and design as being responsible for creating the unique setting of the exhibition.

Most of the slides include original works created as early as the 17th century to the present. About 30 to 35 of the images are temple-wall-mural paintings and about 30 are images designed by contemporary artists.

The paintings reflect Thailand's cultural heritage by portraying Thailand's national beliefs, its history, social environment and the mode of living experienced by its people. For instance, the work titled, "Gathering Plum-Sugar Juice" shows how Thai women gather the necessary ingredients to make plum-sugar juice, a popular Thai drink.

Other works include "Festival No.2," which illustrates a massive festival with people dancing and gathering in a local Thai village, "A Rainy Day in Bangkok," which portrays an image of a stone temple, and "Painting," a canvas painting created with red grays, blues, and whites creatively swirled together.

Next year, the Cal Poly art and design department hopes to organize an exhibition focusing on student-art exchanges.

"I think most people are anxious awaiting for the next exhibit and see this as more of a prelim-

Phru Mage Thoranee or Mother Earth. Mural painting in Ordination Hall Wat Chompuwet

The second show "Thai Visions I" completes an exchange of faculty members' original art works by Cal Poly's art and design department and the School of Visual Arts at Silpakorn University.

"Thai Visions I" exhibition will feature sculpture, paintings, prints, ceramics, and mixed-media pieces.

Professor Payoon Mosikarat, director of the Thai campus Art Centre, and Professor Amrit Chusawan of Silpakorn's faculty of painting will be at an opening reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6. They will also visit art classes the week after, giving critiques of students' work.

"It will be good for our students," Jerich said, "to get a fresh, objective critique by artists elsewhere in the world."

The second show is supported by funds from the California State Lottery, Cal Poly Arts, the Instructionally Related Activities Office and Friends of the University Art Gallery.

The gallery is open every day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"Personally it's rewarding to me to be able to honor my guests who I've met in Thailand and have given me personal support for myself and students. It's been

see EXHIBIT page A4
Music lands at SB Bowl
By Stacey Johnston
Special to The Weekly

Earthlings take heed! 311 will invade the Santa Barbara Bowl tonight along with opener Sugar Ray and some 'little buddies.' As part of the light show planned for 311's set, images of aliens will transcend onto the stage. "Everyone's going to be blown away by the lights," said a spokesperson for Capronia, 311's record label. After taking a break from touring since the end of September, Omaha natives 311 kicked off the second leg of their current tour this week.

Fashions opened for them at their Tuesday night concert in Phoenix and yesterday's show in Las Vegas. Sugar Ray will hook up with 311 for their third stop, the Santa Barbara Bowl. "Especially with Sugar Ray it's going to be an energy-packed show," said the spokesperson. "The guys are excited. They love the Bowl." 311 last played on the Bowl's tree-shrouded stage in 1996. "Last year 311 was here and they were really good," said Eric Shiflett, Santa Barbara Bowl development coordinator. "Everyone had a good time and I think it will only be better with support like Sugar Ray." Orange County sensation Sugar Ray are no strangers to the stage. The band spent 1995 and 1996 touring in support of their first album "Lemonade and Brownies." They made over 200 appearances, both as headliners and as guests of bands such as Korn and Cypress Hill. Sugar Ray quickly became known for its ubiquitous "Fly," the megalith of their sophomore album "Floored" which buzzed on the airwaves all summer long.

Concertgoers can look forward to being served up a wide variety of 311 hits. "They always play stuff from every single album," said the spokesperson. "Down (a single of their third album '311') is great live." 311's fourth and latest album, "Transistor," was released on Aug. 8 and features hits "Prisoner" and title track "Transistor." The album contains a hefty musical lineup-21 tracks! "Transistor" is our way of saying that all living things are connected, that we are all conduits of electricity-that we're all part of the same energy source-and in this way we're all equal," said 311 vocalist-guitarist Nick Hexum in a press release for the album. Hexum and the other members of 311 will electrify the Santa Barbara Bowl tonight with their dazzling light show and upbeat tunes.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Shiflett said tickets for tonight's show should still be available at the door, to make sure call the Bowl at 962-7411.

