Cal Poly's campus isn't so dry

Exceptions can be made to the university's no alcohol policy

By Emily Schwartz

Cal Poly has not and will not be permitted on the Cal Poly campus. Or so everyone thinks.

When Cal Poly was first established, no alcohol was to be sold or served, deeming it a "dry" campus. However, a revision to the age-old policy in the early 1980s declared that wine and beer were permitted on the Cal Poly campus, served, deeming it a "dry" campus. Over the years, the university has learned to speak Farsi, Turkish and Arabic.

It is these experiences that have afforded Doub with a unique perspective on the world.

"I've done a lot of different things, had many lives," he said.

With such a diverse background, Doub said he is able to bring many of his experiences into the classroom to teach students about the economy, culture, and perceived differences in beliefs that exist throughout the world.

"Any person, when you know them just one-on-one, in any country, they seem to be pretty wonderful people," he said. "And I think that's particularly important when you're talking about Iran and Afghanistan right now."

The Cal Poly alumna was one of three professors who received a Cal Poly Distinguished Teaching Award last spring.

The awards are based on several criteria, including innovative instructional approaches, high personal and professional standards and concern for students as individuals.

Having been a finalist before, Doub said he felt "shocked" to be named among past award recipients. The award is meaningful because teaching is such an important part of Cal Poly, he said.

Doub coaches Cal Poly's National Agri-Marketing Association Teams and is chairman of the food science and nutrition department.

"He's a good resource and he's a very people-oriented person," said Jennifer Vierra, a food science senior.

Aside from teaching, Doub said he enjoys reading, swimming and spending time with his wife of 25 years, Mary, and their four children.

"They take up a lot of time, which I very happily give," he said. "What more important thing can you do?"

Life with passion

Whether it's standing inside a garbage bag, jumping out of a desk, or throwing something in the classroom, associate professor William Martinez will do just about anything to get a point across to his students.

"He's really engaging," said Britanya Anderson, a modern languages and literatures sophomore. "He gets people interested and he's a good speaker."

Martinez, who goes by the nickname "Memos," is now in his eighth year of teaching at Cal Poly and serves as chairman of the modern language and literatures department, as well as on many committees at the departmental, university and state level.

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Community service with a twist

By Leslie Edwards

It's more than planting a tree. It's more than picking up garbage in a park. AmeriCorps Mentors is a program that allows volunteers to teach the lives of teenagers almost every day.

Jane Nicholson, a staffing recreation administration student, began interning with the program in September. Right now she is working specifically at Atascadero High School, mentoring nine kids between the ages of 14 and 16.

"The kids have a lot to offer, they just need the support and we give them that," Nicholson said. "I love doing community service and this program is all respected in the community."

Throughout the 11-month program, the mentors meet twice a month for training exercises and can request more training if they want, said Jill Lemieux, director of AmeriCorps Mentors. The program requires full-time volunteers to work 1,700 hours and part-time volunteers to work 900 hours.

AmeriCorps Mentors also offers an educational reward to all volunteers who complete their assigned hours.

Full-time volunteers receive $4,700 and part-time volunteers receive $2,300, which can be used toward loans or future schooling.

Justina Alejandro is also an AmeriCorps Mentor volunteer, working for the County of Mental Health. She is a graduate student working on her bilingual elementary teaching credential.

"I just figured this was my last job before I had to begin working in the real world," Alejandro said. "I have always been interested in psychology and when I noticed an open position with the County of Mental Health, I happily applied."

Alejandro works with high-risk teens from the ages of 14 to 17. Most teens are at risk for drug use and teen pregnancy, while some are emotionally disturbed, bipolar or depressed. Others haven't learned socialization skills or are dealing with issues of abandonment, Alejandro said.

"It's challenging at times, but a great experience for my future," Alejandro said. "I love it."

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levels.

He originally considered a career in engineering, but became interested in 20th century Venetian poetry and Chicano literature. In 1993, he received his doctorate from the University of California, Irvine.

When he received the Distinguished Teaching Award, Martinez said he was completely blown away. He described it as the greatest compliment that any student could have paid.

