Alcohol problems will take team effort

What do local business owners say about the newest downtown problem?

Police Chief James Gardiner sits at the Tuesday morning meeting.

By Heather Zawadzki

If San Luis Obispo’s downtown problems are going to be solved, the police department, restaurant owners and the Downtown Association will have to work together.

One highly controversial proposed solution is the closing of downtown restaurants that serve alcohol at 1 a.m. instead of 2 a.m. This was a primary concern for many of the restaurant and bar owners in attendance, but was only briefly addressed by Gardiner.

Gardiner would rather concentrate on the bigger issue of alcohol downtown. "Most of the fights are not even started by out-of-towners," Gardiner said. "We don't want to go that way.

There are so many areas being made downtown that the department has invested in a police van that can carry more passengers than a patrol car, Gardiner said. One police officer in attendance pointed out that on Saturday night several arrests were made at 1:45 a.m., after someone was thrown through the glass window of a downtown bar.

Gardiner then called for a committee to be organized with the Downtown Association to address the issues.

The Restaurant/Downtown Association was organized 10 days ago to address downtown's alcohol-related issues. However, some restaurant and bar owners have already created their own coalition.

Among the participants in the association are Madison's, Bull's, McCarthy's, Frog and Peach, the Library, Torrita Plata, San Luis Obispo Brewing Co., Mission Grill, Grappolo and Le Furandgo Bistro.

Bill Hales, who owns the restaurant formerly known as Madison's, said he thinks it is important that the business owners play a role in improving downtown. "We understand the police department's concerns," Hales said. "But we want to be part of the problem-solving process.

However, Hales said he foresaw no benefit in closing the restaurants an hour early.

"Moving closing time to 1 a.m. won't work," Hales said. "It will only move the problems up an hour."

Hales said he is afraid that if the closing time is moved up, there will only be longer lines to get into the bars, which under this proposed regulation will not be required to close early. He said that would result in more drunks loitering the sidewalk, which will lead to more vandalism and public disturbance.

Michael White, general manager of the restaurant formerly known as Madison's, proposed a different solution to the problems.

"We need more police officers," White said.

Additionally, White said that college students don't cause all the problems.

"San Luis (Obispo) is a destination spot for people all over (the Central Coast). Paso Robles, Santa Maria, Atascadero and Pismo," White said. "Most of the fights are not even started by college students; they're started by out-of-towners."

Author brings Latino culture to Cal Poly

By Andrea Svoboda

Diagnosed with dyslexia and subjected to discrimination, Victor Villaseñor has experienced many obstacles in his life. Although he is now the author of a national best seller, Villaseñor struggled at the start of his career.

It was after surviving 260 rejections that Villaseñor finally sold his first novel, "Macho!"

Thursday at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium, the Cal Poly Multicultural Center will host a talk given by Villaseñor.

Brian Reynolds, part of the Library Foundation and board member of the Latino Council of San Luis Obispo, invited Villaseñor to the Central Coast for a week of inspirational speeches. Villaseñor arrived Monday and was greeted by a private reception. For the next week, some of his stops include the North County Coasts Campus in Paso Robles and the California Men's Colony. His week will end on Sunday at a reception in Shell Beach.

Mary Jane Puett, a volunteer for the Latino Council of San Luis Obispo and part of Latino Outreach, met Villaseñor earlier this week.

"He likes to (give speeches) because of his disability," Puett said. "He can give inspiration and improve the lives of others."

During his speech, Villaseñor will read selected passages from his novels, talk about his family history and held a question and answer session and book signing, said Mark Fahomadi, coordinator of Multicultural Programs.

The Latino Council scheduled Villaseñor to speak at Cal Poly because it wanted to bring someone into the community to get information...
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information out about Latinos, Puett said. One of his novels, "Rain of Gold," was a result of 12 years of research. Its pages tell the tale of the immigration of Villaseñor's family to the United States, spanning over the course of three generations. Its main theme is the courtship and marriage of his mother, Lupe Gomez, and father, Juan Villaseñor. His other works include "Walking Stars" in 1994 - the prelude to "Rain of Gold" - "Wild Steps of Heaven" in 1996, and his most recent work, "Thirteen Senses," the sequel to "Rain of Gold."

