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, which kicked off on Monday, with 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 Follas, 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," Follas said, who also praised the school for recognizing actions to mitigate its traffic impact.

Paulsen, Cal Poly's Commuter Services Coordinator, heads students awareness of alternatives to searching for parking every morning. She assured 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 alternatives forms of transportation. The pledges, which will be part of a database for persons such as a mountain biker and a pair of walking shoes, are also 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.

"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 official.

"We have exceeded state ozone regulations more than 20 times, and federal regulations more than 20 days," 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 source." Total ridership has exceeded state and federal environmental regulations. He says Cal Poly is a part of the problem.

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

Paulsen 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 Jacquie Paulsen said the university is encouraging alternative means of transport."

Some students are already part of the program: "There are people who need to be loved, cared for and shown compassion in this world, and that's where we come in."

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Chumash Auditorium. Each of the nine programs were put on display by the students, who helped to get Cal Poly volunteers to volunteer some of their time and help others in the community.

"It's interesting finding out that you're just like us, you've just had some times that have been bad in your life," he said. "By going to the shelter, you can help others in their life."

Cal Poly students work hard in community

By Louise Attard
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Student Community Services held its orientation day last Wednesday in..."
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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-
dized the city bus since 1985, and offer reduced rate passes on (Central Coast Area Transit) as part of our pro-
gram to cut back on pollution and congestion," she said.
The week of Oct. 4 is California Ride Share week, and Commuter Services is offering a program to organ-
ize student carpools.
"If everyone could carpooled 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 driven, making stu-
dents more than twice as efficient at commuting than Cal Poly stuff.
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 create 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

TUCSON, 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 Aurelia 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. "As 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 men-
toring, 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.

"Attitudes have changed greatly."
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"It sets in the parents' minds that 'my kids are 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 really responsi-

ve 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 are a lot fewer 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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shelter we give them hope...it's just a good feeling seeing some of the people getting back on their feet." 

Student Community Services tries to involve dorm residents by getting them to adopt a program. For example, in Tanaya Hall, Matt Cechini, a computer engineering freshman, is the ERICH director for Beyond Shelter. ERICH director and volunteers help plan different events and social activities with each of the programs.

Volunteers with the Environmental Council work with environmental organizations off campus and on campus. Some of the activities include beach cleaning, trail maintenance and tree plantings. With the help of ECO5LO, the Environmental Council will try to increase the awareness of environmental issues on campus, such as how to better recycle.

"Freshmen need to get involved in some way and volunteer work is a good way to meet new people and get connected to the community," Whitaker said.

Vince Martin, a business senior, said he finds being the director of the Environmental Council a fulfilling role.

"I really enjoy being around senior citizens. I really want to contribute to them. I think they contribute a lot to us," he said. "I want to affect lives and make impacts and a way of doing that is getting people together and going out and helping them."

For a couple of hours a week, volunteers with Senior Services provide companionship with senior citizens in homes. A new program called "adopt a grandparent" aims to "interact with...they really enjoy our energy and it raises their energy," Martin said. "It's really interesting to hear what they have to say."

Partnerships in Health is a program where volunteers work with the community to serve those disabled or in rehabilitation. Exercise, social activities and assisting physicians and therapists in a hospital or school setting are some of the duties.

Youth Challenge involves volunteers working with adolescents in juvenile halls around the county. The special events program "into the street" is one that does not require a lot of time, but a lot of volunteers. Some of these activities include holiday gift drives and a "paint your heart out" program, where volunteers paint the homes of people in the community.

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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 almost 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 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? Listen, I kicked the habit, you can too.

Ask yourselves, why have 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 by following all these programs so diligently?

I'm convinced that many shows 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 show.