Outside the classroom, Martinez said he enjoys photography, writing poetry, collecting Mexican folk art and traveling. His office is decorated with cultural artifacts including paintings, masks, figurines and pottery. Two sugar skulls adorn the top of one bookshelf; one bears his name, the other carries the name of his wife, Barbara. Having taught at Cal Poly for nearly seven years, she has become part of the alumni board and the photography adviser for Club 34.

The skulls are part of Martinez's collection of about 100 skulls; some are made from candy, some are toys and others are cultural icons. Martinez said he is fascinated with skulls because they are a reminder of who people are and who they are going to be.

"We all carry a skull inside of us," he said. "It's what keeps us standing up and that's also representative of some of my beliefs that it is what is inside the person that really matters."

Throughout his travels, Martinez has visited Mexico, western Canada, Central America, western Europe and Japan. He said traveling allows him to see how little he knows about the world.

"I try to engage life with as much passion as possible, even if it means sitting in front of a television watching a football game and screaming at the top of my lungs to nobody around," he said. "You engage life with passion."

Photos of life

In March, her work graced the cover of Smithsonian Magazine. It can also be seen on a number of book covers for Random House and Farrar, Straus & Giroux, Inc.

For Cal Poly professor Sky Bergman, photography is a full-time job that has taken her all over the world. She has traveled to Belgium, where she photographed the greenhouses at Brussels' Palace, as well as to the Middle East and Paris.

But photography wasn't always the dream for Bergman, who received her undergraduate degree in finance. It was during her senior year at the University of Southern Florida when she found her career path.

"I fell in love with photography and wanted to teach photography," she said.

Bergman went on to graduate school and in 1991 obtained a master of fine arts in photography from the University of San Francisco, Santa Barbara. Having taught at Cal Poly for nearly seven years, she has become part of the alumni board and the photography adviser for Club 34.

As a teacher, Bergman said she is able to give back to students by showing them how to make an image, rather than just take it. Everybody has a camera, she said, but one has to find the best way to frame the image.

"A passion for whatever you're doing is what drives you," she said. "In my case, it's photography."

To assist her with her own work, Bergman has four cameras, a tripod and a lot of film. Throughout her travels, Bergman said she always has her camera with her and is often accompanied by her husband of three years, Richard. Some of her other interests include the gatita, yoga and spending time with her two stepchildren.

Bergman said that receiving the Distinguished Teaching Award was an honor because it shows that a teacher's work is actually teaching someone.

"To know that students actually take the time to write something down, it was really touching," she said.

Distinguished Teaching Award nominations for this year end Dec. 7. Any student or alumna can submit nominations. For more information, visit www.caipoly.edu/academics/CMTS/AWARDS/index.html.

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Arills said.

Howard-Greene said the administration isn't trying to prevent students from drinking, only to do it legally, responsibly and in a way that won't interfere with their health or grades," Howard-Greene said.

To alter the stereotypes students typically hold about college drinking, the Health Center has implemented a campaign to show the realities of drinking at Cal Poly. Advertisements in the Mustang Daily and around school illustrates the statistics from a Cal Poly survey stating that 85 percent of students agree that drinking doesn't make people sexier.

Martin Bragg, director of Health and Counseling Services at the Health Center, said the fundamental goal of the campaign is to show that students don't drink as much students think they do. Bragg said 50 percent of college students consume three drinks or less a week. Campuses have found that education about drinking has actually decreased the amount of drinking among college students.

"We found that some of the drinking is no moderate that some students couldn't even believe it," he said.

"We want to create a cleaner vision and help students drink less dangerously."

CAMPUS
National Briefs

603 still detained in terrorism investigations
WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft said Tuesday that 603 people are being detained by the Federal Government in the terrorism investigations. Fifty-five are being detained on federal charges and 548 on immigration violations. An additional 49 people have been charged with crimes and are either being sought or have been released on bond.

Ashcroft released 93 of the names of these facing federal charges, but did not provide the names of those facing immigration charges, saying that the information could aid the al Qaeda network. Eleven of the cases have remained sealed. He also said that some of those in custody are suspected of belonging to the al Qaeda.

