Vines to Wines hosts tasting event

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Megan Alpers MUSTANG DAILY

The third annual "Afternoon Amidst the Oaks" brought together wineries, such as Gallo of Sonoma, Wild Horse and Stage Leap Winery. Cellars for a day of wine and food tasting, jazz music and a silent auction.

As the guests walked from tent to tent visiting the winery representatives, "Everybody here is very friendly and seems to be having a great time," Jeanne Malik to the event.

"We came to share our wines and our unique atmosphere," Malik said. "Our tasting room is like an old Western saloon." Malik said that the California sparkling wine was the most requested of Tobin James Cellars' wines that day, and was impressed by the amount of community support the event was receiving.

"I think it's a great turnout," wine and viticulture senior Leland Reichel said. "It's great for the major to have this much support."

In addition to fundraising for Cal Poly's event, wine vendors an opportunity to expand their own business. "My favorite part about this is that it brings a lot of people together. So you have business opportunities that you wouldn't normally have," said John Groom, a sales representative from Franklin Beverage.

In addition to the wine tasting, the restaurants participating in the event drew lines of visitors. Giuseppe's of Paso Beach served New York strip, caviar, Becanella sauce, and Perci Montano Frico, which the chef described as "fried cheese crisp".

Tobin James Cellars, whose wine club is the largest in the state with 10,000 members, sent tasting room attendant Jeanne Malik to the event.

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Considered one of the leading scholars in his department, Shani was elected to the Executive Committee of the Academy of Management and serves as a visiting professor at universities in China, Israel, Italy and Sweden.

"His academic leadership of the management faculty is marked with invitations to colleagues to join with him on projects, assistance in establishing research contacts, and creation of an environment when discussion of new ideas is always welcome," Christy said.

Bason joined Cal Poly in 1976 while Shani began teaching in 1983. Both Bason and Shani were selected from a group of 16 nominees and eight finalists.

"Cal Poly is very pleased to honor professors Bason and Shani for their significant achievements in the area of research and professional development," said President Bob Deubler in a press release. "They optimize the strengths of our faculty, the professional work they accomplish in their respective disciplines strengthen our university and benefit the students of Cal Poly."

This is Cal Poly's second year giving out the award, which honors faculty recognizing their achievements in research, creative work, and other professional development activities.

Animals

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As strange as the work may sound, it falls firmly within the new ethics guidelines the influential National Academies issued this past week for stem cell research.

In fact, the Academies' report endorses research that couples human and animal tissue as vital to ensuring that experimental drugs and new tissue replacement therapies are safe for people.

Doctors have transplanted pig valves into human hearts for years, and scientists have injected human cells into lab animals for even longer. But the biological co-mingling of animal and human is now evolving into even more exotic and unsettling mixes of species, evoking the Greek myth of the monstrous chimera, which was part lion, part goat and part serpent.

In just past two years, scientists have created pigs with human blood, fused animal and human is now evolving into how the human brain develops and how degenerative brain diseases like Parkinson's progress.

Stanford law professor Hank Greely, who chaired the ethics committee, said the board was satisfied that the size and shape of the mouse brain would prevent the human cells from creating any traits of humans. Just in case, Greely said, the committee recommended closely monitoring the mice's behavior and immediately killing any that display human-like behavior.

The Academies' report recommends that each institution involved in stem cell research create a formal, standing committee to specifically oversee the work, including experiments that mix human and animal cells.

Weissman, who has already created mice with 1 percent human brain cells, said he has no immediate plans to make mostly human mouse brains, but wanted to get ethical clearance in any case. A formal Stanford committee that oversees research at the university would also need to authorize the experiment.

Free human-animal hybrids are as advanced in the sheep created by another stem cell scientist, Esrail Zanjani, and his team at the University of Nevada-Reno. They want to one day turn sheep into living factories for human organs and tissues and along the way create cutting-edge lab animals to more effectively test experimental drugs.

