Freak tornado wreaks havoc

By Andy Castagnola
Daily Staff Writer

Rachel Pasierb's Midwestern roots prepared her for the worst of tornadoes. The nutritional science junior never thought, however, she'd have to put her preparation to the test in San Luis Obispo.

Pasierb awoke around 6 a.m. Tuesday to the clamor of her neighbor's five-foot-wide tree crushing the roof of her garage at 483 Kentucky Ave.

Pasierb's roommate, physical science senior Wendy Mahaffy, watched from her room as a branch from the tree landed inches from her window.

Several trees were downed by yesterday's tornado-like conditions in the residential area between California and Slack streets.

The Office of Emergency Services classified the storm as a level F-1 tornado. It was clocked at 80 mph by Kentucky Avenue resident John Lindsay. Official wind speeds for an F-1 tornado are between 73 mph and 112 mph, according to KSBY meteorologist Sharen Graves.

Graves added, "We think this is all El Niño-related."

There were no injuries and no damage was reported by the Office of Emergency Services.

Pasierb's house lost power and had "the most important event on campus because we can actually take back the streets and the violence," said Whitney Phaneuf, journalist and Take Back The Night Coordinator. "A lot of people on the committee, including me, have personal issues involved."

Stalking is more rampant than many may think, affecting both men and women on campus. According to the Women's Center, stalking occurs when any person unilaterally follows or harasses another person. Stalking is a first-degree misdemeanor.

"It is really amazing to hear the stories people have to tell about themselves or others," said Pat Harris, coordinator of women's programs and services. "It really starts to get to you when husbands, and brothers talk about the assaults which have happened to their sister, wife or mom with tears in their eyes."

Pasierb said she was most involved with the event after last year's Take Back the Night. She hopes everyone will get involved this year.

"I can't imagine anyone not supporting Take Back the Night," Phaneuf said. "It is a way to tell students on campus that, sadly, you can't go out at night by yourself without worrying about your safety."

"Most college campuses participate in this day," Phaneuf continued. "It is great to know on this day, all over the country, people
Anxiety screening today in U.U.

Problem more common during finals, midterms
By Jeremy Rae
Daily Staff Writer

At times anxiety drives students to stay up studying hard to get the grade they want on a midterm.

For some students, however, that stressed-out feeling is a way of life, preventing them from doing their best.

To combat these problems, a free screening is being offered in the University Union today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Health Center Psychological Services and the Employee Assistance Program, the event is being held in conjunction with National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day.

Any student or employee of Cal Poly, and their immediate family, may participate in the screening. A video presentation and an anxiety self-test will be available to inform people about the dangers of anxiety.

The nation’s most common mental health condition, anxiety affects about 15 percent of all Americans.

Last year about 70 people filled out the questionnaire. The screening is also meant to educate about the effects anxiety can have on people’s lives. After filling out a short questionnaire, anyone can speak confidentially with a mental health professional about their concerns and discuss the treatment options available to them. The discussions will take place in U.U.

rooms 218 and 219.

Bob Negrianti, an employee assistance specialist, said the event is held to get the word out about anxiety and its effects on the quality of people’s lives.

“If people are interested we want to assist, if we can,” he said. “There’s a form to fill out, and it just takes a couple of minutes.”

“If a follow-up is indicated, students can go to Psych Services.”

Employees can go to the Employee Assistance Program for follow-up treatment.

Sharon Thrasher, Ph.D., a psychologist at the Health Center, said people are often surprised to find out they can confront their condition. She said it’s common for people to think anxiety won’t go away.

“They’re so relieved to learn it’s a common thing,” she said. “They’re experiencing symptoms of anxiety, but they think it’s incurable.”

Some of the symptoms of anxiety are easy to ignore or put off. They include: excessive worrying, feeling keyed-up or restless, obsessions or compulsions, muscle tensions, nervousness in social situations, problems with concentration and sleeplessness.

Students can benefit from learning more about anxiety and how it affects them. Certain times of the school year students may be more susceptible to anxiety attacks than usual.

“There’s a lot of folks who suffer from test anxiety and they end up doing poorly on exams. If they can get less anxious they’ll do better,” Thrasher said.

Thrasher said there are three main kinds of treatment available for anxiety disorders:

• Talk therapy
• Relaxation techniques
• Medication

“We might recommend one, two, or three, depending on what’s going on with the person,” she said.

Therapy can teach people to become aware of their own thoughts and learn new, healthier behaviors, she said. Deep breathing and muscle relaxation can reverse the process of going into panic.

