University opens new store

By Andrew Parker SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

El Corral Bookstore plans to open a new off-campus facility by September, said El Corral director Frank Cawley.

The new store, Cal Poly Books, will sell textbooks, test materials, course support software and supplies to Cal Poly students, staff and faculty. Cal Poly clothing and merchandise will also be available.

The store will be located at 872 Foothill Blvd. in the University Square Shopping Center, less than a mile from the Cal Poly campus. It will occupy about 5,000 square feet in part of the old Hessig-Myers furniture building. In comparison, El Corral is about 9,000 square feet, Cawley said.

The store will open seven days a week.

Cawley said that he believes Cal Poly Books will be convenient for busy students who don’t want to trek up the hill or brave lines at El Corral during the school day.

“There’s a definite psychological barrier between lower and upper campus,” he said. “If they don’t have a reason to come to El Corral, students don’t. Cal Poly Books has parking, which makes it more accessible. This type of opportunity doesn’t happen very often.

Cawley said that demographic research has shown student demand for an off-campus bookstore is strong. “Fifty-four percent of local Cal Poly students live on or within one mile of campus and are heavily concentrated in the area surrounding University Square,” he said.

For the most part, the new bookstore has received positive response from the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce and surrounding retailers, who believe the flow of students provided by the store will revitalize the shopping center.

The store has agreed not to sell products like greeting cards or coffee, to avoid interfering with other tenants in the shopping center.

“Focus will be on general retail,” Cawley said.

The management of Aladin’s, a competing college bookstore located across Foothill Blvd., has mixed reactions to the incoming retailer.

“There’s advantages and disadvantages to it. In a way it’s kind of good because it will definitely bring more students to the area. It will keep other competitors out of the area. It’s also an example of a monopoly trying to expand. When you already have 90 percent of the market, why do you need 95 percent?” said Aida’s chef Kathy Bible of Santa Barbara.

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Hollywood invades Poly

By Sierra Z. Fish SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Lights, camera, action — a common phrase coming from a director of a major production. However, this time students in Mel Damski’s film class are the ones calling the shots.

It is not everyday that Cal Poly students have a teacher who happens to be the well-known director of such shows as “The Practice,” “Ally McBeal” and “Charmed,” not to mention someone who was nominated for two Emmys and an Oscar. Director Mel Damski began teaching the first film class at Cal Poly with Tim Dungan, scenic designer and assistant professor, at the beginning of this summer.

“This film course is perfect timing for me,” said Damski, who currently resides in Los Angeles. “We are just getting started. It is like a toe in the water. We have produced 15 movies, each under 10 minutes, in a matter of three weeks.”

Damski said that to introduce the course and give his students some background in film, he brought up some experts: a cinematographer, a sound mixer and a script supervisor to give the students some guidance in sound, lighting and organization before they took on their own individual projects. The second week, he said everyday was spent shooting film.

Each student took turns directing or assisted as crew members on a set.

“Sometimes it would take two hours to set up for just two minutes of actual film,” theater junior Chris Page said. “We all did skits. It was fun to do. It was great listening to Mel tell stories about shot setups.”

The course used two pieces of equipment, Damski said: a Canon mini DV camera and a software program called Final Cut Pro. Using these devices, students filled the last few weeks of the course with intense shooting and creative strategy.

“I heard about it from my advisor, Michael Malkin,” Page said. “This class has given me a new appreciation for film. I was surprised at how well-directed Mel is to his students. He even drove up to Salinas to be able to help a student who was shooting a film there.”

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Story of survival to be told at fundraiser

By Heather Zwaduk SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The stories of most people involved in the World Trade Center collapse on Sept. 11 are tragic. However, the few stories that didn’t end in tragedy have become tales of hope and inspiration for Americans. The story of Michael Hingston is one of these stories, and Central Coast residents have the opportunity to hear him tell it in person.

Hingston, a blind man who was working on the 76th floor of the World Trade Center when it was hit by terrorists, will share his story on July 26 at the San Luis Obispo Veterans Hall. His speech is part of a fundraiser for SLOCO Access, which is a nonprofit organization that is an advocate of people with disabilities.

Hingston is able to tell his story thanks to his guide dog, Roselle, who led him out of the crumbling building. For his courage, Roselle has received much praise, including the Gallantry Award in England. Hingston has been busy traveling and speaking to spell-bound audiences all over the country.