A tear can be explained in two words: Jerry Springer. I've noticed that infidelity is a common theme in her favorite show. "Party of Five?" You'll learn more about the Salinger family than you will about your own. Television either. Billions of hours are forfeited daily by waste away liturs yielding no palpable gain and, unlike millions of people playing video games. These names real lite, they offer a reset button. Some people spend beinns. What it time day petiple hvit net hvit be petiple

R,lider" than they do conversing with real human beings. What if one day people forget 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 Polariod 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 really 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, and it needs to start planning now. Our safety can't wait.

Right now the escort service is made up of student volunteers. They are the students who have decided to help out our Cal Poly community and become Campus Safety Officers (CSOs).

The problem is these volunteers do not work during one of the most vulnerable times on campus, the first week of the quarter. The reasoning behind this is the CSOs are not sure of their classes or schedules or their classes and therefore are not scheduled to work.

Well guess what! The majority of people on this campus are not sure of their schedules either. We do not always know what time we are going to get out of class. We do not know if the lights along the path to our destination are going to be on. We might not even know any of the people in our classes well enough to ask them to take us back to our car or dorm.

We do know that the safety of the students and the Cal Poly community deserve to have an escort service provided for them at all times, and at any cost.

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 boyfriend, commenting on the lack of help offered to his girlfriend one late 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. Scared 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 will have to 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 Coral's little "cops" regarding their now-infamous full-page ads essentially telling Cal Poly students to buy their books from Aida's and sell them to El Coral.

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. 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 Coral 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. Eureka! 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 Coral). I took 14 units and ended up paying a net of $17 dollars for my books last quarter.

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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 35 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. Davis has proposed an additional meeting on Tuesday, but Lungren believes back-to-back debates would be pointless.

"Pat Lingren wants to debate in the last two weeks because he believes as many Californians as possible deserve to hear what the candidates have to say," said Pan Schnir, a GOP consultant working for the Lungren campaign.

"Gray Davis doesn't want to debate in last two weeks because he's afraid that Californian voters might tune in to see and hear the candidates and what they have to say," Davis campaign spokesman Michael Bustamante said. Davis ruled out a debate after Oct. 15 because he intends to be traveling the state.

He also said the Republican's campaign knew that Davis did not want a debate after Oct. 15. "California is a big state; it's got 35 million people, and we want to continue to travel the state to do what we've been doing over last few months," he said.

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Cajun quartet performs spicy song and dance

By Britt Fekete
Mustang Daily

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 Bafts leads the group with her vocals, and also plays the triangle. She is the youngest daughter of Donney Bafts, former member of the famous Cajun band, Balfa Brothers.

The Bafts 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 Bafts 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, reminiscent of the Bafts 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 KCBX 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 truly an American form because it combines French and country music, and 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 Bafts championed, while replenishing the tradition with new songs full of emotion, grace and charm.”

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
Mustang Daily

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 sauteed 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 mouth watering hero of the day. Bon Temps employee Victoria Walker said the serving size for ham hocks is quite substantial.

“It makes you feel like Puddin’ Jimmie 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 turn-grown in Louisiana.

Bon Temps server Annette Sasna 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 hot brown and Cajun sausage.

“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 rate buds.”

The restaurant is owned by San Luis Obispo residents Lang and Bob Winnick. Lang said he and Winnick got the idea for a Creole-style restaurant because Winnick had lived in New Orleans for eight years. see CAFE page 10

ABOVE: Cajun gumbo is one of the dishes to be served at the Balfa Toujours concert at Castoro Cellars this weekend. Shoshana Hebshi/ Mustang Daily file

LEFT: The Balfa Toujours are from Louisiana and will play authentic Cajun music. Courtesy Photo/ SLOFOLKS
San Luis Obispo: the last Americana?

By Matt Berger

The romance of a late night amble down the main drag of the city, Figueroa Street—a dusty-feet tourist trench with shop windows boasting brand new Beanie Babes and low-priced lava lamps. The ever-flourescent glow of track lighting in ice cream shops and copy centers. It's the chorus of wick-ered 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 rob 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. It is the lost, last Americans 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 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 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 was 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 and drink our beer. I could have done it better. It only humans had ten times our strength, we, the priderateur, could read the kitchens and garbage cans of the complemente and take back the land we have lost to the Clinton scandals and Rupert Murdock's of the world.

