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He's back ...



DOUG ALLEN/Special to the Daily

Three-year-old Brittani Lee gets her photo taken with that once-a-year rabbit, the Easter Bunny, who made a guest appearance at Madonna Plaza last Saturday.

Santana fans assemble outside U.U. at 4 a.m. to get best concert seats

Band will perform in Chumash during Poly Royal

By Christine Kohn

Editorial Staff

People waited outside University Union doors at 4 a.m. and later stood in a line that stretched from the ASI ticket office to Chumash Auditorium Monday in order to get first-choice seats for legendary rock group Santana.

Santana, best known for the song "Black Magic Woman," is scheduled to play during Poly Royal weekend on April 28.

"This is once in a lifetime," said architecture senior Francisco Martinez, who was standing in line for tickets Monday afternoon. Martinez said he has collected Santana albums since high school.

Tickets went on sale at 10 a.m. Monday, and 900 reserved seat tickets were sold

within three hours. Ticket sales manager Wes Stout said he expected all reserved seats sold by ASI to be gone by the end of the day but added that reserved seating is also available through ticket outlets from Atascadero to Santa Barbara.

Business junior Rich Goselin, who described himself as a long-term Santana fan, said he wanted to get a reserved seat before they were gone. "I'll be surprised if I get a ticket."

About 2,700 general admission tickets are also available for the concert, which is scheduled to be held in Mott Gym. Ticket prices range from \$18 for reserved seating to \$14 advanced general admission, which will be \$16 at the door for students and \$2 more for the public.

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NRM, Rancho El Chorro join in environmental education

Two organizations target elementary children in effort to raise awareness

By Amy Koval

Staff Writer

The natural resources management department, in conjunction with the Rancho El Chorro Environmental Education Center, has been seeking to increase environmental awareness among San Luis Obispo youth.

The two organizations have created a program designed to educate students in

kindergarten through grade six about the environment's protection and growth process.

Rancho El Chorro is a private organization located on Highway 1 across from Cuesta College, which features a planetarium and seven different hiking trails around the property.

The program involves exposing participants to the idea of environmental protection in two ways: first through in-class teachings and then through outdoor experience at Rancho El Chorro. The 18 NRM students involved with the program organize and teach the classes, as well as lead

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Engineers win ASCE title second year in row

By Natalie Guerrero
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, Cal Poly's American Society for Civil Engineers (ASCE) won first place out of 18 universities in the ASCE Pacific Southwest Student Chapter hosted by Cal Poly last weekend.

"Our school did very well," said Jay De Natale, Cal Poly's ASCE faculty adviser. "Often times, the host of this event will not win because they have to concentrate on the many details of the conference — but this shows the strength of our

chapter because we won the event."

More than 500 students from universities in Hawaii, Arizona, Nevada and California came to San Luis Obispo for two days of building and designing competition. The conference was broken down into six categories: survey teams, technical and non-technical reports, oral presentations, designing and building concrete canoes, popsicle-stick bridge building, and designing an industrial building project.

Each event was judged by civil engineers and Cal Poly faculty

members.

Overall, Cal Poly scored 471 points to win the conference while second place finisher San Diego State had 361 and Cal State Fullerton was third with 317. Several universities won first place awards for individual events.

In the concrete canoe events, canoes were judged on appearance, a technical report about the design and placing in the four division canoe races at Laguna Lake.

The University of Hawaii received top honors for their

design of an 80-pound, 14-foot canoe named "Nai'a." The canoe took the seven-member team four months to build and was constructed to resemble a dolphin.

In the racing competition, Northern Arizona University's 100-pound cigar-shaped canoe called "Smoke on the Water" finished first in the men's and women's two-person race.

"This design was a joint effort — we modified a traditional canoe and our own 198-pound design from last year," said Carl Calwood, Northern Arizona's

ASCE faculty adviser.

Cal Poly entered two canoes — a two- and a four- man canoe — designed by Dave Beard, a senior civil engineer, and won the men's open division race. Since the beginning of winter quarter, 15 to 20 civil engineering students worked on both canoes that cost about \$1,000 to build.

Donations of materials and fundraisers covered the cost, said John Stockton, treasurer for Cal Poly's canoe project and senior civil engineer.