Medication, Thrasher said, can be especially useful because the results of anxiety are often so physical.

“Medicines happen to be a very valuable resource because there’s a strong biological connection,” she said. “But, we don’t push (medicines) on people.”

Thrasher said the Health Center probably treats more people for anxiety than for any other disorder. The most common treatment is for depression.

In a statement, Negrianti said: “It’s hoped that National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day will help increase the number of people who seek help and get treatment for their difficulties.”

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Ryan Becker to take over Mustang Daily reins for ’98-’99

Daily Staff Report

He’d sit quietly, patiently by the window. Sometimes it seemed as if he spent more time in the office than the editors he’d signed away their lives for the year to the newspaper.

Despite El Niño, sunshine-lover Ryan Anthony Becker, a 19-year-old journalism sophomore, was chosen in the gloomy Friday weather to lead Cal Poly’s main information medium down the path to stardom.

Five members of the journalism department’s publishers board made the selection after an extensive interview and qualification process.

“What I really want to do is bring things together to make the staff more cohesive,” Becker said.

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OPINION

The boob tube's link to morale

"I'm afraid of Americans. I'm afraid of America...."

—David Bowie and Trent Reznor.

Every time there's always someone on your soap operas telling you how television and movies are too violent or sexual! Violence has always been a part of everything from video games to rock 'n' roll. We have all heard the same old argument about entertainment's detriment on our society and its direct effects on you. You can't even turn on the news without hearing the latest count of how many people have sucked off President Clinton.

But it doesn't scare you to watch TV these days anymore, does it? From "Springer" and "The World's Scariest Police Chase," I'm afraid of where we will be 10 years from now. I wonder if everyone who has opted for Crunchy Sunshine and a smiley face will ever be too even more desensitized to the sufferings of others? We have kids who are 14-years-old killing each other's kids and teachers. At age 14 I all was concerned about was my parachute pants. Keify Flagel! I was a babe! Now I look back at the latest music album. I mean, there was the awkward feeling of puberty that was all around everywhere, so I felt like a Chia Pet. Not to mention that I still hated about "The World's Deadliest Teenagers." Why, I can't fathom a 14-year-old kid being a killer. Maybe I just don't want to. I can see the TV connection for it now—"The World's Deadliest Teenagers."

Well, I can't say we should get all "Leave it to Beaver"-ish. The fifties had issues too. Most of those issues still exist today, in one form or another. Racism is just as common as ever. But I have hope that we can change? I think we have not.

Gabrielle Doogan is a social science senior.

Sincerely, just the support for his claim is even more questionable. Mr. Lawson hyperbolically uses the fact that, in the South, there are "a lot of houses with Confederate flags," in order to prove that racism is more rampant in those states. After all, according to the reader that the flag is in his bedroom means that he "just happens" to like the South. Also, this badge of racism is redundant, as any Southerner knows how to use the camera well and "Nude Painting" is clever.

I am surprised he didn't get a Nike deal when I read Matt Bergers letter in the May 5 issue. I'm afraid I can't help it."

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"I don't think I'm the only one to be quite a bit.isdigit bad joke gets even more confusing in the next paragraph when Mr. Lawson explains that he was "down there," I'm still not sure where his lack of logic comes from. He is the one who defined how much racism he saw in the South. If it's so bad, why do you like it so much that you hang a Confederate flag in your room? Any way you look at it, it's a symbol of slavery and racism. Do you have any black friends and take their photo?"

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Bilingual education doesn’t work

Studies show bilingual education students don’t perform as well as others, so lets give it the ax

By Joe Nolan

Proposition 227, which will bring an end to bilingual education in California, is a very sensitive issue. I’m sure many people will disagree with my support of the initiative unless they fully understand the benefits of the measure.

In the sample ballot mailed to every registered voter, Prop. 227, otherwise known as “English for the Children,” is described as the following:

“Requires all public school instruction be in English...Provides short-term English immersion programs for children learning English. Funds community English instruction...Total state spending on education, however, probably would not change.”

After reading this, the first question that comes to my mind is, “Why do we need to get rid of a program whose intention was to integrate non-English speakers into the English school system?”

The answer is simple; it’s not working.

A Santa Barbara study concluded that not a single student of bilingual education ever scored more than 1,000 on the SAT. It went on to say the majority of these scores were below 800. "The numbers indicate it is the naive might look at this as an indication of lesser intelligence. I think it means children who don’t speak English are being deprived of the education their English-speaking counterparts are getting.

A common misconception about Prop. 227 is that it’s supported by white people who don’t care about minority culture.

