Rideshare: another way to get there

By Mike Munson
Mustang Daily

"There are alternatives to drive-alone commuting." This is the message of San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare Week at Cal Poly and throughout the county. Rideshare Week, which kicked off on Monday, is a program dedicated to cutting traffic congestion and air pollution by reducing the number of single-occupant vehicles on county roads and highways. The San Luis Obispo program is one of 14 regional Rideshare authorities throughout the state. It works toward its goal by promoting alternatives such as carpooling, taking the bus, biking and walking.

According to Tom Folks, Rideshare coordinator for the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, Cal Poly's students, faculty and staff are major contributors to the region's traffic and air pollution problem.

"Cal Poly is the number one trip generator in San Luis Obispo County," Folks said, who also praised the school for its aggressive actions in trying to limit traffic impact. Paulsen, Cal Poly's Commuter Services Coordinator, heads students awareness of alternatives to searching for parking every morning. She stressed that Rideshare Week is not just about carpooling; it promotes any form of transportation other than driving alone.

"I would just like to see people who have never tried it, give up their car once a week," Paulsen said. "You don't even have to give up your car if you put somebody else in it." Paulsen set up a booth in the University Union Plaza asking students to fill out a form where they pledge to try alternative forms of transportation. The pledges, which will be part of a drawing for prizes such as a mountain bike and a pair of walking shoes, are available at the Public Safety office and all department offices.

Paulsen believes if she can get people to ride the bus or share a ride with a friend just once they will discover the benefits. She also pointed out that if people give up their car one day of the school week they are cutting down 20 percent on the air pollution they create.

Rais Toleda, an English senior, decided to make the pledge for this summer, according to a county air quality specialist Jim Pickens says the county has exceeded state and federal environmental regulations. He says Cal Poly is a part of the problem.

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Something in the air
Summer pollution worst in SLO County history

By Steve Noone
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly students and staff are partly responsible for the worst air quality ever recorded in San Luis Obispo this summer, according to a county air quality specialist. Jim Pickens.

"We have exceeded state and federal regulations more than 20 times, and federal regulations more than a dozen times," said Jim Pickens, Air Quality Specialist for the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District.

"Do we have an air quality problem in San Luis Obispo? Yes. Is Cal Poly part of the problem? Yes," Pickens said. "Cal Poly is the most popular destination in San Luis. But it's a regional problem and it's going to take a regional solution."

More than 15,000 students faculty and staff commute to campus each weekday, and many are unaware of the alternatives to driving Cal Poly offers.

"The university has been helpful and cooperative in their efforts to reduce the number of cars. They fund a free and reduced-price bus system for students, faculty and staff, and have a vanpool for faculty," Pickens said.

Cal Poly is also increasing the resources available for people who bike to campus with the addition of storage lockers for bicycles. Commuter Services Coordinator Jacque Paulsen said the university is encouraging alternative forms of mass transit can lower air pollution levels. Buses are free for students, faculty and staff.

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Cal Poly students work hard in community

By Louise Attard
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transportation.

"We have over 2,000 places to park a bike on campus and now lockers for extra security. We have fully substi-
tuted the city bus since 1985, and offer reduced rate passes on (Central Coast Area Transit) as part of our program to cut back on pollution and congestion," she said.

The week of Oct. 4 is California RideShare week, and Commuter Services is offering a program to organ-
ize student carpools.

"If everyone could carpool just one more day a week, it would reduce the pollution problem, the parking prob-
lem and traffic congestion by 20 per-
cent," Paulsen said.

Students are already much better at leaving their cars home than staff.

A 1997 Commuter Services survey showed 3,2 students get to school for every student car drivers, making stu-
dents more than twice as efficient at commuting than Cal Poly staff.

The figures include people who walk and bike to campus, as well as students living in the residence halls.

"We are very proactive as far as supporting alternative means of transportation," Paulsen said. "We cre-
ate a lot of traffic at Cal Poly, so we do what we can to help."

Pickens encourages students to reconsider before they decide to drive.

Promise of free tuition boosts 4th graders’ morale

TUCCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — The promise of a free University of Arizona education is keeping one South Tucson elementary school class happy and in school.

Last semester, UA President Peter Likins promised 101 third-graders at CE Rose Elementary School free tuition to the University of Arizona if they graduate high school and meet the regular admission requirements.