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Media misinformation...

Reporter Nadya Williams examines the United States media: is it all truth and objectivity? She gives examples why she thinks it isn't.

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The Cal Poly women's gymnastics team is getting ready for the national championships. Find out who'll be going.

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Second Opinion

Make inmates work for society

Americans have a topsy-turvy view of criminal life and death: Capital punishment is said to be humane while a sentence at hard labor is considered cruel and unusual.

California Gov. George Deukmejian and a few key legislators would like prisoners to pay their way, instead of having society pay it for them. Why, they ask, can't prisons make a profit for the state?

Labor unions detest the idea. The AFL-CIO main man in Sacramento, John Henning, says labor will not tolerate the taking of jobs from hard-working, law-abiding citizens.

If that means prisoners must continue to be idle, ignorant, living off a welfare state behind bars — all the while plotting the next crime — then so be it. That's not a union problem, the unions say.

Yet it is a problem — and peril — for all of us.

Deukmejian's idea begins at home. Many jobs have left California for overseas — South Korea and Japan, for instance. Why can't the state lease out its prison work force to do those jobs here, building stereos and VCRs, microchips and auto parts? That would not take jobs away from working Californians, it would be taking jobs from foreign competition. Major corporations can make their wares more cheaply using prison labor than they could abroad.

If prisons had a profit-making purpose, more prisons could more easily be built, as personnel pools for nearby industries. California has an abundant supply of able-bodied crooks; state prisons might even become welcome in East Los Angeles or Orange County.

Excerpted from "Put Inmates to Work, Make Prison Produce" in the Los Angeles Times. Written by David Glidden, a professor of philosophy at UC Riverside.

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Letter to the Editor

Kill and be killed

Andrew Ovenden brings up some good points in his article against the death penalty, but his conclusion is unmerited and ridiculous.

To describe the United States as a violent, bloodthirsty nation would be accurate when describing the criminals who rape and

murder. This description can certainly not be applied to the justice system here in California where an execution has not taken place in 23 years. Ovenden points out that California's homicide rate did not decrease when it reinstated execution in 1967. Yet California is so unwilling to send someone to the gas chamber that criminals know they can get away with crimes.

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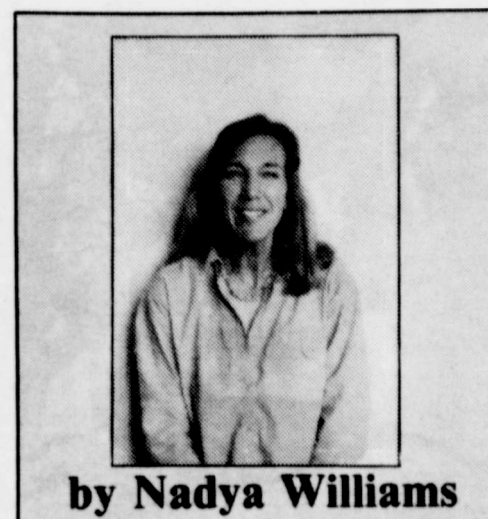
Reporter's Notebook



The news that's not fit to print

The motto of America's most prestigious newspaper, *The New York Times*, has for decades been, "All the news that's fit to print." I just finished my senior project on repression of the opposition media in South Africa — a fascinating subject for a journalism major.

Now we in America always like to think that our media is completely free and open — and there are at least two journalism professors here that will vehemently deny the existence of any press censorship whatsoever in this



by Nadya Williams

country. Most other professors in the department seem to ignore the subject. I disagree. Though the difference in degree and methods of censorship between South Africa and the United States is extreme, I believe our citizens have also been subjected to significant amounts of restriction on information, distortion of the truth and consistent ideological slants put on our news.

Anyone who had their eyes open during the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement, Watergate, Iran/Contra, etc., knew we weren't getting the whole story at all. They also knew that "the defense of national security" as a rationale for lies and distortions was more often than not a cover-up for the defense of individuals, policies and agencies that operated for their own political and economic benefit, and ultimately undermined our real national security.

