Residents, students call for peace in Iraq conflict

By Jordan Schultz

San Luis Obispo residents and Cal Poly students are urging the community and nation to give peace a chance.

This Saturday at noon, a "Walk for Peace against War on Iraq" will be held in front of the County Government Center on Monterey Street to provide further information about the issue.

The walk is sponsored by Passion for Peace, Central Coast Peace & Environmental Council, the Green Party, the Progressive Student Alliance, Women In Black, Mothers for Peace and the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of the Central Coast Friends Meeting.

"Word has been spread far and wide," said Broadwater, member of the Central Coast Peace and Environmental Council and organizer of the walk.

Broadwater, a self-proclaimed "proud citizen of the United States," said he hopes citizens of the country get involved.

"It's time for the American people to stand up and speak out," he said.

Participants are urged to bring peace and anti-war signs and placards to display as the group marches downtown.

Demonstrators may then return to the place to obtain additional information about the proposed war and upcoming peace action events.

Broadwater said the San Luis Obispo Police Department and the Downtown Business Association have been notified.

Pablo Panza, co-director of the PSA, said he hopes attendance is high.

"The goal of the walk is to build a critical mass of people to unite and speak out for peace," said manufacturing engineering senior Panza. "I urge people to go out and do their democratic duty by standing up for what they believe in."

As the congressional debates continue and war looms, it is urgent for people to understand that this war is wrong, illegal and unnecessary, Broadwater said.

He added there are more effective ways of disarming Saddam Hussein and maintaining safety.

Harvey Greenwald, PSA club advisor, agreed.

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Bridger said the San Luis Obispo community is hosting some of the 5,000 events to be held across the nation.

"People want to be involved. They want to be a part of the solution," said Bridger.

"It's a good opportunity for people to show up, there's a need and after the four hours see they made a difference," Radovich said.

"Make A Difference Day allows individuals to get out in the community and experience unity at the same time," said Stiffler Fish, director coordinator of Student Community Services.

"It's about getting out there, getting your hands dirty and having fun."

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Community, students make difference

By Bonnie Guevara

For one day students and residents of San Luis Obispo will work together instead of against each other in an effort to better their community.

Supporters of Make a Difference Day, held Oct. 19, hope to draw 1,000 volunteers from Cuesta College, Cal Poly and the community.

A number of local community groups and Cal Poly service groups worked together to organize the event, including Cal Poly AmeriCorps, Associated Students Inc. and Student Community Services. Make A Difference Day will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Nationwide Make A Difference Day is celebrated Oct. 26, however we're having it on the 19th due to homecoming," said Dan Pronolito, social events director for the Day.

"It's not a fundraiser, but volunteers providing services to various nonprofit organizations. The day promotes volunteerism as a whole."

Since Sept. 11, a lot of local funding was lost as people shifted to national funding to organizations like the Red Cross, Pronolito said.

However, with Make A Difference Day, people get a chance to provide services and help nonprofit organizations in San Luis Obispo.

"Volunteers work on projects that the local nonprofit organizations wouldn't ordinarily be able to afford," Pronolito said. "We provide a labor force."

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Students unite in political club

By Olga Berdial

Going to New York and hanging out in the United Nations building is one goal that the Model United Nations club has set for the upcoming academic year.

MUN is both a club and a class preparing students for simulated U.N. conferences held at locations across the nation, the largest of which is held in New York.

Students from all over the nation and world attend the conferences. "People from Mexico, Europe, Yale and Harvard attended," said Heather Clark, political science senior and secretary general of the club.

Political science senior Brinye Brix, assistant secretary general of the group, said MUN has a dedicated following.

"Some schools really devote their time to it," she said. "MUN doubles as a club because of the large amount of work that students must put into it. MUN has been around for multiple years, yet this is the first year that it has become a recognized, Associated Students Inc.-sponsored club.

Carrying the official title of Political Science XXB, the club is worth four units during fall quarter. As this is the first year that it has become a recognized club, it is unclear if it will be worth four units again this year.

Despite all of the work, participants find it worth the effort.

"There are a lot of students that would do it without getting credit," Brix said.

Another benefit of the club is that the club is open to all majors, though it is a political science course that focuses heavily on political issues. Currently, about 25 students are involved, half of which are political science majors.

"We have history majors, computer science majors and philosophy majors," Brix said. "We have everything."

The class forces students to keep up with the latest political issues and occurrences.

"Even if it's just to enhance your speaking ability, the class is worthwhile," Brix said.

Students don't have to be focused on careers in politics in order to succeed in the class.