Robin Libbee, executive director of SLOCO Access, is a friend of Hingston’s and came up with the idea to have him speak in San Luis Obispo.

“I thought it would be really great to have him tell Central Coast residents his story,” Libbee said.

Judith Bean, board president for SLOCO Access, agreed.

“I think there are a lot of people who are interested in Sept. 11 stories, and we are really lucky to have someone with such an amazing story to tell the Central Coast,” Bean said.

The fundraiser will begin at 5 p.m. and will include wine and hors-d’oeuvres.

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Event displays local PRIDE

By Rebecca Howes SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

San Luis Obispo’s sixth annual Pride in the Plaza, an event to celebrate sexual diversity in the community, was not just about teaching tolerance, it was an example of it.

The celebration, held in Mission Plaza in downtown San Luis Obispo on Sunday, began at noon and ended at 6 p.m. The event drew over 4,000 people, said Rosemary Galville, President of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast (GLAAL). “We are very happy with the turnout,” Galville said. “People came early and they stayed late. Last year’s attendance was between 3,000 and 3,500, so we are very pleased.”

The event hosted a variety of vendors from Planned Parenthood to Domino’s Pizza, the Health Department and the Green Party. There was even a booth selling a cookbook featuring recipes by gay people, compiled by chef Kathy Bible of Santa Barbara.

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Volunteers serve as source of hope to youth

By Heather Zwaduk
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

As many Cal Poly students spend their summers basking in the Avila Beach sunshine, some will spend their time in a less desirable place: juvenile hall. The students are not inmates, but volunteers for Student Community Services' Youth Challenge Program.

The goal of the program is to brighten the lives of minors at the Juvenile Services Center in San Luis Obispo, by having the student volunteers simply "hang out" with them. The volunteers participate in the daily activities with the youth, which includes playing sports, card games and tutoring them. These volunteers serve as mentors to the at-risk juveniles and provide them with a sense of hope, as well as goals for the future, according to the program's website.

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"The minors at the Juvenile Services Center benefit from the Youth Challenge in numerous ways," said Kim Barrett, chief probation officer. "It teaches the kids caring and values, and provides them with a sense of hope, as well as goals for the future, according to the program’s website. Kathleen Richen is the founder of Friends Outside, a non-profit organization that provides services to families of those incarcerated at the California Men’s Colony and is a sponsor of the Youth Challenge Program.

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http://scc.calpoly.edu/about.html.
19 Injured in Blowgun Attacks
WASHINGTON — A blowgun dart was fired at a man waiting for a bus Tuesday afternoon, Washington D.C. police said, which brings the number of injured to 19.

Washington police Capt. Entry Taliferro said the man was waiting at a bus shelter when he heard a thump. The man looked down to see a dart, which apparently struck the shelter, Taliferro said.

A city police official said the FBI crime laboratory is doing tests to determine if the darts were poisoned or otherwise tainted.

One woman reported to Washington police Tuesday that she had been shot in the back with a dart on the morning of June 8. The other reported attacks took place during the weekend, with four on Saturday afternoon, and 13 on Sunday night in various neighborhoods of Washington.

Bush Unveils First Details of Homeland Security Plan
WASHINGTON — President Bush on Tuesday unveiled the government's first blueprint to protect American homeland from terrorists.

Under the plan, state-of-the-art sensors would be deployed to detect nuclear and biological threats, and "red teams" of covert agents would establish a network of national laboratories to study anti-terrorism techniques to giving the government without explicit congressional approval.

The plan also identifies as "critical missions" such responsibilities as tracking terrorists around the world, keeping close tabs on foreigners who enter the country legally and improving communications among intelligence-gathering agencies and between firefighters and rescue workers.

Ford, Firestone Settle Suit
LOS ANGELES — A closely watched case that would have been the first trial against Ford Motor Co. and Bridgestone-Firestone ended in an out-of-court settlement here Tuesday, just before the trial was to begin.

Ford and Firestone have reached undisclosed settlements in more than 600 cases nationwide, without one being tried to a verdict.

The case was filed by the family of Gary Meek, 56, and his granddaughter Amy Meek, 13, of Visalia, Calif., who died when a tire blew and their Ford Explorer flipped over in Wyoming.

Unlike most of the other cases, the block suit went to the brink of a trial. The lawyers were to begin their opening statements Tuesday afternoon.

