Winter weather:
Sunny, dry days;
cold, freezing nights
Weather-cycle siblings bring different effects

By Andrea Parker
Mustang Daily

Thanks to La Niña, El Niño's little sister, the umbrella may be staying in the closet with those new Christmas monograms.

It's going to be a warm winter with less rain than normal, said Gary Ryan, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Oxnard. "Temperatures should be substantially above normal for the rest of the winter," Ryan said.

La Niña is the cold counterpart of El Niño. Warming of the surface temperature in the tropical Pacific brings about El Niño's storms. La Niña follows right behind when the surface temperature cools to below normal.

La Niño's weather patterns have pushed the jet stream further north, taking the cold and wet storms with it. The resulting dry air, combined with the offshore wind flow, caused high temperature ranges like in a desert — warm in the day and cold at night, said KSBY meteorologist Sharon Graves.

Though it is stormy on the coast, inland cities, such as Fresno, will experience a colder than normal winter, said Ryan.

According to Graves, San Luis Obispo is not going to get rain any time before mid-January. Weather predictions show below normal rainfall for January through March, she said.

Though La Niña won't yield much rain, Ryan said this winter will not bring about a drought. Last year's unusually high amounts of rain from El Niño left a large supply of ground and surface water for this year.

According to Ryan, one dry year alone will not constitute a drought situation. "If we get two back-to-back dry winters, then we can start talking drought," he explained.

Last year was indeed a wet year. Average yearly rainfall in San Luis Obispo is 23.8 inches. Last season's wet storms brought in a total of 58.58 inches, 156 percent of the normal amount. During the first half of the year, January through June, El Niño soaked 213 percent of the normal rain total for that period. But since July 1, when La Niña began, San Luis Obispo has seen only 382 inches, 47 percent of the normal rainfall.

"Throughout January the past year, San Luis Obispo already had 12 inches," Graves said.

Ryan said this transition from El Niño to La Niña was "one of the sharpest changes ever."

Last year El Niño caused the storms that damaged several houses along Stafford and Kentucky streets. Residents don't need to worry this year. San Luis Obispo should not experience such an intense storm from La Niña.

"El Niño tends to give more energy with storms, because the water is so warm," Graves said. "This year we'd only get the tail end of a storm because the weather system is so far north."

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SLO County, FEMA work to prepare for natural disasters

By Burt McNaughton
Mustang Daily

The Federal Management Agency urges California's communities to become more resistant against natural disasters.

"We have a very unique state," FEMA spokesperson Ana Marcelo said. "It has just about every kind of disaster risk imaginable. We have the largest population, we're the most diverse in terms of culture and geography."

In San Luis Obispo County, FEMA assisted with infrastructure problems caused by the rain of El Niño. "Disaster Assistance goes directly to the victim," Marcelo said. "Although it could take years for damage to be repaired."

The goal of FEMA is to reduce the loss of life and property caused by natural disasters.

In 1997 FEMA created a program called Project Impact. This project was designed to help communities take the necessary steps to resist natural disasters. In a little over a year, Project Impact grew from seven pilot communities in seven states to almost 20 communities in every state.

Project Impact gives monetary assistance to communities to help them become more resistant against natural disasters.

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ABOVE: Last May, El Niño dropped a tornado that ripped up trees and damaged houses on Stafford and Kentucky streets in San Luis Obispo.

LEFT: This year, La Niña is bringing warm days and cold nights with little to no rain. Hikers enjoy the weather by trekking up the trail on Bishop's Peak in San Luis Obispo.

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Low temperatures freeze county crops

December brought record-setting lows to California agriculture

By Chris Hoffman
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly experienced one of the coldest winters in years while most students were home for the holiday break. According to KSBY meteorologist Sharon Graves, regional temperatures were recorded in the 20s on a couple of nights, causing the destruction of crops throughout San Luis Obispo and much of California.

"Starting on Dec. 20 is when the temperature really plunged," Graves said. She said Cal Poly reported a low of 22 degrees on Dec. 21, and the San Luis Obispo Airport recorded 16 degrees the same night. "I believe that was a record," Graves said.

Meteorologist Gary Rean, from the National Weather Service in Oxnard, said the lower temperatures at Cal Poly during the cold snap was on Christmas Eve with 22 degrees recorded. Rean said Cal Poly's all-time cold record was in 1990 with 17 degrees.

The cold snap, said Graves, was a condition known as an "Arctic Blast" or "Polar Express." It was caused by high-pressure ridge that moved north into Canada and diverted the jet stream, sending cold wind to blow from near the North Pole into California.

