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Police crack down on speeds at crosswalk
By Larissa Van Beurden

Students speed in the 7-55 mph zone, and police officers talking about new
speed limits. She wants to prevent an accident from happening before someone is
hurt.

"I want everybody to slow them down. I am trying to get everybody to slow down. If students would leave for school just five to 10 minutes earlier, they wouldn’t have to speed," she said.

Headly has already taken steps to try to warn drivers. She has patrolling
lights installed before drivers get to the crosswalk.

"Drivers need to be warned prior to the sidewalk," she said.

Cal Poly police officer Richard Lane said he once heard Headly’s concern, but he tried to find out exactly what was wrong. He is now working with the city to get the situation under control.

"I talked to the San Luis Obispo Police Department about the situation," she said.

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County count begins
By Larissa Van Beurden

The U.S. Census 2000 is starting, and local officials are urging Cal Poly students to fill out forms.

Students who live in San Luis Obispo County for six months or longer per year need to fill out census forms. Parents can officially count their children who are living away from home on their census forms, but government leaders want students to fill out their own forms. Each county receives a certain amount of money per person, so students should fill out the forms sent to their house, apartment or dormitory to take advantage of the benefits.

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Students needed to help with census
By Larissa Van Beurden

The local census office has jobs, and the office places students in positions to help with the 1990 census.

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Deuces Wild’ marks 22nd SLO Mardi Gras
By Kerri Holden

A $2,2 billion in funding over the past decade," she said.

The San Luis Obispo County census office, located in Santa Maria, needs more people to apply for the many jobs available. Jobs can be in the office or in the field, going door to door to collect census forms.

Applicants must be 18 years or older as well as a legal U.S. citizen. Census employees cannot currently work as tax collectors, assessors or law enforcement officials.

A short skills test is given to every applicant, consisting of basic math, English, map reading and direction skills. The test determines where applicants should be placed. Test sites are located throughout the county, and nobody will be turned away.

Ricky George, office manager of the local census office, said that wages for the jobs are between $8.25 and $13.75 per hour. Field workers are paid 31 cents per mile when using their own car.

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they have taken, and now we have some plans underway," he said.
Traffic signs have been ordered and will be placed at the campus exit on Grand Avenue. A standard school crossing sign should be in this week, and another one-on-one sign should be in soon, Lata said. Flashing lights might also be installed, but that depends on the city’s decision.

Lata also said that he is taking measures to inform the campus communities of the problem. Cal Poly police officer Jennifer Estelle will be working with students in residence halls to raise awareness about the speeding problem on Grand Avenue.

"We will be supplying safety talks and having resident hall students make banners to make residents aware of safety problems," Lata said.

Traffic Sgt. Steven Miller of the San Luis Obispo Police Department said he is also taking extra safety numbers. Miller said officers have clocked cars leaving Cal Poly at over 60 miles per hour. He said that having an increased presence of police officers in the area definitely concerns people down, but his main concern is to get compliance from drivers.

"Our object is not to write students tickets but to slow them down and watch for the 3- to 12-year-old crossing the road," he said.

Zach Preston, a third-year business student, drives down Grand Avenue every day on his way to school. He said he doesn’t usually slow down in front of the school, and he has never seen any police on the road. He said he probably wouldn’t slow down if he saw flashing lights or signs, although he is aware of the elementary school and crossing guard.

"I don’t usually look down to see how fast I’m going on this road," he said.

Nicole Vert also drives down Grand Avenue every day on the way to school.

She said she slows down when she sees kids, but doesn’t always drive by during Pacheco’s school hours. Vert said she wouldn’t mind slowing down if lights were installed, even if it meant being late for school.

"I understand that it would be for the safety of the children and that’s the most important thing," she said.

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secrecy and face a fine of $5,000 and a five-year prison term if they give forms.

Achadjian said that when he immigrated to the United States to go to college 10 years ago, he was nervous when census workers came around.

"When they came knocking on my door, I was worried it was immigration and I had done something wrong," he said. "I know now not to worry.

