Is no news good news?

A Summer Mustang survey showed that many people are not aware of national and international events.

By Valerie Angelo
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

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 Calver, Cal Poly political science professor, said. "Too many polls and surveys document this, from our lack of geographical awareness to worldly science background to misinformation about politics and law." According to a Summer Mustang survey conducted, respondents were knowledgeable about events that took place within their immediate surroundings such as the Gray Davis recall and the Kobe Bryant rape case.

By Hillary Schuler-Jones
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The results of a project undertaken for a technical writing class during spring quarter 2002 have sprung to life in the form of an $11,000 fountain renovation in the University Union Plaza. Construction is currently underway to turn the dormant fountain into a planter. Associated Students Inc. project coordinator Brian French said, "It was had off for two decades when students Andrew Bowman, Emmanuel Gentinetta and Tina Noveno decided to use it as 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.

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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. Students seem to support the renovation. More seating will probably be useful rather than a fountain that's dry," said Kelly Hanify, biology senior. "It will be nice during UU Hour. Construction workers will build on it.

By Caroline Lindahl
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

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. 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 Perz, neighborhood services manager at San Luis Obispo Police Department's operations division. "It seemed extremely odd to us because of the nature of the event that (The Women's Shelter) was affiliated with it," Perz said. The details of the complaint and the complaint could not be released by the SLOPD, but Vice President of Student Affairs Cornell N. Morton confirmed that the offended local was disturbed by the supposed affiliation of the UndieRun and The Women's Shelter. "I realize that some students will take a negative outlook on the event," see UNDIERUN, page 7

LGBTQ center receives grant from local foundation

By Susan Malanche
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Thanks to a $6,500 grant for new programs, Cal Poly Pride Alliance will provide Cal Poly's Pride Alliance with $6,500 to fund a new training program. The San Luis Obispo Community Foundation's grant will provide funding for the "Respect Zone" training program and speakers during spring quarter's California 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 on homophobia, heterosexism and the coming-out process," Andlig said. "After training, participants will agree to continue training and attending related events." see PRIDE, page 7

Local has undies in a bunch over UndieRun

UJ Plaza has new look after 20 year vacation

By Jim Wasserman
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SACRAMENTO — California's historic recall ballot shrank Wednesday but still threatened to overwhelm voters with more than 130 choices if Gov. Gray Davis is recalled. Hours before a deadline to certify the ballot, the Secretary of State's office had certified 131 candidates for the ballot, the Secretary of State's office had certified 131 potential gubernatorial candidates because of incomplete paperwork. The one-of-a-kind ballot exponentially surpassed any previous number of gubernatorial candidates in one election, which would probably be fewer than a dozen, said Bruce Cain, a political science professor at the University of California, Berkeley. The non-functioning fountain will no longer be the centerpiece for the UU Plaza. It will be replaced with extra seating and greenery.
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.

"A good relationship gives you hope, and makes you happier," biology freshman Colleen Schettin said. "Then you can go out and do things that make you more healthy."

Researchers continue discovering more about the effects social interactions have on the body. Committed friendship, family and romantic relationships play a major part in our happiness and well-being. Bad ones, it seems, may be a hazard to your social life and to your health.

Whitney Kellogg is a journalism senior and a Summer Mustang staff writer.

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Remains of up to 1,000 victims of World Trade Center attack might never be identified
NEW YORK — The remains of as many as 1,000 people lost in the World Trade Center attack might never be identified, according to the forensic biologist leading the monumental DNA identification project.

The city medical examiner's office has identified slightly more than half of the 2,792 people killed in the attack — only about 100 of those in the last year, as technicians struggled with DNA degraded and damaged by fire and the elements.

Robert Shaler, chief of forensic biology, had once hoped to reach 2,000 identifications, but he told The Associated Press he no longer considers that a realistic goal.

Now, Shaler said he hopes for about 1,700 identifications — 1,800 at the outside — by the time the office exhausts available DNA matching methods within a year. City officials recently notified victims' families of the outlook.

"I think once we've done all of the testing on all of the remains using the technology we have, I think we've finished," Shaler said.

He cautioned that he doesn't mean the trade center DNA effort would be closed forever, but said it couldn't continue until new DNA processes were developed.

Child molester: Freedom amazing despite town's outrage
SOLLEbAD, Calif. — Sentinal child molester Brian DeVries says his first hours of freedom have been amazing, despite the community outrage surrounding his new home — a small, white trailer tucked between a media-security prison and busy Highway 101.

DeVries, the state's first sexually violent predator to graduate from a seven-year-treatment program, promised to lay low and not interact with residents of this Monterey County town galled that he has landed in their midst.

"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 bus stops. 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 from 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 donor candidates each year at the rate of 15 raids have uncovered a net of 1,000. But Wednesday morning, Paris arrested 10 militants who allegedly belonged to a terrorist cell planning to attack a British target.

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Old shirts find new sense of fashion

By Cathy Ayers
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

"It starts with me."

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.