"There are some that do it for fun and others who want to be U.N. delegates," Clark said.

However, students who are interested need to take the prerequisite fall course in order to register for the winter and spring courses because the course in use is prepared as a foundation for the next two quarters, Clark said.

Students involved learn how to write resolutions and the procedures used to approve them, just as they would at a U.N. meeting.

"It holds research skills, people and social abilities, and teaches diplomacy," Brix said.

After students have practiced their skills by going through United Nations simulations in class, they are prepared to go to regional and national conferences.

"If we have the money, anyone in the club who wants to can go," Brix said.

Regional conferences are usually held at hotels, and students who participate have nights off to get acquainted with other students attending the conference.

"It's an amazing experience," Brix said.

MUN will have to fund-raise in order to attend the Model United Nations conference in New York, Brix said.
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Police were searching for a white minivan seen leaving the scene of the Manassas shooting.

Two men had been seen in a white van shortly after the sniper slayings began. The vehicle described by witnesses to Wednesday's shooting was similar – a white "panel truck." A taut card with the word "Dear policeman, I am God" was found inside a 223-caliber shell casing outside the school in Bowie, a source familiar with the investigation said on the condition of anonymity.

Congress marches toward support of Iraq war resolution WASHINGTON - President Bush's request for authority to use force against Iraq drew solid support Tuesday in both the House and Senate. The Senate voted 75-25 to end delaying tactics and open the way for final passage and the House overwhelmingly defeated efforts to weaken it.

In the Senate, 28 Democrats joined 47 Republicans in voting to draw debate to a close. The key vote came after the Senate's top Democrat, Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, told colleagues, "I believe it is important for America to speak with one voice."

The House also rejected, by 270-155, the main challenge to the White House-backed resolution, a proposal backed by a majority of Democrats that obliged the president to return to Congress for a second vote on the use of American force against Iraq after he decided that cooperative efforts with the United Nations are futile.

The bipartisan agreement gives the president most of the powers he asked for, allowing him to act without going through the United Nations. But in a concession to Democractic concerns, it encourages him to exhaust all diplomatic means first and requires he report to Congress every 60 days if he does take action.

**InternationalBriefs**

Prince Saud: Saudi to cooperate with U.N. resolution on Iraq but will not join military coalition RIYADH, Saudi Arabia - Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud said Thursday his country won't participate in any attack on Iraq, but short of that would cooperate in a U.N. effort to address concerns about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

Saud also said any action against Iraq should come after the war on terrorism is finished and the terror networks are destroyed.

Saud spoke as speculation is mounting about possible U.S. military action against Iraq. The U.N. Security Council is debating whether to adopt a new resolution to toughen U.N. weapons inspections following the Iraq government's decision to allow inspectors to return after nearly four years.

Chapter 7 of the charter authorizes the collective use of force, under the Security Council, in cases of threats to international peace and security.

**Thousands flee Ivory Coast's second city, report rebels burning people alive**

PAULAKE, Ivory Coast - Thousands of people, many carrying cooking pots and bundles of clothes, fled this rebel-held city during a full-scale fighting Thursday to escape food shortages and roaming gangs that burned people alive.

The exodus from Ivory Coast's second-largest city followed three days of fighting between government forces and rebels who seized half the country in a bloody Sept. 19 coup attempt.

The refugees streamed along a paved road between Bouake and a French military position 12 miles to the east. Others fled the city of 500,000 on paths into the bush and a second road leading east.

Residents have flooded from the city in recent days, but the flow has increased, French military officials said. France has troops in Ivory Coast's former colony, to protect French and other foreigners and to give logistical support to government forces.

Those who fled Bouake said young recruits, armed by the rebels, burned down residents suspected of supporting the government and burned them alive.

Residents said the attacks appeared to have been retaliation for killings carried out earlier by government supporters.

Many of those displaced are from the 3 million-strong immigrant population from neighboring Burkina Faso. Many Ivorians in the largely Christian south suspect Muslim Burkina Faso has a hand in the rebellion.

Yemeni official says terrorism not ruled out in French tanker explosion AL MUKALLA, Yemen - Terrorism cannot be ruled out in the explosion of a French oil tanker off Yemen, a senior Yemeni official said Thursday in a change of position for the government.

There have been conflicting reports about what caused Sunday's blast on the Limburg. About 90,000 barrels of oil either burned or leaked from the tanker. Oil covers about 45 miles of Yemen's northeastern coastline.

