Students discover artifacts in archeological dig in Los Osos

Joe Sargent

Cal Poly students have found artifacts from thousands of years ago while doing archeological research for the Los Osos sewer project.

The students excavated around Los Osos to find if the project would disrupt any historical sites. The research was extensive because of the scope of the sewer project, according to Brian Coddington, a social science senior, who was on the dig.

“We were basically trying to find out where all the archeological sites were in Los Osos and find out which would be effected by sewer lines,” Coddington said.

Ten social science students, working in conjunction with two private firms, excavated sites in Los Osos which is known by most archeologists to be rich with archeological sites, according to Terry Jones, an anthropology teacher at Cal Poly and a principal investigator on the project.

“We know for a fact that the oldest occupation is 7,000 to 8,000 years old,” Jones said.

While digging, the team found two buried bodies dating back thousands of years. The bodies were researched while still in the ground and then left there, so as not to disturb them, Jones said. The plans for the sewer were actually changed to go around the bodies so that they would not have to be taken out of the ground.

“It’s great to see construction workers, engineers and native Americans working together,” Coddington said.

In addition to the two bodies, the team found projectile points (arrow heads), beads made from sandstone and shells, and tools according to Jones. One of the most exciting artifacts found during the excavation was a shark’s tooth with beads attached to it.

New engineering building named

Jonathan Drake

The newest engineering building located on the corner of Highland Drive and California Boulevard was named after the prominent alumnus Grant Brown on Monday.

The “Grant M. Brown Engineering Building” is most commonly known as the building with the solid glass wall that faces Highland Drive just past the railroad underpass.

“Some of us call it the ‘Office Fishbowl’ since all the offices are open to the world,” said Amanda Runciman, a materials engineering graduate student who is also a technician for the scanning electron microscope that is located in the new building.

Associate Dean of Engineering Unny Menon introduced speakers beginning with the Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Detweiler.

“Without (monetary assistance from the public), this campus would not be as strong as it is now, so I thank you for paying your taxes,” Detweiler said.

During the ceremony, a yellow cloth revealed an embossed image of Grant Brown.

Grant Brown’s brother, Ross Brown, is involved with the Ross Brown Family Foundation. This foundation donated money to Cal Poly that includes $200,000 for student scholarships and $300,000 for student scholarships and $300,000 for student scholarships and $300,000 for student scholarships and $300,000 for student scholarships and $300,000 for student scholarships.

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Catching on to the caffeine craze

Tiffany Dias

Finals are on the horizon and that means students will turn to mass amounts of caffeinated beverages like coffee and Red Bull to find enough energy to pull through the all-nighters.

Students may think the amount of caffeine consumed during finals week will not leave a lasting affect on their body or mind, but they would be wrong. More than 11 million Americans consume too much caffeine according to the American Council of Science and Health.

“It’s because we don’t get enough sleep,” business freshman Kristin Balder said while sipping her Julian’s Cal Holy and a principal investigator on the project.

“For many students, their day begins with a trusty cup of java, fitting with their studies, which can have negative effects on their bodies.

While drinking caffeine in small doses can stimulate your brain and provide energy, making the drinker feel more awake and even improve their concentration.

English senior Sonya Lee works at Line’s Café downtown and has seen her share of coffee lovers. Lee thinks that some students drink coffee to help keep themselves awake, while others use coffee as a way to prevent boredom.

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worth of equipment.
Ross Brown expressed his sup­port for Cal Poly’s “Learn by Doing” philosophy.
“The Industrial Revolution was built off the backs of engi­neers and Cal Poly is helping to continue the developm ent,” Brown said.
The new 32,480 square-foot building also replaces the Air Conditioning building that housed the condemned materials.

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Cidding said.
All of the artifacts found dur­ ing the dig were being housed at Cal Poly for further research but because of the recent vote on the sewer project, no work can be done.
Not everything found during the dig was as exciting as bodies and beads, a lot was stone and shell pieces which had to be sift­ed through, Cidding said.
“The job is tedious, but it can be very exciting,” Cidding said.
The 10 students worked as paid interns for two private research groups, Albion Research and Far Western Anthropological Research Group.
The Far Western Web site has a sewer project update page. The last update was October third and it says “As of Monday October third all construction on the sewer line has been halted.”
The $150 million sewer pro­ject was created because septic systems in Los Osos could not treat the increased waste due to population growth. The project sparked controversy because of the placement on the plant and financing for the project. In September, the project, which was already underway, was stopped after a special election. Since then, the state water board rejected a proposal for a $135 million loan for the sewage project.

