E. coli linked to Cal Poly campus

By Lucia Stone
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

I took Pepto-Bismol, Rolaids, gas medicine...everything, and nothing worked,” said Ashley Adams, recreation administration freshman and the third local person to be infected with E. coli bacteria.

Adams, along with Cal Poly conference attendee Lacey Welborn, had been residing and eating most of her meals at Cal Poly around the time she contracted the E. coli bacterial infection. “Tuesday I ate a veggie sandwich with tons of sprouts on it,” Adams said. “That’s the only thing I consumed that (the county Public Health Department) said (could) carry E.coli.”

Adams said her symptoms began with mild stomach cramps and diarrhea on Friday, Aug. 2, and worsened as each day progressed. Monday was the point when I knew something was really wrong,” she said.

Tuesday morning Adams visited David Ralston at the Cal Poly Health Center and explained her symptoms. After numerous questions regarding visits to Mexico and drinking bad water, Ralston prescribed Adams with antibiotics and Metamucil. He instructed her to return the following morning.

“At 12.30 a.m. (W ednesday morning), I was in so much pain I had to go to the emergency room,” Adams said.

Adams’ dorm mate drove her to the Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center. The hospital treated Adams with an IV for dehydration and ran lab tests. At 3:30 a.m., Adams was released and instructed to rest until the lab results came back.

She returned to her Sierra Madre residence that night and rested for the next two days. Following her hospital visit, Adams said her cramps decreased and she could sleep through the night again.

On Thursday afternoon, Aug. 8, she received a phone call from Ralston saying Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center told him she had a rare case of E.coli. “I was really shocked at the news,” Adams said. “The entire time I thought I had a bacterial infection.”

Adams was the third reported E. coli case in the county following Welborn and a woman in Los Osos.

Welborn, a student visiting Cal Poly for the California Scholastic Press Association Workshop, was the first identified person to have E.coli. Having only eaten at Cal Poly’s Lighthouse while in San Luis Obispo, Welborn said that she too now eats within.

On Thursday, Aug. 1, Welborn contracted symptoms of E.coli bacterial infection and was admitted to Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center on Sunday, Aug. 4 after she was extremely ill, said Larry Welborn, Lacey’s father and director of the workshop. She was released the following Wednesday and has made a full recovery.

The second reported case was a woman from Los Osos. She was first identified as infected with E.coli by health officials on Friday, Aug. 2.

Freshman parking selected by lottery

By Chrystal L. Anderson
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The parking lot wars will continue this fall, as students will be forced to hunt for a decreased number of parking spaces due to the construction of the new dorms.

However, the University Police Department has implemented a new tactic that they anticipate will curb the parking crunch, UPD associate director Cindy Campbell said. Winning a permit will allow students to bring a car to park on campus while living in the dorms.

“The lottery will not be in the student’s favor,” she said. “That is not so, as of today. There are 1,413 beds and 50 percent of the beds have parking spaces. Interestingly enough, that demand has been met.”

The demand for permits may have met this coming fall, but students living in the dorms last year were feeling the crunch. “I lived in the North Mountain dorms, which shared a lot with the red brick dorms and is located next to the apartments that are being built,” journalism sophomore Meghan Reesle said. “The construction ended up taking over part of our parking lot after fall term. This, along with students bringing cars back after winter break, created a parking problem. Several times, I got parking tickets because I parked in illegal spots instead of driving to the Yosemite/Sierra Madre parking lot.”

New Avila Beach offers students entertainment, jobs, education

By Lucia Stone
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

After three years of construction and millions of dollars spent, Avila Beach will finally offer Cal Poly students a sunny hangout spot, nightlife scene, jobs and a future marine center.

Following Unocal’s petroleum leak that contaminated 100,000 cubic yards of sand beneath “downtown,” Avila Beach has been reconstruct ed into a popular beach pavilion, according to “downtown,” Avila Beach has been reconstructed into a popular beach pavilion, according to www.avilabeachca.com.

Following the downtown facelift, Front Street has converted into a pedestrian plaza.

“The boulevard with the (paint) trees is the best thing,” said Ingrid Weltzli, a Fresno resi dent and longtime visitor of Avila Beach. “It’s very European.”