Although current attendance sta-
tistics are unavailable, Principal Arletina Trujillo said the students, now in fourth grade, are coming to class regularly.

"Right now it is a general sense that the students are attending con-
sistently," Trujillo said, adding they have not fully realized the value of free tuition.

"I think they are at such a young age the full impact hasn't hit them yet," she said. "At time goes on, they will have a greater awareness — cer-
tainly the parents are aware."

Trujillo said the promise of free tuition will keep families focused on what they have to do at home to keep their children in school.

The fourth graders received a $100,000 check from Wells Fargo to help fund UA's Outreach program Tuesday at a "Building the Future" update meeting, which provides many southern Arizona children with mentor-
ting, tutoring and other services.

"You have an opportunity to go to the best university," said Terry Zink, senior vice president of Wells Fargo. "I wish you the best of luck."

Zink said the elementary school has a need for UA Outreach help.

"The more that can be done to pre-
vent obstacles the more it will be a repetitive cycle (for future genera-
tions to attend college)," Zink said.

"It sets in the parents' minds that 'my kid is going to college,' — that is a powerful thing," Outreach Director Michael Duran said his challenge is to get the chil-
dren academically prepared for enrolling at the university.

UA students come to Rose Elementary most days to tutor children in math, science, reading and exam preparation, Duran said.

"Teachers have been very responsi-
ble in having college students come in and help," he said.

Rose Elementary administrators have noticed a positive change in their fourth graders.

"Attitudes have changed greatly," guidance counselor Carmen Hernandez said. "There arc a lot of referrals to the principal. Behavior is overwhelmingly posi
tive."

Jessica Armenta, 9, said she thinks it is "cool" that she will one day be a Wildcat.

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Princeton student earns 13 perfect A.P. test scores

PRINCETON, N.J. (UPI) — Disney World can add Kathy Parmar '02's name to its list of Super Bowl quarterbacks. World Series home run hitters and lotto winners who cele-

brate their success by going to its theme park. Parmar received a score of
five on 13 Advanced Placement exams, and he is going to Disney World.

Parmar was chosen as one of two national A.P. scholars to address an audience of educators during the annual National Forum, a three-and-

half-day educational conference in

November, being held at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. this year. According to Doug Lynch, director of the College Board member services, and one of the event's coordinators, the conference is an opportunity for teachers, counselors and College Board member to attend workshops and discuss new and current curricu-
labs.

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"We try and address some of the effects of environmental quality. It somebody's going to be throwing out

their garbage in the creek, we're going to pull it out," Frenzel said. Katrina Whiteaker, also a director of

the program, said she went as far as

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parking permits.

"It's proven that in any urban core,

when you increase the cost of park-

ing, the number of drivers decreases," Fulks said.

He concedes that a parking price

increase is probably not an option on campus. Instead, he said Redshar

focuses on promoting the regions

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Turn off the TV; break the addiction to your ‘Friends’

He’s my name is Jamie, and I’m a recovering TV addict. There was a time when I would spend hours every day watching television. I never meant to spend that much time. I would just sit down for a few minutes and next thing I knew, three hours had gone by. What a waste.

Last night I listened for a good 20 minutes as a few of my co-workers pondered the fate of Rose’s marriage and Rachel’s plane flight to Greece. One waitress was in complete distress because she had missed that week’s episode. You know what I’m talking about, right? I listened. I kicked the habit, you can too.

Ask yourselves, why do we become spectators in life? Why are we more interested in “Days of Our Lives” than in our own lives? What do we really gain from following all these programs so diligently?

I’m convinced that many programs can warp our perception of reality. My best friend has a hard time trusting men; she’s also a soap addict. I’ve noticed that infidelity is a common theme in her favorite shows. My roommate is scared to ever have children. Her favorite shows are “Beverly Hills 90210.”

In the first show, three of your favorite shows. In the second one, you learn more about the Salinger family than you would about your own. In the third one, you learn about monsters as the “Tomb Raiders” than they do conversing with real human beings. If one of my people forgot how to be people and only remember how to be virtual action heroes!

Life is so short. There is so much to see and do. Every hour spent watching TV or playing a video game is an alternative life experience forfeited. Maybe technology is raising a generation that prefers the former. What does electronic diversion offer? Entertainment? A fuzzy, faded Polaoid of the entertainment to be found out in the real world.

