For those who want their pretty mug on television, their chance to shine was Tuesday afternoon, the first openly gay woman to be a member of Congress. Sojourner spoke about self-worth and progress.

Sabrina Sojourner, the first openly gay U.S. Congresswoman, kicked off CommUNITY Pride Week on Monday night with a speech in Chumash Auditorium. Sojourner spoke about self-worth and progress.

Leading the pack of hopefuls were speech communication junior Shallon Lester and journalism sophomore Jacob Jackson.

Helping youth, not partying is focus of mentor group

By Justin Ruttkay
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly students are often recognized in the community as a bunch of raging, out-of-control individuals whose ultimate goal is to find the next party. However, a group of Cal Poly students and alumni have created a new stereotype for the college student—one that tries to help and mentor kids just for the sake of doing something positive for someone else. The group is called Younglife, and it has received much attention from junior high and high school students within the San Luis Obispo community.

Whether skateboarding at the local skate park or engaging in a few frames of bowling, members of Younglife try and find fun and productive activities for kids to participate in. The organization was established in order for community youth to have an opportunity to spend time with college students who want to help them mature and grow as individuals.
Foothill Boulevard bridges adapt for bicyclists

By Dawn Rapp

Bicyclists riding to school on Foothill Boulevard can now feel a little bit safer.

Recent changes have been made at the temporary bridge crossings so that cyclists now have their own lanes.

Bikers are no longer allowed to travel on the vehicle bridge crossing, but are instructed to use the new designated lanes.

"We want to prevent that people think that bicycles are not prohibited on the bridge," said Larry Tolson, project coordinator.

Tolson said that the changes were made a few weeks ago to make it safer for drivers and bicyclists.

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visually in a positive way, said Nate Henry, a recreation administration junior and YOunglife leader.

"We want to try and encourage kids as much as we can," Henry said.

"Rather than going and hanging out with other kids that might be a bad influence on them, Younglife allows them to spend time with people that can play a constructive role in their lives," Henry added.

Younglife is made up of 19 Cal Poly students and five alumni. The leaders travel to the various public schools in the area with permission and meet students whenever they wish, Henry said. Once the kids get familiar seeing the faces of the Younglife leaders, they are offered the chance to come to "Club." Club is held once a week and is a time for skits, games and also sharing a little about the wisdom of life, he said.

"It's difficult at first because most of the kids are like 'who the heck are these guys,'" Henry said. "After a while, they get curious and want to find out what Younglife is all about and that is when we make friends with whomever and just hang out with them." Younglife has been a part of the community for 12 years and has been nationally recognized for its more than 40 years of mentoring students. The group is nonprofit, and it costs nothing for students at both ends to get involved. The only part that requires money is when the group has its annual summer camp in Oregon. But, even that can be paid for through fund-raisers held by Younglife, such as the car wash, which took place on Sunday, May 12. Leaders and students raised $1,500 towards paying for summer camp fees so that the kids won't have to pay so much to go.

Although the group is founded upon Christian ideals, past mentors have seen the organization as more than merely a religious youth group. "The reason why I was attracted to (Younglife) was because it was for the community and any religious

rhetoric was secondary behind caring for the kids," said Dave Miser, a math senior.

Henry added that the group is not affiliated with any religion in particular.

"It's not like a group that a kid would go to at a church or something, it's 100 percent for the youth," Henry said.

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The speech itself was a cross between the speech. Afterward, Sojourner answered questions from the audience, ranging from, "Why do straight people hate us?" to "Are you single?" Sojourner said yes, she is single and that that message of the night was to acknowledge people not to act like victims.

"I haven't seen bikers following the signs to walk," Tolson said, "but that isn't really a major concern to us." Mechanical engineering sophomore David Huang said that he rides his bike along Foothill Boulevard regularly and is happy about the changes.

"I thought it was unsafe, the way they had it before," he said. "Cars don't slow down for bikers on the bridge."

When asked if he walks his bike across the new walkway, Huang said that he didn't.

"I don't think anybody walks across it (because) it's only 20 feet long," he said.

The new changes have included opening up a pedestrian walkway and bike lane on the campus-bound side of Foothill Boulevard. The City of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department made the changes because of safety concerns, Tolson said.