Some 271 people reportedly died and an additional 800 were injured when explorers rolled over after the tread separated on their Firestone tires. There were about 25 deaths reported abroad, including in Venezuela, Colombia and Saudi Arabia. Beginning in August 2000, about 20 million tires were recalled, making it one of the largest ever defective product scandals.

Al-Qaeda Arrest Suggests Osama's Terror Network計
PARIS — Spanish police on Tuesday arrested a suspected member of an Al-Qaeda cell in Madrid who allegedly took extensive video of the World Trade Center, the Golden Gate Bridge and other potential targets during a terrorist reconnaissance mission in 1997.

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Summer concerts: big stars, big hair and lots of driving

By Andrew Parker
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Load music, hot weather, rude people—summer is nothing fun like a summer concert. While a few big-name tours have already come and gone, there’s still plenty of good music to catch these remaining summer months. Here’s a list of notable acts that are coming to California soon. For more information on the shows listed here, check out www.ticketmaster.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

Big Festivals:
Back, after a three-year hiatus, this year’s Smokin’ Grooves Tour brings together prominent, talented voices in the alternative hip-hop movement such as Outkast, The Roots, Lauryn Hill, Jurassic 5, and DJ Shadow. Smokin’ Grooves stops July 18 at Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View, July 19 at the Universal Amphitheatre in Universal City, and July 20 at Coors Amphitheatre in Chula Vista. Tickets range from $25-$50, depending on date.

Quirky pop group Cake, indie icons The Flaming Lips and Modest Mouse, and hip-hop stars De La Soul combine their very different tastes for the eclectic Unlimited Sunshine 2002 Tour. The sun will set on July 8 at the Plaza Theatre in Las Vegas. October 10 at UC Berkeley, and August 11 at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles. Tickets are $29.95-$54.

1970s and 80s metal stalwarts Scorpions, Deep Purple and Dio shake things up in August.

In the same spirit of diversity, tech-novice Moby follows last summer’s successful Arena One Tour with Arena 2. Moby himself will appear, along with David Bowie, Bun B Rhymes, The Avalanches, and Blue Man Group. See Arena 2 August 13 at Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre in Irvine and August 14 at Shoreline. Tickets are $30-$50.50.

Emmylou Harris and her Anger Management Tour just in time to celebrate her multi-platinum “The Emerson Show” with Papa Roach, Ludacris, and Xzibit. Leave the kids at home for this one. Em and Co. bring the anger to Auto/West Amphitheatre in Marysville on August 15, Shoreline on August 11, Sellsland Arena in Fresno August 12, Coors Amphitheatre August 15, and Blockbuster Pavilion in Devore on August 16. Tickets are $25-$45.

You’ve seen Omy Osborne curse at his children and watch the History Channel, but did you know he also likes to rock? See Omy, along with System of a Down, P.O.D., and Black Label Society, at Oomfest 2002. Dates for Oomfest are August 24 at Auto/West Amphitheatre, August 25 at Shoreline, and August 31 at Blockbuster Pavilion. Head-banging is expected. Tickets are 35-$153.75. The Sprite Liquid Mix Tour shows cases 311, Hoobastank, N.E.R.D. and rapper Ja-Z, who will no doubt devote several themes to “obeying his throne.” Catch the corporate fever September 7 at Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre. Tickets are $25-$37.50.

Big Names:


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Event reviews

‘Warped’ band meets Daily reporter

By Lucia Stone
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

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With styles from punk rock to reggae, Friday’s concert appealed to a lot of Seaside Park, I found myself surrounded by rebellious teens and retired punk rockers dressed in leather, pierced with metal and covered in tattoos. The all-day concert evolved into a nationally known punk ska band that still enjoys partying hard and raising hell.

As they drank Bud Light in preparation for the show, I focused on the band. Warped Tour and favorite tour spots.

To say the least, Vans Warped Tour 2002 began the venture audience with burning-sore muscles, blown out in-ear monitors and bruised bodies. I left with throbbing feet, ringing ears, a hangover and a story about my first Warped Tour experience.

The U.S. Warped Tour 2002 began in Napa, Idaho on June 21 and ends Aug. 18 in Detroit, Mich. Then, it moves on to Australia for a two-month excursion with a new band lineup. The Warped Tour has traveled throughout the United States since the tour’s beginning in 1995.

Random Events

July 19 Thursday:
Tipps Irie and Resination @ SLO Brew 9 p.m.