"That arctic air mass just dropped in," she said.

Graves said that snow was even reported in some northern parts of San Luis Obispo County, including Shandon, Templeton and Parkfield, even though no more than half an inch fell and it melted quickly.

The cold, however, was enough to cause damage to local and state-wide agriculture. Preliminary reports estimate $591 million in crops were lost throughout California because of the freezing temperatures. The cost of saved oranges — one of the affected crops — has already increased from $60 to $75 a box at San Luis Obispo's Lucky grocery stores.

Robert Hopkins, deputy agricultural commissioner for San Luis Obispo County, said that the county is still assessing the losses, but avocado plants were hit the hardest. He estimated that 45 percent of the 1999 crop will be lost because of the freeze, totaling $9.9 million.

He said the county had better luck with citrus crops, with a loss of only 7 percent.

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Cold nights increase gas, electricity costs

By Andy Castagnola
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly's heating bill now depends as much as the temperature this winter, but off-campus residents are seeing it.

The new Utilidor system, installed last academic year, will cut campus heating costs significantly, said Ed Johnson, energy and utility manager for the Facilities Planning department.

Utilidor converted Cal Poly's electric generators from steam boilers to hot-water boilers.

During 1997-98, Cal Poly spent more than $1 million for gas and other chemicals to heat on-campus buildings. For the first half of the 1998-99 fiscal year — July to November — Johnson said gas costs decreased 21 percent.

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art and design sophomore about her heater

energy use declined 28 percent for the same period.

"That's much greater than we expected," he said.

Johnson said he couldn't guarantee the same decreases during winter, although Utilidor and warmer temperatures will keep costs down.

About half of last fiscal year's heating expenses were attributed to classrooms and hallways. An energy management system distributes heat according to building use. Classrooms used more often get more heat.

The residence halls spent about $182,000 on gas.

On-campus residents have control over their own room heaters. Room hall, a journalism freshman, said he shoved a couch in front of his sophomore Hall heater and hasn't used the heater since he moved in.

However, Johnson fears some on-campus residents overuse their heaters.

"Residence halls are notorious for wasting energy, and it's usually from students not paying attention to what they're doing," he said.

The halls have no specific energy-saving education programs, said Alan Pep, assistant director for Housing and Business Services. However, care directors in each hall promote general environmental awareness, and some light switches have notices to turn off lights more often.

While residence-hall students pay a flat fee to fund their gas usage, students living off-campus pay proportionally to how much gas they use.

As demand for natural gas worsens during winter, gas rates will skyrocket, Johnson said.

Business senior Troy Cooper, who uses gas to heat his house to 70 degrees nightly, said he is willing to pay the price for warmth.

Amy Cruz, an art and design sophomore, is lucky if her gas heater ever works.

"You have to hug it to feel the heat," she said.

HEAT IS ON: Students in the dorms have control over their own heaters and are notorious for wasting energy.
Stop kidding yourselves

It's not that I'm not a big fan of the holidays, it's just that I have a problem with some of its practices. I love the hot bread, the champagne and spending time with friends, but when it comes to people sending Christmas letters and making New Year's resolutions, I'm against it. Most of the Christmas letters my family received seemed to be written by people who use English as a third language. Aside from the content being more boring than a 24-hour ride home from Utah, most seemed to invent grammatical rules as they went. Semi-colons cannot replace quotation marks, ever.

The annual opening to all holiday letters is, "Wow, what a year! Can you believe it's already over?" Yes we can believe it's over and we wish your letter was too.

Next, the letters ramble on about the many accomplishments of all the family members. Usually, though, these people are so obsessed with the best that they can conjure up in stuff like, "Little Johnny colored inside the lines in his color book and made a new friend, all in the same year! We're so proud.

Christmas letters are for people who make no effort to speak to you for an entire year. And guess what? Two pages of shoddily written letters will not be an effective means of maintaining an open line of communication. Send energy in an attempt to carry it out.

But the people know very well the resolutions they will never expend any time to start. They make a resolution and begin the journey towards a better with no out of their way to help the needy. They believe that a reward earned during this month is multiplied 70 times and more. For this reason, Ramadan is also known as the month of charity and generosity. To a Muslim, fasting not only means abstaining from food, but also refraining from all vice and evil committed by us, consciously or sub-consciously. It is believed that if one volunteers to refrain from lawful foods and sex, he/she will be in a better position to avoid unlawful things and acts during the rest of the year. Fast is broken at Sunset. Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) recommended breaking the fast with dates. Muslims are urged to invite others to break the fast with them. Just after breaking the fast, and before dinner, Muslims offer the fourths of the five daily prayers, which is called the Mudrib prayer. They offer the second and third prayers during early and late afternoon, respectively. After dinner, Muslims go to their houses of worship, called "Mosques," to offer the Isha prayer, which is the last of the five daily prayers. The day ends with a special voluntary prayer, the Taraweeh, offered by the congregation reciting the Holy Quran, the holy book of Islam.