The Public Works Department is currently applying for permits to fix the bridges permanently. Currently, the permanent bridges will be in place by full quarter 2003.

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National Briefs

Priest accused of molestation was shot on Monday

BALTIMORE — A Roman Catholic priest was shot and wounded outside his Baltimore home, police said Tuesday. Rev. Maurice Blackwell admitted to having sex with one teen-age boy and was shot by a second alleged sex-abuse victim, Donna Stokes, 26.

Stokes admitted to shooting Blackwell, 56, in the wrist and torso Monday at about 6 p.m., a police spokeswoman said. Stokes had been apparently been aggravated by the U.S. Catholic Church's pedophilia scandal. He turned himself in hours after the shooting and was charged with attempted murder and first- and second-degree assault.

Blackwell has been on a permanent leave of absence from the church since 1998 and is in stable condition at the Maryland Shock Trauma Center, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The affair that Blackwell admitted to allegedly occurred before his 1974 ordination. Recently, he has been working as a drug treatment counselor in Washington, D.C.

Police said Stokes accused Blackwell of molesting him in 1993. Blackwell was temporarily suspended for the offense.

— Reuters

Threats against nuclear power plants received

WASHINGTON — The government is reviewing the threats that it has received that say terrorists will strike a U.S. nuclear power plant July 4, officials said. It has not yet been determined whether the information is credible enough to act on.

The threat was received last week and suggested that an unidentified Islamic terrorist group is planning to attack Three Mile Island nuclear facility in Pennsylvania or a plant elsewhere in the Northeast, a source said.

One official said this threat is one of scores that have been filtering through U.S. intelligence agencies, but few are considered serious enough to warrant the public.

— Associated Press

Study: Allergies may protect against brain tumors

NEW YORK — The risk of a particular type of brain tumor may be reduced in those who have allergies and autoimmune conditions such as lupus and multiple sclerosis.

Although researchers are still unsure why allergies and autoimmune diseases protect the brain against tumors, the results suggest that immunological factors may be involved. Both allergies and autoimmune diseases occur when the immune system is dysfunctional, and involve conditions where the immune system launches attacks against the body's own tissues.

In general, the causes of brain tumors are still a mystery. Hereditary conditions account for only 5 percent of all brain tumors.

The study is being performed by a team from the National Cancer Institute. The report was published in the International Journal of Cancer.

The report states the risk for glioma tumors and meningiomas appear to be reduced by allergies and autoimmune diseases, but other types of brain tumors are not.

— Reuters

International Briefs

Billions slated for China reforestation program

BEIJING, China — In hopes to repair decades of environmental damage and slow the spread of deserts that threaten farmland, China has revealed plans for a $12 billion effort that is equal to the area of Spam.

The plan, 5 million square miles of trees, is considered credible enough to act on.

— Associated Press

Corporal punishment sought by British teacher

LONDON — Laws barring corporal punishment in schools have been challenged by a British headmaster. Phil Williamson, head teacher at the independent Christian Fellowship School in Liverpool, will ask the Court of Appeal to overturn laws which forbid teachers to hit students who misbehave.

Corporal punishment was banned from British schools in 1986. Four years ago, the law was extended to private schools.

Williamson, who is backed by a group of teachers and parents, centers his case on biblical passages, such as "Your rod and staff they comfort me," which he says support the right of Christians to impose corporal punishment as part of their religious beliefs.

Judges have ruled that there is no defense for teachers who physically punish children and that parents are not entitled to delegate the function of administering corporal punishment to a teacher.

— Reuters

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.
Food

New show boasts gourmet finds on strict travel budget

By Jennifer Thomson

Rachel Ray may not be able to serve a five-course meal to a skeleton of her closest friends like Martha can, and she probably isn’t qualified to stir up a medley dish and then “kick it up a notch” like Emeril, who turns ordinary foods into an incredible delectable delight, Ray, The Food Network’s newest star, can show you how to travel around the country spending only $40 a day on fixtal. Of course, the average college student could not realistically travel on this extravagant budget, but the show does offer some good information for the future, once the college debt is paid off.