Try this for a week: should you find some spare time on your hands, don’t turn on the TV or the PlayStation. Instead, go climb Bishop Peak, read a newspaper, or do volunteer work. If you get bored, study or clean your apartment. I promise you, these activities will add much more to your life than TV or Nintendo.

With time, you will find that you can survive missing a few TV shows. You don’t have to go “cold turkey.” Just watch two or three of your favorite shows.

We can no longer afford to be slaves to these addictions. Electronic drugs are stealing our time and our lives, episode by episode, level by level. Emancipate yourselves; slavery is illegal and time is precious.

Cal Poly needs to start paying to improve our escort service

Cal Poly needs to improve its escort service. It needs to start planning now.

Before this year, we had more than one safe way home. We could go to the Interfraternity Council booth in the library or the University Union and ask one of the fraternity men to escort us. But due to the lack of student knowledge and interest in the service, IFC is no longer continuing it.

But the CSOs are still here and look out for our safety in every dimension of their job. No matter how few people use their service, CSOs will be here. Helping out even one or two scared people is enough.

Making a scared person walk alone because of a scheduling problem is not acceptable, it’s not safe, but it has happened. And it has happened recently.

We received a letter from a concerned boy friend, commenting on the lack of help offered to his girlfriend one night.

She called, campus security only to be told an escort service was not offered during the first week. She had no one else to turn to. Frightened and alone, she made it to her destination. She should have been walked to her car, without having to worry about her safety. Everyone should have that right.

As the escort service available on campus now, the CSOs need to be available at all times, this includes the first week of school. If this is not possible maybe we should look somewhere else.

We do not intend to chastise those volunteers for not being available during the first week of school, after all they are volunteers. But something needs to be done. Something that requires, dare we suggest it, Cal Poly to hire and pay someone or some group to protect us when we need it most.

By paying someone to provide this service, the escorts will be forced to make time during their hectic first week, just like every other working student on campus. They can then create a plan of attack for crashing classes, attending obtained classes, and escorting the scared to their destination.

It may not be pleasant, but it’s not that hard, and it’s not too much to ask. After all, it’s for the safety of our people.

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Buying and selling textbooks online is the cheapest alternative

Editor:

I have been reading article after article about El Corral's little "cooks" regarding their now-infamous full-page ads essentially telling Cal Poly students to buy their books from Aida's and sell them to El Corral.

Now, let me offer yet another alternative to the starving student who wishes to save money on textbooks: sell your books to other students! There is a website specifically designed for Cal Poly students for this purpose: [www.PolyTown.com](http://www.polytown.com). I am sure all of you know the benefits of buying your books from other students, but just in case, let's run through a little example.

Kashi needs a book. Kashi buys her book from Aida's for $60, uses it for one quarter and decides to sell it back. She has three choices: 1) sell it to Aida's for $27, 2) sell it to El Corral for $30 or 3) sell it to another student for $45. Obviously she wants to sell it to another student.

Lister needs to buy a book. It's the same book that Kashi is selling. Lister buys the book from Kashi for $45, uses it for a quarter and sells it to Quimby for $45! Check it out—free book for Lister!

Quimby does the same thing as Lister and...you get the picture. Everyone is a winner in this scenario, even Kashi.

You can list your books online for free, set your own price and never wait in a line. And best of all, there's no commitment. If no one buys your book...then I guess you could sell it back to El Corral. I took 14 units and ended up paying a net of $17 dollars for my books last quarter.

Michael Hayes is a management and information systems senior.
Final gubernatorial debate may be canceled

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The last of five planned gubernatorial debates may be canceled because of a scheduling dispute between Dan Lungren and Gray Davis, the campaigns said Wednesday.

Republican Lungren insists on debating during the last two weeks leading up to Election Day, while Democrat Davis won't debate after Oct. 15.

News of the possible cancellation comes just as voters are starting to pay attention to candidates and measures on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The fifth debate was planned for the state's biggest city and television market, Los Angeles, a heavily Democratic region where Davis was leading Lungren 56 percent to 45 percent in a Field Poll released Wednesday. The survey showed Davis ahead by just 6 percentage points among likely voters statewide.

The next debate will be held in San Francisco. Earlier debates were held in San Diego, Fresno and Sacramento.