A month of fasting

Editor:

Why are thousands of Americans and about a billion people around the world abstaining from eating, drinking, smoking, and sex from dawn to sunset this month? They are Muslims who are fasting during the holy month of Ramadan, the month of fasting. Fasting is one of the Five Pillars of the religion of Islam and one of the highest forms of Islamic worship. Abstinence from earthly pleasures and curbing evil intentions and desires is regarded as an act of obedience and submission to God as well as an atonement for sins, errors, and mistakes.

Muslims around the world started their fasting in mid December, this year. The Islamic calendar is based on the lunar cycle. The month of Ramadan is the ninth month and begins with the sighting of the new moon. The fasting period ends upon the sighting of the next new moon, which occurs after 29 or 30 days. Ramadan brings our emotional excitement and religious zeal among Muslims of all ages. Though fasting is mandatory only for adults, children as young as eight willingly observe fasting with their elders. Children look forward to the excitement of snuffing the moon and eating special meals with their families. Adults appreciate the opportunity to double their rewards from God and seek forgiveness for past sins. All feel a particular closeness towards their Creator and amongst their family and friends.

Muslims have to change their whole physical and emotional selves during these 30 long days of fasting. A typical day of fasting begins with getting up around 4:30 a.m., and eating before the fast begins, about 5-12 a.m. As dawn breaks, the first of five daily prayers (Fajr) is offered. As the day proceeds, fasting Muslims are constantly bombarded with messages from their stomachs that it is time for breakfast, snack, lunch, and so on. Each time, Muslims remind themselves that they are fasting for the sole purpose of pleasing God and seeking His Mercy. Throughout the day, Muslims are encouraged to go out of their way to help the needs, both financially and emotionally. They believe that a reward earned during this month is multiplied 70 times and more.

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After 30 days of fasting, the end of the month of Ramadan is observed with a day of celebrations, called Eid-ul-Fitr. On this day, Muslims from around the vicinity gather in one place to offer a prayer of thanks. It is traditional to wear new clothes, visit friends and relatives, exchange gifts, eat delicious dishes prepared for this occasion, and wait patiently for the next year.

Besides offering enormous spiritual blessings, fasting also renders numerous medical and psychological benefits to believers. Fasting helps humans become aware of the kindness, taste, and satisfaction; to know the hardship from the food, and purifying the blood stream and rejuvenating the entire system. For those engaged in medically undesirable habits such as over-eating or smoking, the self-controlled and disciplined exercise during Ramadan fasting provides an excellent beginning to "kick" these bad habits.

Fasting helps one to experience how a hungry person feels and what it is like to have an empty stomach. It teaches one to share the sufferings of the less fortunate. Muslims believe that fasting leads one to appreciate the bounties of God, which are usually taken for granted—until they are missed!
U.S. coins bad idea with baby

By Jessica Weeks
The Lantern (U-WIRE)

Susan B. Anthony, you're outta here. A new lady — this time with a snacking infant as an accessory — is taking over the dollar coin.

By taking on the dollar coin, this time with a screaming infant, Sacajawea, the Native American teenager childless Susan R. Anthony, a 19th-century minority woman who bravely led Lewis and Clark across America in their 19th-century expedition.

But the fun doesn't stop there. Newspapers report that Sacajawea will be depicted faithfully toting her infant son, the first baby to ever grace American currency. The coin with this new image will replace the flopped 1979 dollar coin, which depicted the unresourceful and childless Susan B. Anthony, a 19th-century leader of the women's suffrage movement, who was arrested for daring to vote in the 1872 election.

So what's my point, you ask? Shouldn't we be pleased that the new coin will feature a minority woman who is able to balance work with family? (We'll just forget the fact that she was the teen-age slave wife of a polygamist whose baby was used as a human bargaining tool against hostile rival tribes.)

Yes, in a sense I am delighted. Right now, we've got enough dead white guys adorning our national currency, and Sacajawea was an admirable person and an excellent choice for the new coin. But because the images we choose to depict on our country's coins and bills are symbols of our nation's values, we should identify what these images say about our culture. I wonder, is the inclusion of Sacajawea's baby really necessary, and what does it say about how American women view women? Take a look in your pocket. Not one regularly- used coin depicts a woman. And not one of the many depictions of men include an infant. So why, when we finally create an "important" coin featuring a woman, does the first baby to ever grace American currency accompany her?