Of the hundreds of pages in the supporting documents given to Congress detailing terrorists and suspects, only a few mentioned the Sept. 11 attacks. Most of the individuals have been charged with immigration violations, credit card fraud, illegal firearm possession, Social Security fraud and child pornography. All allegedly possessed more than $44,000 worth of Kellon's cereals.

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Tuesday, the woman's lawyer said that the practice violates a law that says that teachers cannot reveal a student's grades without the parent's consent. Teachers' unions have said that the practice is widely used and is educationally beneficial. The unions also have said that the choice of using the practice belongs to the teacher, not to the courts.

The Bush administration says that a ruling against peer-graded assignments could also threaten academic honors such as "student of the week" or the display of grade art assignments.

— Associated Press

Amorous Americans above aver­

age in 2004
WASHINGTON — Danes SSI International, a leading condom manu­

facturer, revealed the results of its annual worldwide sex survey Tuesday. Americans led the pack in almost all categories having, on average, more sex, starting earlier and having more partners than those in other countries.

The Americans surveyed averaged sex 12.4 times a year with over 14 different partners and were starting at the age of 16. The world average was 97 times a year (up from last year's 96), with 7.7 partners (down from 8.2), and starting at age 18. Greece came in second place with 117 times per year. Japan remained as the most infrequent lovers at 16 sexu­
al encounters per year.

Overall, 4 percent of respondents said they had sex daily, while 60 percent claimed to make love at least once a week. Ten percent said that they have never had sex. Single peo­

ple had the least sex, while married couples living together had the most. Men claimed to have more sex than women and have more partners than women.

The most popular place for amorous activities was the beach, second place was hot tubs.

— Reuters

International Briefs

Middle East
KABUL, Afghanistan — More than 600 armed U.S. Marines were on the ground Tuesday in southern Afghanistan, and another 400 are on their way. The U.S. Marine base was established late Sunday to help fight in the Taliban's homeland. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that the Taliban's southern stronghold in and around Kandahar appeared to be crumbling. He also said that U.S. efforts will begin shifting from cities to "burning down and not­

ing out territories where they hide.”

Sears for Osama bin Laden and his al Qaeda followers will start to focus on Kandahar and Tariq Borah, a mountain base south of Jalalabad. There are an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 members of the al Qaeda suspected to be in Afghanistan. Several hundred have been killed, including seven who are considered to be leaders.

The Taliban have promised to defend Kandahar, instead of abandon­

ing it like they have other cities. Citizens of Kandahar are worried about civilian deaths and injuries.

Alliance officials have estimated that 400 Afghans, Chechens, Pakistanis and other foreign fighters who came to Afghanistan and were part of the prison uprising have been killed. At least 40 alliance troops were killed in the fight­

ing, five U.S. special troops were included and flown to a German hospi­

tal. One CIA operative has been reported as missing.

— Associated Press

Europe
LONDON — Ninety powder-filled packages have been sent to London locations in the last six weeks as part of an anthrax hoax. Scottish Yard detective­

s are participating in "vigorous investiga­tiones" and believe that there are two people involved in the mailings.

The packages were mailed to busi­

ness and government offices and had false return addresses. The contained notes saying either "Aaaaahhh. You have been exposed to anthrax," or "Allah is great — Death to the USAUK."

About 180 people came into con­

tact with the "Aaaaahhh. You have been exposed to anthrax," mail that would be punishable by up to seven years in jail.

— BBC News

Middle East
KABUL & MONTREAL — One journalist has been killed and another kidnapped in Afghanistan this week. A Swedish television reporter, Ulf Stromberg, 42, was shot and wounded in the door of his house he was staying in after trying to report that our armed men who are suspec­

ted of trying to kill him and his family. All of their satellite equipment and money were reportedly taken as a hostage.

Three others had been kidnapped and are still missing, including seven who are considered to be leaders.

