Harbor Festival brings locals, students together

By Rachelle Ackley

Thousands of people gathered in Morro Bay this past weekend for the 21st annual Harbor Fest.

"It's a gorgeous day," said Ali Rush, a Cal Poly graduate student and assistant of marketing for Castoro Cellars. "Everyone is sharing a good time, tasting food and drinking wine."

Martin Wagner, executive director of Harbor Fest, said the event wouldn't have been possible without local support.

"We are really thankful to the local businesses and organizations for participating and supporting the festival," Wagner said.

More than 900 volunteers participated in the Harbor Festival, donating proceeds to 45 groups.

Each year, the Morro Bay Harbor Festival shares the proceeds with nonprofit organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Naval Sea Cadets.

The Harbor Festival has distributed more than $220,000 to different groups in the county.

Local restaurants, wineries and breweries annually participate in the festival.

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Housing available on and off campus

By Kelly Foster

Across the bottom of the Cal Poly housing website, the line "On campus housing spaces are currently available for new freshmen, returning and transfer students." appears.

At Cal Poly, "available" and "housing" are two words exclusive to one another, especially on-campus.

For the first time in nine years, the dorms are not full. Each year, the university attempts to balance the number of new students based on the number who came to and graduated from Cal Poly during the previous year.

"The way in which we do this is by making an adjustment to the freshman class," said Preston Allen, director of housing at Cal Poly.

Due to last year's record number of enrollment and lack of graduates, the university put in the position to offer less housing.

"What would really help the situation a lot was if students just graduated," Allen said.

Off-campus housing, including Stenner Glen and Valencia Apartments, also has spaces available.

As of last week, Valencia had 60 rooms available—about 10 percent of its 680 rooms.

Mylea Christensen, property manager for Valencia, said that this could be due to several factors. First, parents are buying first-time students houses. Second, students are looking for cheaper housing in off-campus areas.

The bottom line is that students will only pay so much for housing, she said.

"We are going to have to start re-marketing and lowering the rent back down next year," Christensen said.

Valencia, which rents by the room, starts leasing in January for the next school year. With 50 people on the waiting list last year, the sharp decline this year was not expected.

"Usually, if there is a decline, it happens over several years," Christensen said. "We are normally full by the end of June. This year it didn't happen."

The decline was not noticed until the end of June, when the applications went from about 10 per day to two to three a week.

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Cal Poly graced with local royalty

By Jordan Schultz

Unbeknownst to many, there is royalty at Cal Poly.

Agribusiness sophomore Katelyn Kaney was recently crowned Miss California Mid-State Fair, an honor she intends to use to benefit the youth in the community.

"The road to her reign wasn't an easy one," said Preston Allen, director of housing at Cal Poly.

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Katelyn Kaney, Miss Mid-State Fair, is an agribusiness sophomore.
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**5-Day Forecast**

**WEDNESDAY**
High: 80° / Low: 52°

**THURSDAY**
High: 76° / Low: 50°

**FRIDAY**
High: 70° / Low: 46°

**SATURDAY**
High: 74° / Low: 46°

**SUNDAY**
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by donating food, wine and beer.
Famous sipped on Castoro Cellars
wine, drank Firestone beer and tasted
cheesecake from Trader Joe’s as they
wandered around the seafood and
taste-painting pavilion. Local vendors
provided samples of shrimp cocktail
and other seafood dishes.
"This gives us a chance to get to get
know and interact with our local customers," Rush said.
Customer sampled tri-tip sand-
wiches, Chinese food, fruit smoothies
and fresh lemonade while listening to
live jazz, blues or rock n’ roll music.
The music never stopped as differ-
ent musicians played on four different
stages. The focus was on food and
drink, with the festival attendees.