Villaseñor's books have been more than leisure reading for some students. Cal Poly English professor Evelyn Torres, used "Rain of Gold" as part of the curriculum for her modern novel class last winter quarter. Business senior Bianca DeRouen was in Torres' class last year. "I liked how ('Rain of Gold') told the story of two families and how they came together in the end," DeRouen said. "It was my favorite novel in the modern novel class, I didn't even mind that it was 600 pages."

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local non-profit organizations will be available to provide information at both venues.

"Our primary concern is to get people aware that we are here and that we need volunteers to help us out," said Ally Marquez, spokesperson for San Luis Obispo County Habitat for Humanity. "It's really not that hard to volunteer a couple of hours a year, or even a month."

Pronsolino said that the fair will provide a much-needed opportunity for students and the community to work together.

"Students have an interest in community service, but don't know how to get involved," he said. "Many community agencies need volunteers but don't have access to the campus." Students can receive special recognition in the form of a service endorsement on their diplomas for completing 150 hours of volunteer work, Pronsolino said.

As an additional theme, community members and students who attend the fair at either location will also be able to sign up for the 11th annual "Make a Difference Day," scheduled for Oct. 19.

"It's a chance for people to sign up and learn how easy it is to get involved in the community," Hansen said. "We're hoping people will be inspired to do things on a regular basis."

**What's Going On**

Coming up this week

*Volleyball Tournament Sign Up* - Sign up at Rec Sports. $60 per team. Call 756-5845 for information.

*Victor Villaseñor speaks* - Author of "Rain of Gold" will speak in Chumash Auditorium Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

*Christian de la Huerta speaks* - The author will speak about racial and sexual politics and how they relate to spirituality. It will take place on Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m. in building 6, room 124

*Florence Dore performance* - Writer's Speak will begin with a performance by singer and Faulkner Scholar, Florence Dore, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. in Phillips Hall in the Cohan Center.
Astronomy researchers win Nobel Prize

By Matti Huuhtanen
Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Japanese and two American astrophysicists won the Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for using some of the most obscure particles and waves in nature to increase understanding of the universe.

Riccardo Giacconi, 71, of the Associated Universities Inc., a nonprofit corporation that operates several astronomical observatories for the academic research community, was among the winners. He is currently president of Associated Universities Inc., a nonprofit corporation that operates several astronomical observatories for the academic research community.

His research laid the foundation for X-ray astronomy, which has led to the discovery of black holes and allowed researchers to peer deep into the hearts of the dusty young galaxies where stars are born.

This year's Nobel winners have "opened new windows to space," said Mats Jonsron, chairman of the awards committee.

Giacconi said he was "dumbstruck" when academy officials telephoned him at 5:30 a.m. at his home outside Washington, but added, "I haven't been quiet since."

Details:

Watch the interviews:

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Local/International News

Kawasaki gunmen attack U.S. forces during war games on island, one Marine killed

KUWAIT — Two Kawasaki gunmen in a pickup truck attacked U.S. forces during war games Tuesday on an island in the Persian Gulf, killing one Marine and wounding another before they were shot to death by U.S. troopers. Kuwait called the assault a "terrorist act."

The Pentagon said the assailants pulled up to a group of Marines conducting urban assault training on Falah, an uninhabited island off Kuwait's coast, and opened fire with small arms. They then drove to another site, stopped and attacked again before being killed by Marines, the Pentagon said.

Marines later found three AK-47s and ammunition inside the vehicle, according to a statement released in Washington by the Bahrain-based U.S. Fifth Fleet. It said the injured Marine was hit in the arm. The war games started Oct. 1, after the amphibious transport ships USS Denver and USS Mount Vernon arrived in Kuwait waters and began unloading 1,000 Marines and their equipment. The men and women are from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit based in Camp Pendleton, Calif. The vessels' 900 sailors were also taking part in the maneuvers.