Weltzli and her husband have been visiting the Central Coast for approximately 50 years. Weltzli said that she enjoys Avila Beach because of its minimal fog, new pedestrian plaza and cooler weather, compared to Fresno’s sweltering 109 degree summers.
Summer Mustang

By Bonnie Guevara

Summer Housing Staff Writer

Cal Poly Jump-Start students will come to the rescue throughout this month. This summer, they will team up with Student Community Services to hold a canned food drive, with the cans collected benefiting the food bank and the Lewis Memorial Shelter in San Luis Obispo.

Brandon Mayo, business administration sophomore and Jump-Start resource leader, said that he found the canned food drive to be the perfect way for Jump-Start students to get involved in something that would benefit a worthy cause.

“The reason Jump-Start chose to have a canned food drive was two-fold,” he said. “We wanted to do something for the community and involve the Jump-Start students, while at the same time making sure it is something that would help those most in need.”

The canned food drive also employs an element of competition, as these students race to collect the most canned food. Winners of the food drive competition will receive a $30 gift certificate from Woodstock’s along with T-shirts, hats and gift certificates from the restaurant.

“If it is a friendly competition among the Jump-Start resource groups,” Jump-Start Program Coordinator Patricia Ponce said. “However, the resource leaders are pretty competitive and want their group of freshmen to win.”

Heading into its second year, the Jump-Start program is designed for incoming freshmen that want a head start in college. The program provides freshmen with high demand courses, including SCOM 201, ENGL 114 and FSY 201 as well as other courses that may be difficult to capture throughout the year. The program provides the new freshmen with enrichment, social activities and course advising, Ponce said.

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National Briefs

Lawyers Replaced by Cochran in Big Cases Cry Foul

LOS ANGELES - Attorney Joe C. Hopkins had landed the biggest case of his 20-year legal career, one that would thrust him into the national spotlight, one with the potential of a huge settlement. Hopkins was representing 16-year-old Donovan Jackson in the Ingledwood police beating that had been caught on videotape. He'd enlisted help from John Sweeney, a noted attorney who had mentored under one of the best: Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. Together, they filed a lawsuit in federal court.

Just as quickly as they were in, they were replaced by Cochran himself.

Now, a bitter Hopkins is portraying himself as the latest in a string of small-time lawyers big-footed by Cochran, whose law firm has expanded nationally in recent years.

It is an assertion that resonates for Cochran. whose high-profile clients left them under one of the best: Johnnie L. Cochran.

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Intemational Briefs

New Research Shows Mutated Gene Leads to Speech

Two critical mutations appeared roughly 200,000 years ago in a gene linked to language, then swept through the primate human population rapidly at about the same time that culture first appeared on the Earth, according to new research.

The findings, released online Wednesday provide the most compelling hints to date that the gene, may have played a central role in the development of modern humans' ability to speak.

Researchers are likely to attempt to introduce the genetic mutations into mice as part of their work, but they said many other genetic changes would likely be necessary to produce a talking animal, and several said they doubted anything of the sort would ever be possible, let alone desirable.

-US Airways

Israelis Charge Palestinian Politician Barghouthi with Murder of Israeli Civilians

JERUSALEM - Marwan Barghouthi, a Palestinian politician whom many consider a founding father of the current uprising against Israeli occupation, was formally charged Wednesday with multiple counts of murder in attacks against Israeli civilians.

The seven-count indictment was entered at the opening of a criminal trial in Tel Aviv District Court that promises high-profile courtroom clashes over Israel's allegations of official Palestinian support for terrorism and Palestinian condemnation of Israel's continuing military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Barghouthi, a member of the Palestinian legislature, is the West Bank leader of Yasser Arafat's political movement, Fatah, and is considered a leading candidate to eventually replace Arafat as the Palestinians' top leader. By putting him on trial in a civilian court - the first such case against a ranking Palestinian politician in years - Israel hopes to shine a spotlight on what it describes as a network of terrorism that stretches deep into the leadership of Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

But in his court appearance Wednesday, Barghouthi demonstrated that Israeli strategy comes with considerable risks, particularly that Barghouthi could be elevated into a larger-than-life martyr for his cause.

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Czech Republic Reeling Under Flood Waters After Storm

CZECH REPUBLIC - Tens of thousands of people were evacuated from homes, and hotels, shops and offices were closed behind sandbag barricades, and anxious residents waited Wednesday night to see whether the rushing waters of the Vltava river would break through the city's defenses.