Zanjani is most optimistic about the sheep that grow partially human after human ES cells are injected into them while they are still in the womb. Most of the adult sheep in his experiment contain about 10 percent human liver cells, though a few have as much as 40 percent, Zanjani said.

Iran, North Korea will dominate U.N. nuclear conference

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UNITED NATIONS — In a world of growing nuclear fears and interest, U.S. negotiators came to New York today to urge a global nonproliferation conference to take slower progress.

But the Americans and other nuclear powers will face demands themselves. Non-nuclear states last week complained the big powers were moving too slowly toward nuclear disarmament, described a "not an option, but a legal obligation" under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Because of this clash of priorities, treaty members on Sunday still hadn't completed an agenda for the month-long conference opening today to review the NPT, whose workings are reassessed every five years.

Hundreds of protesters made their priorities clear on the eve of the opening, as they marched past the United Nations in blustering New York spring weather, "Abolish nuclear weapons!" and "No more Hiroshima," read banners carried by a large Japanese contingent in the anti-nuclear march.

"No nation, no group should test weapons. Everything should be stopped," said Mayor Tadatomo Akiba of Hiroshima, the city obliterated by a U.S. atomic bomb in 1945.

In distant capitals, nuclear tensions heightened over the weekend as the U.N. conference neared.

After renewed talks with European negotiators made no reported progress, Iran said Saturday it would probably resume disputed operations on its nuclear reactor and research facilities, and further enrichment, a potential step toward an atom bomb.

North Korea, meanwhile, denounced President Bush on Saturday as a "hooligan" and said it would continue to enrich uranium to the atomic level for nuclear weapons. The standoff over nuclear enrichment.

The situation hinges on another part of the NPT "threesome" treaty's guarantee that non-weapons states have access to peaceful nuclear technology, including uranium-enrichment equipment that can produce fuel for nuclear power plants and, with further enrichment, for nuclear bombs.

The Bush administration says Iran's enrichment program, which has long been secret, is meant for weapons-building, a charge Tehran denies.

A South Korean police officer looks at North Korea's Scud-B missile and other objects at Korean Heritages at Korea War Memorial Museum in Seoul, Wednesday. North Korea and 183 other states were to have forum this week related to uranium enrichment.
STATE NEWS

PSOMO BEACH — A mountain lion was shot and killed after wandering into a crowded recreational vehicle park, lingering at a security gate and jumping a fence into a state campground. The mountain lion was spotted Saturday by a security guard patrolling the Pinneo Cove Village RV park. The animal charged at the guard and jumped over an 8-foot high fence to the North Beach Campground.

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LOS ANGELES — An 18-year-old man was shot Sunday while driving on Interstate 405, but managed to pull off the freeway and flag down a firefighter for help, authorities said.

IN OTHER NEWS

WASHINGTON — President Bush's chief of staff appealed on Sunday for congressional Democrats to work with the administration and Republicans rather than complain and stall action on Capitol Hill. Andrew Card, appearing on three talk shows, reaffirmed the president's support for House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, the Texas Republican whose ties to lobbyists have raised ethics questions, and John R. Bolton, the embattled nominee to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

NEW YORK — Thousands of activists marched past the United Nations on Sunday, hoping to remind diplomats of the importance of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty of 1968. Clouting "No War, No Nukes" and carrying signs saying "No More Hiroshima, No More Nagasaki," the marchers then headed to Central Park, where they formed a human peace symbol. Organizers estimated nearly 40,000 in attendance.

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INFORMATION NEWS

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea apparently test fired a missile into the Sea of Japan on Sunday, raising new fears about Pyongyang's nuclear intentions just days after a U.S. intelligence official appeared at his apartment's window.

The driver, whose identity was not released, was taken to Providence Holy Cross Medical Center where he was in stable condition.