The shirtings occurred during the second day of meetings between Israeli leaders and Hamas, one of the hopes of ending the violence in Israel. The meetings were being held by U.S. mediators and were being pushed by the Israeli pullout from Palestinian territory that they left from. A Palestinian official said the pullout was cos­

metic because Israeli troops still had hold of other West Bank towns under blockade.

— CNN

Briefs compiled from various news ser­

vices by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

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Colorado college creates vegan bar

By Shandra Jordan
ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGIAN
(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Chicken, beet, ice cream and cheese: What’s a vegan to do?

About three and a half years ago, the Colorado State University Food Services Office was prompted to see this movement. "We would like to see it," said Sue Roth Long and Bonney, the food service manager.

"Having Peter is a benefit to us," said Long. "He tries to eat more of it now, he sweats it out."

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Why chocolate hits the spot

By Sylvia Carter
NEWSDAY

Vegans don’t eat anything that is a by-product of animals, including any meats or dairy products. Therefore, much of the food in the dining halls was unacceptable. A group of vegans spoke out "as it became a more popular way for people to eat," said Norma Long, the food service manager at the Durrell Center.

These students informed the kitchen staff about what ingredients to avoid, and how to create nutritionally balanced meals. They also created displays to inform students about veganism and how to get enough protein without eating meat.

"They would say ‘we would like to see this’ or ‘we would like to see that’," Long said. "They actually established what we are serving."

Though in the past they have hired vegan bakers or students to work in the kitchen, the regular kitchen staff now prepares most meals for the dorm residents. At Newsom Hall, however, a vegan student, Peter Fryer, prepares the lunch menu.

"Having Peter is a benefit because the regular kitchen staff will fix it and prepare it but they don’t really care for it," said Sue Bonney, the food service manager. "They don’t really know how it tastes."

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As these athletes consume large amounts of water over the course of a race, blood plasma increases and dilutes the salt content of the blood. While this is happening, the athlete is also losing salt by sweating. Consequently, the amount of salt available to the body tissues decreases, and, over time, the loss interferes with brain, heart, and muscle function.

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Fun FOOD Fact:

Is it possible to drink too much water?

According to the University of Florida’s College of Health and Human Performance, there’s a condition known as “water intoxication,” or hyponatremia, which is common among marathoners and triathletes.

While this is happening, the athlete is also losing salt by sweating. Consequently, the amount of salt available to the body tissues decreases, and, over time, the loss interferes with brain, heart, and muscle function.

Experts at iVillage, claim that consumption of large amounts of water is often associated with obsessive-compulsive behaviors. When a person consumes too much of this good thing, essential electrolytes in the blood stream become diluted and affect the control of the heart beat.

Healthy adults require approximately three quarts of fluid each day, half of which comes from food and half from beverages. Drinking eight to 12 glasses a day should have your body working on all cylinders.
Recipe of the week

Szechuan stir fry

1 tablespoon Szechuan peppercorns
Salt
1 1/2 pounds beef top round, trimmed and cut into julienne
2 tablespoons canola oil
2 tablespoons ginger, minced
1 tablespoon garlic, minced
1 cup onions, julienne
1 cup broccoli florets
1/4 cup green peppers, julienne
1/4 cup red peppers, juliened
1/4 cup yellow peppers, juliened
1 cup shiitake mushrooms, sliced
2 tablespoons thin soy sauce
1/4 cup dry sherry
1 tablespoon chile paste
1/4 cup scallions, cut thinly on the bias

Heat a small, dry saucepan. When the saucepan is hot, add the Szechuan peppercorns and, shaking the pan constantly, toast until the peppercorns are fragrant. Set aside.

Heat a large wok over high heat. When the wok is hot, add the oil. Add the ginger, garlic and onions and stir fry for one minute. Add the beef, broccoli, peppers, shiitake mushrooms, soy sauce, sherry and chile paste. Stir fry until the beef is cooked through and the vegetables are cooked, but al dente (about five minutes). Add the scallions and stir fry for one more minute. Yield: 4 servings.

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B bohazard: a word commonly seen in chemistry labs, but now labeling packages of meat?