After peaking in the early evening, the Vltava Wednesday night appeared to have stopped swelling, raising cautious hopes that flooding described as the worst in Prague's recorded history may be subsiding. But officials said it could be days before the water actually begins to recede, and the extent of damage to the city will not be known until then.

-US Airways

Briefs compiled by Washington Post and Los Angeles Times wire services by Summer Mustang staff writer Laura Dietz.
Dunes offer inexpensive camping experience

By Rebecca Howes

Despite a few inconveniences including noisy vehicles and no running water trips to the dunes provide a fun getaway for everyone looking for a cheap vacation.

For $6 a night you can camp on the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area on a first come first serve basis. Campers can bring their own off-road vehicles or rent from local companies. Day use permits that can be purchased for $4.

Art in Garden fundraiser successful

By Bonnie Guevara

I like art. I like art in the park. I like it in the park after dark. The Art in the Garden exhibit located in the Jack House Garden in downtown San Luis Obispo satisfies all these requirements. With an estimated 800 to 1,000 visitors, Sunday’s Art in the Garden raised $10,000.

Thirty-five local artists gathered in the Jack House garden Sunday from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m., selling and providing extended hours for downtown art lovers, as well as hundreds of people coming through the door. Most people are considerate about their driving, but some of the drivers are kids who need the evil eye to know that they are getting too close. Once you get used to the recreational vehicles, you forget that this type of camping is any different.

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Things to Bring to Oceano Dunes

- Tent, sleeping bags, flashlight, matches/lighter, small shovel, wood and newspaper to start fire
- stove/BBQ, propane/charcoal, water, chairs, sunscreen, bug spray
- Food, water, snacks, a good book
- Plastic bags for trash
- Kerala, a book of poems
- Hiking shoes
- First aid kit
- Extra clothes
- Extra blankets
- Toiletries
- Water filter
- Bicycles
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**Television**

**Anna Nicole** lacking both style and substance

By Caroline Lindahl

For the woman who said, "Doesn't that hurt?" upon hearing of suicide bombers in the Middle East, reality TV may be somewhere between MTV's "The Osbourne's" and Anna Nicole Smith's award for Playmate of the Month.

In the latest barrage of reality TV, "The Anna Nicole Show" merely confirms viewers' suspicions that she is, in fact, a self-absorbed, whining, dumb blonde.

The series simultaneously generates the highest ratings in the network's history and demonstrates the problem of properly programming cable has produced stroke victim Howard Stern aired his own show.

Guaranteed safe, guaranteed Playmate and actress, best-known for her gravity-defying dimensions (39-27-39), made headlines in March when a federal judge awarded her $88.5 million of her late husband's estate. She married 89-year-old oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II who died just 14 months later in 1995. Smith, 34, claims that her series helps her fight the depression she suffered as a result of battling with her late husband's fortune, over his fortune, according to E!

The true sufferers are Smith's 16-year-old son Daniel and her miniature poodle Sugar Pie, who must be subjected daily to this baby-talking couch potato.

"The Anna Nicole Show" merely confirms viewers' suspicions that she is busy cutting lemon wedges. Another questionable scene happened to the bacon. She said she didn't know why it was missing from the photos on the wall near our table. The ice machine seems to be cutting lemon wedges. Our waiter reappears in front of us. He explains that the newly reopened kitchen is only to make fun of the way she looks, talks, and acts.

"He says he wants her paparazzi back. "I don't know what it is," Ramirez said. "People always tip better when they are drunk." Ramirez seems capable of is creativity, his control of the master's art form is impossible. I ask Sanh, who ordered for us, what happened to the bacon. She said she didn't know why it was missing.

**Film**

**XXX delivers goods**

By Laura Dietz

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

"X Game-like stunts and good-looking bad boys who like to play pranks on the police keep the action rolling in "XXX." It has all the appeal of a Bond movie packaged in a new box.

Packaged with explosive action to the very end, "XXX" focuses on the street smarts and videogame skills of Cage and his blatant comebacks. It has all the appeal of a Bond movie.

Cage drives is a. con car, and his blatant comebacks. Another questionable scene was when the young woman is the girlfriend who has been replaced. Marvin Gaye is belt dancing. I really should stop betting altogether.

Cage and his blatant comebacks.

**Dining**

Fat Cats: Edible 3 a.m. food?

By Rebekah Howes

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Fat Cats, located in Port San Luis, offers good late-night eats.