Music lands at SB Bowl
By Matt Berger
Special to The Weekly

Paul McCartney owns the rights to "Happy Birthday" which is why restaurateurs have to make up their own crappy versions usually involving some obscure clapping and cheering to avoid copyright infringement. Every time you blow out your candles to a medley of wailing family members you and your partygoers are illegally covering a song.

I am the caboose on the bandwagon truckin' across the musical plains of America. The manifest destiny of trying to conquer the world with my opinions, but rightfully so, considering musicians these days are making it to stardom by ripping off the mediocre tunes of past musicians. I have a few opinions on the whole issue of looping.

It's become most prominent in rap music lately, and I have some problems with this. Why can't rap artists write their own songs, make up their own beats, and some ingenuity? What is it about the music industry or even the culture of rap music that praises an artist for making an album from ripped pieces of the past?

There is a long list of musicians who have done the same thing with both praise and conflict. Elvis's "Blue Suede Shoes" by Johnny Cash, err, Soundgarden, and who hasn't covered Bob Dylan, Guns 'N' Roses "Knocking on Heaven's Door" and Jimi Hendrix "All Along the Watchtower." Eric Clapton "Shed the Sheriff" after Bob Marley committed the same crime. Vanilla Ice broke a few rules with Queen's "Under Pressure." A song that I have never been fond of no matter who sings it "Come on Eileen." has been redone by Save Ferris, Puff Daddy, a big hit. I'm sure, raps to "Every Breath you take." Wyclef Jean ripped off "Stayin' Alive," and the ultimate rap song "Rapper's Delight" has been recreated by a medley of new young rappers, Janet Jackson I guess finalized she is the women's liberator of the 90's, transforming the music of folk singer Joni Mitchell into her own soul. She's taken on the earthy, strong woman look and let her hair grow more naturally.

Opus is back for another final show on Nov. 1 at SLO Brew. The upbeat ska locals are back on stage for a final hurrah and guess what, word on the street-and from the lead singer who is taking my wood-working class at the Craft Center-is that they will be featuring a popular cover in their set. I know what it is but don't ask me because I'm bound by wood-shop honor to keep it a secret.

What's the harm factor involved with a band that has continually played original creations adding a cover to their set list? I almost consider it regression. We've made it this far with our own music, let's take a
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with death in this manner, he would insure, like the ancient Mexicans did, that the dead would never be feared or forgotten.

Posada’s Calaveras and Calacas have also become the strongest visual images of El Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead), celebrated annually on Nov 2. This is the day when the veil between the dead and those who are living is .eraised. It is believed that the souls of the departed will return to their homes and enjoy the offerings of food and drinks that have been made by family and friends during this day. The oferings (offerings) are placed on altars (altars) which are created at home and usually have the items a deceased person once enjoyed. The offerings can range from food, drinks, tobacco and candy. Sometimes relatives may hire local musicians to play music or a person once enjoyed. Anything can be done to please the returning souls.

The altars will also have sugar calaveras (skulls) which bear the likeness of the people that are dead. The sugar calaveras along with a special bread, Pan de Muerto, which is made for the occasion, are also common items found on the altar. It is common to see children and adults, eat these items during the celebration. The altar during El Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is the most sacred and private part of the Mexican culture. It is considered holy and designed by the family. Each family has its own unique altar (altar) for the day. It is one of the hallmarks of the celebration.

If you would like to catch a glimpse of La Calaca and calavera’s and learn more about El Dia De Los Muertos, you may want to join Cal Poly’s Multi-Cultural Center along with La Comision Estudiantil, the coordinating body for this event, for an evening of art, music and food for both locals and visitors.

The event begins on Thursday, Nov 2, at 6:30 PM with an artist’s reception for Maria Ortiz, a Chihuahua based artist, who is the Director of Art and Music, and John Garcia, a local artist. The exhibition is a combination of potter’s paintings and three-dimensional work on the theme of Dia de Los Muertos. The exhibition is held in the Multi-Cultural Center Gallery. The festivities will continue at the Cal Poly Regional Center with an evening of Mexican music, dance and folklore scheduled to begin at 8 PM.