PCRM: Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine

In August, the USD A filed a petition with the USDA for all poultry and meat to carry a biohazard label warning consumers that these products are likely to be contaminated with feces and foodborne pathogens.

A biohazard label on packages of poultry and meat may sound like an extreme proposal, but consumers need to be aware that they are handling a potentially hazardous product when they bring meat into their kitchens.

Perpetrators in foodborne illness, and raw chicken provides a generous dose of both. 20% of American chicken is sufficiently contaminated with Campylobacter, and 20 to 50 percent of American chickens are contaminated with Salmonella. It now makes sense that each year there are 76 million illnesses and 5,000 deaths caused by foodborne pathogens, estimated by The Centers for Disease Control.

I'm disgusted that the poultry industry would try to pass off their pathogen laden, potentially lethal products as good food for consumers. They try to blame the high incidence of foodborne illness on irresponsible food handling practices, by the consumer instead of changing their own horrendous factory farm practices. Meat inspectors offer a glimpse into the abhorrent conditions which are rampant in the industry: up to 25% of slaughtered chickens on the inspection line are covered with feces, bile, and feed; animals that are dead or diseased are slaughtered anyway, and end up in the supermarket; chickens are soaked in chlorine baths to remove slime and odor; maggots and larvae breed on the processing equipment and drop onto the conveyor belt from meat splattered on the ceiling above.

A former USDA microbiologist Gerald Kuester says of today's processed chicken, "The final product is no different than if you stuck it in the toilet and ate it." The poultry industry does not want to change its unsanitary practices because that would mean reduced profit.


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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Jason Sy did not try to "beat" oncoming train

Editor,

"Cal Poly: Smart Choices, Smart People." That's what the notice on Sarah Bailly's desk read. This is the quote that refers to a low per-
centage of students at Cal Poly drink, this saying goes beyond student statistics regarding drinking. In a recent speech, the chancellor has said that if the impression students get of their brother Jason when they learned of his tragic death, Franky, it was not the one that is left behind his friends and professors responded to his death. Many Cal Poly students and professors reacted to Jason's death with many questions as to why he was there, if there was no other explanation except that Jason thought he could try to beat a train.

When I read the first article about Jason in Mustang Daily, I knew what the reaction would be. Most assumed, rightly or wrongly, that he was trying to beat a train based on one CP officer's unconfirmed report. No, Jason Sy did not try to 'beat', and professors tried to heat a train. They learned of his traffic death. Frankly, it was not Jason's, who apparently extended a warm sym-
dathy to our family, but then went on to write that senior Rie:ad, the chair of the aerospace engi-
neering department, was like an an-

dy to our family, but then went on to write that the train company and the Monson church, but still nothing was done. How many more people have to die before someone says what was done? You just can't keep going.

You may not hear back to my words now. But Jason has spoken in his defense, and he has spoken through me. One day, you, yourself or a loved one may be in a situation that will require you to act. There will come a time when you will proclaim, "I was wrong to place judgment on him before he had been heard."

Sarah Bailly's desk

There's a big difference between 'kill' and 'murder'.

Editor,

I realize the Nov. 26 letter to the editor "What shall not kill really mean?" makes a rhetorical question, but I'd like to respond out of context from the recent editorials to expand on it.

The Judeo-Christian commandment quoted, "thou shalt not kill," is a poor translation of a pas­ sage in the Bible, as the literal translation is "thou shalt not murder." The commandment is part of the Ten Commandments, and deserves to burn in hell. (Matthew 5:21). I have broken enough of the Ten Commandments, and deserve to burn in hell because of it.

Nathan Sunakuljan is a computer engineering senior.

Don't confuse anarchists with the PSA

Editor,

As one of the co-founders of the United Socialists & Anarchists club, I feel obligated to speak for our small group in response to some recent misrepresenta-
tions put up by members of a certain club on campus. The flier in question (which we feel is inherently divisive and promotes unequal access to resources) is one of the many small attempts to promote a clear distinction between two separate entities. For that matter, our club operates primarily within the PSA itself, this club is not affiliated with the CP, PSR, or any political party. We have miraculously obtained this flier nearly two days before they were reportedly posted on cam-

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Computerizing the human mind: program looks at how the brain works

By Zak Bos (THE DAILY PRESS)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — Scientists at Boston University are now using new computer modeling techniques to understand the most complex and mysterious "machine" known — the human mind.