Lungren has proposed an additional meeting on Tuesday, but Davis' campaign spokesman Michael Bustamante said Davis ruled out a debate after Oct. 15 because he intends to be traveling the state.

Davis campaign spokesman Michael Bustamante said Davis ruled out a debate after Oct. 15. "California is a big state; it's got 33 million people, and we want to continue to travel the state to do what we've been doing over last few months," he said.
Cajun quartet performs spicy song and dance

By Britt Fekete

Friday will bring food, fun and folk music to the Central Coast — Cajun style. Balfa Toujours is a Cajun music band that will play authentic, acoustic music at Castoro Cellars Winery Oct. 9. The show is the final concert of the Summer Music Series presented by the San Luis Obispo Folk Music Society, known as SLOFOLKS.

Balfa Toujours began playing in Louisiana a number of years ago, then the band toured across the country and Europe. Christine Haifa leads the group with her vocals, and she also plays the triangle. She is the youngest daughter of Dewey Haifa, former member of the famous Cajun band, Balfa Brothers.

The Balfa Brothers were instrumental in establishing the popularity of the Cajun music style earlier this century. They took their music from the prairies of Mamou, Louisiana to countries throughout the world.

Balfa Toujours means “Balfa Forever,” and is meant to demonstrate the spirit of the Balfa Brothers’ music living on through a second generation. The quartet combines the ancient Cajun language with the accordion, rhythm guitar, fiddle and stand-up bass to create songs that are the essence of Cajun music, and reminiscent of the Balfa Brothers.

Cajun is short for Acadian, according to SLOFOLKS Coordinator Jody Ramsland. Ramsland said the Acadians were a group of French immigrants who originally went to Nova Scotia in Canada and were kicked out by the English for being too chummy with the Indians. When they were cast out of Canada, they were sent to many different places. Many of them eventually migrated to Louisiana, and the Cajun culture was established there, Ramsland said.

Ramsland said the music has a driving rhythm and makes people want to dance. “It’s very happy music,” she said. “It makes you think of a barn dance.”

Neal Losey, music director for KBCK radio station, said Balfa Toujours is a very traditional group. “They are very Southern, very Louisiana-sounding and there’s nothing like it,” Losey said. “It’s really a music for the people.”

The band has received much critical acclaim. According to the Washington Post, “The group preserves the character and quality of the music Dewey Balfa championed, while refreshing the tradition with new songs, full of emotion, grace and charm.”

“What stands out the accordion, fiddle and of course, the singing,” Ramsland said. “I enjoy the sound of the acoustic instruments playing together.” The outdoor concert will include a dance demonstration from the band where they encourage the audience to participate. According to Ramsland, dancing is an important part of Louisiana culture and is a part of everyday life. She said see BALFA, page 8

Kick it up a notch at Bon Temps Creole Cafe

By Kristin Dohse

It’s sure to be a good time for all when San Luis Obispo’s Bon Temps Creole Cafe serves up eye-watering eats at the Balfa Toujours Cajun-style music concert on Oct. 9. Bon Temps, which means “good times,” has served authentic Cajun Creole cuisine since 1999.

Bon Temps offers a variety of food including blackened chicken, crawfish, Cajun gumbo, jambalaya, ham hocks, alligator stew, and frog legs on the lunch and dinner menus. Jambalaya and gumbo are two popular Cajun dishes, but most West Coast dwellers don’t know there is a difference between the two.

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According to the Washington Post, “The group preserves the character and quality of the music Dewey Balfa championed, while refreshing the tradition with new songs, full of emotion, grace and charm.”

“What stands out the accordion, fiddle and of course, the singing,” Ramsland said. “I enjoy the sound of the acoustic instruments playing together.”

The outdoor concert will include a dance demonstration from the band where they encourage the audience to participate.

According to Ramsland, dancing is an important part of Louisiana culture and is a part of everyday life. She said

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Bon Temps Creole Cafe serves up authentic spicy Cajun dishes.

BAM!: Bon Temps Creole Cafe serves up authentic spicy Cajun dishes.

By Kristin Dohse

It’s sure to be a good time for all when San Luis Obispo’s Bon Temps Creole Cafe serves up eye-watering eats at the Balfa Toujours Cajun-style music concert on Oct. 9.