The victim told police he was shot three times shortly after 1 a.m. while driving in the northbound lane by a gunman in a black vehicle carrying four other males. He exited the freeway and summoned a firefighter for help, police said.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

DULUTH, Ga. — The hunt for Jennifer Wilbanks consumed the tightest knot when she went missing four days before her wedding. Despite a safe return Saturday, welcomed by family and close friends, some residents of this Atlanta suburb felt betrayed by what turned out to be an elaborate hoax. Volunteers searched open lands and alleys, crawled in sewage drains and stood up late looking for the 32-year-old local woman who was picked up late Friday by police after a cross-country bus trip that took her through Las Vegas, Nev., to Albuquerque, N.M.

She initially told authorities that she was abducted while jogging, but eventually admitted her kidnapping story was fabricated and she had run away because she had cold feet.

When Duluth residents learned the truth, they thanked God Wilbanks was safe — then shook their heads at her act. "I'm glad that she's alive and OK, but it was a dirty trick," said Louise McCoy, waiting in line at the Duluth post office Saturday — the same day Wilbanks was supposed to be married in a lavish ceremony that included 14 bridesmaids and 14 groomsmen.

Police said there would be no criminal charges, but Gwinnett County residents removed yellow ribbons for Sunday's editions. More than 100 officers led a search that involved several hundred volunteers, including many wedding guests and members of the bridal party. Police said there would be no criminal charges, but Gwinnett County District Attorney Danny Porter said he still had some questions.

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Porter said based on the information he had received, falsely reporting a crime is the only charge that would fit Wilbanks' case. The misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a $1,000 fine.

"It is premature to talk about criminal charges," Porter said. "But if we learn that this was a premeditated act that would push me closer to pressing charges."

A Wisconsin college student who faked her own abduction last year and turned up curled in a fetal position in a marsh was ordered to repay police at least $9,000 for their search. She pleaded guilty to misdemeanors charges of obstructing officers and was given three years of probation.

Albuquerque Police Chief Ray Schuler said Wilbanks was "scared and concerned about her impending marriage and decided she needed some time alone."

Wilbanks returned Saturday by plane to Atlanta, where she was picked up by a squad car on the tarmac — with a towel covering her head — to avoid the media.

There were no family members at the airport to greet her, but her stepfather and uncle flew to Albuquerque to escort her home, authorities said. Wilbanks decided to call and tell her fiance and police about the kidnapping story when she found herself back in Albuquerque, according to authorities.

In her 911 call, Wilbanks sounds frantic and confused, telling an operator she was kidnapped from Atlanta by a man and a woman in their 40s who were driving a blue van. Through sobs, she tells the dispatcher they had a small handguns.

At one point, the operator asks if Wilbanks knows what street her captors went after dropping her off in Albuquerque.

"I have no idea. I don't even know where I am," she says.

Moments after the word came Saturday that Wilbanks fled town and hadn't been kidnapped, most of the police who'd been guarding her house since Tuesday night pulled away. Flers with Wilbanks' picture were pulled down from local store windows. Some residents removed yellow ribbons they'd put on their mailboxes.

Many were visibly angry Saturday.

"There should be some responsibility for all this expense to the police," said Jo Cripps, eating boiled crawfish at a downtown Cajun restaurant.

"Certainly she owes an apology to all the people who came out and helped."

Another resident, Amanda Melby, called the disappearance "a disgrace."

Some marriage counselors said running away was an extreme but understandable reaction to the stress of the wedding and the fear of disappointing others by backing out.

"Sometimes it's like being stuck in a river getting whipped over a waterfall," said Dr. Charles Raison, a psychiatrist and Emory University instructor. The current is so strong, you can't fight it." After police reported the hoax, the mood outside Wilbanks' home went from jubilant to somber. Family members ducked inside and the blinds were drawn. They later expressed relief that Wilbanks was safe.

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Sending America to fossil-fuel rehab

America has a dangerous addiction. We are completely dependent on fossil fuels to run our economy. In an age where we import 60 percent of our fossil fuels, our country is in a precarious position. We are running out of fossil fuels and nations and oil cartels that provide us with the energy that we need to remain the most productive country on earth.

