LGBTG center receives grant fromOccal foundation

By Susan Malanche

Thanks to a $6,500 grant for new programs, Cal Poly Pride Alliance will continue to bring awareness and understanding of different sexual orientations to campus.

The San Luis Obispo Community Foundation’s grant will provide funding for the “Respect Zone” training programs and speakers during spring quarter’s Community Pride Week. “Respect Zone” is an ally training program for students, faculty and staff to provide support to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals, said Maya Andlig, coordinator of Gender and Sexuality Programs at Cal Poly.

“The training will educate people about homophobia, heterosexism and the coming-out process,” Andlig said. “After training, participants will agree to continue training and attend related events.”

Is no news good news?

By Valerie Angelo

More than a hundred people die in France, Israel, Palestinians and Jordanians unite over a water crisis. Liberian President Charles Taylor steps down in accordance to President Bush’s demands.

The effects of these recent events may touch many lives and nations, but some residents and students have little knowledge of the occurrences. “(Americans’) knowledge of national and international news is weak,” John Culver, Cal Poly political science professor, said.

The details of the complaint and the complainant could not be released by the SLOPD, but Vice President of Student Affairs Corné M. Norton confirmed that the offended individual was affiliated with The Women’s Shelter.

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Student Affairs Counselor said.

UU Plaza has new look after 20 year vacation

By Hillary Schuler-Jones

The results of a project undertaken for a technical writing class during the previous summer are now available for use in the University Union Plaza.

Construction is currently under way to turn the dormant fountain into a planter. Associated Students Inc. project coordinator Brian French said.

The fountain was installed in 1971 but was quickly shut off soon after it was completed. French said.

It had been off for two decades when students Andrew Bowman, Emmanuel Gentinetta and Tina Noveno decided to use it in the basis of their project.

The group interviewed about 600 students to determine what improvements could be made to the plaza, UU director Dave Edwards said, who consulted with the students on the project.

“More seating will probably be useful rather than a fountain that’s dry. It will be nicer during UU Hour.”

Kelly Hanify

Nearly all of the people interviewed wanted the fountain to be reactivated, but Cal Poly’s Master Plan calls for the construction of a new fountain within the next decade, Edwards said.

The second, more temporary solution was to replace the dry fountain with greenery and extra seating. The UU staff and UU Student Advisory Board reviewed the results of the survey last summer and opted to move forward with the suggestions.

“It will be nicer during UU Hour. Construction workers will build on

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Local has undies in a bunch over UndieRun

By Caroline Lindahl

Only since bikini clad students polled at Relm has showing skin gained so much attention in San Luis Obispo.

The first UndieRun, organized by Cal Poly biology senior Ryan Unich, was held this March as a fundraiser for the Women’s Shelter of SLO.

Unich encouraged students and locals to run half-naked from Mitchell Park through downtown. The benefit, which was not sponsored by or affiliated with the Women’s Shelter, offended one local who took her complaints to Rob Bryn, neighborhood services manager at San Luis Obispo Police Department’s operations division.

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Construction workers will build on
A bad meal can make you nauseous. The thought of your next exam can make your stomach turn. But what about love? Can love make you sick?

According to a new study from Brigham Young University, it can.

**News Column**

Having love-hate relationships can make your blood pressure skyrocket, increasing your chances of having heart disease or a stroke.

For the study, volunteers wore a concealed blood pressure monitor for three days. Five minutes into every social interaction, they pressed a button to record their blood pressure. They also recorded their daily interactions and answered questions about them in a journal.

The 102-person study showed feeling unsure about a relationship has even worse effects on blood pressure than purely hostile feelings do.

Bad news for college students involved in unsatisfying dating relationships or pleasure-packed but guilt-ridden flings. Difficult relationships don't just affect the heart; they can also lead to negative, stress-induced behaviors like substance abuse and overeating. Disenchanted lovers use these activities to cope with loneliness, rejection or depression.

"When you're interacting with those you feel averse or negative toward, these people are predictable and you will either avoid them or you can discount them because you know what to expect from them," the study's primary author Julianne Holt-Lundstad said. "But for a person you feel both positive and negative toward, there could be hope and an expectation for something positive."

On the other hand, the study confirmed positive relationships help reduce stress and promote heart health. Emotional support and physical intimacy are both important factors.

A study from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill found couples that held hands and embraced before giving a speech had blood pressures twice as low as couples who sat separated before their presentations.