Stocks higher on hopes that West Coast dispute will be resolved

NEW YORK — Hopes for an end to a West Coast labor standoff soothed investors Tuesday, prompting them to buy stocks and give the market its first advance in five sessions.

Analysts said investors were encour-aged for a reason to buy stocks after driving down prices for six straight weeks and the previous four sessions in particular. But investors are also wary of committing to the market given uncertainty over earnings, the economy and the possibility of war with Iraq.

Investors' wide-ranging emotions were evident in how stocks fluctuated throughout Tuesday's session. The Dow Jones industrial average as much as 199 in afternoon trading, having dropped as much as 91 earlier.

Bush asks to open West Coast ports

WASHINGTON — President Bush asked a federal court Tuesday to reopen West Coast ports and impose a cease-fire that would end a caustic 10-day labor lockout, which has cost the fragile economy as much as $1 billion per day.

Bush's politically charged decision made him the first president in a quarter-century to intervene in a labor dispute under the Taft-Hartley Act. His speech, which was moved up 15 minutes, coincided with an announcement by the dockworkers' union agreeing to an 11-hour truce proposed by Labor Department officials to return to work for 30 days under terms of the expired contract.

Shipping companies and terminal operators had not agreed to reopen the docks, however, after looking over workers.

The petition asked for an 82-day "cooling-off period" and was signed by five of Bush's Cabinet secretaries.

Bush wants the court to require work to "resume at a normal pace."

Briefs compiled from Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily managing editor Malca Spencer.
SNL alum brings 'stoner' humor to CD

By Stephen Harvey

AC/DC-style rock pumps through the speakers. The roaring, unintelligible singer invites a fellow artist to join the song, a guttural mutation of "The Holey Pokey," sung "call and response" style between two vocalists. Then I realize it's all one man: Saturday Night Live's Goat Boy. The mixed up styling of Jim Breuer's first attempt at a comedy CD is the new "Smoke 'n' Brew." This release from Comedy Central Records has a little something for everyone.

The new release drifts back and forth from music elements, stand up comedy, and then back again. I felt like I was sitting in the audience of Saturday Night Live, which added to the atmosphere. But I also felt like I was standing in the crowd at an outdoor concert. Breuer gives the impression that he is really interacting with the crowd, which gives the CD a more personal feel.

Live Music

Mars Volta
SLO Brew

The Mars Volta is currently on tour supporting their P.F. "Tremulant," released last Spring on GSL Records. They played SLO Brew Wednesday Oct. 2, and KCPR DJs Justin and Alex chowed the fat about what went down.

Justin: It seems like these days are getting harder and harder to classify. Alex, How would you classify these guys?

Alex: Post hardcore/post punk/electronic, or something of the sort. Omar, the guitarist, has his influences range from salsa to jazz to punk.

Justin: I'll use one word to describe them: CRAZY.

Alex: Cedric, the lead singer (formerly of At the Drive In) is completely off the wall and is in the 99th percentile when it comes to radiating energy on stage.

Justin: I think he spent just as much time on the floor and clambering poles as he did on center stage.

Alex: And the technical difficulties didn't slow him down. When the mic went out, he just screamed the lyrics to the crowd, as he bounced around the stage.

Justin: Not much was said between songs.

Alex: Fresh off a tour of Japan and Europe, and with some lineup changes, this crew has nailed down the yin and yang of music. They play stuff that will make you stand and slowly rock your head and then they'll blast a riff down your throat.

Justin: Listening to their record gives you a glimpse of the band, but seeing them live opened my eyes, made my jaw drop, since they're so different from anything I've seen before. Still, audience members didn't know what to expect during the last song.

Alex: After the show, few applauded out of courtesy, many applauded out of what must have been awe.

Alex Aragon and Justin Bradbury each spin a regular format show on KCPR. They get really excited about live music.
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Mullet hunting: Not just for late night television

Mullet mating is a challenging hobby that should be a profession, especially in San Luis Obispo where it seems that the existence of anything out of the ordinary incites controversy.

The derogatory stereotype of the mullet, including 50-year-old men driving ancient Camaros who smile and wink at high school girls driving around in a driver's training car, has prevented the strong proliferation of this style in SLO and elsewhere.

