World AIDS Day opens minds

Paris — AIDS activists around the world marched, prayed and wore red ribbons Monday to mark the ninth World AIDS Day — while AIDS victims in poor nations did what they did every day: Lived, struggled and died in obscurity.

On Monday, at least, their lives were honored.

In Europe, demonstrators observed a day with candlelight marches and songs, in Asia, governments announced new education and health programs aimed at fighting the growing AIDS problem.

Thousands marched in Paris at sundown, blowing whistles and carrying placards demanding more help for victims. Rallies were also held in other French cities.

"They are dying less in France, in the rich countries, but they continue to die more and more in the poor countries," said Kouchner, who tested positive for the AIDS virus.

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New policy gives students added ease

By Brian Johnson
Daily Staff Writer

If storing books and backpacks in the lockers before entering El Corral Bookstore is still your practice, hear this: lock no more. Since the bookstore installed a new security system, which uses cameras, locker-users can now slip in with backpacks and be worry free.

"It's totally more convenient," said agricultural science senior Steve Dillev. "You don't have to find a quarter to lock your backpack up. I come in more times now because I don't have to go through the hassle of locking it up.

Casey Nielsen, foundation loss prevention coordinator, said the new system was tested last year.

"Last year we purchased the security camera system as kind of an experiment, a see-how-it-works type of thing," he said.

He added that, before the security system was put in, someone stood by the door to make sure no one brought in a backpack. He said to test the system, people were given the option of bringing backpacks into the store or leaving them outside.

"There were certain periods last year we wouldn't stop people. We just wanted to see what would happen, and we saw overall success," Nielsen said.

Nielsen said that, with the use of the cameras, theft dropped by one-third compared to two years ago.

El Corral hasn't done inventory this school year, so it is not known if allowing students to bring in backpacks has affected theft.

"We felt like we wanted to give the 99 percent of our customers, our honest customers, the ability to go into the store and not have to get a quarter out and worry about locking anything," Nielsen said.

El Corral has posted cameras throughout the bookstore. They are remote controlled by trained students in a monitoring room. The students have been trained by El Corral and Cal Poly Police. All the camera's footage is recorded on film and kept for a minimum of 30 days.

As for the lockers around the bookstore, Nielsen said they are going to stay for now.

"Some students still choose to put their backpack in the lockers, so we are still allowing students to use them. I don't know what will happen as more and more people decide to bring their backpacks in. When that happens, things may change," he said.

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Defect makes people smell like rotting fish

By Marlene Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Scientists have identified genetic defects that make people smell like rotting fish, an uncommon disorder that can lead to ridicule, loneliness and depression.

“Those people lose jobs, they lose friends, they’re often very isolated,” said Dr. Eileen Treacy of McGill University in Montreal, who led one of two competing research teams that found the flaws in a single gene.

Robert L. Smith of the Imperial College School of Medicine in London, a member of the other group, told of a woman who divorced her husband because she thought he was not keeping himself clean. When she learned he had the disorder, “she was full of remorse,” he said.

No cure is known for ‘fish-odor syndrome,’ though avoiding certain foods and taking antibiotics can help. The new work might lead to better treatments, researchers said.

The British research team, led by Ian R. Phillips of the University of London, reported its work in the December issue of the journal Nature Genetics. Treacy’s results were presented last month at a genetics meeting.

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proceeds going to AIDS support centers.

The World Health Organization said new HIV infections in Western Europe have dropped 10 percent.

While new drug therapies and increased education have slowed the spread of HIV in many industrialized countries, AIDS infection has accelerated in developing countries, where victims and governments cannot afford the costly treatments.

More than 90 percent of HIV-infected people live in the developing world, and the disease is spreading at an alarming rate in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, the WHO’s regional director for Europe said Monday.

“Eastern Europe is now in the forefront of the AIDS epidemic,” Jo E. Ayyad said, attributing the increase primarily to intravenous drug use.

In St. Petersburg, Russia, teenagers acted dressed as prostitutes and drug addicts, drawing laughter as they did a skit demonstrating the menace of AIDS. But the performance was followed by a serious message.

“I understand that young people are our future, but who will work with prostitutes, who will work with drug addicts, who will work with ‘AIDS’?” activist Nikolai Panchenkov asked the audience. “No one.”

Across Asia, where international health authorities say they believe the number of AIDS and HIV infections is under-reported, World AIDS Day was observed with new awareness programs from China to India.

The child might be called “Stinky” or “Fadik,” Smith said children have been forced to leave schools because of the teasing.