Achadjian also said that if census numbers are not accurate, Cal Poly and other universities could lose money.

Rick George, office manager of the local census office, said that the most important thing is that students are counted, no matter when they are living.

"If their parents claim them, they can be counted there, but they can also be counted where they are going to school," he said. Students can only be counted once, whether with their parents or in San Luis Obispo.

Census day is April 1. Beginning in late April, workers will visit all residences that did not return census forms.

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many "dead" kings and queens, as all those who reigned in the past are called, rang in the Mardi Gras season while feasting on king cake.

Cynthia Hostetter, who helps plan the Mardi Gras events, hinted that the event will have much of its past,

"The final selection process for king and queen is a secret known only by members of the Mystic Krewe, Empe said.

"They are the faces of Mardi Gras. They’re out there in the public eye," Hostetter said. "It’s a really big deal.

In addition to their public appearance duties, the king and queen are expected to ride on their own special float in the parade.

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to three weeks, or at most one year.

"This is a good job for students," George said.

George said office jobs consist of normal office duties. Administration workers, payroll officers and organizational people are needed.

Field workers have flexible hours and usually start in neighborhoods close to their home. Positions range from field supervisors to small group members. Starting in late April, members of the group go door to door to residences that have not turned in forms.

"A lot of the hours are determined by what neighborhood the workers are in. It all depends on when people are home," George said.

Dorothy Kempton, a recruiter in the local census office, said that a lot of people are still needed. She said applicants may take the test more than once.

"If you don’t pass the test the first time because you’re nervous, you can take it again," she said.

Kempton also said that she requires the skill tests to determine whether people will work.

"We’re looking for people to work.

dents have embraced the annual event.

"I don’t think (Mardi Gras in New Orleans) is as much fun as Mardi Gras here," he said. "It’s more personal here.

The Mystic Krewe, a co-founder of the local Mardi Gras celebration, estimated there would be about 10 king cake parties before the parade on Saturday, March 4. A retired Cal Poly professor, said he is proud of the way residents

as individuals, and also for group leaders," she said.

To apply for a job and find out where a test center is, call either the local census office in Santa Maria at (805) 347-1281, or the toll-free national number at 1-888-325-7753.

The non-profit group that has run San Luis Obispo’s celebration since its founding, Hostetter said that the royal role includes a high level of visibility.

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Local habitats undergo face-lift

As Avila Beach's cleanup is wrapped up, let's hope that Unixal does not forget its responsibilities at Guadalupe. Ecologists and microbiologists from government agencies and Cal Poly are working together to restore the Guadalupe dunes. Comprising a total of 2,900 acres, the cleanup and restoration project of this hazardous area will continue for years. The problem is the petroleum extract, which continues to seep from the vast matrix of large transport pipes.

In projects of this size, goals are immense. Many feel that use of native trees, plants and soil organisms can effectively reduce the percentage of the pollutants, this is termed "phytoremediation."

Phytoremediation, the use of native trees and plants to cleanse and purify both the air and soil, is not a new concept. Ten years ago the city ofArcata in Northern California successfully designed a sewage treatment plant. Native California plants such as Juncus and Carex naturally extract harmful mineral and organic elements out of waste-filled water.

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Every year, Cal Poly produces engineers, architects, teachers, busi­ness leaders, and 4 million pounds of waste, which includes trash and recycling. According to Ed Johnson, utility coordinator for the campus, Cal Poly sent approximately 1,000 tons of trash to the landfill in 1999. About as much waste was recycled.

The Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) of San Luis Obispo County enforces state regulations established in 1989, which requires that 50 percent of waste be recycled by the year 2000. IWMA recorded that San Luis Obispo, including Cal Poly, produced 51,000 tons of waste in 1998. Waste figures for 1999 are not yet available, but IWMA does not expect a large increase.

Although Cal Poly's 1999 waste totals are not yet available, Johnson said Cal Poly meets state guidelines. "We should be proud of our recy­cling," he said. Johnson estimates that 45 to 55 percent of last year's waste was recycled.