The Food Network’s latest catchy show, “$40 a Day,” teaches viewers how to spend less than $40 a day on meals. Ray began her journey in Los Angeles and promised to show viewers the “real L.A.” She then traveled up the coast, seeking the best food the towns had to offer without going over budget.

In true Los Angeles style, Ray hopped in her red convertible and headed off to the Guelaguetza Palms Restaurant, where she spent just $5.40 on a tamale breakfast. Ray said that seeking out little known Mexican food restaurants is a good way to get more for your money while enjoying the flavors of Mexico. Ray cautioned not to blow your entire budget early in the morning with two more meals to go, but to save up for a hearty breakfast.

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Ray said that when trying a new food or drink, exercise moderation. That way you won’t blow your food budget on an item you might not really enjoy.

In an area where chefs are stars, and stars are chefs, Ray visited an even trendier hot spot for dinner. The Authentic Café, which features Cal Mex Asian food, was where Ray spent the bulk of her money for the day, shelling out about $21 on the Atlantic salmon dish and glass of wine.

While Ray did seem to accomplish her goal of finding the best food to offer without going over budget in just 12 hours, realistically even those traveling don’t spend $40 a day on meals.

However, for those viewers with a trendy attitude on life, catch Rachel Ray’s “$40 a Day” on The Food Network. “$40 a Day” airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m. and 1 a.m., Fridays at noon, and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. More information about the show can be found on The Food Network’s Web site at www.foodnetwork.com.

Late-night drug causes concern

By Adrienne Figueroa

(U.W./W.B.) LONG BEACH, Calif. — With finals just a few weeks away, students who have not been studying in steady increments since January may find themselves burning the midnight oil in an attempt to cram an entire semester’s worth of information into one night.

This raises concern among health care professionals who have seen young people reach for over-the-counter drugs and prescription drugs to assist them in staying awake.

In a recent article in the Stanford Daily, a question was raised about the possible availability of a prescription drug to students which keeps both the mind and the body alert and awake for long periods of time. Provigil, short for “promotes vigilance,” is the name of this wakefulness-promoting agent, which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December 1998 and is currently sold by Cephalon Pharmaceuticals.

Unlike caffeine or amphetamines, Provigil cannot be classified as a stimulant, said Agatha Robinson, medical information specialist for the pharmaceutical company.

The drug works by increasing neuronal activity in the hypothalamic-arousal region of the brain, an area that mediates normal wakefulness in patients, she said.

Although doctors are able to prescribe the drug at their discretion, it has only been FDA approved for the treatment of narcolepsy, a condition characterized by a compulsive tendency to episodes of deep sleep.

Provigil, a drug which side effects include headache, nausea, anxiety and insomnia, is not designed for those who wish to engage in an all-night study session.

“Provigil can be a very beneficial drug to helping students feel alert and awake without having to try a lot of different things that could be counterproductive,” Robinson said.

Provigil is generally not used to treat alertness and wakefulness in other conditions, but Robinson said there are times when Provigil can be used for off-label conditions, but it is not meant to be used on a regular basis.

Provigil is available by prescription only and can only be purchased from a pharmacist, Robinson said.

Provigil can also be purchased over-the-counter at a pharmacy, but it is not recommended for use by people with certain medical conditions, Robinson said.

Provigil is not recommended for use by those with a history of heart disease, high blood pressure, or certain types of glaucoma, Robinson said.

Provigil can also cause a number of side effects, including nausea, headache, dizziness, and changes in sleep pattern, Robinson said.

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Recipe of the Week

Creamy Cheddar Cheese Soup

4 ounces apple smoked bacon, diced
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1/4 cup celery, chopped
1/4 cup flour
12 ounces of beer, pale ale
1 quart chicken stock
8 ounces white cheddar cheese, grated
Salt and pepper

Garnish:
Chopped parsley
1/2 cup small diced toasted croutons

Brown the bacon in the soup pot. Remove excess grease. Add the butter, onions and celery to the pot with the bacon and cook for five minutes over medium heat. Dust the flour over the vegetables and bacon, cook, stirring for three minutes. Stir in the beer, then the stock.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Add the cheese and season with salt and pepper. Ladle into bowls and serve with chopped parsley and croutons.

