World AIDS Day opens minds

By Joseph Schumon
Associated Press Writer

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.

AIDS Day — while AIDS victims others revered the day with candlelight marches and songs, in Asia, cities, at sundown, blowing whistles and carrying placards demanding they continue to die more and more in the poor countries," said Kouchner.

In Europe, demonstrators observed a lay with candle-light marches and songs, in Asia, governments announced new education and health programs aimed at fighting their 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 French Health Minister Bernard Kouchner.

Kouchner announced a plan to require that French doctors report the number of patients who test positive for the AIDS virus, though the names would remain confidential. "If we knew, in epidemiological terms, the number of HIV-positive people, this would vastly help us" fight AIDS, he said.

One in every 100 sexually active people age 15 to 49 worldwide has HIV, and among those infected, one in 10 doesn't know it, according to UNAIDS and the World Health Organization.

FIGURES released last week show doctors have underestimated the size of the epidemic by 30 percent. 30 million people now are infected with HIV and 16,000 more people are infected daily. Of the 2.3 million people expected to die this year of AIDS, 660,000 are children under 15.

This year's World AIDS day emphasized the plight of HIV-infected children.

Elsewhere in Europe, 12 Athens radio stations broadcast an hourlong program on AIDS, a Freedy Mercury concert — the singer who died of AIDS — and a ballet dedicated to the human spirit that has been lost with those who have died from the disease. Artwork of Cuesta College, Mission Plaza and the SCI Art Center also was shrouded. Daily photos by Michael Troxell

In commemoration of World AIDS Day, artwork in the U.U. and "Muzy" the Mustang were shrouded to honor the creativity and inspiration of the human spirit that has been lost with those who have died from the disease. Artwork of Cuesta College, Mission Plaza and the SCI Art Center also was shrouded. Daily photos by Michael Troxell

By Leslie Stevens
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"Explores the left side of your brain." Take a trip to the fair without leaving campus

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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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**Cal Poly ID Required for Buyback**
Defect makes people smell like rotting fish

By Molokai Ritter

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.

"These 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.

"Everyday has two copies of the FM03 gene, one inherited from each parent. The disorder arises when both copies are defective." It appears shortly after birth. Mothers find an affected baby "smells a bit odd" and may bathe the child several times a day, Smith said.

Later, in school, the child might be called "Stinky" or "Fishy." 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.

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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. Ayall 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 "Stinky" or "Fishy"?" Smith 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.
OPINION

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 spirit of Christmas. 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 most 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 of 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 spending 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.

Kelly Victoria Youker is a Daily Staff Writer.

Fertility drugs in God’s hands?

Editor,

In regards to Regina M. Bencz’s naive support of the McLaughleys in Monday’s opinion letter, I have three arguments.

First, in addition to fertility drugs, the McLaughleys had access to exactly how many eggs were in Bubbie’s ambitious little womb. Thus, knowing that they already had one kid, knowing that at least seven eggs in the womb is just plain stupid. Ask parents of triplets and they will tell you the ovule is crazy.

Second, how can they possibly expect to support the emotional needs of eight children at once? don’t forget about Mikayla.

Last, if everyone is so excited about leaving things to God’s hands, why not earth? are they using fertility drugs?

In conclusion, why would you put children into harmful, potentially fatal situations for your own desires? I’ll leave that to your own conscience.

Amy B. Carlson is a computer engineering senior.

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Behind the closed doors: racial bias at Cal Poly

“Do black people get cold? Seriously, do black people get cold?”

You may think this is a ridiculous question, but apparently some of Cal Poly’s esteemed faculty felt this was a question that needed to be asked.

Do you ever wonder how they fly on the wall? I am an individual of African-European descent who has been mistak- en for Caucasian on many occasions. It is this ambiguous appearance that allowed me to infiltrate the closed doors of a department head’s office. While con- sulting with the head of the department about my proposed senior project, my attention was drawn to the conversation of two professionally dressed Caucasian female faculty members in the adjacent room. What seemed to be daily office gossip, shockingly took a turn for the worst when the word “BLACK” rang in my ears like a bell. “Do black people get cold?” was asked twice and followed with child-like giggling. This was an extremely awkward and uncomfortable situation for me.