"That loving stuff is definitely relative and you will either avoid or engage with friends and family are at a root of what makes us sick and what makes us well," Ornish said. "Then you can go out and do things that make you happier."
Robert Shaler, chief of forensic biology, said he no longer considers the outlook a realistic goal.

"I'm going to do my best not to interfere with their community," DeVries told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview Wednesday. "They're not going to see me in their coffee shops. They're not going to see me in their town."

Instead, residents saw his mug-shot on posters that plastered the town. DeVries added that he hopes to complete the outpatient part of his treatment and return home to Washington state.

Study: More than half give consent for organ donations

Families agree to donate organs for brain-dead patients more than half the time, but that is far from enough to meet the growing need for transplants, new research shows.

Even if organs were harvested from all the potential brain-dead donors for transplants, there wouldn't be enough to go around, the researchers concluded after reviewing hospital records from around the nation.

They estimated the number of organ donor candidates each year at between 10,500 and 13,800 from the nation's 1 million hospital deaths. Previous estimates varied as high as 26,000.

There are 82,000 people on the nation's waiting list for transplants. "It's a game of small numbers and every opportunity needs to be maximized," said Ellen Sheedy, who led the study for the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations, which represents organ banks.

The findings appear in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. Of the nation's 59 organ banks, 30 participated in the study. They checked hospital records for all patients who died in intensive care units from 1997 to 1999 to see how many met the criteria for organ donation and how many became donors.

Heat wave eases in parts of Europe, France faces renewed accusations of mishandling crisis

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Saudi authorities are finding militants have infiltrated deeper than they realized

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia — More than 15 raids have uncovered a network of Islamic extremists, arms and sophisticated equipment all over Saudi Arabia, indicating deeper cells authorities say they were unaware of before May 12 suicide bombings in the Saudi capital prompted the crackdown.

In the latest gunbattle with extremists, security forces checking an illegally parked truck were fired on Tuesday in Riyadh, the second time police were attacked by militants in as many days.

A day earlier, Saudi police arrested 10 militants who allegedly belonged to a terrorist cell planning to attack a British target.

British Airways suspended flights to the kingdom Wednesday after Britain's Department for Transport said it received "credible intelligence of a serious threat" to British aviation interests.

Last month, police found underground arsenals at farms in central and eastern Saudi Arabia, and cars and trucks ready for use as bombs.

They have also discovered dozons of fake passports, surveillance equipment and donation boxes.

"The extremest had infiltrated and developed deeper cells in Saudi Arabia to an extent that neither society nor the authorities were aware of," I believe they were still in the process of getting organized and setting themselves up when they were first raided by police," in May, said Mishari al-Thalib, an expert on militants and a journalist with the pan-Arab Asharq al-Awsat newspaper.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Summer Mustang editor in chief Andrea Coberly.
Old shirts find new sense of fashion

By Hillary Schuler-Jones
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

It wasn’t too long ago that O.A.R., the band with the hit "Closer to the Sun," was just a different collection of T-shirts. Now, the band is about to release their first CD in five years, and they are already planning their next one. The band's success has taken them from local venues to national tours, but it hasn't changed their approach to music. "We want to create a positive atmosphere, help people let go of the daily stresses and hope they leave kind of refreshed and rejuvenated," said saxophonist Jerry DePizzo.

O.A.R. apologizes with a concert

By Cathy Ayers
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

"It starts with me," said singer Benj DePizzo. "Actually, it starts with an old T-shirt. Retired T-shirts that were once worn in gym class or used as dust rags now have an opportunity to find a new life.

Scott Kawa, owner of Self Clothing Company, seeks out old clothing that can be handcrafted into new and original articles. "I never create two of the same thing," Kawa said.

Kawa's resources for fabric and shirts help him to keep his prices much lower than other stores of this nature. When in Los Angeles, he saw similar shirts for wholesale prices close to $100. His creations cost around $30 for a T-shirt and $40 for a long-sleeve shirt.

If you want to keep your prices much lower than other stores of this nature, you might want to try the Self Clothing Company. Their shirts and pants definitely have a more vintage look. Yet, with the pieces being so unique, one doesn't have to worry about another person in class wearing the same thing.

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The essence of rural America mixed with the quaintness of an English country village can be found in the romantic beach town of Cambria, 33 miles north of San Luis Obispo.