Take the Dec. 20 invasion of Panama. The following are some facts that the rest of the world has learned through their mainstream media, but ones about which most Americans are still in the dark:

The Panamanian National Human Rights Commission and the Panamanian Red Cross have evidence and sworn testimony that the U.S. Army used flame throwers to cremate bodies and used 17 mass graves to conceal the actual number of casualties.

Our media continues to put out Bush's claims of 220 civilian and about 330 Panamanian military deaths. The real figure is between 3,000 to 4,000 deaths ("easily" 70 percent to 80 percent civilians), according to many sources including Panamanian Episcopal Bishop James Ottley and the New York-based Independent Commission of Inquiry on the U.S. Invasion of Panama. The Commission includes Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY) and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark (of the Johnson administration), as well as lawyers, academics and human rights activists.

Clark personally observed a mass grave 120 feet long, 18 feet wide and 5 feet deep.

Panamanian medical personnel and the Red Cross report evidence of the use of new high-tech weapons such as re-exploding bullets and weapons that produced extreme hemorrhaging, adding to

the loss of life.

Many medical personnel in Panama City hospitals were fired, arrested or disappeared in the days following the invasion, along with cemetery and morgue workers.

American journalists were restricted to the country's 14 U.S. military bases for the first two-and-a-half days of the invasion and "spoon fed" information.

Spanish journalist Juan Rodriguez of the newspaper *El Pais*, was shot and killed Dec. 22

by U.S. troops one day after his grisly photo of rows of corpses on a Panamanian street ran in papers all over Latin America and the world. The photo was carried by only one U.S. newspaper, the Spanish-language *El Diario La Prensa* of New York City. Bush has twice asserted to the Spanish prime minister that Rodriguez "died in a crossfire," but other journalists who were there adamantly refute this and claim they were fired upon after they identified themselves.

The Christian Science Monitor, long held up to journalism students as one of our top and "most liberal" newspapers, ran an April 3 story of the "police sweeps of criminals." The Commission alleges U.S. military complicity in the arrest of hundreds of trade union leaders, opposition journalists and publishers, advocates of the 1977 Canal Treaty, and many others. Charges "for impeding the renewal of powers" of the new Endara government carry the threat of five to 20 years in prison.

According to former-Attorney General Clark, there has also been a "conspiracy of silence" about the events leading up to the invasion and the pretexts for the invasion itself.

Only one professor in my major has touched on the subject of U.S. media censorship, in journalism history and law courses. This quarter, in one of my last curriculum requirements — Political Science 332: Public Opinion — it looks like a Poly instructor is going to get into it. Dr. David George has required that we read *Inventing Reality: The Politics of Mass Media* by Michael Parenti. One chapter is entitled, "Freedom of the Press Belongs to the Man Who Owns One," and other chapters contain dozens of specific instances of American media distortions of domestic and foreign issues and events as well as why and how these come about.

Click on your TV tonight, and you'll find current, in-depth coverage of Lithuania, but you won't find accurate and honest coverage of our country's doings just 1,000 miles away.

Nadya Williams is a second-quarter reporter for the Mustang Daily

it will tie up in the courts for a decade. The primary reason the death penalty isn't a deterrent is because it takes so long for the sentence to be carried out.

As for the lottery-like way in which death sentences are handed out, I agree that it is ridiculous. The Hillside Strangler should be put to death along with Harris. Popular opinion supports this view; and it's the

law. Kill somebody and you get killed too.

Some might say the view I hold is extreme. But I'm tired of people thinking they can get away with murder. The people who benefit most from anti-death penalty sentiment are the murders themselves.

Kevin Dalrymple
Journalism

Eight charges filed against writer

Drug, explosives counts stem from alleged assault by H. Thompson

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Writer Hunter Thompson was charged Monday with five felony drug and explosives charges and three misdemeanor charges stemming from an alleged incident in which he roughed up a woman at his Woody Creek home.

Thompson, 52, appeared in Pitkin County District Court with his three lawyers. He entered pleas of innocent to the three misdemeanor charges — third-degree sexual assault, third-degree simple assault and possession of marijuana.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for April 23 on the five felony charges. Thompson, who remains free on a \$2,000 bond, faces three counts of possession of a controlled substance, one charge of using cocaine and one charge of unlawful possession of incendiary devices.