Some affected people reach their teens without finding out why others avoid them, Smith said. Many victims go into jobs where they can work alone. Some start smoking heavily to try to disguise the smell, Smith said.

In Bombay, demonstrators carried a wooden effigy of a snake strangling India through the streets.

China said it plans to start broadcasting anti-AIDS messages on trains.

In Tokyo, hundreds gathered in a rain-soaked square to sing songs and appeal for support and understanding for AIDS victims. A huge tree was set up in the square, illuminated with electric lights and covered with some 17,000 red ribbons sent in from around Japan.

However, in Thailand, economic problems prompted the government to slash funds for a program that bought condoms for prostitutes, and sharply reduced World AIDS day observances in Bangkok.

Outside Nairobi, Kenya, workers at a home for AIDS-infected children went about their usual job Monday — trying to prolong and ease the lives of 50 largely abandoned youngsters.

“The children look at me,” said program director Pratita Lulton. “‘If I am strong, they will be strong. But if I am brooding, they will, too.’

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True spirit of Christmas isn't under the tree

By Kelly Victoria Youker

Every year the days that follow Thanksgiving are the craziest. It seems that everyone becomes caught up in the pressure of Christmas and the horrible buying season. This buying frenzy always makes me wonder if people know the true Christmas spirit. Of all the Christmas seasons in my 21 years, the presents that I have received have not meant as much to me as the presence of my family. My family has taught me to live the Christmas spirit. Of course I love the presents but these are not what makes this time of year special. The memories I have of this time of year make up what I appreciate most. I remember fondly my father reading me "The Night Before Christmas" as I followed along reciting the words from memory and the handmade stockings my mom made for the four of us. The laughter of Christmas mornings past at my house ring louder in my memories than the tearing open of packages.

I think that as we head off on the shopping adventures we should only spend what we can afford and make sure that we put love into every gift. Love is not necessarily part of a gift simply because much money has been spent. It is also important to realize that giving your presence is just as important as a gift as material Christmas presents. Spending time with the people in your life is one of the best gifts anyone can give.

The giving of free gifts is another way to escape the shopping frenzy of Christmas. A touch, a smile, a quick note or phone call, letting someone else have the parking spot you have claimed are all ways of giving free gifts. It is important to remember that the little things can go a long way in adding to the Christmas spirit. I am convinced that my family remembers the laughter more than the tears. At Christmas I especially notice that family is really the only constant throughout life. Unfortunately, most friends are variables as they come and go.

So remember that Christmas and all holidays are for being with loved ones, partying and just having a good time. Christmas should not be allowed to be a retailer's delight. If you find yourself being a Scrooge around Christmas, rent "It's a Wonderful Life" or a version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." I believe either of these movies can help anyone remember the true meaning of Christmas.

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“It is a great learning experience for the students,” Reimer said. “They learn about planting trees, growing trees, dealing with pest control and, during this tree-selling, they learn about marketing.”

This year’s trees are organized in uneven-age management, which means any tree can be cut and then replaced. Customers can choose trees as old as eight to 10-years-old or as young as three or four.

Voas said they are trying to convert to uneven-age management, where the land would be divided into a six-year rotation on six plots. Each plot would have trees of the same age, and the oldest ones would be cut each year.

In addition to providing students with practical experience, the tree farm helps to fund logging team competitions.

“About 80 percent of the profits from the sales go to the logging team,” Voas said. “The money helps to fund the logging team going to the Association of Western Foresters Scholarship Fund.”

“Tuition is a great learning experience, the tree farm helps to fund logging team competitions. The scholarship fund is for art minors and art majors,” Voas said.

Voss said the competitions include such events as power chainsaw, cross-cut saw, pole climbing and ax throwing.

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an opportunity for students, staff and the community to buy unique Christmas gifts.

“I always end up buying something for me,” Sleaker added.

Another addition to the fair this year will be the participation of the S-D Club. Club member Craig Scoersen said the club consists of art students who have an interest in three-dimensional art forms. He said students will be selling a wide variety of glass and ceramics and some metal and wood sculptures.

Chi Gao, S-D club president, said the club is currently going through some changes.

“Students from a class that is learning about the environment and planting trees also come out to help plant trees,” Voas said. Students are also responsible for shaping the trees. They must be pruned three to four times a year and the student staff does it all, said Jeff Reimer, the forestry and natural resources management instructor who oversees the tree farm operations.

She was killed by a drunk driver, and we decided it the fund would be in memory of her,” Johnson said.