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HIV outbreak proves a painful lesson

Associated Press

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. — Even the kids who missed the message in health class surely heard it somewhere else, if not from parents, then from movie stars on MTV who have said it time and again: Unprotected sex can kill. That doesn't mean they heeded the warning, as a rash of fell-olds in the farm county of western New York.

Now people wonder with frustration what else they could possibly have done beyond the school lectures, church sermons and community programs.

"We're dealing with a teen population," said Pat Van Etten, a coordinator from the county's health department. "In their minds, nothing's going to happen to them."

Nine young women — the youngest is now 14 — are infected with the AIDS virus after having sex with 20-year-old Nushawn Williams. Authorities believe Williams spread the virus knowingly to young women he met at parks and near schools after he was diagnosed and received counseling about his HIV status.

The threat looms for many more youngsters who may already be infected and could unknowingly spread the virus further into a region where the largest city has 34,000 people.

In response to the crisis, about 500 parents and teens attended a forum at the civic center Wednesday night — "HIV/AIDS: How do we protect our kids?"

Sherry Wright, the mother of eight children, suggested students take field trips to AIDS treatment centers.

"You can't just take a bunch of information and papers and throw it at the kids," she said. "Let them talk to people with AIDS. Everyone sees people who have cancer or are starving."

Ms. Van Etten can list a half-dozen county health programs and publications that spread the safe sex message. HIV and AIDS prevention has been taught in the schools here for the better part of a decade; even kindergartners are told about a "bad disease called AIDS."

The schools are not required to tell students about condom use, and Ms. Van Etten knows that some don't mention condoms unless students ask. None of the county's schools distribute condoms, she said.

Dozens of women in this small county apparently had unprotected sex with Williams. County health officials said Williams gave them 20 names of women with whom he had had sex at the time of his HIV test about a year ago.

He gave New York City health officials dozens more names during an interview last week from jail, where he has been since July on a drug charge, state Health Commissioner Barbara DeBunk said.

"What is it about him that made young women ignore any safe sex messages they may have heard?"

"He would use his charm," said 16-year-old Katie, who knew Williams and dated one of his friends. "He'd say 'What's up, baby? Can I take you to dinner?'

 Authorities said he offered drugs for sex in some cases. They described him as a "scorekeeper" who delighted in keeping track of his relationship.

Nationally, Gallup polls have shown that a decreasing number of Americans are concerned about getting AIDS. The number dropped from 82 percent in October 1987 to 30 percent earlier this month.

The challenge, parents and educators said, is making their messages stronger than the lure of people like Williams.
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limited traffic on Marsh Street. Sallaberry also said more measures should be taken to decrease the demand for parking rather than building more parking structures.

Pat Veessart, city planning commissioner, reacted that if there was an increased capacity for cars, there would be more traffic. He urged the council to take a more pedestrian-friendly approach by adopting some of the ideas presented by Yen and Sallaberry.

Civil and environmental engineering professor Eugene Jad said that in April 1996 citizens were promised a study giving scenarios both with and without a Marsh Street parking expansion. He said the city also promised to present a city access study along with the parking study.

"What we got is a study with the Marsh Street expansion included and no alternatives and no access study for public transportation," Jad said. "How do we continue? Do we go directly to an EIR? What we need is some creative public participation. There could be a better solution instead of going through the EIR process now."

Ira Winn, retired professor of urban studies, said he spent at least 150 hours studying the downtown parking situation and he reports the report is fundamentally flawed. He said the Parking Demand Reduction (PDR) program, which would decrease the use of single occupant vehicles by the use of alternative modes of travel, is in conflict with building more parking structures.

The basis of the PDR is changing behavior. You don't get rid of a habit by feeding it," Winn said. "You can't tell people to use alternatives but still give them what they've been using. If you continue to build parking garages,

they're eventually going to get full and you'll have a worse traffic problem. I think the city is being sold a bill of goods."

Several members of the downtown business community expressed their desire to approve the plan including Mark Henchman who represented the Downtown Center.

He said if the goal is to create a pedestrian-friendly ambiance, it can only happen if adequate parking is achieved. He also said the city has a commitment to those businesses that have already paid fees to insure there will be adequate downtown parking.