"We focus our recycling program on the waste that is," Johnson said. Paper is the largest concern because it accounts for 60 percent of all waste, he added.

Aside from traditional recyclable items—cans, bottles and paper—Cal Poly has recycling programs for aerosols, fluorescent light tubes and a variety of chemicals. More importantly, Johnson said, the campus efforts to reuse excesses rather than recycling or disposing. Reprographics, the campus printing shop, runs paper scraps into free notepads. The shipping and receiving warehouse accepts packing peanuts from anyone on campus to be reused. Both recycling sites are located in building 70.

Garbage found in trash cans around campus isn't taken far. The majority of campus garbage is moved to Cold Canyon Landfill, 6 miles south of San Luis Obispo. On occasion, campus waste is taken to the Chicago Grade Landfill, 4 miles northeast of Atascadero.

"Cold Canyon accepts about 161,000 tons of garbage each year from the Central Coast," said site manager John Brade. The 121-acre facility opened in 1965 and is expected to reach capacity in 2017.

Moving the campus' 1,000 tons of trash costs more than $200,000 each year, Johnson said. Aside from the separate aluminum can recycling program in the residence halls, recycling does not generate funds.

"Not enough companies use recy­cling products," he said. Too many of these types of goods are available, and not enough demand exists to make money, Johnson added.

Garbage and recycling tends to greatly increase at the end of each quarter. Johnson said, with the largest peak at the end of fall quar­ter. He attributes this to the large amount of files thrown away at the end of each calendar year.
Parking mess shows campus disrespect

We at the Mustang Daily are going to follow the precedent established by the construction company working on the $8.8 million campus parking structure. We’re going to turn in the newspaper four months late.

We like to call it, “Learn by watching others not do.” At this time institution of higher education, our parking prayers are being sent to members of a profession who not only tolerate incompetence and tardiness but seem to encourage it.

This hits especially hard to those of us in the newspaper business. We strive to have an understanding of the crucial issue at hand — DEADLINE. We can’t say, “Oops, made a mistake. No paper tomorrow.”

Outside our own shell, we know that deadline and being responsible members of a society are practiced in all majors — every day. Beyond blatant incompetence, the push from a January completion date to “delayed until at least April” shows no respect for the students, faculty and staff who work (or would like to park) on campus.

However, respect for students is not something any of you should expect from the Watry Design Group or Vicki Stover, vice president for administration. This is the same Stover who erased the red handprints just in time for Week of Welcome this year, saying the handprints were a form of vandalism. It was one of the few times any administrator acknowledged the pain that students felt when they learned that Stover did the right thing and authorized the repaint of the handprints. So Stover publicly and clearly disrespected the victims of sexual attacks, don’t hold your breath waiting for her to respect the people affected by the parking structure delay.

And don’t believe the “structural reinforcement” hype. All you need to do is take a look at the work in progress, and you’ll realize that if you did it correctly, it wouldn’t have been finished on time. The decision was announced on Dec. 17 as soon as administration knew about the delay, according to Stover. So are we to believe that on Dec. 17 it was on schedule?

In addition, administration decided to wait until the quarter break to release the news, which is probably not a coincidence since the same thing happened with the announcement that lights were turned on in the dorms and that Pepsi was taking over the campus.

So enough bitching. How about a solution? Try doing what students do when they have to make a deadline. Put in more work. Start by increasing the manpower on the site and work some 12-hour days. It would also be nice if people were held accountable for missed deadlines.

Perhaps this problem could have been avoided in the first place if a more realistic deadline had been set rather than getting our hopes up.

We’re not sure when this practice of delaying completion dates became common, but it’s not professional and it sure won’t find sympathetic ears from students, faculty and staff who are taught the importance of meeting deadlines every day.

Maybe the real lesson is one we’re supposed to learn in first grade: respect for others. And it’s crystal clear Stover and the construction company haven’t learned it.

Unsigned editorials are the voice of the Mustang Daily.