It seems a real tragedy that in many cases our public schools are not teaching English to five- or six-year-old immigrant children, who are at an age when they can so easily learn the language,” Escalante said.

The initiative is also supported by two of the most influential Latino newspapers—“Latino Beat” in San Diego and “La Raza” in Chicago. Editor Jorge Oclander of “La Raza” said there is only one reason to support the proposition.

He said, “The only issue which must be considered is whether or not our children are taught sufficient, basic skills in English to succeed in school and, later, in life.”

While I believe Oclander’s statement is the most important, there are also several other reasons to support the measure even if you don’t think bilingual education will directly affect you or your children.

The main one is basic communication.

My dad owns a trucking company in the Bay Area, and while working for him in the summer, I’ve often encountered people who spoke less-than-perfect English.

On one occasion, I had to deliver clothing material to a store in a predominantly Asian part of San Francisco. When I got there, I needed a man from the small company to buzz me into the building.

My first attempt was, “Hello, I have a delivery for you.” After repeating it several times, and never getting a response I comprehended, I tried “Delivery,” “Package,” and “Please let me in.” Needless to say, it was a very frustrating experience.

I was finally let in by someone else walking into the building, and I made the delivery.

Of course I don’t know if the man was a bilingual education student or not, but my hope is that his children will grow up with out bilingual education so they can better communicate in an English-speaking society.

The point is that an initiative that will help children speak better English and get an overall education will benefit everyone, from the five-year-old getting used to a new society that functions in English to a 19-year-old kid just trying to make a buck.

Joe Nolan is a journalism junior and a Daily Staff Writer.
It is a way to make something beautiful out of something tragic.

- Pat Harris

women's programs and services coordinator

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day, all over the country, people come together to bring the reality of violence to their attention.

Emily Spence-Diehl, who started the Victim Advocacy Center in Miami, will speak about stalking at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Chumash auditorium. Local musician Jill Knight will play at 6:30 p.m. The doors will open at 6 p.m.

The downtown walk is scheduled for Thursday night. That walk will begin and end at Mission Plaza. An open microphone for comments and stories after the march will be provided.

Cal Poly's Take Back the Night's first event was held Sunday at Linnan's Café from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Women's Center teamed up with the Rape Crisis Center in putting together the Anti-Rape Community Awareness Day. This event included three local bands as well as a presentation and discussion of, "This is not an invitation to rape me," a new anti-rape campaign designed to bring light to the point that, simply put, "no means no."

"The event as a whole went really well," Harris said. "It drew a really large crowd and a lot of interest."

Harris said the committee received a lot of support this year from clubs and organizations both on and off campus.

"I was most impressed by the support we received from the Panhandellenic and (IFC) this year," Thursday said. "The women have really put a lot of effort into supporting this event and it is greatly appreciated by the committee."

Harris said she hopes this week will remind people that violence does happen on campus.

To show intolerance of any violence against women, pick up a purple ribbon at the Take Back the Night Booth in the U.U. this week.

SACRAMENTO — That ring- ing sound comes from the adding machines at the Capitol, where careful state officials are predicting a healthy budget surplus for the coming fiscal year. Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa said Tuesday he was hearing rumors the surplus could run as high as $3.9 billion — a figure he said was "clearly beyond our wildest imagination."

Other state officials were more cautious. Sean Walsh, a spokesman for Gov. Pete Wilson, said he didn't know where the money would come from.

"We will definitely have a good deal more revenue than we forecast we would have in January," he said.

Wilson's initial budget proposal suggested a surplus of about $740 million. The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office said a short time later that Wilson's prediction was probably about $500 million too low. And the news has only gotten better since.

A number of circumstances have come together to keep California flush: Sales tax and storm tax revenue have been coming in well ahead of projections; the overall economy is booming, with trickle-down effects on personal income and job growth; and, because the stock market is doing so well, the state's obligations to pension funds are somewhat reduced.

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Falling limbers, however, marred all three of resident John Jakes' cars.

"One's going to the junkyard," said Jakes, the 40-year unit officer of 1388 Stafford St. Splintered branches from a tree in his front yard broke windows and rain gutters on his house. The floor in his front room has been damaged by water. Jakes' general contractor estimated a $4,000 bill for the wreckage.

No official damage estimate total has been released at the time of this report.

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By Ronald Blom
Associated Press

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In 1990, when the Americans qualified for the first time in 40 years, the youngest team in the tournament was Germany, Yugoslavia and Iran. Just 24 and 25 years old.

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The U.S. World Cup roster: experienced or old?

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