It seems that the underlying message here is one in which many women have been battling for centuries: that women's most important and valued purpose is to produce and care for children. Sure, Sacajawea can lead an expedition across the Louisiana Purchase, but only if she looks after her baby first. An ironic message from a government that makes such a task impossible for modern women by refusing to force employers to provide adequate on-site child care. And where's the dad, anyone?

Don't get me wrong. Motherhood is sacred and beautiful, and being a mother is a job that I applaud. But being a father should be seen as just as sacred and beautiful, something that the symbols we put on our currency seems to miss. According to anti-abortionists who support sporadic notification laws, fathers are an important part of raising children.

In this case, I agree with them. It's not that I do not rejoice at the news of a strong and competent woman who can both lead a team and raise a child, and it's not that I object to the image of mother and child on a coin. But I'm curious: Why doesn't George Washington have a couple of toddlers perched on his shoulder? Why don't Abraham Lincoln have a little girlugging at his ear? Why hasn't Sacajawea been chosen to bear the burden of parenthood alone?

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Registering for classes: the Cal Poly Myth

Your heart beats steadily with anticipation, you hold your breath, but soon discounting words fill your ear. "The section you have requested is full ... no other sections are available." After hearing this message, average Cal Poly students have two choices: they can CAPTURE another class which they probably don't need as much as the first one, or they can try and "crash" their original choice. However, the second option may not be as easy as it seems.

On the first day of an upper-division speech communications class there were probably 20 people trying to crash. The class limit is set at 24, nearly twice as many students wanted it needed the course as there was space for. To help decide which hopeful students would be able to enroll in the class, the instructor began taking roll. Then, he did something that I had never heard a professor do, he explained the system he uses to decide which students are able to enroll in the class.

The professor said the first students to add would be those on his already-established waiting list. Second would be those in concurrent enrollment or extended education programs, then graduating seniors, and lastly all other students in order of class standing.

A girl a few rows over from me told a friend that if she didn't get this class, it would delay her graduation by several months, and I am sure that most of the other graduating seniors had similar concerns. This bothered me greatly. It doesn't seem fair that people setting the amount of sections offered for a course need to be more in touch with the student demand for the course. An English teacher told me she was aware only a small portion of the students needing to take ENGL 114 are actually accommodated. Why is this allowed to happen? It professors (and I am sure many students would agree) admit that there is a problem, those who have the power to change thing need to do so.

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RENO, Nev. (AP) — Investigation and psychology aren’t sure what to make of a 22-year-old film buff’s claim that his arrest for a shooting ramp on Interstate 50 foiled a plan for a cross-country killing spree intended to mock American violence.

“I can honestly say I don’t have a clue on this man,” Dr. Ole Thienhaus, chairman of the psychology department at the University of Nevada, Reno, said Thursday.

Christopher Lee Merritt, of Manhattan Beach, was being held without bail on eight counts of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon and other charges.

Arrested Monday night during a routine traffic stop in Las Vegas, he has continued to be the sniffer who opened fire on the interstates earlier that day on the western outskirts of Reno. One man was wounded in the chest and five other vehicles were damaged.

The interstate was closed for five hours and school children were kept indoors while more than 100 law officers searched the Sierra foothills.

Merritt told police he planned to shoot motorists so they would crash and he could rob them.

But in interviews with reporters beginning Tuesday night, he has told a consistent story of his plans to shoot more than 10 people throughout the country — a spree he thought would make some kind of bizarre “cultural” statement about America’s growing appetite for violence in popular books and films.

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**Reconciliation and rehabilitation begins for NBA**

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA wanted no time Tuesday trying to put an ugly lockout behind it, pledging to waste no time Thursday trying to put the league hopes to start the season Feb. 5 and play about 50 games.

Each team will play two exhibition games. It's the league's one idea — and admission will be free. Presession scrambles also will be open to the public. Next season, at least 50 tick­ets for every regular-season game will be priced at $10 to lure families to arenas.

**Chargers begin life under Riley**

"You can call anyone who's ever been a head coach," said Mike Riley, who was introduced at a news conference in San Diego Monday, becoming the Chargers' fourth coach in four years. This is first NFL job for shiftless onetime quarterback Ryan Leaf, who's known for a 4-13 career, and one that I'd really like to do," Riley said. "I'm anxious to take the Oregon State job in Corvallis, Ore., home to Oregon State, which one of his predecessors called a "coach's graveyard."