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And if the bar is a microcosm of the world, the new film "Bontemps Creole Cafe" illustrates what the world philosophers and governments have striven to attain for centuries. Arts have a good thing going. Karl Marx and entire societies have modeled their visions after the art colonies only to be beaten by capitalism and the west. It only humans had ten times our strength, we, the priderateur, could read the kitchens and garbage cans of the complemente and take back the land we have lost to the Clinton scandals and Rupert Murdoch's of the world.

There is an idea—one that will bring the perfect strangers living under one roof back to their roots. MTV in the former Soviet Union presents: "Real World Kremlin." Shack 'em all up in one bedroom flat, give them a pot of coffee and some money, post-communist clothes. Make them work day and night for bags of flour and stand in line for moddy bread. That's the real world you'd see.

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— Neal Losey
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Winns, who is originally from
New York, worked in several famous
Cajun food restaurants in New
Orleans, including Commander's
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according to Lang.

"Rob and I wanted to open a
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cerns," Long said. "Based on the loca­
tions we've used and Bob's experience
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taste.

He said the credo of Bon Temps is
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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 Jeff Evans in Riverside County. "It's been warm, and humid the last, 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 Eden 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 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 Eden 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 Eden 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 $902,000. The cars were worth about $20,000.

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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 daughters' 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."

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"She's good with dribbling the ball. When she does something impressive I tell myself I need to learn to do what she did. I sometimes ask her for pointers on how to dribble around people," Sandy said.

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 time.
Judge says voters can decide N.Y. Yankee stadium's fate

NEW YORK (AP) — Invoking the vanished 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 in his tight battle to ban the November referendum from the ballot box. "This is a local 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 McKee overturned a previously pending referendum. The referendum would have allowed the fans to vote on such a project.

McKee 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," McKee said. "EBets Field, the Polo Grounds — shouldn't the public have the right to say whether Yankee Stadium meets that same fate?"

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

Months of name-calling and political wrangling between Giuliani and City Council Speaker Peter Gavino, who is running for governor against Republican incumbent George Pataki, began after Yankee owner George Steinbrenner began talking about moving the team from the current stadium to a new $1 billion facility.

The mayor may have liked the idea of moving the Yankees, but the public apparently didn't. Villene called for the November referendum.

NBA bargaining to resume

NEW YORK (AP) — Facing the possibility of the first shortened season in NBA history, owners and players started bargaining today with few expectations of progress.

"We're ready to sit there and talk all day and all night and maybe someone will come up with something," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Grunick said. "Others how it happens, but I have no reason to be optimistic."

The bargaining session will be only the second between the sides since the lockout imposed July 1.

The owners and players have only a couple of weeks left with a deal that will save an 82-game season, and such a breakthrough seems unlikely with the sides far apart on the main economic issues.

"I hope it's going to be substantive," players union director Billy Hunter said. "I'm going to tell David (Stemp, the commissioner) we don't like their last proposal, and then suggest we really talk about something that's going to create some movement on both sides."

The last time owners and players were together in the same room was Aug. 6, when the players made their most recent proposal, and the owners responded by walking out of the room.

Two-hour-long informal sessions have been held in the last two weeks, with only Stern, Granik, Hunter and union president Patrick Ewing attending.

Both sides now expect stoppage to force the cancellation of games. The entire exhibition schedule has already been canceled, and the regular season is due to begin Nov. 3.

"We feel that the NBA is making a lot of money. Everybody, for the most part, is doing financially okay," Ewing said. "So we don't see why they had to come up. If you ask David, Stern, I don't think he would say that the league as a whole is doing fine."