To do this, scientists, such as professor Nancy Kopell, are using state-of-the-art computer modeling techniques to understand the complex interactions between neurons which generate our mental processes.

"The people from this program, the faculty involved, come from departments of Computer Science, the College of Arts and Sciences and (the) College of Engineering. (They) work in a variety of fields, and are all enthusiastic about jointly helping younger colleagues to become neuroscientists," Kopell said.

What the Computer Metaphor Shows Us

While programs in the department are geared primarily to professional researchers and graduate students, BU undergraduates are also playing a role in neuroscience work.

Sean Wright, a junior studying cognitive neurosciences in the University Professor Program, participated in professor Howard Eichenbaum's recent experiment examining the formation of memory.

"I was involved in the data collection for the behavioral task that the rats did to run. It was not very glamorous, but the data collection is obviously the first step in a successful experiment," Eichenbaum, co-director of the PMCN and professor in psychology, said.

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Trouble with mascots plagues schools

By Jessica Zisko
THE DAILY ARIZONE
(U-WIRE SAN DIEGO) — Gamecocks, Plunmen and Titans — problems with campus mascots and nicknames are whirring their way through the media again.

University of South Carolina's mascot, the Gamecock, has recently been criticized for glorifying cock-fighting. The mascot has been used at the university since 1954.

Last month, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals asked the South Carolina campus to remove the mascot.

The university is refusing to comply. John Pants, the university's president, sent a letter to PETA outlining the mascot's historical significance to the school and saying it would be the mascot for many years to come.

St. Petersburg College in Florida recently changed its old mascot, the Trojans, to the Titans, an attempt to avoid the jokes about the condom company that shares its name.

The school has used the name since the early 1930s. It was changed in June, when the campus upgraded from a junior college to an accredited four-year university.

A committee spent five months looking at alternatives. The choice came down to the Thunder or the Titan. The college's board of trustees chose the latter by a one-vote margin.

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going to be an issue much longer," said Fred Krishon, director of facility services for Law Engineering, based in Sterling VA. "So unless we have a proliferation of terrorism using anthrax all over the United States, I don't see this as being a huge business for anybody."

While some firms are jumping in, not all want the potentially dangerous work.

Service Master Inc., a residential and commercial cleaning franchise based in Chantilly, VA, has turned away callers who want their households purged of anthrax spores.

"We're not touching that," said Service Master Production Manager Henry Head. "We do mold remediation here."

Law Engineering had 20 years of experience screening buildings for asbestos before it embarked on this line of assessment work. Some common principles apply, Krishon said, but no one can claim to be an expert.

"Anthrax is sort of a new beginning with a whole new set of risks and technical voids in the industry right now, so we're having to figure it out as we go," Krishon said.

"There's a lot of protocols, but there's no tried-and-true industry standard."

Companies are hurriedly pacing together plans as they await federal guidance. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has given recommendations bit by bit, including what protective gear inspectors should wear and how to test surfaces. Guidelines on decontaminating rooms and buildings are expected from the Environmental Protection Agency after it completes the cleanup of the Hart Senate Office Building.

The Hart cleanup process, originally slated to be completed by Nov. 21, has been postponed while EPA's proposal is reviewed.

Even when guidelines are available, not everyone follows them all of the time.

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The CDC suggests inspectors wear respirators, full-body protective clothing and disposable gloves, but Consolidated Engineering Services occasionally takes a more informal approach.

The firm's assessment crews have shown up in full gear to test mailrooms in Washington. But when they've inspected private premises, where there's minimal risk of finding the bacteria, they've worn coats and ties.

"If someone hasn't received an envelope or package that went "poof" and white powder dripped out of it," then there's no need to scare the office workers with inspectors dressed in space suits, said James Foster, the firm's director of Environmental Consulting.

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