His store is located in a small unit downtown in The Creameries. It offers a small but varied selection of handcrafted apparel. Not only does Kawa own and run the store on his own, he is also the sole manufacturer of the clothing.

Although this business has been operating for five years, Kawa began manufacturing these one-of-a-kind T-shirts last September. The idea came from seeing such products in major cities like Los Angeles and in fashion shows, he said.

The tee-shirts are made from shirts that people have donated to him or finds from thrift stores. Students have donated shirts from Greek events and other extracurricular activities that have been reworked into camisoles, tank tops or skirts. Sometimes he combines clothing with different material to make a completely different T-shirt.

Business has picked up recently, with a major increase in sales over the last two months. Kawa attributes the consumer demand to the gradual increase in awareness of his products. In addition to recreating T-shirts, he also creates other items of clothing from fabric purchased wholesale or at swap meets. He combines two or more articles of clothing to make shirts, skirts and pants.

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 costs create around $30 for T-shirts and $40 for long-sleeve shirts.

This store might not appeal to shoppers in search of traditional, trendy apparel; Self Clothing Company’s 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.

O.A.R. apologizes with a concert

By Hillary Schuler-Jones
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

It wasn’t too long ago that O.A.R., let down nearly 250 fans in San Luis Obispo. Soon, enthusiasts will have another chance at a visit San Luis Obispo Brewing Co. at 1119 Garden St. for an appearance Aug. 20.

Saxophonist Jerry DePizzo said the band will play a mixture of songs from their previous five albums, including “Hey Girl,” “Risen” and “Gone.” All are songs from their newest CD “In Between Now and Then.”

Recently, the group came off the Unity Tour with corporate and will kick off the Sprite Liquid Mix Tour with N.E.R.D.

Jerry DePizzo

“We want to create a positive atmosphere, help people get up the daily stresses and hope they leave kind of refreshed and rejuvenated.”

O.A.R. saxophonist Jerry DePizzo

O.A.R., which stands for Of A Revolution, includes singer/guitarist Marc Bolen, keyboardist Richard DePizzo, drummer Chris Colgan and Jerry DePizzo. The group formed in 1996 and recorded their first CD in 1997 while going to school at Ohio State University.

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Seaside serenity only a car ride away

Samantha Weeks
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

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.

Once 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. During this time of year, a thin T-shirt and pair of jeans will keep a traveler warm.

A great place to stop for a quick bite and cup of tea or coffee is a gourmet shop called the French Corner Bakery. Some of the food seems like they were freshly picked from an organic garden. Not to mention their spinach quiche is simply amazing. The bakery is open daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There is a unique knick-knack store located a little south of the bakery, called Under the Banyan Tree. The small store caters to consumers interested in items of Asian influence. The employees welcome customers with big smiles and offer help when one is comfortably in the store. It should be said this town calls out to an older crowd. Cambria is an artistic type of town in which many of the stores contain every-thing from delicate glass ornaments to expensive paintings. The works of art are done by both local and widely known artists.

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 get away.

Moving on through town, heading north on Main Street, there is another block of the downtown civic that seems to lend itself to tourists. One must see store in this area is called Exotic Nature. Inside, scents of lavender and rose swim in the air and a couple of massage rooms beckon to the weary. It is impossible to walk out of the store and not smell wonderful or find something for a relaxing bath at home.

"I've loved building this store up in the past five and a half years especially in a town this peaceful and beautiful," manager of Exotic Nature Party Kemp said.

My last stop was Gourmet Gift. This fresh fudge shop is tucked away on the right side of town when heading north. The store offers so much great fudge that one of the most challenging decision in all of Cambria is deciding on just one flavor. Erika Maheney, the owner, cook and employee of Gourmet Gift is what gives her fudge heart.

"I appreciate all different things and love to cook," Maheney said.

"One of my favorite gourmet fudges has two layers of thick chocolate fudge wrapped around a caramel layer." 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.
Confirmation of gay bishop welcoming change in church

The confirmation of the first openly gay bishop of the Episcopal Church in the continental United States is a significant step forward for the church. This milestone is the result of a long and difficult process. The confirmation of Bishop V. Gene Robinson is not just a victory for him, but for all those who have been fighting for this change.

The Episcopal Church has traditionally been conservative in its views on sexuality. However, over the past few years, there has been a growing consensus within the church that the traditional stance is no longer sustainable. The confirmation of Bishop Robinson is a testament to the fact that the church is willing to embrace change and look to the future.

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EPA appointment has mixed record on environmental issues

The nomination of Sharon Lease, a former Interior Secretary, to lead the Environmental Protection Agency is a significant step forward for the environment. Lease has a mixed record when it comes to environmental issues, but she has also shown a commitment to protecting the environment.

 Lease's appointment has been met with mixed reactions. Environmentalists are concerned about her past support for the oil and gas industry, while some conservatives are hopeful that she will work to roll back environmental regulations.

Despite these concerns, Lease has also shown a commitment to protecting the environment. She has supported efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and has been a vocal advocate for renewable energy.