At the close of the public comment period, councilman Dave Romero presented several proposed changes to the plan.

"This is a more comprehensive plan than the one adopted in 1995. I'd like to see a few changes," Romero said.

The council voted to change the plan to reflect the council's desire to use existing parking fund revenue only for parking and not for alternate transportation. The council voted to pursue grant funds and if those funds become available, to use parking rate increases to fund the PDR program.

Changes will also be made to specific guidelines for determining if and when new parking lot construction could be implemented. The amended plan will state that those guidelines should be met, rather than must be met.

Council member Kathy Smith said that the softer wording would enable the council to operate in a more proactive rather than reactive manner in determining when new parking facilities are needed.

On Jan. 6, the city staff will meet with the council to present implementation guidelines for the plan. The EIR is expected to take about six to eight months to complete.

Prosecutors: Kaczynski papers admit to "non-bombing acts of violence"

By Robert Cole

Sacramento Bee

Papers found in Unabomber defendant Theodore Kaczynski's Montana cabin admit to "non-bombing acts of violence," prosecutors said in legal documents made public Wednesday.

The documents do not specify the acts of violence. Justice Department spokeswoman Leesa Brown said she could not release any information. But a federal law enforcement source who spoke on condition of anonymity said that the acts were serious and have never been made public.

But Kaczynski's court-appoint ed defense lawyer, Qin Denvir, said the prosecution was referring to "some acts of vandalism which we don't feel have any place in this trial."

Prosecutors want to use Kaczynski's admissions as proof of his intent to harm people, which could help counter a mental defect defense.

"The defendant's decision to put his mental condition at issue makes highly relevant his admissions to committing the non-bombing acts of violence," said the brief by Robert Cleary and Douglas Wilson.

Kaczynski, 55, faces trial beginning Nov. 12 on a 10-count indictment charging him with using bombs to kill two Sacramento men and injure two others. He pleaded innocent. He also has been charged separately in New Jersey with the bombing death of an advertising executive.

Prosecutors want to introduce evidence of other non-charged bombings to show Kaczynski, a University of California math professor who became a Montana recluse, is the Unabomber, responsible for 16 bombings over 17 years that killed three and injured 23.

They also want to show Kaczynski has admitted to non-bombing acts of violence according to the prosecution brief.

The admissions "contain express statements of the defendant's intent to kill and the reasons why he sought to kill," prosecutors say.

The brief suggests that the "acts of violence and vandalism" came early on in Kaczynski's adult life, possibly before the Unabomber attacks began in 1978.
Stocks end mixed despite positive comments from Fed Chair Greenspan

By Rachel Beck

NEW YORK — Stocks ended Wednesday's session of wild gyrations overshadowed by a plunge in the stock market's best-known technology stocks and profit-taking by investors eager to cash in on the market's recent rise.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose just 8.35 to 7,506.67, only a slight move compared with Monday's devastating 554-point plunge or Tuesday's 337-point surge by the stock market's best-known barometer.

Broader stock market measures were mixed, with smaller-company stocks posting the best performance.

"Many people just were seeking stable ground today after the last two sessions," said Richard E. Crijns, chief market strategist for Legg Mason of Baltimore. It's been a bumpy ride down Wall Street this week, with the worst point drop ever for stocks coming on Monday and then big gains in history following on Tuesday.

Trading, however, calmed Wednesday, initially pacified by turnaround overnight in Asian and European financial markets. Concerns over the stability of Southeast Asian markets caused turmoil in global stock markets since late last week.

But it was Greenspan's testimony to Congress that set off a morning stock rally, sending the Dow up 123 points. The Fed chairman said that the stock market's recent decline may help the economy by slowing it to a more sustainable pace.

His comments, combined with a weak factory orders report released at the same time, suggested the Fed would not have to raise interest rates soon to slow the economy.

Higher interest rates raise corporate borrowing costs and reduce profits.

Although the stock market welcomed Greenspan's comments, investors still looked to make some profits on the big gains made Tuesday and early Wednesday morning.

In addition, technology stocks weakened amid continued concerns that problems in Asia could still hurt companies that depend on that area of the world for a bulk of their business.