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Racism persists because of emphasis on diversity

Editor,

No one will deny that racism exists in most societies worldwide. Unfortunately, those who have the influential power on the subject of people's minds (the media) via pop culture have chosen the absolute wrong way to root out our nation's racism. One need only look at a few bulletin boards or Mustang Daily issues to find one reference or another to diversity and its importance on campuses and in our society.

The basic argument constantly forced upon us is this: "Only through diversity can we really accept each other." Diversity is thrown out as if it is some mystical phenomenon with the power to shape thoughts and beliefs. The logic in this philosophy is non-existent.

This great nation was founded upon the idea that from many we would become one, not that from many we would remain many and somehow live in peace. A mere glance at any piece of American currency will reveal the Latin phrase "E Pluribus Unum." This phrase means "from many, one," was translated best by John Quincy Adams, who said, "They must cast off the corrupt skin, never to restrain it. They must look forward to their posterity rather than backward to their ancestors." Or the words of Woodward Wilson, who stated, "A man who thinks of himself as belonging to a particular national group in America has yet to become an American."

Marc Blackwood is an aerospace engineering senior.

Covered 'P' teaches a lesson

Editor,

I'd like to thank the individuals who recently covered the rainbow-painted "white point. I'd like to thank them for brilliantly dis­

playing the reality that diversity is important in America - because a lack thereof breeds ignorance.

However, it is not necessary to remind the preponderance of people who paint the rainbow as it is. I do not see how one could deny that the product is not for kids.

While I agree that sheep have found the best grass? Does it make sense to waste a waste of space and do nothing to pro­

mote the greater understanding of our life and all its controversies. I simply want to commend Mr. Niesing and all others like him for their determination to continue speaking on issues that influence our life.

Alex Turner is a history sophomore.

Something bigger than fries

Editor,

I am writing in response to Mr. Niesing's let­
ter on May 14 ("Opinions on fries and God").

Through their dedication on the subject and years of experience, I have come to a con­

clusion. How could anybody be so blind to the facts that I could own vital information, just like Mr. Niesing has done? Everyone knows that crisp-cut fries from Carl's Jr. completely outclass any possible choice of fries that are the best. I wholeheartedly believe that simply

because the crisp-cut fry is not the traditional­

From a few bulletin cards or Mustang Daily issues, you can see that there should be no con­

Be it unKim babies for isolated tribesmen, God is a righteous and just judge, and whatever decision he makes pertaining to these cases will be just and right. Referring to capital punish­

ment for things such as homosexuality and unmarriage, that is the penalty for sin, but Jesus took that penalty for us so we could spend eternity with him. Also, the New Testament is not prescribing the same judgments as in the New Testament in the old.

In May 23, Jesus informs the religious leaders of this day that "Every evil and false teacher and those who would enter eternal condemnation. God shows uniform prescriptions of mercy and judgment in both testaments, which does not leave a door open for selective interpretation. That's what I call a worthwhile game.

Ken Kienow is a mathematics sophomore.

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Tuesday night hoops at the Rec

By Joel Sartan
THE DAILY ATFC

(Cal State Bakersfield) -- The Cal State Bakersfield women's basketball team will host the University of New Mexico on Saturday night for their last regular-season game at the Sports Center.

The Roadrunners are currently 12-9 overall and 6-4 in the Western Athletic Conference, while the Lobos are 10-11 and 4-6 in the WAC. Bakersfield currently holds the sixth spot in the conference standings, while UNM is tied for ninth with New Mexico State.

The Roadrunners have been on a roll lately, winning their last four games and six of their last seven contests. They are coming off a 63-48 victory over New Mexico State last Saturday night.

UNM, on the other hand, has lost three of their last four games after winning two in a row. The Lobos are coming off a 78-60 loss to New Mexico two nights ago.

Bakersfield will need to contain UNM's star player, forward Melanie Stewart, who averages 11.6 points and 8.3 rebounds per game. The Lobos' other leading scorer is guard Sarah Savares, who averages 10.9 points per game.

The Roadrunners will have their work cut out for them, but a victory against UNM would go a long way in solidifying their spot in the WAC tournament.

The game will tip off at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and will be televised live by Comcast Sportsnet.

Mechanical engineering freshman John Padilla, right, practices his crossover moves on graphic