Game shows have simple appeal

Bob Parker, Alex Treske, Pat Sajak, Regis Philbin. These are the men who come into our homes every night with the promise of gifts and riches. We play along with their games of trivia in the comfort of an easy chair knowing that there is no price for the viewer.

For years, “Jeopardy” and “Wheel of Fortune” have been entertaining television viewers who want to watch a show that gives them a challenge. The fact that the contestants go to the lucky contestant on the screen makes no difference. “I watch game shows to see if I can beat the contestant,” biochemistry senior Tony Smith said. “And I usually do.”

Everyone has a reason why he or she watches game shows. For some it is the mental challenge; for others, it’s to watch the contestants make fools of themselves on national television. Whatever the reason may be, many watch game shows.

The newest addition to the television game show craze is “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” hosted by Regis Philbin. This show asks questions in a multiple-choice format, like a Scavenger test. Everyone hates to take tests, but for some reason, enjoys testing themselves. It is much more fun to take a test when there are no consequences.

“I became addicted to ‘Who Wants to be a Millionaire?’ the first time I saw it,” psychology senior Alexandra Bishop said. “My roommates and I would have contests every time it was on.”

John Carpenter is the only person to win $1 million on the show thus far. He was on the cover of People magazine and made an appearance on “The Tonight Show” with Jay Leno. This is proof that game shows are well-received in the United States.

In a society where technology is advancing at such a rapid rate, how can something as simple as a game show ask multiple-choice questions become such a success? We don’t like to think of ourselves as simple-minded, yet simple things continue to entertain us.

Jayson Rowley is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily Staff Writer.

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'Magnolia' features intertwined lives performed by top actors

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard

It's easy to be in awe of director Paul Thomas Anderson's "Magnolia." The "Boogie Nights" director has created a film that chronicles the lives of nine characters, all monacally intertwined. Flashing one after the other in fast-paced MTV-style scenes, the film is captivating from its first moments when each character is introduced to a blaring rendition of Three Dog Night's "One." Anderson seems to reach down into human soul and grab every emotion hiding there. Although parts of the movie are long-winded, the characters are easy to sympathize with, and music is the thread that weaves everything together. "Magnolia" is a movie to think about for days afterward, if not to ponder the meaning of the title, than to see love and responsibility

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Discounts for the arts and two Cal Poly Arts support groups.

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Hip-hop comedian Hoch coming to Cal Poly Theatre

DANNY HOCH: Rappin Jan. 27.

Top: William H. Macy plays a smart guy confused by love in 'Magnolia.'
Left: Julianne Moore portrays a neglected wife.

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George completed 12-of-25 passes for 212 yards and no interceptions. Robert Smith rushed 28 times for 140 yards, breaking his team playoff record of 124 yards set last year.

Missouri vs. South Carolina

Missouri won its last 27 games in Columbia, breaking the school record set by the 1951 team, which went 25 straight.

Sports

Marino still has some magic left

SEATTLE (AP) — There's some football left in Dan Marino after all.

The NFL's 38-year-old career passer, playing in the shadow of speculation he is about to retire, pulled off some of his old magic to keep the Miami Dolphins in the playoffs Sunday with a 20-17 victory over the Seattle Seahawks in the final football game in the Kingdome.

The Dolphins' coach, Jimmy Johnson, didn't catch a pass until 12:40 remained, but it was a 5-yard touchdown that made it 20-10 and gave Anderson the game winner.

The closest Cal Poly got to an early run in the second half. Only two minutes into the second half, Sperry hit a free throw and an early run in the second half.

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nation in the 125-pound weight division. The match was forced into overtime with Silverstein scoring a late reversal and giving the Boilermakers the final victory, 4-2.

We wrestled really well and fought our tails off today," Cal Poly head coach Lonnis Cowell said in a press release. "To not win this match is heartbreakingly, especially since we had the opportunity to beat the 24th-ranked team in the country. We're good enough to do it."
Mustangs fall to Pepperdine, 73-55

By Stacy Meronoff

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Tense defense helped the Cal Poly women's basketball team stay with Pepperdine for most of the game Friday night in Mott Gym, but as 9:30 pm the final 3-56 helped seal the game for the Waves, who defeated the Mustangs, 73-55.