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Anna Nicole Smith's new show can be entertaining, it is only to make fun of the way she looks, talks, and acts.

One would think that all that makes weak off on her sheets due to the excessive amount of time she spends looking around in her bed. Plus, all that cooing to the cameras must demand frequent lipstick applications.

But seriously, what does this creampuff have to say? Not much. If she's offering tips on how to seduce a dying man, I'm not interested.
Smokers should take responsibility for actions, not place blame

Americans bask in the sun's harmful rays, indulge in each heart-attack inducing French fry and smoke like chimney, despite well-known research documenting the dangers associated with each risky behavior.

Ultimately, the offenders face the repercussions: skin cancer, birth defects and emphysema. New legislation, however, may hold smoking salons, McDonald's and Phillip Morris accountable for their customers' addictions. Diseased smokers in California may sue tobacco companies for fraud and negligence, the California Supreme Court ruled earlier this year.

But is it justifiable to hold the industry liable for the health consequences of individuals' actions? In 1998, slapped with multiple state civil lawsuits, the tobacco industry agreed to pay $346 billion to settle these suits.

I'm doing the math correctly, that works out to roughly a penny a puff. These ludicrous lawsuits astound the practitioners make two arguments.

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CRIME ROUND-UP

Aug. 11
A 17-year-old male was found between Mott Gym and the Cal Poly Rec Center, drunk in public. If found guilty, he could receive community service and a fine.

Aug. 9
On Monterey Street, a 19-year-old female and a 19-year-old male were arrested for grand theft auto of a 1991 Toyota reported missing out of San Francisco. If the suspects are convicted they could receive state prison time.

CUESTA GRADE CLOSING OVERNIGHT

Highway 101 at Cuesta Grade will be CLOSED from 9 p.m. Tuesday night, August 20th, to 5 a.m. Wednesday morning, August 21st. All traffic will be detoured while the temporary bridge is removed in the Project Cuesta Grade construction zone.

Highway 101 Northbound Traffic Detour
- All traffic must exit Highway 101 North at the Highway 1 off-ramp in San Luis Obispo.

Highway 101 Southbound Traffic Detour
- Take Highway 46 West exit in Paso Robles to Highway 1 South and get back on Highway 101 South in San Luis Obispo.
- All through traffic must exit Highway 101 South at the Highway 46 West off-ramp in Paso Robles. Local traffic must exit at the Santa Barbara Road exit.

Cuesta Grade residents
- Residents in the construction zone will be given passes to travel to their residences.

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Ragsdale asked Campus Dining to remove all processed produce and wash all whole produce as an added safety precaution.

"We took the measures to quarantine the meat and to remove and wash the produce on our own initiative," Ragsdale said. "They (the County Health Department) never suggested or required we take any action with the food other than providing meat samples."

All about the veggies
While tests on the meat came up negative, campus dining officials began to suspect the produce. As precaution, Nancy Williams, director of Campus Dining, pulled all processed produce received prior to Aug. 1.

"By the time we were thinking (the source of E. coli) could be produce, the bulk of it had already been consumed during the exposure time," Williams said.

Both Welborn and Adams had eaten sprouts prior to their infections. Ragsdale said that sprouts have been known to carry E. coli bacteria.

"In the environmental health field we refer to them as 'dirty, filthy sprouts' because they're famous for carrying bacteria," he said.

The produce supplier that provides Cal Poly with 'certified sprouts,' according to Williams. "They come from a properly grown field without manure or any exposure like that," she said. "(Sprouts) are considered a ready-to-serve item because they're certified."

As a precautionary measure, Campus Dining has removed all food that could possibly carry E. coli, including sprouts.

E. coli victims recover
Both Welborn and Adams are currently healthy and fully recovered.

Adams has returned to summer school and said she is more careful of what she eats.

Welborn will begin her freshman year at California State University Fullerton. She said she was impressed with how Cal Poly officials handled her situation.

"They were great," she said. "They really wanted to make sure I was OK."

Cal Poly recovers
In addition to standard sanitation procedures, Campus Dining has had two re-education sessions with the staff. They have also posted food safety updates informing students about the incidents.

Ragsdale said that Cal Poly will be reviewing all campus cleaning and preparation procedures. Cal Poly will continue to use the same produce supplier as their prime vendor.