After the fire was put out Monday, one of the ship's sides was badly burned and a 3-foot-wide hole could be seen close to the water level.

The official's comments represent a change from Yemen's earlier position. Yemeni officials had reportedly and strongly rejected claims that the blast of the Limburg was anything but an accident.

Briefs compiled from the Associated press wire service by Mustang Daily staff writer Lauren Chase.
Arts & Culture

Film

Chan's latest offering, 'The Tuxedo', chases, chaps and annoy

By Sara Howell

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

I have a theory that you can judge a movie by the previews that run before it. By watching the previews, you can tell who the producers are targeting.

As I sat in the dim theater waiting for the new Jackie Chan movie, "The Tuxedo," I was pleasantly surprised with previews for a kung-fu soccer flick and the upcoming Adam Sandler animated feature. Enough said.

The movie opens with a lovely foray of a deer standing in the middle of a flowing stream and peaceful music fills the background. Then, the deer starts perking with the water. We continue to watch as the water from the stream flows through a series of processes and finally into a bottle of "refreshing spring water" — nice thought.

What does this have to do with a tuxedo you ask? The question still perplexes me.

Jimmy Tong (Jackie Chan) is a New York City cab driver notorious for driving too fast. One day, after he manages through a failed attempt to look out a beautiful sales woman, he greets her in the back seat of his cab, wanting to test his fast driving abilities. After proving his mettle behind the wheel, he is offered a job as chauffeur to Mr. Clark Devlin (Jason Isaacs), who happens to be a secret agent.

An inquiry places Devlin in a coma for a few months, and in the meantime Tong takes over for him — with the help of an amazing tuxedo which allows him to do everything from a mamba to assembling a rifle.

The tuxedo is a gadget of great technology on Earth and by simply clicking a setting on the watch, the garment will miraculously turn the person wearing it into a smooth, karate-chopping, disco-dancing, con­spicuous-fighting powerhouse.

Too bad it couldn't turn the movie into something great. Tong then gets a call from the lovely new secret agent recruit Del Blaine (Jennifer Love Hewitt). Blaine gives him a time and location so that they can set out on their first secret mission — to fire water tycoon Deitchich.

Banning (Ritchie Coster) wants to have a meeting with the other water tycoons and take over their companies. Apparently, covert bottled water operations are extremely important to national security. They soon discover that bottled water operations are indeed a threat to security, as Banning has developed a dehydrating water. Yes, it's true, if you drink the specially designed dehydrating water you will quickly dry up into a chalky heap of human remains.

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The movie was written as though the audience into the story. Tong stumbles through a bunch of foul-ups on his journey to becoming Mr. Devlin, and Blaine runs around soaking wet in high heels and the movie progresses on for far too long.

Littered with lame one-liners such as "Aqua La Vista, Baby," and secret passwords like "Nice Rack," "The Tuxedo" seriously lacks anything even resembling humor, action, plot or entertainment.

Hint to all guys out there — don’t take your date to this movie. She will walk out.

Top Box Office Draws

1. Red Dragon
2. Sweet Home Alabama
3. The Tuxedo
4. My Big Fat Greek Wedding
5. Barbershop
6. Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie
7. The Banger Sisters
8. The Four Feathers
9. Moonlight Mile
10. One Hour Photo

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**Arts & Culture**

**Film**

**Rich characters and plot breathe life into 'Rare Birds'**

By Diana Krutop  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Based on the novel by Edward Riche, "Rare Birds" is an off-beat comedy with a touch of romance. Within the plot, the twin sons and twins are a little cocaine, some conspiracy theories, a recreational submarine vehicle, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and an extremely rare bird.

Dave Purcell (William Hurt) is a slightly pathetic middle-aged man whose life is destructing rapidly. "Rare Birds" attempts to cover it all. It has drugs, a bit of action and a dash of romance. It's easy to classify this film as a comedy, but it's far more difficult to describe exactly what makes it funny. At times, the sheer frankness of the characters is all that takes. Purcell is a simple man and his embarrassing bathroom scene is one that many people can relate to. Thorne contrasts his fairly ordinary personality by adding unexpected twists to the film which leave the audience pondering, "What exactly was this man thinking?"

For the hopeless romantic, this film delivers an adequate helping of love. Purcell falls for Phonse's sister-in-law, Alice (Molly Parker), who steps in to help run the restaurant when business picks up. She's beautiful, funny, extremely witty, and careful not to divert the focus of the film toward the annoying chemistry between she and Purcell. "Rare Birds" attempts to cover it all. It has drops, a bit of action, a dash of romance, all of which are tied together with comedic and outlandish ideas. It isn't an epic or the most clever film ever created, but it is a great way to spend the afternoon or evening.