July 19 Friday:
Selson @ part of “Concerts in the Plaza”, 5-11 p.m. 3:30 in Mission Plaza call 541-0286 for info.

July 19 Friday:
Tin Hat Trio plays a Free concert @ SLO Mission

July 19 Saturday:
Coffee Whores @ 2-Dogs in Morro Bay

July 21 Sunday:
Coffee Whores @ 2-Dogs in Morro Bay

July 21 Monday:
Fremont 546-8600

91.3 KCPR Top Thirteen

1. DJ Shadow “Private Press”
2. Dj Spooky “Modern Mantra”
3. Sonic Youth “Murray Street”
4. Pedro The Lion “Control”
5. Dj Spooky “Blue Series: Optometry”
6. The Men From O.R.C.A.N
7. Death By Chocolate “Zap the World”
8. El-P “Fantastic Damage”
9. Prefuse 73-92 vs. 02 Collection EP
11. Yume Bitsu “The Golden Vessel of Sound”
12. Medeski Martin and Wood “Unjustifiable”
13. Mum “Finally We Are No One”

The latest release from kid606 is something of an enigma. The Action Packed Metalist... is as first glance a fun, albeit silly, remix of some of Top 40 radio’s biggest names. Kid 606 lays down tracks over heavy drum ‘n’ bass, tracks that contain bytes from the likes of Missy Elliott, Jay-Z, Kylie Minogue and Eminem. I quickly dismissed it as simply a way for snobby indie dorks to rock out to Jay-Z without fear of having their black rimmed glasses taken away as punishment for being uncool. With songs like “MP3 killed the CD star” and samples of Missy bro­ken down into the refrain, “copy me,” maybe this album is an anti-political commentary on the fight to ban CD copying, and the effects of advances in technology have had on so-called Laptop artists such as Kid 606. But basically it’s just fun (and silly) and I’m willing to wager that this album is the best bet to just dance your dorky ass off.

-- Adam Leff

Movie Listings

Palm Theatre 541-5161
Sunshine State
1:15, 4:00, 6:40
The Importance of Being Ernest
1:30, 7:00, 9:15
Monsoon Wedding
4:15
Lovely and Amazing
1:15, 7:00, 9:15
The Emperor’s New Clothes
1:30, 7:00, 9:15
Notorious Cho
9:15
Fremont 546-8600
Men in Black II
11:45, 2:45, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00
Crocodile Hunter
11:45, 2:00, 4:10, 6:15, 8:15
Halloween: Resurrection
10:30
K-19: The Widoekmaker
12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15
Eight Legged Freaks
12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20
Downtown Centre Cinema 546-8600
Road to Perdition
11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
Mr. Deeds
12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:30
Minority Report
12:00, 3:10, 6:35, 9:45
Reign of Fire
12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
The Bourne Identity
11:20, 2:15, 5:10, 8:00, 10:30
My Big Fat Greek Wedding
11:30, 2:55, 4:20, 6:45, 9:10
Call to Confirm Times

Home Grown smoked the crowd at the Ventura stop of the Vans 2002 Warped Tour last weekend.

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With styles from punk rock to reggae, Friday’s concert appealed to a lot of Seaside Park, I found myself surrounded by rebellious teens and retired punk rockers dressed in leather, pierced with metal and covered in tattoos. The all-day concert evolved into a nationally known punk ska band that still enjoys partying hard and raising hell.

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To say the least, Vans Warped Tour 2002 began the venture audience with burning-sore muscles, blown out in-ear monitors and bruised bodies. I left with throbbing feet, ringing ears, a hangover and a story about my first Warped Tour experience.

The U.S. Warped Tour 2002 began in Napa, Idaho on June 21 and ends Aug. 18 in Detroit, Mich. Then, it moves on to Australia for a two-month excursion with a new band lineup. The Warped Tour has traveled throughout the United States since the tour’s beginning in 1995.
Arming pilots won’t help end terrorism

Opinion

Panic. Hysteria. Chaos. Now, imagine a gun becoming part of that equation. According to CNN.com, the U.S. Senate recently passed bill 310-113, despite White House opposition, to allow more than 75,000 airline pilots to carry a gun on board if they agree to undergo training. r.h.