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“We have students come in because they need coffee to get things done,” said the “But I think a lot of students come in because a cup of coffee is pretty cheap and it gives them somewhere to go.”
While coffee gives people some­thing to do, the effects of the caffeine give their body something to do as well. Caffeine stimulates the heart­beat, which improves muscle func­tion and the digestive system by increasing the production of stomach acid. The effects of this alkaloid can even help people struggling with migraines and asthma.
Caffeine also acts as a weapon for fauna. When produced by the plant, it paralyzes and kills many of the insects that try to feed on it.
Depending on a student’s caf­feinated “drug of choice,” they could be consuming more than 10 times the amount of caffeine suggested for daily intake. Brewed coffee and ener­gy drinks like Pimp Juice and MDX have more than 100 milligrams of caffeine per serving.
180 Degrees is the drug of choice for sophomore mechanical engineer Michael Kelly because “it tastes like Orangeina and has a crapload of caf­feine in it,” he explained.
Kelly believes that students buy and drink lots of coffee not because they are addicted, but go to coffee houses for the societal benefits instead.
“Caffeine is a social thing,” Kelly said. “Look at Uptown, people go to coffee shops to interact in a low-key atmosphere—that’s different from meeting at a rowdy party. A coffee shop will not be broken up by the cops.”
Starbucks, a frequent location for coffee-drinking students, offers a variety of coffee with different caffeine amounts. A “grande” house coffee (drip) has an estimated 500 mil­ligrams of caffeine, according to Energy Fiend, a Web forum specialize­ing in caffeine-related topics.
Wired XS94, another popular energy drink, has as estimated 300 milligrams, an extraordinarily high amount of caffeine intake for one day, let alone one serving.
While drinking two medium­ sized cups of coffee isn’t detrimental to your health, consider the caffeine consumed after many hours. Alcohol mixed with energy drinks can be a lethal combination too.
Some habitual coffee-guzzlers may think caffeine will help them to lose weight or increase their metabolism. Unfortunately, while caffeine does act as a stimulant to the fatty acids in our bodies, regular caffeine consumption reduces sensitivity to caffeine. If a person decides to “quit” their habit, coffee drinkers especially will experience sensitivity to adenosine. Most likely, blood pressure will drop dramatically, causing headaches. Other symptoms of the glamorous-sounding “caffeine withdrawal” range from inability to focus, to the extreme cases of nausea and vomit­ing.
The problem with limiting caf­feine consumption is that it’s in more food and beverages than many people realize. Chocolate products, tea and soft drinks are loaded with caffeine.

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BRIEFS

BELLEVILLE, Ind. (AP) — A Pennsylvania teenager suspected of killing his girlfriend's parents in an argument over her curfew was captured in Indiana on Monday with the girl in his car after a police chase that ended in a crash. The 17-year-old girl was not hurt, authorities said. David Ludwig, 16, and Kara Beth Borden were taken into custody around midday after he crashed his parents' car, police said. Some 600 miles from where the killings took place.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Samuel A. Alito Jr. began his work arguing that "the Constitution does not protect a right to an abortion while trying to get a job in the Reagan administration as a deputy assistant attorney general, according to documents released Monday. Alto, a federal appellate judge nominated by President Bush to the nation's highest court, was a young lawyer working for the solicitor general's office in 1985 when he applied for a position under Attorney General Edwin Meese.

TOKYO (AP) — A strong earthquake shook northern Japan Tuesday morning and the country's Meteorological Agency issued tsunami warnings. The magnitude 6.9 quake struck at 6:39 a.m. (4:39 p.m. EST), the agency said. The U.S. Geological Survey put the magnitude at 7.2. There was no immediate explanation for the discrepancy. The quake hit at a depth of about 15 miles and was centered off the coast of Sakata in northern Japan, 330 miles east of Tokyo, the USGS said.

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Doctors fanned out Monday to immunize children in Pakistan's earthquake zone against measles and other diseases ahead of winter, but they warned they may not have enough money to finish the job. The campaign, launched over the weekend, aims to immunize about 1.2 million children under age 15 in Kashmir and other parts of northern Pakistan over the next two to three weeks.

OLNARD (AP) — A 66-year-old man faced up to a year in jail for buying a house with his son-in-law using the stolen identity of another person.

Vidal Maldonado pleaded guilty last week to illegally purchasing a $350,000 house in Oxnard in May 2003, Deputy District Attorney Howard Wise said. He faces up to a year in jail and five years' probation when he's scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 9, Wise said.

SANTA CRUZ (AP) — Biologists and volunteers will go on rain-day hunts for salamanders. They are looking for flattened Santa Cruz long-nosed salamanders, an endangered species that migrates at night from breeding ponds to higher ground when the rains come. They are often run down by vehicles while crossing roads.

"We may be inflicting severe harm on an endangered population," said Wesley K. Savage, a biology doctoral candidate at the University of California, Davis.

Police recruiting wars give rise to film ads, coffee mugs, shirts
BEIJING — After a ceremonial event in which he was mobbed by unruly fans, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was to start his China trade mission with a packed schedule of business events and an appearance with former President Bush.