Compaq Computer fell 3 15/16 to 63 7/16 on the New York Stock Exchange, while Intel dropped 4 3/4 to 80 1/4 and Dell Computer fell 7 1/2 to 82 1/2 on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

"Greenspan said all the right things," said Hildegard Zagorski, a market analyst at Prudential Securities. "But the weakness in the tech stocks and profit-taking cut into those gains."

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 9-to-5 margin on the NYSE, where volume totaled 770.56 million shares, down from 1.196 billion in the previous session, the most shares ever traded in NYSE history.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list fell 2.69 to 939.16 and the NYSE composite index rose 0.27 to 482.93.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 0.27 to 1,692.75, especially hurt by the retreat in technology stocks.

But the Russell 2000 index of smaller companies, which on Tuesday posted slimmer gains than the blue-chip stocks like those in the Dow, jumped 5.52 to 434.87 on Wednesday. The American Stock Exchange composite index, which also is laden with small-cap stocks, rose 5.87 to 676.41.

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Summer and Winter Solstices and the Spring and Autumn Equinoxes. They also celebrate fertility of the earth and humans and death as well.

Michelle said one of the misconceptions about Wicca is the idea of casting spells.

"When newcomers join the religion sometimes they have to do spells because they want some guy to fall in love with them, or get a better job or whatever," she said. "You can do a spell, like light a green candle for money, and that will motivate you to go out and solve your problem. You can't do a spell to get a job, then plug the couch turn on the TV. It doesn't work that way."

She said most Wiccans have some private ceremony they may practice to give them better insight into a problem or to focus on their spirituality, but spells are never cast on anyone else without their permission. One doesn't know what kind of harm it may produce.

"We have what's called the Wiccan Rede which is like the Golden Rule. We don't harm others. Others can harm us. A harm will come back to us threefold," she said. "This method is not incen­
tive to do good works, because good works will come back to us as well."

There is no official written liturgy for Wicca. The closest thing is what some call a Book of Shadows. This is usually a hand­written book that contains portions of diaries written by other witches and contains myths or accounts of the local area. Everyone's own Book of Shadows will be different because along with selected traditions in personal accounts will be a part of the book.

Michelle said Wicca also uses several ritual items such as a ritual knife, a cup, bells, candles, drums and pentacles that are common to most pagan sects. She said not all covens use the same ritual items and some common items may be used in different ways.

Michelle was introduced to Wicca in the early 1980s in Iowa. "I was a Bible-thumping Christian and my best friend became a Wiccan," she said. "I was determined to save her because I was convinced it was Satanism. We had some great debates and I wound up finding out it wasn't what I thought it was. Then I realized I really liked it."

Michelle said she went through a difficult period deciding if she wanted to involve herself in Wicca because of her Christian background. She discovered that many of the rituals were similar to some she had been practicing.

She went through seven years of heavy Wiccaning. She said she was not involved with a coven, or anything organized, there were groups with problem politics and hierarchies. She was not involved with a coven, or group, but practices her religion privately.

She said Wiccans refer to the European witch-hunts as the "Burning Times." It was during this period that those women accused of witchcraft were tor­tured and killed. It was the catalyst that forced paganism into becoming an underground religion. Those killed during this time are revered as martyrs by Wiccans.

The persecution has not stopped. She said the most vocal opponents to paganism are funda­mentalist Christians who don't accept any religious teachings not found in the Bible. Some sections of the country seem to be more prejudiced toward alternative religions than others, prompting many Wiccans to close their prac­tices.

"There were Wiccans that I knew in high school and always wore their penta­gons on the outside of their clothes. They were kept off like just some Christians will wear a huge cross that everyone notices," she said. "But when you do that you run the risk of getting beat up by a Christian who has that for protection. Thus you do not suffer a witch to live."

"I've got friends who've gotten the crap beat out of them by love­ing Christians with Bible verse in their hands."

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Hamilton skates first-post cancer show

By Beth Harris

INGLEWOOD — Scott Hamilton, a master showman, knows things could get slippery in his first figure skating show since beating testicular cancer.

Even his trademark black flip hasn't come to its vintage grace until his confidence was forced off the ice seven months ago after being diagnosed with cancer at 39.