Bon Temps, which means “good times,” has served authentic Cajun Creole cuisine since 1999.

Bon Temps offers a variety of food including blackened chicken, crawfish, Cajun gumbo, jambalaya, ham hocks, alligator stew, and frog legs on the lunch and dinner menus.

Jambalaya and gumbo are two popular Cajun dishes, but most West Coast dwellers don’t know there is a difference between the two.

“Jambalaya is a rice dish seasoned with veggies and Creole sauce, while gumbo is more like a soup with rice in it,” explained Phil Lang, co-owner of Bon Temps. “We put seafood in our gumbo as well.”

Ham hocks are the meaty thigh area of the pig. Bon Temps employees Victoria Walker said the serving size for ham hocks is quite substantial. “It makes you feel like Freddie Flintstone when you’ve got such a huge meaty bone in front of you,” Walker said. “It’s like something your mom would cook.”

Walker said the alligator stew is made with real alligator, which is farm-grown in Louisiana.

Bon Temps server Annette Sams said the busiest time at the restaurant is breakfast. Bon Temps serves traditional Creole breakfasts, highlighting foods such as spinach, artichoke hearts, red beans, honey-rum syrup, spicy hush puppies and Cajun sausages.

“The breakfasts here are great because they’re so out of the ordinary,” restaurant patron Christina O’Dell said. “You really have to like your breakfast spicy because it definitely perks up your taste buds.”

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San Luis Obispo: the last American?

By Matt Berger

The romance of a late night amble down the main drag of the city, Higuera Street—a dimly-lit tourist trench with shop windows boasting brand new Beanie Babies and low-priced lawn lamps. The ever-faithful glow of track lighting in ice cream shops and copy centers. It's the champs of wick-erred guns and girls. like World War II sailors docked for the night in a town of lonely women, stumbling through sidewalks and bubble gum alleys on their way home before they set sail and forget the names of the companions they romped with the night before. It is the college town that is mixed up with tourists, locals, and students that hop the benefits of both, but claim to be a class of their own. Where we live is a land that we may never see again in our journey for the future. Is it the lost, last Americas with city councils that vote conservatively, buses without graffiti and homeless without the mess. We drink our beer and gawk at the nearby city limits, and rush to trade it in for the hellish benefits of L.A.s and S.F.s. Enjoy it while it lasts because it's only getting worse.

The night is young for old boozers who have retained their keen eye for the opposite gender. So keen that they hardly notice the rustic renovation that has transformed the Frog and Peach pub over the summer months. The work of some drunk contractor perhaps who were recruited to settle an unattainable bar debt. I'm a woodworker, and I'm not usually one to brag, but I was disturbed with the lousy craftsmanship that we are forced to sit upon as we sip our black coffee. It's a disgrace to the profession. We drink our beer and gawk at the nearby city limits, and rush to trade it in for the hellish benefits of L.A.s and S.F.s. Enjoy it while it lasts because it's only getting worse.

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The city bus is a microcosm of the entire world as we know it. From the bus driver's personalized dash board, to the sweaty guy next to you who talks too much, it is possible to see the world in a free-free from bus stop to bus stop. As our honest city has managed to remain the cleanest, safest, most unspoiled home to a breed of people who swear they can keep the world's secret, it has also managed to undermine the degrading role of public transportation established by years of pollution and frightening, offensive driving tactics. The city that we all call "slow," famous for its bikini bars and not its topless bars, has outdone itself once again. Since when do bus drivers stop for pedestrians?

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Louisiana culture and is a part of everyday life. She said everyone learns to dance at a young age in Louisiana which allows them to master the quick steps and rapid swinging style. Both young and old take part in dances. "It's rare (in Louisiana) to see a bar without a dance floor. The dancing is fascinating to watch," Ramsland said. "The dancing is usually with couples and involves a lot of physical contact. It's a very graceful form of dance and it's really neat to watch."
**Meet Michael Ableman**

**October 9, 2:00pm**

El Corral welcomes Michael Ableman, director of the Center for Urban Agriculture & author of “On Good Land”

If Henry David Thoreau had been a farmer, he would have written a book very much like Michael Ableman’s “On Good Land...”

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The event place is Cisco’s and hear the musicians playing there.