But despite the long, tedious hours of fruitless mullet hunting, I remain faithful to the task. Luckily, my roommate Maggie is just as passionate about the '80s porn-inspired style. So, on our day off, we set out for a day of mullet hunting in San Luis Obispo.

Our first target area is Haguer Avenue. As we wander in and out of shops, feigning interest in the items for sale, we see no mullets.

We are just about to give up on this region when we hit the jackpot. Right before us, peering into the window of a store, is a prime specimen of the "Femme Mullet," leading on a leash a small poodle sporting the "Kool Mullet." But the "Femme Mullet" is that the short frontal area is dark brown and the long portion flowing in the "business in the front, party in the back" adaptation.

In the short, I am most intrigued, perhaps even tempted to try this eccentric style for myself. As we check out, we see Rosie O'Donnell on the cover of "People." We are just satisfied with our success, we chat about how Maggie had heard we had already fulfilled our daily mullet quota. So we headed off to a new mullet hunting jackpot. Right before us, peering into the window of a store, is another prime specimen of the "Femme Mullet." We are most intrigued, perhaps even tempted to try this eccentric style for ourselves.

In a mullet that is too big to be true! Moving on and feeling quite successful in our day thus far, we decide to treat ourselves to a movie. As we sit down with our popcorn and soda, I almost choke on a kernel with excitement. Right in front of us, completely obstructing our view, sits a "Testa-Mullet" - a mullet that is too big to be true!

While many people find this style annoying in the theater, we just sit back and enjoy watching the movie through the three-inch mullet lies in the "business in the front, party in the back" adaptability.

Thereafter it is time to go home and enjoy the movie, we are most intrigued, perhaps even tempted to try this eccentric style for ourselves.

Letters to the editor

Attack on Iraq has hidden motives

Editor,

War is looming on the horizon. George W. Bush and his operators seem firmly determined to engage another war against Iraq, no matter the fact that the U.N., other world leaders, Democrats and top Republicans have published public statements opposing such term-breaching action.

Yet everyday Bush puts new demands on Iraq, a country already writhing from embargoes that halt the import of basic goods we take for granted, like food and medicine. Why does Bush do this? It is a tactic in "the war against terrorism." Bad idea - since a conference of Arab nations agreed and publicly stated an attack on [Iraq] is an anathema to all. Terror breeds terror.

So why does Bush risk enormous political shunning and outsourcing? Why invite more people from around the world to denounce America? I thought Bush Sr. already had had it with Iraq. What do they have that a Texas oilman (Bush) and a defense industry leader (Cheney) want? Oil.

Understanding that if we go to war, it's not about Saddam and its threat, it's about Bush and his oil-barons-campaign-contributor-friends toppling other counties to steal natural resources.

Who's the real enemy?

Cody Reinheimer is a speech communications senior.

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Opinion

Horrors of calling customer service

The process begins when you dial a few numbers, or maybe an 800 number or two. Then, with the press of one wrong digit, a menu of useless options bounces in your ear.

After a few frustrating moments sorting through the selections, you hang up, only to be rerouted to a person instead of the pre-recorded menu.

Calling customer service is rarely a fun experience, usually because it makes use of some expensive equipment or service is not functioning correctly. To make matters worse, finally getting to talk to a live person usually results in dealing with an exceptionally rude representative in the customer service department (which several computer companies and Internet providers in San Luis Obispo have a number of).

No, this conclusion is not the result of one lone incident that has blown out of proportion, but several similar cases that I have correlated to the same cause. Unfortunately, I have seen one of our classmates, who has just accepted our computer friends in the high school biology, so it's a little harder for us to diagnose computer problems.

Being an average, semi-computer-literate college student, I called technical support and provided the necessary identification numbers and my best explanation of what was not working.

The task seems simple enough, but the 20 minutes I was on hold was the least of my problems. I should have been on a first name basis with technical support for all the help I got during that long, long conversation.

After being run around in circles, I turned to some good friends for some help. I decided to let my roommates handle the next crisis.