And the spins, flips and jumps he executed so flawlessly are a little rough around the edges as he works to regain his timing and the strength that was sapped by chemotherapy.

"I'm scared to death," Hamilton said about Wednesday night's exhibition at the Forum. "Hopefully, I'll skate well. I know I'm going to get back to where I was before, but it's going to take time."

Helping out Hamilton were a who's who of Olympic skaters — Ekaterina Gordeeva, Katarina Witt, Kristi Yamaguchi, Brian Boitano, Kurt Browning, Brian Orser, Paul Wylie and Roslyn Sumners.

Many of their routines were expected to be a surprise to Hamilton, who planned to watch the long-hour show before skating the evening's final number.

"This one is unique because there's so much emotion tied into it," he said.

Hamilton, the 1984 Olympic champion, found out he had cancer in March. He underwent chemotherapy and surgery to remove the tumor and his right testicle. Doctors give him an 80 percent to 90 percent chance for a full recovery.

A portion of the proceeds from the exhibition, to be shown on CBS Nov. 5, will benefit the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, a non-profit academic medical center. Just to be there one more time center ice, looking at an audience and being able to entertain them was the reason for putting this show together," Hamilton said.

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NBA's first female refs are ready for season

By Rick Warren

NEW YORK — Dee Kantner and Violet Palmer, the NBA's first women referees, aren't worried about handling Charles Barkley, Dennis Rodman and the league's other bad boys.

"We'll treat them just like any other player," Palmer said during a conference call with Kantner on Wednesday night. "Confrontation is part of being a referee. If they cross a line they've overstepped, they'll get a technical like any other player."

One day after they were hired, Kantner and Palmer gave their first public reactions to becoming the first NBA referees to officiate regular-season games in a major U.S. professional sports league.

Kantner, 37, said she was surprised that the press gave the story so much attention.

"I'm really stunned by the response we're getting," she said. "We just followed a path that was laid out for us."

Both women have officiated NBA exhibition games the last two years and worked NBA summer league games the last three years. They also have refereed women's professional and college games.

"I think Dee and I were selected on our ability," the 33-year-old Kantner said. "We didn't have to go to the job to the best of our ability."

Kantner said she didn't start out to be a trailblazer for women in sports.

"I don't think Violet or I could say this was our first goal. But we've gotten to the point where we are now," she said.

"But if one of the aftereffects is that women are given more opportu­nities, we're obviously in favor of that."

While some players have expressed reservations about female refs working in an all-male game, Kantner and Palmer said they didn't encounter any major problems during exhibition games.

"I think we've already been accepted," Palmer said. "The players said they were or have heard of us or know something about us." Rodman, the Chicago Bulls forward known for his outrageous behavior, said that male refs have "got to be ready to run with us on the court, get touched."

"We're going to do the job to the best of our ability," Kantner said. "We're going to be there every night and then like male offici­als."

Kantner said that type of contact wouldn't bother her, as long as it was done in the right spirit. "As long as we're going to misinterpret," she said. However, Kantner added that if a player intentionally was "weird" on a play, she'd "call him out and have him talk to me."
They're still running the same stuff." And the Cowboys still have trouble, said Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin, although they're not enjoying the kind of offensive success that helped them to three Super Bowl wins in the 1990s. Dallas ranks 19th in offense and is second to the last in touchdowns scored from inside the opponent's 20-yard line, reaching the end zone just nine times in 32 possessions (28 percent). In comparison, San Francisco has scored 19 TDs in 35 trips (54 percent) inside an opponent's 20-yard line. "We've just failed to get the ball in the end zone," Akman said. "That's frustrating. There's no question about it, especially considering play of our defense and special teams. We feel that offensively we've held this team back and we realize that in order for us to do what we want to do and go where we want to go, we've got to play better offensively." It's just a matter of time before the Cowboys do just that, said safety Merton Hanks. "We lost a lot of their personnel, you look at what they bring to the table, you just automatically assume they should be doing better," Hanks said. "Everybody's kind of looking for them to bust out. We're just trying to make sure it's not against us," Hanks has a point. The last two meetings between the Cowboys and 49ers and 49ers have been won by the underdog. In 1995, the 49ers were given virtually no chance to beat the surging Cowboys, but backup quarterback Elvis Grbac hit Jerry Rice with an 81-yard touchdown pass on the second play of the game and San Francisco pulled away for a 38-20 victory at Texas Stadium. Last year, Dallas appeared on the brink of falling out of playoff contention, but rallied for a 20-17 overtime win at San Francisco to turn its season around. "Best assured, they will play their best game of the season and we must as well," San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci said. "We're going with the premise that they are a heckuva team in the red zone and that Akman is going to be hot. We've got to be ready for their best shot. Over the last two games the 49ers could be so sure the Cowboys would be at their best, Mariucci said. "Because it's us."
Mustangs look to hook playoff spot