The charges stem from a complaint by Gail Palmer-Slater, 35, of Port Huron, Mich., a business entrepreneur and former pornographic movie actress, that Thompson threw a drink at her, twisted her breast and shoved her during a visit at his home on Feb. 21. She said she had gone to his home to discuss a business enterprise, and claimed he became angry when she refused to conduct the discussion in his hot tub.

Thompson claims he never assaulted the woman. He told reporters Palmer-Slater was drunk and allegedly was pressuring him to have sex with her when he pushed her away.

But as a result of information provided by the woman, investigators searched Thompson's home on Feb. 26 and 27 and seized alleged LSD, cocaine, Diazepam, marijuana and blasting caps.

At the court hearing on Monday, Deputy District Attorney Charles McCrory said Thompson could receive a maximum of 16 years in prison if convicted of all eight charges against him.

Upon leaving the courthouse Monday, Thompson was asked why he thinks authorities have brought charges against him

at this time, when for years he has freely admitted to using drugs.

"I stand for everything they don't like. It's a witch hunt," he said.

Thompson ran a full-page advertisement on Monday in the Aspen Times Daily that read: "BEWARE. Today: the Doctor. Tomorrow: You." The ad was paid for by the "Hunter S. Thompson Legal Defense Fund."

Thompson is the author of several books written in a style that has come to be known as "gonzo journalism."

In the books, Thompson intermingles a description of real events with exaggerated accounts of his own involvement in those events, which often includes drug and alcohol abuse.

2 CA lawyers are convicted in one week

Forgery, murder among charges

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — A lawyer found guilty Monday of forging a judge's signature was the second Bakersfield attorney convicted of a felony in a week.

A Superior Court jury convicted Robert Birchfield of forging Judge Robert Baca's name to a child custody document. Birchfield said during the trial he signed what he thought was an unintelligible signature to get a persistent client off his back.

His attorney asked that Birchfield be convicted of deceiving a client, a misdemeanor, but the jurors held out for a felony. That could result in a three-year prison term at sentencing on May 7.

Exactly one week earlier, a separate Kern County jury convicted Edward LeLouis of soliciting the murder of a Southern California businesswoman.

"I think it is a sad state of affairs that in Bakersfield two attorneys have been convicted within a week on different felony charges," said Deputy District Attorney Lisa S. Green, who prosecuted Birchfield.

"That is a sad statement of the legal profession in Bakersfield."

Merchants oppose SF freeway demolition

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Chinatown merchants and residents are uniting against Mayor Art Agnos' plan to tear down the earthquake-damaged Embarcadero freeway and replace it with a sunken expressway.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce, leading the opposition against the plan, has urged merchants to shut their shops and restaurants and pack City Hall April 16, when the Board of Supervisors is expected to discuss the fate of the freeway.

The Embarcadero freeway, closed since the Oct. 17 quake, for years brought out-of-town business into Chinatown. Merchants fear they might go out of business, and many residents fear they will lose their jobs, if the freeway is not repaired or replaced quickly.

"If we have to wait another five years for the mayor's underground freeway to be built, our businesses will be the ones underground," said May Louie, whose gift shops suffered a 50

percent drop in sales since the quake.

"The mayor must have been daydreaming when he came up with this plan," she said.

The issue has created unity among the Chinatown community and jolted it into action, according to activists.

"The Embarcadero has put people in Chinatown who generally oppose each other on the same side," said Gordon Chin, executive director of the Chinatown Resource Center and

member of the city's Public Utilities Commission.

The controversy also will help the neighborhood to organize on other issues, he added.

"It's clear we have to be consulted on major civil projects in the city and be involved in the process, because all these projects affect us," Chin said.