People taking the trip up Highway 1 to the calming little town might feel like they’re going on a vacation. The side of the famous highway is lined with classic ocean towns and miles of sandy hills. One of the most humorous stops on the way to Cambria is the town of Harmony, population 18. People should be cautioned not to blink or they will miss it. Harmony offers a few stores that cater to the inquisitive shopper, American historian and wine lovers.

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One off the freeway, the main downtown area of Cambria opens gently on the right hand side and easily guides people directly into the business district. The weather is not too hot in this coastal town. The lull of the ocean is just one of the reasons Cambria attracts numerous tourists every summer. Its close proximity to San Luis Obispo makes for a quick weekend getaway.

The small town might feel like they’re going out to an older crowd. Cambria is a small town with the right amount of charm and country spirit. A little further up on Highway 1 is Moonstone Beach Drive which is home to numerous hotels and bed and breakfasts. For those looking to stop in for the night, there is not a better town for miles.

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Confirmation of gay bishop welcoming change in church

The confirmation of the first openly gay bishop of the Episcopal Church progresses to the 2,000-year history of Christianity.

The Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson was confirmed as the next bishop of New Hampshire, the Anglican community around the world has been full of disgust and anger about where this might lead our church.

The negative and conservative reaction of a gay bishop being granted equal rights indicates that the controversy is far from over.

Robinson's confirmation by 62 to 45 votes has invited more than one openly gay person into the church, but the possibility of many others seeking a spiritual and common life and faith.

I am disappointed to see that conservative opposition to the bishop's confirmation would make last-minute allegations of sexual misconduct to prevent the Rev. Robinson's confirmation. It was a smart move to try feeding into society's stereotypical images and actions of homosexuals, but this 56-year-old man who is the father of two children and has been in a relationship for 13 years doesn't fit the false image that people fear.

The Episcopal Church didn't rescue its faith in admiring the first openly gay bishop, but it improved it. Nothing has changed within the common faith of Episcopalians. The media have covered the controversial reactions to the decision, not the controversial changes taking place in the church. If there is a change taking place, it is inviting more people of different sexual orientations to share a common belief.

According to Episcopal Church rules, the election of bishops by local dioceses must be approved by a majority of the nation's dioceses. Although the confirmation was approved with only 16 votes to 45, these votes represent a new acceptance of all people into the Episcopal Church regardless of sexual orientation.

Jim Lowder, an independent director of the pro-gay Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, expressed the church's decision as a sign of God's love for everyone.

"I think that this will be a hopeful sign for many of us who believe in God's inclusive love for all of creation," Lowder said.

It is a sign of God's love for all, I think society can learn something and realize that this isn't such a bad thing after all.

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Topic: Preventing obesity

Food changes only the tip of the cheeseburger

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If restaurants really want to help their consumers in a diet and lifestyle change, they need to think of their portion sizes, or offering extreme portions at higher, less desirable prices. After this is accomplished, then maybe food substitutions can make a difference.

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EPA appointment has mixed record on environmental issues

The nomination of Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt (R) for the post of Environmental Protection Administrator by President Bush ignited predictable reactions from the Sierra Club press release.

"Leavitt, 52, a former insurance executive and currently the nation's longest-serving governor, was first elected in 1992 and re-elected in 1996 and 2000. His nomination is approved by Congress, Leavitt will replace former New Jersey Gov. Christie Todd Whitman, a moderate who resigned the EPA post in May. Environmentalists argue that many of the actions of the conservative governor are nothing short of anti-environmental. Environmentalists who support the president's nomination say that Leavitt will make an excellent candidate because of his "moderate" environmental views.

Despite crises from both sides, the reality of Leavitt's environmental views can be determined by his actions in Utah, which are highly environmentally questionable. As governor, Leavitt worked with his Secretary of State to essentially remove interim protection for 6 million acres of Utah's wilderness for development of road building and development. The decision sparked a court challenge because Leavitt, instead of pushing the political agenda of ideologists. Because of this need, Leavitt is not an appropriate candidate.

Leavitt also championed the notorious Legacy Highway, which would have destroyed Utah's world-renowned wetlands and fertile farmlands along the Great Salt Lakes. "With a history of cutting closed-door deals at the expense of the environment, there is reason to be concerned that Gov. Leavitt can adequately play the role of environmental champion within the Bush Administration," according to a Sierra Club press release.

But his record is mixed. Although a conservative who has called for less federal interventions on many environmental issues, he also has led prominent efforts to slow urban sprawl in Utah and negotiated major conservation land swaps with the Clinton Administration.