My first instinct was to confront the two women. However, I decided not to because I know that when issues of vesting bottled up hostility from previous inci- dences were great and unwarranted.

Furthermore, I did not want to reinforce the prejudices these individuals held about my race. I am not upset about what was said. Rather, I am upset by who said it, how openly it was asked and the fact that she felt she did not rebuke the unprofessional conduct of her colleagues. Now knowing this is the mind set of individuals of influence, I question the feasibility of my academic and social success here at a presumed progressive university such as Cal Poly.

I will be graduating in June, and this will be the last time I make my memories here at Cal Poly. If this is the conducive learning environment that the university promised, then President Baker and the entire Administration have a sick sense of humor. Because there have not been any crosses burned at the University Union or that no one calls youigger to face, does not mean we, as the intellectual university community, have come a long way since Jim Crow. Just because I take the majority and racism continues to conduct covert operations.

Mark Milligan is a politi- cal science senior.

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Jenifer Ritter, Staff Box

“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-aged 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. Voss said they are trying to convert to even-aged 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,” Voss said. “The money helps fund the logging team going to the Association of Western Foresters National Convention. Last spring we attended a competition in Oregon and we placed seventh and eighth in two years.”

Voss said the competitions include events as power chain saw, 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,” Sloneker added.

Another addition to the fair this year will be the participation of the S-D Club. Club member Craig Sorensen 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.

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“About 90 percent of the profit from the sales goes to the logging team,” Voss said. “We have a lot of students who are really stoked on it. If it doesn’t sell, we still have a good time,” he said.

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

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 impress the gallery. 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 are a lot of fun 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,” she said.

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

“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 stuff sells, we are really stoked on it. If it doesn’t sell, we still have a good time,” he said.

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Sporting News weekly spending $30 million on new magazine look

Associated Press

ST LOUIS — The Sporting News, the 111-year-old sports weekly, is getting a makeover, trading in the tabloid format for a slicker, 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 Nickels said:

Plans for a major redesign began soon after Nickels 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.

These 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. Nickels 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 unblinied 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.

"Slicker, magazine style."

"Change: It's going to emphasize the NFL as the premier sport."

"Six team sports we cover."
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 $380 million sports arena and entertainment complex earlier this fall.

Among features of the arena design are customed laces 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 consonant 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-mile drive from the planned new arena.

"It's a very important invest­ment for us," said Tom Breenberg, 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."

"We are very excited to 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."

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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.

**Micha el 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 as well as 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 Keller**

- **Position:** Left handed pitcher
- **Hometown:** Simi Valley, California
- **Facts:** Fashioned a 1 2-2 record with a 4.10 earned run average at Cuesta College in 1997...earned junior college All-American honors last year, tremendous potential. Jeremy was recruited by Stanford, Cal and Santa Clara."

Coaches comment: "Jason was 14-0 as a junior and led his team to a perfect 29-0 season."

**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-Sea in 1997...first-team All-Mission League selection...named second-team All-Valley by the Los Angeles Times.

Coaches comment: "Chris played on the Cleveland Indians' scout team at the 1997 Area Code Games (one of the premier baseball events in the country.) He is a complete player, on outstanding pivot man who is a quality left-handed hitter. Chris is a very intelligent and aggressive player."

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**SOFTBALL**

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

**Carrie Japirer**

- **Position:** Left handed pitcher
- **Hometown:** Stockton, CA

**Terra Blankenburg**

- **Position:** Right handed pitcher
- **Hometown:** Monterey, CA

**Jennifer Durges**

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

**Christie Wells**

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

**Nicole Damburg**

- **Position:** Outfielder
- **Hometown:** Salinas, CA

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

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**SPORTS TRIVIA**

**Friday's Answer:**

Figure Skater Scott Hamilton is recovering from cancer.

**Congrats Jon Glass!**

**Today’s Question:**

What is the longest standing rivalry in College Football?

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