Aircraft safety is one of the top concerns in the country. However, the best way to remedy such a problem is still up in the air. Yes, guns are an option. However, a pilot is responsible for hundreds of lives safely operating a large aircraft. The ramifications of having the pilot carry a weapon are too great. Despite intensive training, a terrorist attack is unpredictable and adrenaline kicks in. What you can do on the ground in a hypothetical situation will not always transfer into the air.

A gun would be a major hindrance in a moment of terror. The pilot would have to focus not only on flying, but be forced to weigh the consequences of trying to be a hero. Being strapped to a seat in a pressurized cabin that has a maximum capacity of about three is hardly a place to be thinking about firing a weapon. Leave the airline safety to trained air marshals, so the pilots can do their job and safely fly a plane. What would you redesign cockpit doors, upgraded airline safety, improved flight attendant training and presence of on-duty marshals on designated flights? pilots should not have to be concerned with carrying a gun.

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Supreme Court correct in drug decision

On June 27, the Supreme Court decided to end the testing, justifying the position of safety of school children by requiring them to submit to drug tests.

Contrary to the opinion of some, however, Supreme Court Justice Thomas delivered the opinion of the 5-4 split court, writing that there are two Amendment rights of students not limited by this decision. Instead, their safety was increased.

Schoolchildren do not shed their constitutional rights when they enter the schoolhouse, nor do they lose them on graduation. However, the Court held that Amendment rights of students were not limited by this decision. Instead, their safety was increased.

The policy is a way for the school district to detect and prevent drug use at the school.

If the children have nothing to hide and are not doing anything illegal, they should not have any problems with the possibility of a drug test. When I signed my high school, I signed an agreement saying that I would not use any alcohol, illegal or legal controlled substances while I was on the team. Policies like this are a way to ensure that the children who voluntarily participate in any extracurricular activities have nothing to hide during a game due to impingement by a drug.

Concerns regarding privacy, the policy is explicit in that the results will be confidential and given to school personnel on a "need-to-know" basis.

In addition, the results will not be turned over to the police for any type of criminal investigation, so the student should not be worried about a record.

On the first and second positive drug test results, the student will only be given a type of warning and drug counseling, Thomas stated. On the third positive, however, the student could face serious suspension.

This is situations breed: emotional, personal and political. The goal of the policy is to detect drugs on the school campus.

When I was in middle school, I was an athlete who used to sell the fifth and even sold drugs. I am not trying to say that all drugs are bad and we should never take any of them, but there is a time and place to use them.

For the record, my definition of a drug for the purpose of this opinion is cigarettes, alcohol and marijuana. If anything harder is being used, then there is a serious problem.

The drugs that are circulating down to the high school level are becoming increasingly potent and increasingly prevalent.

In their ruling, the justices cited a study done by the Department of Health and Human Services, Monitoring the Future: National Results on Adolescent Drug Use. The number of twelfth graders using any illicit drug increased from about 48 percent in 1995 to about 54 percent in 2001 and the number of twelfth graders reporting they had used marijuana jumped from about 42 percent to about 50 percent in the same time period.

The school’s responsibility to prevent further increases outweighs the limited Fourth Amendment rights of children. The Supreme Court was correct in ruling the policy constitutional.

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Freshmen ‘Jump’ into the world of Cal Poly

By Jenny Hubbard

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No off-season for Cal Poly cross country

Cross country men and women run as much as 90 miles per week over summer to prep for fall

By Meredith Corbin

Summer Mustang

Although the Cal Poly cross-country season is over a month away, students are currently working just as hard to prepare themselves for the competition next fall.

During the summer, Cal Poly’s campus is much quieter; the streets are less crowded and the class sizes smaller. However, when August arrives, athletes have to be ready to compete with schools that begin their academic year before Cal Poly does.

Cal Poly’s campus wakes up when the Division I cross-country runners return to prepare for another competitive year. Training for the athletes won’t be too difficult because they stayed active while they were on vacation.

The Cal Poly women’s cross-country team is one of many Division I women’s teams in California and could not afford to take any time off in July and August. They run anywhere from 50 to 50 miles per week.

Last October, these women won a second straight Big West Championship at Fairbanks Memorial Cross-Country Course.

Audrey Amara, a Cal Poly cross-country runner, is spending her summer in Auburn, Calif., but hasn’t stopped working out.

“It is important to keep running all year round,” she said. “The chances of getting an injury increase if you’re not prepared right for fall. I ran for 45 minutes in the morning and 20 minutes in the evening. It is important for me to stay healthy, especially since I am coming off a stress fracture in both of my shins. I’d get injured even worse in the fall if I didn’t train.”