Utah's rivers and lakes have gotten cleaner in the past five years, according to EPA statistics, but still remain some of the most toxic-polluted states in the nation.

Although some may argue his environmental concerns "moderate," his actions indicate a fickle behavior that does not guarantee his leadership will be executed responsibly in such an important EPA position.

As the Bush Administration's environmental trend has been to weaken the clean air act and the enforcement of environmental safeguards, an evaluation of Gov. Leavitt reveals that he is not a desirable candidate for EPA Administrator. Hopefully congress will realize the appointment of Leavitt will have serious detrimental consequences.

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However, they had minimal awareness of recent international news. "We have a more meaningful role to play in society than the person whose response to most topics of discussion is 'I don't know' and 'I don't care,'" Culver said.

When asked about the recent deaths of Europeans due to the heat wave, many respondents thought that the deaths were a result of bombings, paparazzi intrusion or simply did not respond at all.

"A real dilemma is why we are so ill-informed since we have access to a wide variety of media and are fairly literate," Culver said. "Most Americans can tell you who won on the last Survivor, but how U.S. troops got to Bosnia is a mystery to them."

According to the survey, many TV viewers preferred to watch regular programs rather than tune into their local news. Some referred to the news as "depressing" while others felt the prime time shows were more interesting and exciting.

"Most of the media is broken in general," said Southern California software engineer Richard Navarro, who took the survey. "They are too biased and only out to get the best ratings and not convey the best message."

On the other hand, abstinence junior Jeff Owens felt national and international news was interesting and important but was not a huge priority in his life.

"It's not the first thing on my to-do list, but if I see it then I'll read it," Owens said.

The lack of interest and knowledge of national and international news has become a huge concern for professors and media professionals.

"None of us can afford to be isolated today in this global environment where we’re so dependent on each other, whether we know it or not — in agriculture, politics, business, to name just a few," executive editor of The Tribune Sandy Durst said.

As a result, local television networks and newspapers interlace international news with national news on a local level to gain the interest of their viewers, KSBY anchor and news director Tony Cipolla said. "People relate to things that are closer to home."

The importance of having a well-informed audience is crucial, political science professor Denise Long said. "We’re changing our world is key to knowing how to respond to it, how to plan a fulfilling life, how to relate to each other," Long said. "Knowing about our neighborhood, city, state, nation and world enrich our perceptions of ourselves as we act out our lives."

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unreal. They have no idea what's going on and I don’t know what to say to the kids to make it all make sense." Culver said. "Many of you think we’re making GLBTG individuals," Andlig said. "It’s an aspect of your individuality to celebrate and embrace."

Grant money will help to fund a panel discussion and speakers. Last year’s speaker Keith Bogsk, special assistant to Bill Clinton, is one of the highest-ranking openly gay male gov­ernment officials in history.

"Critical Ass" hike around various cities during rush hour traffic in their undergarments as away to bring atten­tion to bikes as an environmentally healthy alternative to cars.

The most offensive attire Urich said is the only one to complain," Bryant said. "Urich said the inspiration for the event came from another campus and a popular movie. "I want this event to become a tra­dition for years to come," Urich said. "It’s just another good idea for a party, and at the same time I’m going back to the community."

And the event will go on unless more protests are voiced.
Sports

Reaching a climax at Crux

By Jessica Hoffman
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

I was almost to the top. I could feel my arms straining to pull me up as my feet touched the top of the sneezy little town, a new challenge or a way to stay in shape, Crux is perfect.

Their Web site claims "ages 4 to 104 defying gravity." When I first entered the enormous building which houses the molded rock-wall, I was more than a little surprised to see a grandmother and her grandchildren looking like Spiderman's sidewalk. But I soon found that Crux can really customize any visit according to your skill level. Like any new activity there are a few drawbacks that come with the package. If it is a person's first time visiting Crux, they should be prepared to pay extra for a mandatory training session before starting up the walls. The one-time training session lasts about 25 minutes and is $10. It covers the proper use of the harnesses and ropes as well as how to prepare in case any slippery situations arise while climbing. After the initial training session an adult-all day pass is another $12. The only other drawback can be a benefit in disguise. Those who haven't been climbing in a while, or aren't a gym regular, should be prepared for soreness. Climbing is great exercise for the entire body. From their calves to shoulders, I can almost guarantee that visitors will be reminded of their new-found hobby the next day. Of course that just means they are getting a better workout than the treadmill.