“I was walking through hearing these great bands,” Simons said, “but I was so noisy, people eating and talking. I was thinking, ‘These people are so good they should be on a real stage.’”

This experience inspired Simons to put together the first SLO Unplugged in 1994. Simons’ background in music includes being a DJ and producing concerts since his teenage years, he said.

At the time he was house manager at the Forum on Marsh Street and he received permission to put the show on there. The first SLO Unplugged had four acts – Emy Mack, Jill Knight, Richard Green and Bob and Winds. Simons said it was a success and the rest is San Luis Obispo history.

“We have such an incredible abundance of talent in the area, we are so lucky,” Simons said.

Last year’s SLO Unplugged album was released that raised almost $15,000 for the homeless. Simons said a SLO Unplugged II will be released next year. He said anyone interested in contributing music or submitting a cover design for the album can send a CD, cassette, or design to PO. Box 4732, San Luis Obispo, 93402.

This year the show is back in the Unity Christ Church at 1490 Southwood Drive in San Luis Obispo last fall. Simons said he prefers the smaller, more intimate setting of the church, which has housed the concert before.

There is a 260-seat capacity in the church, Simons said. In the past, the event has sold out. Mike White, owner of Boo Boo Records said tickets haven’t sold out yet, but that doesn’t mean the tickets won’t sell eventually.

“In this community people are usually slow to commit to their weekend. Pre-event sales are not a big indicator of the success of the concert,” White said.

SLO Unplugged is an all-ages show and a non-alcoholic event, Simons said.

Tickets are $18 in advance and $20 at the door for the three-hour concert. Advance tickets are available at Boo Boo Records, the Chamber of Commerce and the Unity Christ Church.

The show is being sponsored by KOTTER, KCBX, Blue Note Music, Central Coast Music, Boo Boo Records, New Times and Spectrum Color Images.

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“Winnock, who is originally from New York, worked in several famous Cajun food restaurants in New Orleans, including Commander’s Palace, Mr. B’s, Bistro and Brennan’s according to Lang.”

“Bob and I wanted to open a restaurant and we had several concepts.” Lang said, “Based on the locations we found and Bob’s experience in Louisiana, we decided on Cajun food.”

He said the credo of Bon Temps is to provide “Big portions, cheap prices, and friendly waitresses,” and delivers on its claim.

The portions are generous, and each meal comes with a full spread of side dishes. Most dinner entrees come with red beans and rice and a corn muffin. For breakfast, a hearty meal of eggs, hash browns, an English muffin and fruit costs a reasonable $3.95.

Bon Temps offers breakfasts from $2.95 to $6.95. The lunch menu ranges from $3.95 to $9.95, and dinners are between $4.95 and $12.95.

Bon Temps is located at 1000 Olive St. in the Olive Tree Motel. The restaurant offers indoor and outdoor dining, take-out, and private party facilities.

“Makes you feel like Freddy Flinstone when you’ve got such a huge meaty bone in front of you.”

—Victoria Walker
Bon Temps employee

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Firefighters gain on SoCal fires

BANNING (AP) — Firefighters made big gains Wednesday against two wildfires that blackened swaths of Southern California brushlands and led to two deaths. "It's been pretty good today," said fire spokesman Ted Evans in Riverside County. "It's been warm, and humidity low, but the winds died down." The two blazes in the brushy inland region between Los Angeles and Palm Springs erupted Monday and were rapidly spread by strong Santa Ana winds. The 24,625-acre Mount Edna fire was 75 percent contained. Evans said. Full containment was predicted for 8 a.m. Friday, with full control 24 hours later.

The neighboring Taylor fire, covering 2,160 acres, was 90 percent contained. Full containment was predicted for 8 a.m. today, and full control by 6 p.m. today. "They're pretty well got a handle on it," Evans said. A total of 2,000 firefighters were working on the fires.

The Edna fire burned in a path south of the cities of Banning and Beaumont but stalled in The Badlands before reaching Moreno Valley to the west. A pilot was killed in the crash of an air tanker and there were five minor injuries among firefighters in the battle against the Edna fire.

Damage was light despite the fire's size. Only two unidentified structures burned. The Taylor fire burned a few miles to the north, between Beaumont and Calimesa. One firefighter died of a heart attack and there were seven minor injuries at that fire. A house and a mobile home were destroyed, but the only other damage was to the roof of a house and a shed.