Although these women run hard during the year, some agree it is important to take it easy to prevent injury. However, they maintain their running during the summer, preferably with some of their teammates.

Jessica Dahlberg, a recent animal science graduate and cross-country runner, placed 26th in the NCAA Division I West Regional at Tucson, Ariz.

“We run every day,” she said. “Our coach strongly suggests we run with someone else. You tend to go faster because you don’t think about it as much.”

Dahlberg realizes the importance of training properly throughout the entire year, because she was injured for one year with a painful stress fracture and a case of tendinitis.

The cross-country men’s team isn’t taking time off from their training during the summer, either.

Mark Conover, the assistant coach of the Cal Poly men’s cross-country and track teams, said he uses his experience as an Olympic runner to develop training plans for his athletes.

“I have a daily training plan for these runners,” Conover said. “It is 1-to-2 runs per day focusing on building up aerobic capacity mileage. They run anywhere from 60-to-90 miles per week.”

“We start our season in late August and it’s even more intense than our workouts. We focus on running during the summer,” he said.

Jackson agreed that the men have to keep running in the summer, not only to prepare for a competitive year but also to avoid the risk of injury.

“I think we do more running in the summer,” he said. “Right now, I am running up at 50-miles per week.”

Jackson admitted that it is impossible to begin the school year without practicing during the summer.

“Training is important,” he said. “You can’t just automatically start running 90 miles per week because you’ll get injured right away.”

David Jackson
Cal Poly cross-country runner

“You can’t just automatically start running 90 miles per week, because you’ll get injured right away.”

By Chrystal L. Anderson

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The engines were loud, the tires were enormous and the races were fear-inducing.

On July 10, the Santa Barbara County Fair at the Santa Maria Fair Park was inundated with the Motorsports Spectacular, featuring freestyle motorcycle tricks and monster trucks.

Flinging every limb every which way, Jeff Baldwin, Bobbie Lee and Lenny Frich captivated the crowd with freestyle motorcycle moves.

“It’s called free-riding,” Frich said. “You do whatever you want and you express yourself by your tricks.”

The trio jumped off a ramp, flying up to 40 feet in the air, while performing a variety of tricks that defy gravity and could cause major physical impairment.

These tricks include a Superman (flying legs up and bike down), Cliffhangers (the handlebars are grabbed by the riders feet, hands in the air) and the death-defying Kiss of Death (sending the back end of the bike south and the rider north over the handle bars, and where a ‘kiss’ is supposedly planted on the front fork).

The riders did their own unique combinations, and landed gracefully on a platform adorned with a patriotic-size picture of the American Flag.

The Motorsports Spectacular was not a competition like pro-motorcycle races or the “X-Games,” where freeriders are evaluated on the difficulty of each trick and their ability to perform it.

Monster trucks are also normally involved in a competition, but they just screamed their huge 600-horsepower engines and 2000 horsepower drum-braking engines while fans shouted for more.

The trucks can cover five cars, grabbing them and springing themselves into loops of 17 feet or more.

Two of the trucks, the “Scarlet Bandit” driven by Jimmy Creten and the “Beauty Hunter” driven by Gene Kindl, were sponsored by Kragen Auto.

Both converted Ford Expedition have been to the national championships in Las Vegas, where “Scarlet Bandit,” normally driven by Creten’s wife Dawn Creten, took second place.

“I have a show in Indiana on Friday,” Creten said, “so I flew my wife and kids home to Kansas City. It’s a lot closer to Indiana than California.”

Rod Woolf wanted his truck to be a positive influence, so he approached the National Crime Prevention organization about sponsoring him and was granted the privilege of using McGruff the Dog to “take a bite out of” other trucks.

Complete with flashing lights, the McGruff took away the crowd with wide, spinning doughnuts and vertical wheels.

“I liked the McGruff truck the best,” said Kelly Roman, Cal Poly business senior. “It was short and sweet.”

Roman and her mother Cathi Roman, also a business senior, ended up after watching a friend with Grand Champion Steer at the fair.

“We could see the big trucks and it just came by,” Cathy said. “I’ve seen them on TV and it’s better here. It’s not the same as in-person.”

Kelly, however, said it is too repetitious watching the trucks drive in circles.

“I would be more excited if I was driving,” she said.