The climbing itself is a blast and some of the rock sections are even set up with timer buttons at the bottom and a traditional actual molded rock is more of a challenge than other climbing walls I have tried, but made it a much more realistic experience than the bolted-in-hand grips many gyms have. For those with a serious fear of heights, carefully consider a visit. The view from the top is much different than the view at the bottom, however I can personally say that you just don't want to look down at the rock wall to come back down to earth was my favorite part of the climbing.

Climbing Center in San Luis Obispo and I was completely addicted. Whether looking for a way to stay in shape. Climbing Center designed Obispo and I was completely

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Aerospace engineering senior Henry Swales climbs at Crux.

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‘Biscuit’ brings boost to racing

By Hillary Schuler-Jones
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

As “Seabiscuit” storms across the silver screen this summer, racetrack insiders are making bets on how the movie will shape the popularity of racing in the future.

The movie has grossed more than $50 million since it July 25 release, and its potential to generate fans from the coveted 18 to 25 demographic has set of a marketing frenzied madness.

Student opinion was mixed on whether the movie will make an impression on the college-aged crowd. Many students interviewed had never seen the movie three weeks after its release.

Animal science senior Lauren Schaefer, a Cal Poly Equestrian Team member, saw the movie and said it will attract people to racing. “As a former horse person, I was excited to see the movie and think, ‘We'll go to the races to see that,'” Schaefer said. Jessica McBride is also an animal science senior, cautioned that the movie may be misleading for people who think that Seabiscuit's success occurs frequently at the track. “It's the dream story of racing,” she said.

The movie focuses on the true story of three down-and-out men who are transformed by the will of an equally disheartened yet spirited horse. The screenplay was adapted from the best-selling book of the same name by Laura Hillenbrand, and the rags-to-riches plot has attracted fans of all ages.

Racetrack officials are particularly concerned with capturing a young audience, said Mike Martin, public information officer for the California Horse Racing Board.

“The industry has tried to use the movie in a variety of ways to get (the public) interested in racing,” Martin said. "They want to get the people who can grow with the industry.

Horse racing hit the apex of its popularity during Seabiscuit's winning years in the 1930s and 40s. About 40 million people listened to the radio broadcast of the famous match race between the Declaration of War and Triple Crown winner War Admiral in 1938.

Interest in the sport began to dwindle in the late 1940s as other forms of entertainment emerged. An event once frequented by families became dominated by upper-middle class male spectators.

But racing seems to be making a comeback. A 2002 ESPN poll placed racing as the 11th most popular sport, up three spots from the previous year.

With "Seabiscuit" drawing large summer crowds, the prospect of increasing that ranking is higher than ever.

Racetracks have offered everything from Seabiscuit bobble heads to autographed movie posters to capture a younger crowd.

Visitors of Del Mar Thoroughbred Club in southern California received horsehead-shaped mugs and autographs from jockey Gary Stevens, who played onetime Seabiscuit jockey George Woolf in the movie. "The movie is absolutely having an effect on attendance," said Mac McBride, assistant director of media and marketing for Del Mar. Seabiscuit put Del Mar on the map soon after it was opened by Bing Crosby in 1937. The legendary horse beat Crosby's Lieutnant by a long nose in a race broadcast nationwide by NBC.

Many people had never even heard of Del Mar before that, McBride said. McBride has been with the track since 1980 and said that in all his years, he can't recall the amount of media attention that the track has received since "Seabiscuit" opened.

Men's hoops to face strong schedule

COACHING REPORT


It will be the most challenging schedule since making the move to Division I in the 1994-95 season. "This is by far the toughest schedule Cal Poly has ever played," coach Don Ahm said. "This could be the toughest non-conference schedule in the Big West Conference and if we can come out of it with a winning record we'll have the opportunity to see us compete against a Big 12 team (Colorado) that beat Kansas (No. 6 in the nation at the time), Missouri (No. 16) and Texas (No. 3) last year and went to the NCAA Tournament."

Colorado will be the first Big 12 team to visit Mont Gym. USC and Cal Poly will meet for the first time the Mustangs have played two Pac-10 teams in the same season since going Division I.

Students may pick up tickets at the Mustang Ticket Office the Monday before each game. Tickets are free for students, who are limited to four tickets per person.

See campus.com for the full schedule.