In San Diego County, meanwhile, authorities rallied damage from much smaller but destructive fires. Six homes under construction at Rancho Bernardo and three cars burned Tuesday. Damage to the homes was estimated at $92,000. The cars were worth about $20,000.

Rescuers want speed bumps removed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Without traffic cops to discourage speeders, the gated community of Coto de Caza peppered speed bumps around neighborhood streets to dissuade any drivers who think they may be the second coming of Mario Andretti.

Just one problem: Fire engines and ambulances rushing to emergencies are delayed as well, swelling response times that could mean the difference between life and death. Authorities want the bumps bumped, but residents of this exclusive Orange County enclave say they need them to keep their streets safe and sane.

"Speed bumps are our only tool to control speeding on our streets," said John Zarian, president of the CZ Master Association, which represents about 80 percent of Coto de Caza's 4,100 homeowners.

Orange County's dilemma reflects a growing problem as more cities across the country use so-called traffic-calming devices like bumps, traffic circles and wattled intersections to slow speeders.

"The major trade-off is with public safety," said James E. Moore III, associate professor of urban and regional planning at the University of Southern California. "It improves the environment for the homeowners and slows traffic, ... but every neighborhood at some point is going to have to be accessible to emergency vehicles."

There are more than a dozen areas with speed bumps on the streets in Coto de Caza, about 50 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles.

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has seen from the midfielder, who already has a goal.

“Sandy is more of a play-maker with a lot of potential,” said Cozier. “She’s still coming into herself.”

While Sandy is the play-maker, Gina is the finisher. Last year’s Big West Player of the Year is leading the league’s top team (6-4-1, 3-0-1).

Gina is currently tied for second on the school’s all-time goals list with 32 in just her third season.

“She’s quiet by nature, but she’s very explosive on the field,” Cozier said. “She’s one of the few players with speed that can control the ball. Very few players have that ability. She’s always good for a goal or a game.”

Gina’s father knew at a young age that Gina was head and shoulders above everybody else on the soccer field.

“By age five, I knew she was going to be a lot better than all the other players,” said Jorge Oceguera, who played semi-pro soccer in Mexico before coming to the United States. Although he’s proud of his daughter’s achievements on the field, he hopes they will not try to make a career out of it because soccer is a very demanding sport. He said being yelled at by coaches and fans, plus being in pain from getting kicked during games are difficult situations he doesn’t want his daughters to go through.

“I am still proud of my daughters no matter what they do,” he said. “They both compliment each other with their play-making ability and attitudes. This is the first time they actually have played together.”

Jorge said he had aspirations of being on the Mexican national team, but never thought that he would get to see one of his daughters actually be selected for the Mexican team.

“Never in my life did I think I would see the green jersey in my house. It’s one of the highlights in my life,” he said proudly.

Though they respect their father’s wishes, Sandy and said they will see how for their soccer careers take them. Gina said there is talk of a women’s professional league starting up in the U.S. and is looking forward to trying out for a team.

If there was a sibling rivalry between the two, it only existed while they were children, they said. Sandy remembered Gina beating her up often.

“When we were younger she would beat the crap out of me for no reason,” Sandy said. “So one day I got mad and clocked a hook at her and hit her on her face. All I remember after that running away from her as she approached me like the Terminator,” she said.

Fortunately the once-playful Ocegueras are now beginning to learn to feed off each other’s approach to the game of soccer.

“We are two completely different people,” Sandy said. “But when it comes down to soccer she is so confident. She knows what she can do. She goes out there and accomplishes her goals and as far as I’m concerned I need to learn to gain that confidence in me.”

Gina has also picked up some tips from her former wrestling buddy.

“She’s so good with dibbling the ball. When she does something impressive I tell myself I need to learn what she did.” Sometimes asks her for pointers on how to dribble around people. Gina is currently living in a house with three other teammates while Sandy is experiencing dorm life. Gina gets a visit from her sister frequently, especially during meal times.**
Judge says voters can decide N.Y. Yankee Stadium's fate

NEW YORK (AP) — Invoking the vanishing ballparks of the city's past, a judge ruled Wednesday that New Yorkers should be allowed to decide the fate of Yankee Stadium.