There are two common sense things we can do to alleviate our dependence on foreign oil: develop oil fields on American soil and improve alternative energy sources for both residential use and transportation.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northern Alaska. This 19 million acre parcels of pristine wilderness and caribou which endure seasonal migration of caribou which have in areas of the many other drilling sites on the North Slope. It is argued that the caribou will be eradicated by the development of oil fields, and gas and oil exploration will take up a total of 2,000 acres according to President Bush. That means that the interference will make up one-tenth of 1 percent of the land in the reserve.

To put this into perspective, the Cal Poly campus core is 155 acres, according to the university Web site. The drilling would take up an area equivalent to one half of a volleyball court, yet experts are arguing that the caribou will be greatly harmed by this insignificant hindrance. The benefits of providing our nation with reliable, cheap, domestic oil vastly outweighs the overblown effect it will have on wildlife.

Even with this development, we will still need to conserve energy here at home. For instance, we should be encouraging the development of ethanol as an alternative fuel for cars. Ethanol is a clean-burning gasoline additive that boosts the octane of the gasoline and is derived from surplus corn. Ethanol can easily be added to gasoline with relatively little changes needed in tanker trucks, gas pumps and car engines. We could use our current infrastructure to distribute this renewable energy source throughout our nation.

Cal Poly professor Douglas Williams said that 25 percent of all U.S. energy consumption is used for transportation, and ethanol can make a significant difference in reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

Finally, we need to embrace George Schrager's new plan to power 1 million homes and businesses with electricity producing solar panels. Little attention has been paid to this important legislation, but it is critical to our future residential and commercial energy use. These homes would be $15,000 more expensive, a mere 4 percent of the median home price ($367,700) in San Luis Obispo. These homes will be able to provide for most of their own energy needs, as well as put surplus energy back into the grid.

This legislation could be the first step to the complete conversion of US homes to solar panels. If every home in the nation was fitted with these panels today, America's energy consumption could fall by up to 40 percent. I think this is the most promising long-term solution for reducing our energy needs.

We can't solve all of our energy problems all at once, but we can take steps in the right direction. These, coupled with an overall better understanding of alternative energy options, will lead our country successfully into the 21st century.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Being homosexual is just as normal as being straight

In response to Aaron Rosebrock's letter, I would just like to point out that aрогомппсизm and bi- is already unaccepting enough that we don't need any ignorant opinion thrown into the mix. Yes, I'm stereotyping, but so are you, Aaron. Who are you to say whether gay is wrong? Yes, who am I to say that it's right and natural, but your ridiculous statement make me embarrassed to be classified as the "straight" category as you.

Furthermore, when diversity unity, the views of the caribou ultimate goal, your prejudiced and uninformed statements take you two steps in the wrong direction after we have struggled so hard for that one step forward. Everyone has a right to live their own way they want to, even people like you. Your statements are ignorant and immature. If sex was about reproduction in this day and age, why do we have people be one birth control? Besides, when did you decide to be straight? Was it an active decision on your part? "I'm male, so I'm gonna like women?" In all likelihood, your heterosexuality is a part of you like being gay; lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersex is a part of others. Unless you woke up one day and made the decision to be straight, you have no right to be straight.

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From Right Field political viewpoint

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And true, there are certainly risks with privatization, but the government will not take any of your market earnings to pay other retirees. That is the beauty of the system, whether you did well in the market or not. That is why it is called "privatization."

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Sac State's no contest for No. 24 Mustangs

Jonathan Drake

It did not take long for the Mustangs to light up the scoreboard in Sunday's 11-2 win over Sac State. The first inning filling Bagger Stadium with cheers as Matt Cooper started things off with a hit toward a leaping shortstop that just barely missed his glove for a single. Another single and a walk loaded the bases. The bases were just begging for another hit and it came off the bat of JF Owens making the score 2-0. The Mustangs were not ready to finish their first inning assault as Bet Bergland pounded a drive straight down the third base line that hit the wall before the left fielder grabbed it allowing a two-run double.