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town three per week, Christiansen said.
To counteract the situation, Valencia
is offering the first month free to stu-
dents who sign up immediately and has
lowered the rent as much as $100 per
month for some remodeled rooms.
As for the dorms, there are still a few
rooms available in the red brick build-
ings. These rooms will be open to
incoming transfer students for winter quarter.
"Transferring will be welcome," Allen said. "They can start applying in the
next few weeks."
In the past, transfer students were not
given an option of where they could
live as our on-campus, but because
the availability of rooms they can
choose to live in the red bricks or the
transfer dorms.
"If (transfer students) want to live
with other students, they can," Allen
said. "It depends on the experience they
are looking for."

**CRIME ROUND-UP**

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determined to not let her fear of public speaking keep her from par-
ticipating, she said.
"I want to get involved with the community and better educate and
moralize our youth, the leaders of
tomorrow, about 4-H," Kaney said.
Beginning in April, Kaney started a
training weekly for the July pageant.
Coached in everything from eti-
quette to showmanship, the 11 par-
ticipants prepared to be judged in the
areas of platform, interview, swim,
talent and evening gown. Kaney chose to present a speech on
the by-products of beef as her talent.
"I can’t sing and I can’t dance, so
I decided to use it as an opportunity
to improve my public speaking skills," she said.

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Among other problems that have brought the INS heavy criticism since Sept. 11. The agency sent out student visa approval notices for two hijackers who died at the trade center.

Brenner, a professor at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego, Calif., is also the founder of the Molecular Sciences Institute in Berkeley. He showed that the tiny worm Caenorhabditis elegans was useful for studying how cells specialize and organs develop. His work "laid the foundation for this year's prize," the awards committee said.

Extinction threatens species of antelope, camel, water mouse

GENEVA - The nomadic Saiga antelope could soon be taking its last leap, the wild Bactrian camel its last drink and the Ethiopian water mouse its last sip. All are on the brink of extinction, conservationists said Tuesday.

The freshwater gastropod mollusk has already made its salty tearful good-bye in the last two years, joining the long-departed Dodo bird among the ranks of vanished creatures.

There are 11,167 other plants and animals threatened with extinction, according to the World Conservation Union's 2002 Red List of Threatened Species, an increase of 1.2 since 2000.

The Red List, published by a network of some 7,500 species experts working in almost every country in the world, found that 811 species have disappeared over the last 500 years, some permanently, while others exist only in artificial settings, such as zoos.

Five species have been added to the Extinct List over the last two years, said the union, known as IUCN, which is based in Gland, Switzerland. Besides the mollusk they include two hipo species, last seen in 1550, the sea mink, unseen since 1986, and Reunion Island sheldgeese, last sighted around 1710.

U.S. Navy officers and French agents sent to Yemen to investigate.

AL MAKALLA, Yemen - U.S. Navy officers and French agents were being sent here to investigate whether a terrorist attack caused the explosions and fire that engulfed for hours aboard a French oil tanker, officials said Monday.

A State Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it looks as though the blast occurred inside the tanker. The damage suggested "things were blown out" from the tanker instead of the other way around, the official said.

The Yemeni government said Sunday's blast was an accident caused by oil leak, but the ship's owner said it was a "deliberate act." French officials said it was still too early to rule out terrorism.

Strong winds during the night had pushed the tanker, the Limburg, further into the sea and away from its destination. Mina Al-Dhab, a port 200 miles southeast of the capital, Sana'a. One of the ship's sides was badly burned and had a hole about three feet across.

Briefs compiled from the Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily staff writer Chrisy Roth.
Local store fills niche

By Abbey Kingdon

At the counter, a customer is short some change. Chaille Odom waves it off, even though she is struggling to make ends meet. A bouquet of flowers, like fireworks flaring in mid-air, sits next to the cash register. She brushes their petals with her fingertips and chats with her customer.

"Oh wait," she says as the customer turns to leave. "You don't have a ribbon on your gift package."

She pulls out a jade ribbon that glistens a sandy tan in the light and wraps it around the package. In the center of the bow, she places a small hand-made ornament of copper glitter glued to daisy baby's breath that is tied together with thin, brown string. She made 50 or more of them herself.