The appointment of Lease is an important step forward for the environment, but it is clear that there is much more work to be done. The challenge is to find a leader who can work with both sides to find solutions that are both effective and sustainable.

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However, they had minimal aware­ness about 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, pandemic inter­ference 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 way too biased. Few people want to get the bad ratings and not convey the best mes­sage.

On the other hand, agribusiness 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 Darri said.

As a result, local television net­works and newspapers interface interna­tionally with national news and local news on a local level to gain the interest of their viewers, KSBY anchor and news director Tony Cipolla said. "If something is happening nation­ally or internationally we try to find the local angle."

"People relate to things that are closer to home."

The importance of having a well-informed audience is crucial, political science professor Dana Long said. "As our world is key to knowing how to respond to it, how to plan a fulfilling life, how to relate to the world," Long said. "Learning about our neighborhood, city, state, nation and world enrich our perceptions of our role as we act out our lives."

Knowledge of world news develops character and hopefully compassion and understanding. Culver said. "We're living in a world where the guy who lives around the street may be the person that decides our fate or the person who chooses to live a day to day life detached from the larger world around us," Culver said. "The dance may be revered in Hollywood movies, but there's scant economic incentive for one. We certainly don't look at them for inspiration and leadership."

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Urich said in a March 13 Mustang Daily article. "But the bottom line is about having a good time."

Urich said he began to host another UnderRun in 2004 despite the con­troversy.

"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 giving back to the community."

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

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dubs that once retained the water in the fountain to create more seating in the gaps between two existing concrete areas, forming a box around the old fountain. The fountain itself will be torn out, and the resultant space will be filled and planted.

"They are basically replacing the footprint of the fountain with landscaping," French said.

A more dramatic renovation is slated in the Master Plan and calls for the closure of South Perimeter to create a more pedestrian­friendly thoroughfare, French said. The whole plaza will be revamped to accommodate heavy foot traffic.

The current renovation should be completed by the end of August, French said.

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CommitUnity Pride 2004, which will take place May 15 to 21, will aim to combat ignorance and bring issues to the forefront, Andlig said.

"The week's mission is to show that a GLBTG identity is one to be proud of," 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 Bowsky, special assistant to Bill Clinton, is one of the highest-ranking openly gay male gov­ernment officials in history.

Since the Pride Alliance's opening on last year's National Coming Out Day several events have shown the need for the campus resource for GLBTG individuals and allies. Last year's egging of the Guys, Lesbians, Bisexuals United booth during the samesex handbalking event and repressing of the 'P' were two incidents that sparked controversy.

In honor of CommitUnity Pride Week 2003 the 'P' was painted rain­bow. Immediately afterwards it was painted over.

"This was probably the most elo­quent statement to be made that there was a need for a support center to be established sooner than later," Andlig said.

GLBU adviser Missi Bulkx:k said that the incidents of the 'P' and repressing of the 'P' represent igno­rance and intolerance.

"It would be nice to say there was more acceptance and that things are getting better," Bullock said. "But one step forward, two steps back is the event."

"I mean there was more clothing worn (at the UnderRun) than on a beach in Anahiem."

The most offensive attire Urich witnessed was a student in a Speedo. "A boxer brief might," Urich said.

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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 the force of my body pushed me down. The view below was enough to make me sweat just a little bit more. It was in my sights, then..."Ding, ding, ding!" The sound of that bell ringing was the most satisfying thing I had heard in a long time.

It was my first time at Crux Climbing Center in San Luis Obispo and I was completely addicted. Whether looking for something new on the somewhat sleepy little town, a new challenge or a place 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 sidekicks. 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 harness 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 "seabiscuit". 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 but not the treadmill.

The climbing itself is a blast and some of the rock sections are even set up with timer buttons at the bottom so every actual molded rock is more of a challenge than other climbing walls I have tried, but made it for 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 from the view at the bottom, however I can personally say rappelling off the rock walls to come back down to earth was my favorite part of the climbing.

Climb Climbing Center is located at 1160 Laurel Lane in San Luis Obispo and is open at noon Sunday through Friday, opening at 10 o'clock on Saturdays.

Aerospace engineering senior Henry Swales climbs at Crux.

'Biscuit' brings boost to racing

By Hillary Schuler-Jones
Summer Mustang Staff Writer

As "Seabiscuit" storms across the silver screens 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 its July 25 release, and its potential to generate fans from the coveted 18 to 25 demographic has set off a marketing frenzy at racetracks nationwide by NBC.

"It's the dream story of racing," said Mike Martin, public relations director of media and marketing for Del Mar. "It's the dream story of three down-and-out men who are transformed by the will of an industry to become the most successful horse."

And Martin is sure that "Seabiscuit" will have a major impact on the sport.

While "Seabiscuit" may not attract every casual fan, Martin believes it will draw both the casual and the die-hard fan in.

"It will have a crossover appeal with people who are not involved in horse racing," Martin said. "It will open the sport up to people who may have never considered Horse Racing a sport."