Cal Poly struggled on the glass, getting out-rebounded by Pepperdine, 47-28. The Waves dominated Cal Poly with their size, starting three players over 6 feet tall, while Cal Poly had no starters above 5-10. Cal Poly's second record fell to 3-8 while Pepperdine improved to 7-6.

The Mustangs did force 14 Pepperdine turnovers, but Poly shot only 29 percent from the floor. Pepperdine was led by freshman guard Damani Henry, who had 14 points. Junior guard Rasheda Clark chipped in 13 points and seven rebounds for the Waves. Clark came into the game averaging 16.2 points per game.

"Coach Fairly Miminow was upset about her team's aggressive effort, but was also frustrated with its struggles shooting the ball," Smith said. "I am disappointed with our shooting percentage, and a bit disappointed with our execution on offense. Just as for our defensive effort, I was not a bit disappointed," she said. "We had some opportunities, some missed lay ups, and we have got to put our free throws out of our hands."

In a game in which Cal Poly never held the lead, the Waves jumped out to a quick 7-2 advantage with 17:07 in the first half. Cal Poly was able to tie the game at nine with 14:05 remaining in the first half after senior forward Tanor Spruill sank two baskets. However, that was as close as the Mustangs would get as Pepperdine went on a 17-6 run to make the score 26-15 with just under seven minutes remaining in the half. Both sides battled hard for the rest of the half, going into the locker room where the Mustangs trailed Pepperdine, 39-29.

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Pol nearlly upsets No. 24 Purdue

By Christian Von Treskow

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After losing the first four matches, the No. 24 Purdue wrestling team fought off Cal Poly with a 22-16 comeback victory on May 20.

Purdue head coach Jesse Reys was impressed with Cal Poly's strength early on.

"Our team was really the emotion," Reys said. "We came strong and didn't complete our first pass until the second quarter after Dallas had a 10-3 lead. But he threw a 26 yard screen to Smith for a TD to tie it, then found Moss for the score 28 seconds before halftime for a 17-10 lead."

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Vikings' George scores first playoff victory

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jeff George was a headache for the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday when he guided the Minnesota Vikings and their talented receivers past the Dallas Cowboys 22-10 in a wild-card matchup.

George threw TD passes of 26 yards to Rushel Smith, 58 yards to Randy Moss and 5 yards to Cris Carter as the Vikings' (11-6) advanced to face St. Louis in the divisional round.

Dallas (9-7) failed to become the first NFL team to win a playoff game following a losing season. The Cowboys lost their eighth straight road game despite a record-breaking performance by tailback Emmitt Smith, who became the NFL's career rushing leader in the playoff game.

George lost his only other playoff game, at Green Bay in 1995 when he was with the Atlanta Falcons, one of three teams that ran him out of town before he established his career in Minnesota, where he is 9-2 as the starter.

George started slowly and didn't complete his first pass until the second quarter after Dallas had a 10-3 lead. But he threw a 26 yard screen to Smith for a TD to tie it, then found Moss for the score 28 seconds before halftime for a 17-10 lead.

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Briefs

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Luke Walton resembles his famous dad. The passing and defensive skills seem to be in his genes. And now he's starting to have an impact in the Pac-10, just as his father did a quarter-century ago.

Though he scored just two points, Walton had seven assists as the Mustangs lost to Pepperdine, 73-55.

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Schedule

TUESDAY

Women's basketball vs. Fresno State

• in Mott Gym • 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Men's basketball vs. New Mexico State

• at New Mexico State • 7:05 p.m.

Wrestling vs. Boise State

• in Mott Gym • 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Women's basketball vs. Idaho

• in Mott Gym • 7 p.m.

Swimming and diving vs. CSU Northridge

• in Mott Pool • 1 p.m.