The governor's arrival Monday was marked by a brief melee at a Special Olympics ceremony at Beijing's Millennium Monument, where he and his wife, Maria Shriver, were mobbed by dozens of fans and photographers. Chinese police shoved the crowd of onlookers away from the couple after they were briefly separated from their security detail.

No one was hurt, but it was something of an auspicious start to Schwarzenegger's three-city China visit. The former bodybuilder and a 79-member delegation are on a mission to promote California products and encourage Chinese officials to crack down on rampant piracy of intellectual property — from movies and music to pharmaceuticals, wine and designer apparel.

U.S. officials estimate that Chinese piracy has cost American companies billions of dollars in sales, with counterfeit software in the Asia-Pacific region costing U.S. companies $8 billion last year alone. Schwarzenegger's own action films are available for purchase in China, mostly on pirated DVDs. The theft of intellectual property also will be a main topic for President Bush, who is scheduled to arrive in China on Saturday. The same day Schwarzenegger is scheduled to leave, Bush's stop is part of a multination tour of Asia.

The governor's focus Tuesday in Beijing was to be on energy and sustainable development. Beijing is 16 hours ahead of Pacific Standard Time. The events were scheduled to start at 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, which is 4:45 p.m. Monday in California.

Schwarzenegger also was joining former President George H.W. Bush, his longtime friend, at an energy conference. Later, he was meeting with members of the American Chamber of Commerce and hosting private round-table discussions with business leaders.

California is the major gateway for U.S. trade to China, with cotton and computer-related products leading the way. The state exported $6.8 billion in goods to China in 2004, double what it exported in 2000, according to the California Chamber of Commerce.

California companies have a prime opportunity to assist China in boosting its industrial energy efficiency and its treatment of raw sewage, said Mark Mosher, executive director of California's Commission on Jobs and Economic Growth. Some 30,000 Chinese children die each year of illnesses related to untreated waste water, he said.

Mosher cautioned against expecting a host of tangible business deals to emerge from the six-day trade mission, which also will take the governor to Shanghai and Hong Kong.

"There's all sorts of pressure on governors when they go on trade missions to try and produce flashy deals that are worth hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands of jobs," Mosher said. "I think we all know you don't go on trade missions to close a deal like that over five days. It just doesn't happen."

After returning from a trip to Israel in 2004, Schwarzenegger said he had struck deals to bring almost 1,000 jobs to California. Officials at those companies later said they made the deals without help from the governor, and in some cases either already were based in California or were moving the arrangements well before he took office.

The trade mission has been scheduled for months but comes at an opportune time for Schwarzenegger, just after his "year of reform" special election debacle. He called the Nov. 8 election to cap state spending, redraw legislative districts, restrict the use of union dues and change teacher tenure rules, but voters rejected all four of his propositions.

The special election is estimated to have cost state taxpayers between $52 million and $55 million.

Shriver was keeping her own schedule, touring a battered women's shelter in Beijing. The visit was considered significant because domestic violence and other social ills are largely hidden from public view.
The eclectic musical sound of Ozomatli will be blaring tonight at The Graduate with special guest State Radio. The event kicks off Ozomatli’s two-month tour.

A decade ago, 10 Los Angeles performers decided to push the boundaries of music with their diverse musical backgrounds to make what critics call a motley of urban funk.

“The first, everybody’s different taste in music made it harder for us to write music,” said Justin Poree, the band’s conga player. “After eight years of being together we now know how each of us works in the studio and we have had time to get together and make our music.”

Originally, the band was put together to raise money for inner city youth through the Peace and Justice Center in their hometown, Poree said.

The group, made up of Wil-Dog (bass and vocals), Uh Belta (saxophone, clarinet, requinto, panpipes and keyboards), Shef (trumbone and vocals), DJ Spinobi (turntables), Mario Calle (drums), Raul Pacheco (guitar and some vocals), Audra Sierra (lead vocals and trumpet), Jabi (vocals), Jito Yamaguchi (percussion) and Poree (congas), said they have always been committed to social justice and progressive politics.

“After eight years of being together our overall comfort level with ourselves and with our playing has really grown,” Bella said on the group’s Web site, www.ozomatli.com. “The songs venture off to a lot of different areas. That’s the beauty of Ozomatli, being able to do things really differently than everyone else.”

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For Ozomatli, performing and writing music has always been about just that: the love of music and moving people. Bella explained that the band was not formed to get a record deal — it was simply about the love of music. Poree talked a little about the band’s second album “Embrace the Chaos,” which Ozomatli released on Sept. 11, 2001 and its decision to move forward with a tour scheduled that year while other bands in the United States canceled concerts.