Daily Staff Report

On a night when most Cal Poly students will head downtown to listen to music and taste the delights at Farmer's Market, there will be eight women who march into Mustang Stadium to play in perhaps their most meaningful battle of this season.

The Cal Poly women's soccer team will face Brigham Young University tonight at 7 p.m. This isn't just another game for the Mustangs. This is a must-win game. Cal Poly needs a win against a nationally ranked team to help them secure a NCAA playoff birth for the first time ever.

BYU, ranked No.19, is the team the Mustangs have to beat. But it isn't going to be easy. The Cougars have only one loss this season. Ironically it came to San Diego State, an unranked team. Giving them an overall record of 16-1 and a league record of 4-1, it is ranked No. 3 in the West Region.

Cal Poly, 13-4 overall and 5-1 in its conference, is ranked No. 6 in the West Region.

Both Cal Poly and BYU are ranked first in their conference coming into the match. And both teams feature a host of returning starters from last season.

The Cougars clinched the Pac-12 Conference last weekend by defeating the University of Utah 3-2 in overtime. Cal Poly will be looking out for junior forward Shauna Robbuck who kicked in the winning goal four minutes into the overtime period after scoring the first goal of the game. Robbuck leads the team in scoring with 12 goals and six assists.

Filling out the top offensive line of the Cougars are junior Michelle Jensen, who has seven goals and eight assists, and sophomore forward Maren Hendershot, who has five goals and ten assists.

Blocking the goal at the other end of the field the Mustangs will face junior defender Laurel Simpson, who was a member of the WAC First Team in 1996 and the NSCAA West Region Third Team.

This is the first match ever between the Cougars and the Mustangs. Cal Poly will look to its eight seniors to lead the team to victory. The seniors are looking to crush BYU and secure a spot in the NCAA playoffs.

Sophomore Gina Onguara has scored nine goals so far this season for the Mustangs. And junior Shana Sitzel has been strong with three goals and ten assists.

In front of the Mustang goal will be sophomore goalkeeper Natalia Garcia who is ranked second in the Big West with 74 saves on the season and 1.10 goals against average.

After taking on BYU tonight, the Mustangs will play their final match of the regular season this Sunday against San Jose State. It will also be the last time the eight seniors run onto the field of Mustang Stadium.

In their last game they will face the Spartans, who are ranked fourth in the WAC conference with a 3-2 record and 9-6 overall.

A win over the Spartans and the Cougars will give the Mustangs seven consecutive wins as they head in to the Big West Conference Nov. 7 through Nov. 9.

SPORTS TRIVIA

Wednesday's Answer:

Cal Poly alumnus John Madden won 10 Emmy Awards as an NFL Analyst for CBS and FOX. In 1994 he signed a $32 million deal with FOX. Congrats, Marc Johnston!

Today's Question:
What women's basketball player led USC to a NCAA title and went on to coach the team for 2 seasons?

Submit your answer to sports@polyemail.calsb.edu. The first correct answer I receive will be printed along with your name in the paper the next day.

SCHEDULE

TODAY

• Women's Soccer vs. Brigham Young University in Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m.
• Volleyball vs. Long Beach State
  Long Beach at 7:30 p.m.

HALLOWEEN NIGHT

• Men's Soccer vs. Brigham Young University in Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Football vs. Liberty in Virginia at 10:30 a.m.
• Volleyball vs. Univ. of Pacific in Stockton at 7 p.m.