But Stern and the owners claim as many as half of them are losing money and the league as a whole is much less profitable than it was a few years ago.

The owners are seeking a system with cost certainty, looking to gradually roll back the amount of revenue devoted to player salaries from 57 percent to 49 percent.

The owners have offered some concessions, but are unwilling to accept a "hard" salary cap or give up the "Larry Bird exception" that allows teams to exceed the salary cap to retain their own free agents.

"We're prepared to address their concerns, we really are," Hunter said. "But I'm not going to bid against myself. They have taken an intransigent position in which they are not 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."

Grunick said the owners won't be bringing any union proposal to the table. He also said the owners would reject any union proposal to play the upcoming season under the old operating system.

"Hunter suggested that two weeks ago, and we told him we couldn't possibly be serious," Grunick said. "The whole point of where we are is that we brought the old deal — even for one more year or one more day. It's out of the question."

The players have complained that they shouldn't be expected to protect the owners from themselves, but the owners or more or less conceded that's what the owners are seeking.
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**Big mistake not drafting Moss; he's pretty good**

About six months ago, NFL teams took a hard look at San Francisco 49ers' receiver Terrell Moss because of his questionable character. Bad move; he's good.

Nineteen teams, counting Cincinnati twice, decided to stonewall Moss because of his past — a history that includes assaulting a fellow student in high school for making a racial slur, getting arrested on campus for a domestic dispute with his girlfriend.

Was he an outcast? Certainly. Should he be 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— among them Minnesota. The 6-foot-4-inch, 210-pound receiver, who nobody wanted, dominates the league like no other rookie receiver ever has. After five games, Moss has 22 catches, 450 yards and 6 TDs. His touchdowns and reception yards lead the NFL, and are first and third, respectively, in NFL history for the first five games.

In college, because of his supersized talent, broadcasters likened Moss to 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 compare with the Jerry Rice and Cris Carter of the league yet, but he does show one characteristic among them: he makes big plays and makes them often.

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"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.

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**Sisters have worldly goals**

By Jose Garcia

Mustang Daily

Let's take a ride into the future and fast forward to the summer of 1999.

It's the final game of the women's soccer World Cup and the competitors are the United States and Mexico. Two of the players on the field are siblings and current teammates — freshmamy Sandy and junior Gina Oceguera.

Here's the twist: Sandy, 18, and Gina, 21, are playing for the Mexican team. Their father's dual citizenship enables his daughters to play for his home country.

ESPN, a stadium crowd of 150,000 and millions of viewers worldwide are watching. Even the famous Argentinean broadcaster, "Goooooaaall!" call is announcing the game.

Their proud parents are in the stands as the Oceguera sisters hear their national anthems before the game. The pride, the honor, the elation.

"That's about the time I'd start peeing in my pants," said Sandy, laughing at the notion of that happening.

This past summer, Mexican coaches assembled a team for the 1999 World Cup and tapped into the U.S. collegiate ranks for six top-notch players. Gina made the squad as the team's starting sweeper, while Sandy made the 22-woman nontraveling roster. With so many players trying out for the U.S. team, the Ocegueras leaped at the opportunity presented to them by the Mexican team.

Gina was also selected to play on a U.S. Olympic development squad but didn't receive much playing time.

"Hopefully I'll prove some people (on the U.S. team) wrong," Gina said. "I consider Mexico like my country because I'm a citizen there not just want to play for them like I would for the U.S. I just want to make everybody proud."

Gina and the Mexican squad are going through the qualifying round to qualify for the World Cup. Mexico will have to defeat Argentina twice in the coming months in order to advance. Gina said she feels confident about her team's chances. The Mexican team already played the United States last summer and lost 9-0. However, the Mexican team was without its college players and some of its other top players.

Before playing in the qualifying matches, the Ocegueras will concentrate on achieving other great feats at Cal Poly. Although Sandy is barely into her first season, head coach Alex Core is pleased with what he's seeing.

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