"We served 800 to 1,000 people in the same line that we served Lacey and Ashley," Williams said. "It's very unusual to have two isolated cases."
Sports

Trotting the Globe

Five Mustangs spent their summers playing and teaching tennis all over the world

By Lucia Stone
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

While we grind through yet another grueling quarter here in San Luis Obispo, a more fortunate group of Cal Poly students can be found trotting the globe at elite resorts, clubs and college campuses.

Cal Poly men's tennis players Brandon Shanefield, Davey Jones, Mike Marquez, Stacy Meronoff and Nick Tracy are traveling across the continent teaching the sport they know best - tennis.

Shanefield, a business senior, is coaching tennis at the East Hampton Tennis Club in New York. The prestigious club has eight indoor courts, 21 outdoor courts and 15 professional instructors.

For the entire summer, Shanefield spends his eight-hour days teaching the fundamentals of the game.

"It's (coaching) a stepping-stone for my future career in sports management," he said.

Shanefield is coaching alongside college athletes from the University of Tennessee, University of San Diego, Duke and many other schools with elite tennis programs.

In addition to giving coaching clinics, private and semi-private lessons, Shanefield learns some of his techniques by hitting with fellow top collegiate athletes.

Shanefield said the highlight of his job is interacting with and meeting new people, along with preparing himself for the upcoming season.

"Hitting daily with fellow pros has improved my game tremendously," he said.

Jones, a business sophomore at Cal Poly, is coaching and vacationing in the tropics of Negril, Jamaica at Point Village Resort. He coaches resort visitors in a trade-off for a two-week vacation in paradise.

Jones teaches tennis two hours per day, in exchange for free accommodations, food and beverages at the four-star resort. When not on the court, Jones plans to party, surf and go clubbing in his off-time.

"I have never been out of the country before," Jones said. "Jamaica seemed fun."

Marquez, a journalism senior, and Meronoff, a business senior, are coaching children at Ed Collins Tennis Camp in Point Loma, San Diego.

For two weeks, the Cal Poly tennis players stay in dormitories on the bluffs at Point Loma Nazarene College. Ed Collins, former UC San Diego men's tennis coach, taught Marquez and Meronoff the game as campers.

"I grew up playing tennis there since I was three," Tracy said.

Playing tennis, along with coaching it, can be challenging when one is in the "last frontier." Due to the climate differences, lack of interest and minimal courts, Alaska is a difficult place to learn the game.

"I do it for fun, not the cash," Marquez said.

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Cal Poly Men's Tennis

Fall practice begins for Mustangs

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The boys are back in town, and the Cal Poly football team is ready to amp things up this season.

With summer conditioning completed, the football players have emerged as a strong force that has survived and grown stronger through intense practices these past few weeks.

"This was my third summer here, and football is my main customer," conditioning coach Chris Holden said. "We got a lot of hard work done. The most obvious element this season is there are a lot of upperclassmen."

Now the table is set. The coaches

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By Jeff McGuire
junior linebacker

Cal Poly head football coach Rich Ellerson said, "It's on - it's pretty quick. The guys did their work in the off-season. We are really doing great."

With over 40 players having stayed for summer, several players feel that the team morale is even higher.

"It was good to have a lot of guys stay," said Boice Dixon, business senior and defensive end. "We learned a lot. We are stronger and faster. It is about dedication and everyone has really taken things more seriously. Before, there were no position coaches - it was just us so the team just got tighter."

The players are keeping up with lifting, group stretching, running plays and trying to frequent feedback from Ellerson.

"It is real intense. It can get tiring in these pads, but we have some good practices."

Ellerson said that the coaching staff spent a few days with the new players prior to required practices. The staff wanted to associate them with the team's philosophy and strategies for the upcoming season.

"Everyone is really nice," said Matt Baggett-Carpenter, agricultural business freshman and running back for Cal Poly. "The guys are competing hard and cooperating - it is becoming a family."

The team's seniors will have the role of leading both the defensive and offensive lines.

Many other positions, however, are wide open.

"We have a good number of new guys we are teaching the ropes," linebacker coach David Brown said. "We also have a lot of quality veterans and are really optimistic about this season. Everyone is picking things up well and things overall are looking really good."

So with game-time closing in, the Mustangs are out on the field running drills and competing against each other to strengthen the team as a whole.

"These practices are physical and fundamental," Ellerson said. "You turn around and the game is right in your face."