"Rare Birds" is currently playing at the Palm Theater.

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**Art**

**Festival brings sidewalks to life**

By Meredith Corbin  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Downtown San Luis Obispo will bring art to the streets again this weekend for the annual street painting festival. Started by Kathy Koury in 1996, the I Madonnarri festival, or the festival of Santa Barbara County's educational fund-raiser for children who live in the community instead of a religious or foster home, is a San Luis Obispo said that the only difference from the Italian version was that she turned it into a non-religious fund-raiser for children who live in the community instead of religious competition.

"In our culture, it is more interesting to see diverse artwork rather than just Christian religious forms," she said.

Five years later, Koury expanded the festival to San Luis Obispo so that local kids could have the same opportunity.

Artists and companies purchased different sizes of paper to paint on using chalk supplied by sponsors.

Leonard Grant, who is on the board of directors for the American Institute of Architects (AIA) in Pismo Beach, helped sponsor the event for the first time this year because they wanted people to know that architecture is an art form.

"The festival is a nice opportunity to bring art into the public and artists into the classroom," he said.

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Kathy Koury  
Festival originator

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**Web**

**Web site offers games and gory cartoons**

By Stephen Harvey  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Swimming under the sea, following a wooden boy around or roaming the African plains—that's how cartoons have taken us to new and strange places.

Now a new cartoon manufacturer has emerged. Disney cartoons can move over because Mondo Mini cartoons are here to rock your world. They are just like the ones Disney wouldn't have created—if they were creating them on crack.

If you like Spike and Mike's sick and twisted cartoons or are a frequent visitor to www.icemania.com's more mature audience so it wouldn't be appropriate for children, but there were a few shorts that I was able to find that were somewhat tame, such as "Abolute Zero."

"Abolute Zero" is a rock star interview cartoon. This week's cartoon features a Dave Matthews cartoon rendezvous. The short is rather tame until the last 10 seconds. Then, Dave Matthews turns into an am and his head being interviewed on his head. That's just one example of the content you will find. Other cartoons feature excessive drinking, sexual content or gross, gory things.

"In Zombie College," the whole film has the main character carrying around his friend with half of his head missing and his brains sticking out. At the end the main character gets to the hospital and the movie takes a bite of his friend's head.

There are also a few games you can play that are mildly entertaining such as "Gobbing pendants" and one where the names of fictitious rock bands are listed next to fake candy names and participants can guess which names are real.

The Web site provides a brainless way to waste time and have fun doing it. If you are really looking for a challenge, there is a "Simon" type memory game where a rock star sings differ—

Unfortunately, it wasn't very challenging and I was able to go about 20 rounds before I started to forget the sequence.

The art on both the comics and the games is fairly good for a Web-based production but don't expect to see fully rendered realistic people. Mondo Mini shows is only a small section of the entire Web site www.ion.com. The site is similar to www.excite.com because it has a membership option, a weather and yet another e-mail inbox. In fact, the site is almost a mirror image of excite, with the exception of the short cartoons.

However, I was disappointed when I tried to locate an archive of past cartoons. I couldn't find an easily accessible list of recent cartoons and most of the time I was solicited to buy DVDs of the short cartoons put together as a package. If you feel like coming back every week, it looks like you will be rewarded with a new set of short cartoons. But if you want to look at past ones you are out of luck unless you want to buy them.

With blood, gore and a little sexuality, Mondo Mini cartoons are definitely a step away from the fluffy bunny image of Disney and a step toward insanity.

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"Rare Birds" premieres Friday, October 11, 2002.
Hard to place blame for many arrests in SLO

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of the street, holding a crossing guard sign and directing traf­
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said that she also thinks that the issues should be solved in other ways. "You cannot create peace with war," DeMeritt said. "I think it will increase terrorism." DeMeritt added that many people in the administration have never been to war, while those who have are opposed to the idea. "Listen to the people who really know about war," she said. Psychology professor Ned Schultz said that he supports what the petition has to say because there is no need for war at this point in time. "I think whenever people see others taking a stand, it can inspire them," Schultz said. "I don't want to see any young people go off to war." Phil Ashley, Cal Poly fish and wildlife biologist, had other reasons for signing the petition. "I feel, as a biologist, other species are almost completely forgotten, in war," he said. "Wars are not just against other countries, they are against ecosystems.