Like the bouquet of flowers and the center of the bow, she places a small hand-made ornament of copper glitter glued to daisy baby's breath that is tied together with thin, brown string. She made 50 or more of them herself. When a building space became available on Broad Street, she signed the lease and sold her car in order to buy the clothes.

"Every penny went to the clothes," Odom said.

But pennies are less important to Odom than individuality. Even if an item sells well, she will only order six. She is keeping brands like Velvet and PaperDenim&Cloth for women and Diesel for men. Odom says she wants to help students by stocking lines like Diane von Furstenberg, whose dresses' sales hover around $172.

"Look at some of this stuff," she said, pointing to a suede leather jacket with a lion mane-like collar. "You don't want more than six people wearing that at one time."

Customers recognize individuality as soon as they enter the store. Odom and three girlfriends painted the walls, sanded the tiles and hung every rack of clothing. Each of the chandeliers hanging above the tables and cabinets of clothing came from an antique store. Not one is alike. The dark oak furniture and old Victorian rugs over the paint-splattered tiles gives a creative yet classy atmosphere amongst scents of lavender and leather.

One customer noted the store's appeal is in the items one can't find anywhere else. While big stores are competing with the same lines of clothing, this boutique is unique in San Luis Obispo.

The decor of Jaded is unique, from the hand-picked chandeliers to the collection of what owner Chaille Odom calls "edgy vintage" clothing. The store also displays the artwork of Cal Poly students, giving it a reputation as one of the more artsy stores downtown.

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DVD/Video Releases 10/8

- Play It to the Bone
- Brother's Keeper
- Gnarly documentary about three brothers living in the Northeast wilderness.
- Their squallid paradise comes crashing down when one of them is accused of murder.
- 15 to Life
- The Demon Within
- Enough
- Jason X
- See Jason float through space, mask and machete in hand, creeping out the sexy and vulnerable crew. Over-the-top fun slasher flick, just in time for Halloween.
- The Homeboy
- Gangster # one
- Saturday Night Fever
- John Travolta puts on a white suit and gets digitally remastered with all kinds of bonus footage. Great party-play DVD.
Arts Style

Campus Express Club Scholarship

To be eligible to win the tuition and textbook reimbursements, members simply join Campus Express Club or add to their memberships during October. To win the $50 credit, add $50 or more. According to Mechanical Engineering major, Justin J., "The Campus Express Club is fast, convenient, and has saved me money. It is easier and quicker than handling cash." Campus Express Club is accessed through the PolyCard (campus ID). After adding value to Campus Express Club, the PolyCard is used to purchase food and school supplies at restaurants on campus, the Campus Market, El Corral Bookstore and most vending machines. Open Access computer labs also accept Campus Express Club as payment for PolyCard printing. Campus Express Club is welcome at Health Services, too. Join or add value online, www.cpfoundation.org/express/or call (805) 756-2849 or (805) 756-5939 to add value using Visa, MasterCard or Discover, or stop by one of the Express Stations located in most restaurants on campus, or go to Customer Service (Bldg. 19) or the Foundation Cashier (Bldg. 15). If your PolyCard hasn't already been activated stop by Customer Service in the atrium of Light House.

Anyone joining or adding value during October is automatically entered in the drawing and winners will be notified by telephone or email. Good luck in the drawing!

New Class Offered at Cal Poly
Class Title:
Crosswalks 101
Prerequisite: Self Preservation 101
Location: On Roads Throughout Campus
Class content: Learn the basics of pedestrian safety, reduce medical expenses, avoid those pesky calls home, enjoy weekends cast and crutch free
Use the crosswalks
They are there for your safety

Newest addition to motel row offers artsy options

By Andrea Svetoba

On Monterey Street, across from the Holiday Inn Express, stands a small, A-frame structure that could be mistaken for a Weinerschnitzel. Yet the gently curving road behind this fast food façade leads to a collection of tastefully constructed estate-like structures. They are motel row's newest addition; Morgan's Mansion Lodging. Completed in mid-August, the mansion boasts 25 rooms, each decorated with original works of art. Attention to detail makes these rooms feel more like the ones found in a fine home than in a motel. Hence their motto, "a room to live in."