The fair is sponsored by Cal Poly and the Art Craft Center. The Craft Center’s manager, Anthony Palazzo, described the center as “run by the students for the students.”

“We are here year-round including summers,” he said. “We have woodworking, photography, ceramics, stained glass and bike repair. We also have one-day workshops. The craft center opened with the new U-U in 1972, Palazzo said, and has been putting on the Winter Craft Fair for about 15 years.

“We have a lot of staff and faculty that come out to buy things before Christmas. A lot of students buy gifts for parents before they leave for break. We fill the Union with crafts and people,” he said.

Palazzo emphasized that students and vendors set their own prices for their art.

“Generally it is a lot less than downtown, because most of us are hobbyists,” he said.

Pam Johnson is a student staff member at the Craft Center and will be selling some of her pottery at this year’s fair. She emphasized some of the benefits to shoppers at the craft fair.

“It is real competitive pricing for what you are getting, definitely better than if you are out to go to the galleries. You can get some little things for under $10, but also more expensive things are there too,” she said.

Johnson has attended previous Winter Craft Fairs, and said they have a lot of unusual and interesting crafts.

“I think it is really a good opportunity for people to see the different kinds of work, and for students to get a chance to have their work seen,” he said.

John Palazzo is another student staff member at the center who will be selling his pottery at the fair. He emphasized the benefits for student selling.

“[I don’t know if people know how easy it is to sell. Student vendors are only required to sell for three hours. We staff it and you show up in between classes if you can. It’s just a couple of friends out selling — a hang out feeling. If student sells, we are really staked on it. If it doesn’t sell, we still have a good time,” he said.

Camos and community members are welcome to shop and explore the artistic possibilities available to them through the Art Craft Center, located downstairs in the U-U.

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Associated Press

ST LOUIS — The Sporting News, the 111-year-old sports weekly, is getting a makeover, trading in the tabloid format for a sleeker, magazine style.

And the publication long known as the "Bible of Baseball" is making an even bigger change. It’s going to emphasize the NFL as the premier sport.

Times Mirror Co. is spending $20 million over the next five years to revitalize the St. Louis-based publication. The tabloid format, with its inconsistent print quality and limited use of color, is being replaced by an all-color magazine about the size of Rolling Stone.

The new look debuts this week, with the Buffalo Bills’ Bruce Smith on the cover. Subscription rates will hold steady, though the newsstand price will rise to $2.95 from $2.50.

Sporting News officials hope the new design pushes circulation to 1 million, nearly double the current number.

A decade ago, the Sporting News had a circulation of 700,000. That number dropped to about 550,000, mostly because the publication stopped offering discount subscriptions, editor John Rawlings said.

Ad revenue has grown in recent years, but ads still make up only about a quarter of each issue. Sporting News president Jim Nickols said plans for a major redesign began soon after Nickols took over as president a year ago.

Sporting News officials decided to reconsider not only how the publication looked, but what was in it.

A research firm spent eight months interviewing sports fans.

"We came out very assured that what most hard-core sports fans want to read about are the six team sports we cover," Rawlings said.

That means sacrifices. No Tiger Woods, no auto racing, no Kentucky Derby ... nothing but the NFL, NBA, NHL, major league baseball, college football and college basketball.

Those surveyed were asked to rate their interest in each sport on a scale of 1-10. The answer was another jolt to baseball’s apparently waning popularity. "The NFL far and away had the highest score," Rawlings said. "Not even close."

So the publication that didn’t even recognize pro football until 1942 is putting the NFL front and center.

The magazine will include more football stories and pictures, longer team-by-team analysis. A full-time staffer, Dan Pompei, formerly of the Chicago Sun-Times, has been added to write the weekly "Inside the NFL" column.

Baseball fans need not worry. Nickols said baseball will get even more space than before. And the magazine will continue the recent trend toward commentary and analysis.

Dave Kindred’s column moves to the last page, and the love-it-or-hate-it unblinyed wise-guy "Caught on the Fly" column remains near the front. Three new columnists will also be added.

Publishing industry analyst Michael Kupinski of A.G. Edwards said the format change should help The Sporting News prosper in what is becoming a crowded market.

Sports Illustrated remains the industry leader with a circulation of more than 3 million. Sport, Inside Sport and Baseball Weekly also compete for readers and advertisers, and ESPN plans to launch its own sports weekly next spring.

It’s the latest evolution for The Sporting News, which began as an eight-page broadsheet in 1886, when baseball was the only pro sport.