“It wasn’t even a conscious decision,” Poree said. “We just did it because there was no reason not to do it. At that time especially, we felt we needed to give the people music and a positive message.”

According to the band’s Web site, Sierra said, “Sept. 11 really pushed us to delve into North African and Arab music. For us, music is a language for more universal than politics.”

Poree spoke particularly about the group’s performance in New York after the attacks. From what he recalls, the energy in the city was very somber; like the city was in a daze. However, he said when they played their music for the few hours they were on stage, the people that were there were able to let go and feel the positive energy that music can produce.

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ROXOMATLI begins its two-month tour in San Luis Obispo tonight at The Graduate. The all-ages show also features the East Coast band, State Radio.

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Ozomatli conga player

"Since we started, our perspectives have changed as our lives have changed," Bella said. According to the band’s Web site, “We just trust each other more now. Everyone gives everyone the space we all need.”

Ozomatli’s second album “Street Signs,” released in June of 2004 with Concord Records, won a Latin Grammy award and bears a new Middle-Eastern influence while mixing it with Ozomatli’s trademark fusion of hip-hop and Latin sounds.

The latest album features appearances from the band’s original MC Chali 2na (now with Jurassic 5), DJ Cut Chemist (Jurassic 5), Eddie Palmieri and Les Yeux Noirs.

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injuries even stronger than before." Last year, Coughlin was the runner-up in the Big West Conference Championships for track in the 10,000 meter in Irvine. In fact, Coughlin is not sure if he wants to run competitively, but says he wants to pursue work with runners.

"I really enjoy civil engineering. I want to try to help people achieve their goal and I feel like it's a unique way to serve those people. There is a great need for infrastructure that can untimely save people's lives," Coughlin said. "There is more to running than just to run a way to produce a fit body, but internally as well."

"I continue running because it is analogous to life. I learn things about life through running. So when I learn about putting myself through suffering and pain but then feel good afterwards, it teaches me to deal with the hardships of life," Coughlin said.

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"We had some newcomers that didn't really know the intensity of the race," Conover said "It made it more difficult."

Despite the fact that the team missed three of its first four races this year, this year's NCAA Championships, a lone Mustang managed to make the cut. Junior Matt Johnsrud finished in 17th place with a time of 30:47 on the 1k course.

The top four competitors in the meet that didn't make the NCAA Championships on a team were selected to compete. Johnsrud was one of those selections.

"I'm excited to go," Johnsrud said. "It's a better kind of thing, we were expected to go when it came down to it our team didn't have it that day."

Working standout Brandon Collins and Luke Llamas were sick. Collins missed but did finish due to stomach problems and Llamas was unable to travel, Johnsrud said.

"So going to be hard but having my teammates there to warm up and race with," Johnsrud said, adding that he is ready to race.

Finishing just behind Johnsrud in 16th place, was senior Andy Coughlin who finished with a time of 30:47. Just one second behind Johnsrud, yet Coughlin was not in the top four, leaving him out of the NCAA Championships.

"At the beginning of the championship race Andy and I made a pact to run together," Johnsrud said. "Andy and I ran almost the entire race together."

Both Johnsrud and Coughlin did however receive All-Region honors with their performances.

"Andy is a runner that has had a lot of experience and as much as I know he would love to be there, he is happy for Matt," Conover said.

Other Mustang finishers included junior Jaremee Mora (34th, 31:12), junior Brian Baker (46th, 31:23) and freshman Troy Swier, who was the final scoring member for the team (51st, 3:28).

Despite missing the NCAA Championships, Conover was optimistic about next year.
Johnsrud to run in nationals; Coughlin just misses

Johnsrud headed to nationals

Chris Gunn

The Cal Poly men’s cross country team finished in seventh place at the NCAA West Regional meet Sunday at the Stanford Golf Course.

A seventh place finish may have seemed like a good showing for a typical school, but such a finish for this year’s men’s team was bittersweet.

“Overall, the Mustangs had been ranked as high as third in the region in a recent Mondo Poll, behind only Stanford and Portland,” Canirself said.

“Johnsrud’s 17th-place finish over the weekend qualified him for NCAA nationals.”

Player spotlight: Andy Coughlin

Nick Couuy

Andy Coughlin is a running man, and beginning in January he will be living in Guatemala until July as part of Engineering Missionaries International (EMI).

The native of Laramie, Wyoming is also a member of the cross country men’s team at Cal Poly. He reenrolled during his first year of school at Cal Poly and was a walk-on to the team when he joined, despite not running competitively until he was a senior in high school.

“I ran when I was younger and took two years off because I was discouraged with it. I started back up again when I was a senior because of the recommendation of my coach in high school who was also my math teacher,” Coughlin said.

Mark Conover, the cross country coach, also belives Andy’s return to the sport was a positive move.

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*Wrestling Green & Gold Meet, 7 p.m. @ Matt Gym

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