Michele Berry, general manager at Morgan's Mansions, noted that each room has all the amenities you would expect from a motel, it just feels like one. The mini-bar is enclosed in its own custom-made cabinet, and the ever-present motel armoire is not a staple. Instead, the television and DVD player have a stand to display them, not hide them. "These rooms were made for an upscale leisure traveler," Berry said. Morgan Flagg, an eight-year resident of San Luis Obispo, constructed the mansions. Flagg, previous owner of the Holiday Inn Express, soon regretted his decision to sell. Yet when the lot across the street went on the market, it became his opportunity to get back into the business. The long and narrow area posed a challenge. Flagg not only wanted the motel functional but unique as well. "I wanted to give it some character," Flagg said. Flagg found his inspiration in San Francisco's famous Lombard Street. By recreating the winding road, Flagg was able to make space for the three mansions. The idea to use ar structural elements was born. The rooms in San Francisco but the room with the most intricate architecture is the Holiday Inn Express, stands a large, more impressive group of buildings."

"I was looking for furniture for the rooms in San Francisco but the store we were at also had a display of art," Flagg said. "When we were looking at the furniture, our attention was continually drawn back up to the art." Flagg and his wife left the store, only to come back a short time later to look at the store's entire art display. All 22 pieces were created by artist Dana Hooper of Petaluma, Calif. The uniqueness of each mansion creates choices for the traveler. The first structure is the Londonderry Mansion, an English Tudor. Its exterior is painted beige and the traditional crookshatch design is recreated with brown trim. Topiaries line the walkway, leading up to a bright red door. Inside tapestries adorn the walls, wooden beams crisscross along the ceiling and a rocking chair sits in the corner. Next is the Craftsman Mansion, with its contemporary and mission-style design. The shingle and stone exterior compliments the open, airy feel of the rooms. Each room has beamed ceilings and mission-style furniture, as well as a few pieces from Hooper's collection. The final structure is the Plantation Mansion. Its white exterior and numerous columns add to the stately feel of this building. In order to mimic a South African or Floridian plantation home, rooms were painted a warm, sunny yellow color and have wicker furniture. Flagg said the concept of the motif is very appealing and many visitors keep coming back. What I originally interpreted as a hot-dog stand, became a larger, more impressive group of buildings since I took the time to poke around inside; dressing the rooms up with high-quality art didn't hurt either.
Stressing the small stuff
The life of a caffeine junkie

I have a confession to make: I am a pack-a-day kind of girl. A six-pack of Diet Coke is what it is. I am a caffeine junkie.

I began when I was a freshman in high school and discovered that, much to my delight, there were soda machines right there on campus. At first I would visit the friendly machines only a couple of times a week. Soon, that couple of times a week turned into a couple of times a day.

Cut to eight years later. I am now up to six or seven Diet Cokes a day. And when times are really rough—my junior year—I'll even have a few cups of coffee on top of those six or seven sodas.

Yeah, I know it's bad.

The worst part is that I'm deprived of my fix. I actually start fantasizing about having a Diet Coke the way some people fantasize about sex.

However, I am comforted by the fact that... 90 to 95 percent of Americans consume caffeine on a daily basis."

Now, browsing the beverage aisle of some markets has become more like visiting a supplement store. Almost every convenience store has at least eight pots of coffee brewing from French roast to extra-dark roast.

Refrigerator sections boast under-sized bottles of red and silver bottles that jump out at the innocent shopper, promising extreme energy and ultimate performance.

What the heck are people doing that require such much caffeine? Most of these drinks have 10 to 120 milligrams of caffeine per serving, which is three times that of a regular cup of coffee.