The Mustangs were off and running in what would become a laugh­er in the final game of a three-game series sweep. The Mustangs previously won 11-1 Saturday and 10-3 Friday.

After Sunday's first inning, the action certainly didn't stop.
The second inning got wild as the pitchers struggled to find their con­ see Baseball, page 7

One-two pitching punch too much

Garret Leight

After winning the series opener against Long Beach State, the Cal Poly Softball team dropped the final two games of the series, one that fea­ tured the two best records in the Big West Conference.

The Mustangs split the double­header on Saturday winning the first game 2-0 but dropped the second game 5-2. In Sunday's action, 49ers senior pitcher Merideth Cervanka shut down the Mustang bats, pitching a one-hit complete game shutout.

In game one of the doubleheader, sophomore Lisa Modglin made the most of her two hits by scoring both times she reached base.
The two runs were all that senior pitcher Etsa Nelson needed as she threw a complete game shutout. Nelson scattered six hits and struck out five batters to improve her record to 14-8 on the season with an ERA of 1.95.

“My curveball was really effective today and they couldn't really hit my screwball either,” Nelson said. “I'm just really excited about this series because Long Beach always acts like they can beat us. For me it's definite­ly a rivalry.”

The Mustangs were outpitched against two of the conference's best hurlers.
The Mustangs were plagued by errors in game two of the double­header. The 49ers scored five runs off of freshman pitcher Robyn Komara, but only three runs were earned. The Mustangs made three crucial errors and left 10 runners on base.

The Mustangs improved their defense on Sunday but the pitching from 49ers Cervanka was too over­whelming as she took a perfect game into the bottom of the seventh inning.

But with two outs and two strikes, the Mustangs senior second baseman Cheley Sosuer broke up the feat with a single into left field.
The Mustangs dropped two and a half games behind the conference leading 49ers and their record fell to 32-16 overall, and 12-6 in Big West play. Even with this series loss the Mustangs have reason to be excited as the season comes to a close. They have made a complete turnaround from last season's 22-28 record and they have established themselves as one of the better teams in the con­ference.

“Cal Poly has done a very nice job under new direction,” 49ers head coach Pete Marinous said. “They're a good ball club and they do what they need to do to get wins.”

Crossing over

Tonya Strickland

There is a separation between triathletes and volunteers; one is focused on the finish line while the other has a chance to become inspired by the race. After everyone comes home from Wildflower, how­ever, there's a potential crossover.

“There is a high percentage of volunteers who get really pumped up after watching the race and say, 'Wow, I want to do that next year,'” said kinesiology senior Nick Jacoby. “Half of them don't wind up doing it but they were definitely motivat­ed to.”

Civil engineering sophomore Tamara Presser placed second in Cal Poly Triathlon Team's female divi­sion at nationals this year and said she originally made the transition from volunteer to triathlete.

“I didn't know much about triathlons, I just thought volunteer­ing in one would be fun,” Presser said. “But after watching the com­petitors it just looked so rewarding.”

Jacoby also started out as a volun­teer with ski club and then with the wrestling team. He said he never considered becoming a triathlete before, but liked swimming and running and assumed he could learn how to seriously bike.

“I thought people who went on 100-mile bike rides were nuts,” he said. “But now I'm all about it.”

Coach Rick Ellison said triathlon is a sport unlike any other, and many agree. Volunteers who become triathletes have to learn the tricks to the rapid pace of transition­ing between three contrasting sports and how to train the mind into “proving to yourself that you can do something amaz­ing,” Jacoby said.

“I spin around ten times before practicing the transition on to my bike. That way, it gives me a dizzy feeling just like the one I get coming out of that 1.5K swim,” said Agrubusiness sophomore Anthony Younat.

Younat also said he covers himself with BodyGlide, a skin lubricant often used by triathletes, to better pull off his wetsuit, which is hard even in good circumstances, he said.

“The most challenging part of the race is getting out of the water, see Wildflower, page 7