Other species don't know who are the good guys and who are the bad guys. They have no warning, I don't think they are being considered." Professor from more than 100 uni-

versities nationwide have signed the petition, which was written by professor David Fox and other faculty members at the University of Minnesota. According to a press release, the first draft rapidly gained several hundred sig-

natures before grabbing the attention of M.L.T. professor Evelyn Fox Keller, who

Editar the petition and circulated it among M.L.T. faculty.

On Sept. 24, M.L.T. professor Nancy Karnwisher placed the letter on the Internet, where viewers could see the number of signatures rapidly increase.

"Very few members of Congress have been questioning the Bush administration's war to war," Karnwisher said in the press release. "It is time for citizens to take this issue into their own hands and speak out forcefully."
Earning her stripes

Cal Poly’s Chrissy Gritzke

► ROTC student won gold medal at military pentathlon last summer

By Alexa Ratcliffe

To simply say that Lt. Col. Chrissy Gritzke is an overachiever would be an understatement.

Since her arrival at Cal Poly four years ago, Gritzke has managed to succeed at more grueling tasks than most people will attempt in their lifetime. This past summer, she checked another task off her list: securing the gold medal in the Interallied Conference of Reserve Officers Military Pentathlons.

The Interallied Conference, held in a different country each year, was started 50 years ago and currently hosts about 200 athletes.

This year, it was held in Dravignau, France.

The Pentathlon is an intense race that tests military officers’ physical and mental strength.

Although the Pentathlon has been held for half a century, women have only been allowed to compete for the last 10 years. For an officer to reach time trials that they set for us,” Gritzke said.

“I had other people time me and they sent in the results.”

Those who were able to meet the training camp at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. The officers endured three weeks of training and individual tryouts.

“I would have had to pay so much money for all of the expert instruction that I received at this camp,” Gritzke said.

At the end of the camp, the officers were placed in teams of three. Gritzke was paired with Capt. Maria Kraus of the U.S. Air Force and 1st Lt. Jessica Beecham of the U.S. Army.

The two-week final Pentathlon in Dravignau was the last level of the competition. It consisted of full-day competitions in marksmanship, obstacle course and orienteering.

Gritzke’s team went on to receive a gold medal for its performance. “It was an amazing experience,” Gritzke said. “Events like this really show what the military has to offer.”

As Gritzke’s time at Cal Poly comes to a close, she will leave a lasting impression on many people. Throughout the past four years, she has been well respected and a natural leader among her fellow cadets.

“I just began ROTC a few weeks ago and could immediately tell that she was respected,” said freshman Trent Kloppeburg. “She is a really outgoing, encouraging person.”

Gritzke has also left her mark on the Cal Poly women’s water polo team, of which she was a member for three years.

“All I can say about Chrissy is that she sets her goals incredibly high,” said Hillary Bishop, women’s water polo team president. “She lives her life being dedicated to what she’s involved with.”

Gritzke will graduate from Cal Poly in December. Following graduation, she will be commissioned as an Engineer 2nd Lieutenant. During this ceremony the officers will also find out where they will be stationed in the upcoming years.

“I put Germany as my first choice,” Gritzke said. “But I still am not sure where I will end up.”

Before capturing a military pentathlon gold medal, Chrissy Gritzke competed on the Cal Poly water polo team for three years.

The team is planning to send 16 students, divided into two groups of eight, to next year’s competition. This year he wasn’t be eligible to compete for Cal Poly because he did so well in professional lumberjack competitions over the summer.

Martin competed in 13 lumberjack shows with the Northwestern League of American Lumberjack Association during the summer which he said is equivalent to playing in the minors for baseball.

“It’s like being one step below the Dodgers,” Martin said.

Jeanne Dawson, fifth-year forestry and natural resource student and the team’s treasurer, said the 2003 conclave will be held at the University of Oregon in Corvallis.

The team is planning to send 16 students, divided into two groups of eight, to next year’s competition. Dawson said the training camp is strong again this year, and didn’t seem worried by Martin’s ineligibility to compete.

Several key members of the team will be graduating after this year, so there is pressure to train the newcomers before the veterans leave, Dawson said.

She added that anyone, including non-forestry majors, could join the team. She also said that they don’t expect people to pick up a chain saw the first day and that they will train new members.

“You don’t have to be buff,” Dawson said. “We have technical events too. There are compass courses and wood identifying events. Not all events require strength, some you need speed or good balance.”

Dawson said the team will host the 16th annual Cal Poly Conclave on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 9 a.m. at Cal Poly’s Swanton Pacific Ranch in Davenport.