My experience with these drinks is limited, but the one I tried, Hansen's "Energy," brought on.

I was so jittery that when my professor dropped his folder in class, I nearly fell out of my seat. Not to mention I probably gave the poor soul sitting in front of me motion sickness from shaking the back of her chair every time my foot moved.

Even for a caffeine addict like me, these drinks are too much of a good thing.

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Blame frankly discussed her child­
hood and tumultuous periods in her life,
including her divorce and its effect on her children. She described her childhood as "scarred, sad, and quiet."

Her semi-autobiographical books, the most noteworthy being "Starting Sally Freeman as Helmed," served not only as a creative outlet for Blame dur­
ing difficult periods in her life, but also as a mechanism for her to connect and empathize with kids in similar situations and fears and anxieties.

Blame spoke not as an author analy­
zing her books and experiencing influ­
dences, but rather as a friend attempting to answer her peers' questions and problems through literature. Much like her beloved protagonists, Blame exemplifies the qualities that make her an idol and mentor.

"I'm really happy being me," said Blame at the conclusion of her slide show.

Throughout the event, Blame expressed an air of humility and demonstrated a genuine interest in her fans, especially the "little ones.

During the question-and-answer period of her lecture, which followed her slide show, she offered advice to aspiring writers, bonded over favorite authors and revealed estimable details, such as her favorite color, which is purple.

But not all of Blame's themes were jovial. She also discussed the hardships of censorship, specifically when her books are the targets of such restric­
tions. Blame's books "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret" and "Forever" were both targets of banned-books lists a decade after their respective 1972 and 1979 publications, due to their frank discus­
sions of menstruation and physical affection.

But Blame stated that these topics, especially those pertaining to puberty, should not be taboo or ignored because children will inevitably experience their effects.

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The Mustangs managed just one score despite 10 shots on goal.

The Mustangs shut out by San Diego in last preseason tuneup

MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly forward Erica Claussen battles for the ball with Pepperdine defender Mary Stuart during the first half of Friday’s match in Mustang Stadium.

Waves crash on Poly

By Rachelle Ackley

The Cal Poly women’s soccer team lost a close 2-1 game against the No. 13 Pepperdine Waves Friday night at Mustang Stadium.

Moments before the first half ended, Pepperdine struck. Midfielder Tasha Spangler launched a corner kick toward Megan Woods, who moved the ball into the net from 1 yard out.

Pepperdine was in control during the first half, holding off any legitimate scoring opportunities for the Mustangs.

By the numbers

► Cal Poly’s Greta Shidlon, the nation’s sixth-ranked goalie, had five saves.
► Megan Schlegel added her fifth goal of the season, the 23rd goal of her Cal Poly career.
► Cal Poly’s Greta Shidlon knocked a pass from an oncoming defender with her right foot, stepped forward and knocked the ball into the left corner of the net for a 1-1 tie.

It was Schlegel’s fifth goal of the season and her 23rd goal since she became a Mustang four years ago.

As a train rolled by the tracks behind Mustang Stadium with 15 minutes left to play, Pepperdine’s Merit Schultz scored on a penalty kick.

Cal Poly goalkeeper Greta Shidlon leaped to the right but the ball rolled off her fingertips, giving Pepperdine a 2-1 lead. Shidlon, who is ranked sixth in the nation in save percentage, had five saves during the game.

The Mustangs would go on to have two close attempts at scoring, but the ball went just wide of the net. For the game, Cal Poly took 12 shots on goal to Pepperdine’s 15. The Mustangs had their three-game winning streak snapped with the loss, falling to 6-4 on the season.

The team wasn’t discouraged by the loss.

“We expect to be strong,” defender Annette Crueteu said. “We expected to win, we played tough and we had a couple mistakes that set us back. We are getting better and better every game.”

Cal Poly played their last non-conference game Sunday at the University of San Diego, losing 3-0.

Cal Poly Women’s Soccer

The Mustangs managed just one score despite 10 shots on goal.