"I think I'm a better coach now than five times his Oregon State salary of $130,200.

"The Chargers have no first-round pick this year because of the recent ruling by the arbitrator in the dispute with former coach Dave Shula.

Riley said he took the job for the same reason he left his job at Southern California: offensive coordinator to take the Oregon State job in December 1996.

"There's a great opportunity to improve and to work to get better, get more wins," said Riley, who grew up in Corvallis, Ore., home to Oregon State. "I decided that this may be the greatest opportunity in my career, and one that I'd really like to try. So I took that opportunity.

Riley was introduced at a new conference under a big white tent set up right to the swimming pool at the Chargers' practice complex. Only three players attend. Troubled quarterback Ryan Leaf won't among them, but Riley said he met Leaf earlier.

Owner Alex Spanos said he's never been as impressed with a coach as when he first met Riley 10 days ago in Palm Springs, Calif. Riley won leamed of Spanos' famous impatience whenever the owner asked: "Mike, Riley, we're looking to you to take us back to the Super Bowl."

The Chargers' lone Super Bowl appearance was four years ago, and they're gone 26-31 since.

"We're 4-2 or 4-1 this year, and I'm very appreciative of these guys believing that I can do it," Riley said. "I'm intend to do that."

Riley followed his father, Bud, into coaching and has known San Diego general manager Bobby Beathard for years, even coaching Beathard's son, Jeff, in the Canadian Football League.

Riley had a two-day interview with the Chargers that included meeting with the assistant coaches, many of them remaining at Beathard's insistence. Among them are those who coached the NFL's top-ranked defense, plus Joe Bugel (offensive line) and Ollie Wilson (coordinating quarterback coach)."}

**Couch declares for NFL draft**

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Late in the season, Kentucky football fans chanted, "One more year." It was not to be — Tim Couch is heading to the NFL.

He is skipping his senior year to enter the NFL, where millions of dollars await him as a potential No. 1 pick.

"I've made my decision and I'm going into the NFL draft," Couch said at a news conference Thursday.

Couch's announcement, just one day before the NFL's deadline for early entries to its draft, ended months of questions and weeks of speculation. Couch had reached high pitch in the days since Kentucky's season ended Jan. 1 with a 24-16 loss to the Outback Bowl.

Couch's decision to turn pro will give the expansion Cleveland Browns an opportunity to make him the No. 1 pick. Browns president Carmen Policy has said he is open to taking a quarterback if one is available.

The NFL prohibits teams from commenting on undrafted freshmen who are leaving school early until the league releases its list of players on Monday. So the Browns, who could be torn between taking Couch or Texas running back Ricky Williams, won't be able to discuss their plans with the No. 1 pick until next week.

Mant scouts believe Couch — with his six-foot five, 229 pounds, accuracy, touch and experience in Kentucky's pro-style passing offense — is that kind of prospect.

As recently as last Friday, after the Outback Bowl, Couch said he was "55-5-5" on whether to turn pro or return to Lexington for a fourth season.

"I've always been a competitive person, and I want to compete at the highest level," Couch said Thursday.

The decision was big news in Lexington, where four local television stations carried Couch's announcement live — even on a day when the U.S. Senate was beginning a presidential impeachment trial.

Wildcats fans had made their feelings known in New Orleans when the game that sent the quarterback with a chant of "One more year! One more year!" was walked on the sideline late in Kentucky's final home game of the season.
Sports
Cal Poly athlete of the Week

Mustang Daily
This week's athlete of the week honors goes to sophomore Jabbar Washington.

The 6-foot-4-inch swingman scored 21 points in Saturday's loss to UNLV. Washington made seven of 12 field goals and hit seven of nine free throws.

He also grabbed three rebounds and made three steals in the game.

Washington is currently third on the team averaging 13.3 points per game, which is also fourth in the Big West. His 2.6 assists per game rank him nineteenth while his 4.8 rebounds per game place him twenty-second.

Washington was a Big West Conference All-Freshman team selection last year.

Honorable mention this week goes to four sophomores:

Freshmen Matt Palante and Kyle Westridge and seniors Eric Wyles and Nate Moore led the Mustangs to a first place finish at the UC Irvine Invitational Saturday.

Palante finished first in the 200 fly while Westridge was the top qualifier in the 200 Back. Wyles came in first in the 200 Breaststroke and in second in the 100 Breaststroke. Moore finished second in the 200 IM and in the 1650 Free.

Congrats Travis Bryant!

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