I cannot count the number of times I overheard my roommates on the phone, explaining how our "high-speed" cable Internet was now shamefully slower than a dial-up connection, and at least twice as expensive.

It turned out that our "high-speed" Internet provider had put us on the slow setting without notifying us! I called the company, was phone calls, and a few downloads later, and all was well.

That did not seem to solve the problem as a whole, though. As a result, our router, a device that splits Internet service among several computers, was also at fault.

OK, of course, that was even after the router manufacturer assured us the support and provided the necessary identification numbers and my best explanation of what was not working.

That was not the case, however.

Calling customer service, even on the most mundane of problems, can be a harrowing experience, especially when the people who work in customer service try to limit your calling to one person instead of the pre-recorded menu.

"...finally getting to talk to a live person usually results in dealing with an exceptionally rude representative..."

Internet provider was the problem. This hasty game has discouraged many people from calling customer service with a problem. Not only do they run the risk of wasting time on the phone, but it's also likely that they will not be helped at all.

On August 30, a couple of hours after the 800 number is called to fix a problem, I receive a call from the customer service department.

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Honor Program director to leave for LSU

By Lisa Olmo
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Honor Program director Nancy Clark has accepted a position as dean of the Honors College at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, effective fall 2003.

Clark came to Cal Poly as a history professor in 1999. After nine years as a professor, she was asked to head the honor program.

Her goal for the program was "to draw in students from all different majors so that they could meet and interact with one another," she said.

In July 2003, Clark will officially start her new position at LSU. She said that the campus, the Honor Program and the weather at LSU are very different from Cal Poly. The campus has more than 30,000 students and encompasses law schools, graduate schools and a really large football team, she said.

Even though it will be a completely different experience, Clark added she is ready for a change.

"I feel that this is an opportunity I can't pass up," she said.

Clark's departure brings many mixed emotions for everyone, including Clark herself.

"I'm really sad to leave the program and the students," she said. "I'm really going to miss them."

Virginia Bell, administrative assistant of the Honor Program, said she is very happy for Clark, but that she is leaving.

"This position could never happen at Cal Poly," Bell said. "A woman becoming a dean doesn't happen very often."

Bell added that students were in shock when they heard that Clark was leaving, but they were happy for her. Aerospace engineering junior Daniel Iverson worked extremely closely with Clark throughout the past three years. Clark serves as the advisor for the executive board of which Iverson is currently the vice president.

"We are really sad to see her go," Iverson said. "She has been the backbone of our Honor Program.

The process to find a new director for Cal Poly's Honor Program has not started yet. The search, however, will be limited to current Cal Poly faculty.

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Mike Krukow Golf Tournament set
CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The annual Mike Krukow Cal Poly Baseball Golf Tournament will be held Friday, Nov. 15, at the Avila Beach Resort Golf Course. Format is four-man scramble. Entry fee is $125, which includes greens fees, cart, tee prizes and dinner. Extra dinner tickets are available for $25 each.

For more information or registration forms, call 756-1201, 756-2333 or 756-2462.

Mens Tennis
Bulldog Fall Classic kicks off season
CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men's tennis team traveled to Fresno State this week end to compete in the Bulldog Fall Classic. The individual tournament will run Friday through Sunday. The tournament is the first competition of the season for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs return seven of last year's players, including junior Steve Markoff who was an All-Big West second team selection last year. Also returning is sophomore Davey Jones, who made All-Big West honorable mention as a freshman last season.

NOTEBOOK

Cross Country
Coughlin repeats as Athlete of Week
MUJSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Andy Coughlin decided to carry the title of Athlete of the Week for a little bit longer.

The Mustangs' redshirt freshman sensation earned Big West Cross Country Male Athlete of the Week in consecutive weeks, thanks to his performances at the UC Riverside Invitational and the Stanford Invitational.

He finished third at the UC Riverside Invitational on Sept. 21 with a time of 24:37.5 on the 8K course, helping the Mustangs to a third place overall team finish.

One week later, he captured 10th place overall at the 8K Stanford course in a time 24:09.

This time he finished sixth among collegiate finishers. He led the Mustang contingent of runners that grabbed second place overall in the 30-team field, edging out Stanford, the No. 1 team in the nation.