The decision was a defeat for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who has tried to ban the November referendum from the ballot box. "This is a political decision," Giuliani said. "It's a political decision." Unless the city wins an appeal, the ruling means voters will decide next month if they want to spend an estimated $1 billion to build a new Yankee Stadium on Manhattan's West Side.

In his 15-page decision, state Supreme Court Justice Douglas McKoon compared building the new stadium to a family buying a new home, and said "each voice in the family must be heard.

"The decision to abandon an athletic stadium involves emotional and economic factors," McKoon said. "Ebbets Field, the Polo Grounds— shouldn't the public have the right to decide whether Yankee Stadium meets that same fate?"

Both Ebbets Field and the Polo Grounds were torn down and replaced by housing projects.

Month of name-calling and political wrangling between Giuliani and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, who is running for governor against Republican incumbent George Pataki, began after Yankee owner George Steinbrenner began talking about moving the team from the 75-year-old stadium in 2002. Giuliani, the city's self-described Illuminati Ogre, Axis & Allies, and much more. said the owners won't be interested in our proposal, and then suggest we really are," Hunter said.

"But I'm not going to bid against myself. They have taken an intransigent position in which they aren't inclined to respond to anything other than what they are demanding. I'm not prepared to do that, and I would be remiss in my duty if I did that. It's not going to be a concession deal where they make demands and we concede." Granik said the owners' last proposal included the league as a whole is willing to lock us out. If you asked Rut Stern and the owners claim as a whole is willing to lock us out. If you asked Rut Stern and the owners claim as a whole is willing to lock us out. If you asked Rut Stern and the owners claim as a whole is willing to lock us out. If you asked Rut Stern and the owners claim as a whole is willing to lock us out. If you asked Rut Stern and the owners claim as a whole is willing to lock us out. If you asked Rut Stern and the owners claim as a whole is willing to lock us out. If you asked Rut Stern and the owners claim as a whole is willing to lock us out. 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Sisters have worldly goals

By Jose Garcia
Mustang Daily

"She's quiet by nature, but she's very explosive on the field. She's one of the few players with speed that can control the ball. She's always good for a goal a game."

— Alex Crozier
women's soccer head coach

Big mistake not drafting Moss; he's pretty good

About six months ago, NFL teams turned down opportunities to draft Moss because of his questionable character. Bad move, he's good.

Nineteen teams, counting Cincinnati twice, decided to forego drafting Moss because of his past—his history that includes assaulting a fellow student in high school for making a racial slur, testing positive for marijuana, and a domestic dispute with his girlfriend.

Was he acting stupid? Certainly. Should he have allowed a chance to redeem himself? No doubt.

And while many teams ignored and bad-mouthed Moss, the Vikings decided to give him a chance—against Minnesota. The 6-foot-5-inch, 210-pound receiver, who noobody wanted, dominated the league like no other rookie receiver ever has. After five games, Moss has 22 receptions for 483 yards and 6 TDs. His touchdowns and reception yards lead the NFL, and are far and wide, respectively, as NFL histories for the first five games.

In college, because of his supernaturally fast speed, he was a college receiver playing against a high school defense. Nothing has changed. Professional defensive backs appear helpless. If Moss isn't outrunning them with his 4.3 speed, he's overpowering them with his colossal size. Simply throw the ball in the air, and he will come down with it.

Of course, Moss can't compete with the Jerry Rice's and Cris Carter's of the league yet, but he does show one key characteristic with them: he makes big plays and makes them often.

"Pass interference on the defense. Automatic first down." Sound familiar? Watch any NFL game on any given Sunday and this is what you hear again and again.

Apparently, referees want to emulate basketball and eliminate defense from football as their NFL counterparts have done. It seems that anytime a shot isn't completed, the receiver will petition for a flag by throwing his hands into the air in disgust. Then, after the play, the referee calls the penalty.

Pass interference is designed to prevent the passer from giving an unfair advantage over another during a forward pass. It is not intended to penalize defenders for making a play on the ball or maintaining tight coverage.

(M)Play of the Week—Seattle Seahawks QB John Friesz leaves the game in the fourth quarter due to a headache. If you want out of the game, John, at least think of an excuse that makes you look somewhat like a man in a sport filled with serious concussions and caring coaches, so we don't walk off the field for a couple of Teldens. This past in: John Friesz remains questionable for Sundays game with a severe case of the sniffles.

MATT KING