The Sporting News switched to a tabloid in 1943, originally as part of the effort to conserve paper during the war. The first color cover was a photo of Frank Robinson in 1967.
Downtown LA sports arena gets new name

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The arena to be built downtown and house the Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Kings starting in two years will be known as Staples Center.

The developers of the arena announced Monday a 20-year, $100 million naming rights agreement with the Massachusetts-based Staples office products chain.

The arena, to be built by owners of the Kings, is scheduled to open in October 1999. City officials signed agreements to allow construction of the $360 million sports arena and entertainment complex earlier this fall.

Among features of the arena design are customed lattices and a metal-clad exterior. A long wing juts off from the round arena bowl, which will be recessed 20 feet into the ground to make the structure's height conform with the neighboring convention center.

The arena will seat up to 20,000 fans for basketball and 19,000 for hockey. It will include 2,500 club level seats, 160 luxury suites, five concourse levels, two restaurants, private clubs, business centers, conference rooms and offices for the teams' staffs.

The Kings and Lakers have played at the Forum in suburban Inglewood since it opened nearly 30 years ago. The Forum is about a 10-minute drive from the planned new arena.

"It's a very important investment for us," said Tom Benson, chairman and chief operating officer of Staples Inc. "As you know, it is a $160 million, 20-year commitment. The Lakers and the Kings are two of the great franchises in professional sports with great futures ahead of them.

"To be part of this, we want to make the kind of impact on the Southern California market place which we believe the Staples Center will have is very exciting for us."
Looking at Cal Poly's investments in the future

**BASEBALL**

The Cal Poly baseball team signed four recruits for the 1999 season. Mustang head coach Ritch Price signed three pitchers and one infielder.

**Michael Gray**
- Position: Left handed pitcher
- Hometown: Paso Robles, California
- Facts: Fashioned a 12-2 record with a 4.10 earned run average at Cuesta College in 1997...earned junior college All-American honors last year, as well as All-Conference and All-State awards...drafted by the Atlanta Braves.

Coaches comment: "Michael is a premier left-handed pitcher in California junior college baseball...All-Conference and All-State awards...drafted by the Atlanta Braves."

**Jeremy Cunningham**
- Position: Right handed pitcher
- Hometown: Cupertino, California
- Facts: Was 8-6 at De Anza College in 1997...earned junior college All-American honors last year, tremendous potential Jeremy was recruited by Stanford, Cal and Santa Clara."

Coaches comment: "Jeremy has outstanding size at 6'5", and is a four-pitch pitcher. He has tremendous potential. Jeremy was recruited by Stanford, Cal and Santa Clara."  

**Jason Kell**
- Position: Left handed pitcher
- Hometown: Simi Valley, California
- Facts: Was 8-6 at De Anza College in 1997...3.04 ERA
- Description: Left handed pitcher

Coaches comment: "Jason was 14-0 as a junior and led his team to a perfect 29-0 season. Jason was 14-0 as a junior and led his team to a perfect 29-0 season. He has good location and excellent command of his off-speed stuff. We also expect him to contribute with the bat."  

**Christopher Martinez**
- Position: Infielder
- Hometown: Simi Valley, California
- Facts: Batted .478 with 12 doubles, four triples and three home runs...first-team Daily News All-Area in 1997...first-team All-Mission League selection...named second-team All-Valley by the Los Angeles Times.

Coaches comment: "Christopher Martinez has the ability to come in and make an immediate impact for Cal Poly."  

**SOFTBALL**

The Cal Poly softball team and head coach Lisa Boyer signed five recruits for the 1999 season.

**Carrie Jasper**
- Position: Left handed pitcher
- Hometown: Stockton, CA
- Description: Left handed pitcher

**Terra Blankenship**
- Position: Right handed pitcher
- Hometown: Monterey, CA
- Description: Right handed pitcher

**Jennifer Durso**
- Position: Second baseman/shortstop
- Hometown: Palmdale, CA
- Description: Second baseman/shortstop

**Christa Wells**
- Position: First/third baseman
- Hometown: San Diego, CA
- Description: First/third baseman

**Nicole Dangberg**
- Position: Outfielder
- Hometown: Salinas, CA
- Description: Outfielder

Coaches comments: "Each and every one of these athletes have the ability to come in and make an immediate impact for Cal Poly."  

**SPORTS TRIVIA**

**Friday’s Answer:**
Figure Skater Scott Hamilton is recovering from cancer.

**Congrats Jon Glass!**

**Today’s Question:**
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