In the process, Coughlin helped carry the men's cross country into the NCAA polls. The Mustangs earned the No. 30 ranking in the nation after finishing third at the UC Riverside Invitational.

The team returns to action when they host the Cal Poly Invitational Saturday, Oct. 19.

Cal Poly's Mark Conover Against all odds

He's run in marathons and in the Olympics, and beaten Hodgkin's disease

Meredith Corbin
MUJSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Mark Conover didn't seem to notice the rain dripping all over his sweaty body and soaking through his Reebok running shoes. As he watched a tree topple over onto a car, and another runner's jersey got ripped off, he realized it was the wind that seemed to slow him down that day in 1987.

But the 68-mph gusts didn't stop him from finishing the California International Marathon in two hours and 18 minutes, qualifying him for the 1988 Olympic trials. Even though Conover felt satisfied as he crossed the finish line at the completion of 26.2 miles, it was not until six years later that he figured out why he loved running.

Conover never really liked running until he got to Miramar High in Chula Vista and started competing with other kids. When he placed fifth at the state meet during his senior year, he decided to pursue running in college.

Conover followed his coach's advice and started to run in marathons. Even with all the motivation from his coach, he continued to question his passion for running.

"I just couldn't figure out why I liked it so much," he said.

The Olympic trials took place five months after Cal International on a course that started in New Jersey and ended across from what is used to be the World Trade Center in New York City.

Conover's training for the race consisted of runs averaging 90 to 140 miles per week.

"The training was intense, but it paid off in the end," he said.

When Conover sped ahead of the group with eight miles to go, he knew he was doing well.

"My body felt in control," he said. "My legs didn't get heavy."

With 50,000 people in the stands watching him finish, Conover raised his hands to the sky in gratification like he trained for his first marathon. With 50,000 people in the stands watching him finish, Conover raised his hands to the sky in gratification that he had run fast enough to compete in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

The trials may have changed his life, but even after becoming a national champion and signing a three-year contract with Reebok, Conover continued to work as a part-time trainer for the county of San Luis Obispo.

"It was important to have a balance," he said. "I didn't forget that I had another job besides running."

Today Conover is the assistant coach for the Cal Poly men's and women's cross country teams. He said that even if he won the lottery, he would still be a coach.

"Running is a full-time job, but so is coaching," he said.

The men on Conover's team said that his coaching strategies work well for them.

Justin Neoroth, business junior, said that he respects Conover for all that he has done in his life.

"He has accomplished so much and done well with his achievements," Neoroth said. "I appreciate that about him."

The Olympic marathon in South Korea was not what Conover expected it to be.

His Achilles tendon started bothering him while he trained for the event and continued to aggravate him throughout the race.

"My feet were also blistered, leaving blood stains all over my shoes," he said.

With the pain from his injury and his inerterated feet, Conover dropped out of the race with nine miles left. He returned to the United States and had surgery on his Achilles tendon.

After eight months of rest, Conover was determined to start running again.

"I was still hooked on it," he said. "Even after my injury, I couldn't comprehend why I still had to run."

He began running in shorter distance races and not long after, he attempted to train for the Olympic trials in 1992. Conover placed 10th in the Columbus, Ohio trials but could not complete his training for the Olympics due to a series of under­

"After the doctors treated me for arthritis, I thought that was it," he said. "Then they found a lump in my throat."

It wasn't until October of 1993, when doctors diagnosed him with Hodgkin's disease, that Conover finally understood why he loved running so much.

Like the windy day in 1987, he decided to fight his battle with cancer like he trained for his first marathon.

"I compared trying to complete a marathon to chemotherapy treatment, and realized I was always going to have good and bad days with both," he said. "In either case, my goal was to fight to the finish."

Even on Conover's worst days of treatment, he went outside and ran for 20 minutes, just to feel alive.

"I thought that if I could get through the Olympic trials, I could get through this," he said.

Conover fought through the cancer and today he is in remission. He said he is thankful for his second chance at life, and also for finding the answer to a question he asked himself since he started running.

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