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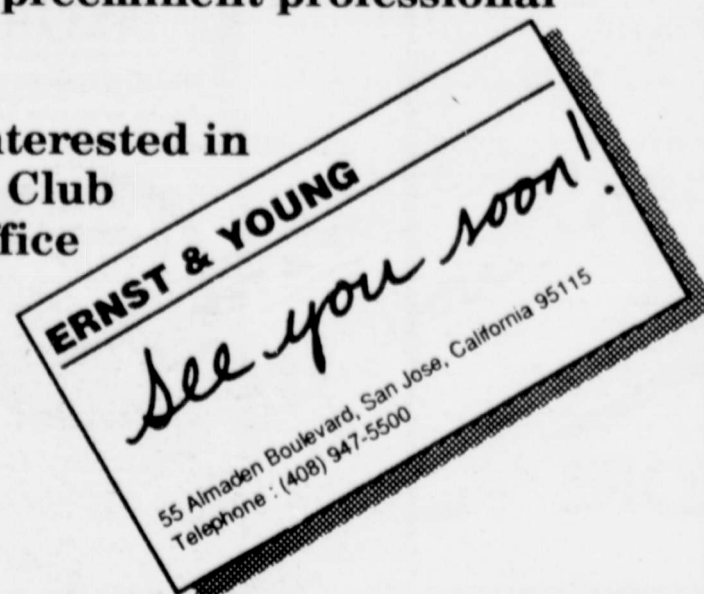
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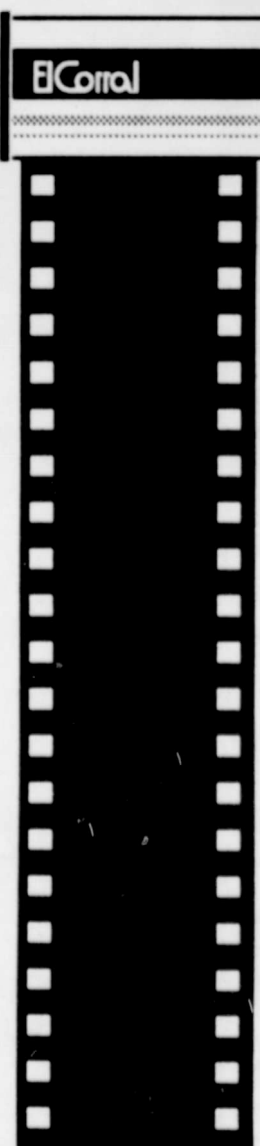


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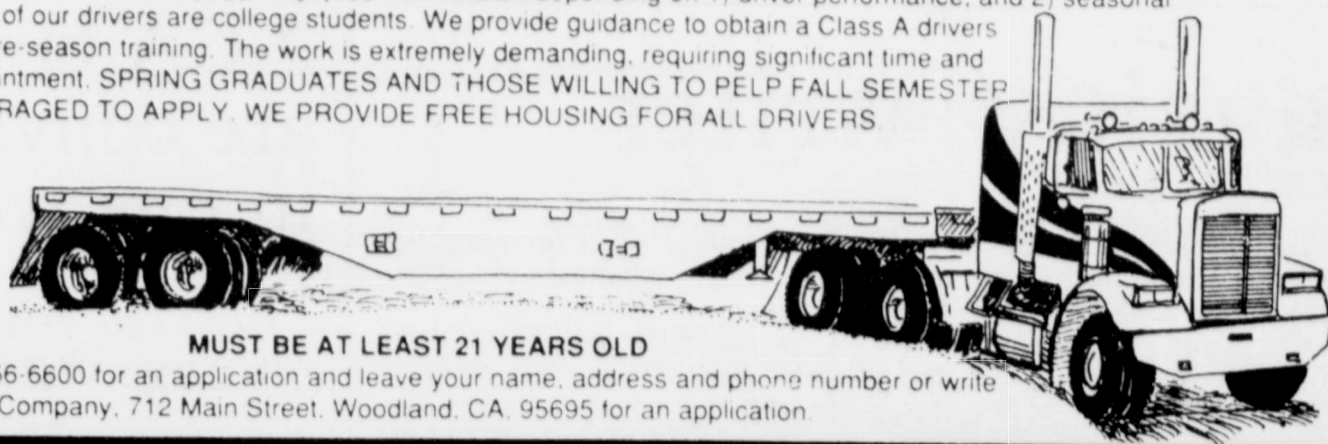
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Alleged Los Angeles panty raider caught red-handed by pack of angry neighbors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man allegedly swiping women's underwear from a clothesline early Monday was nabbed by a group of angry residents, police said.

Bruno Tijunait, 46, was booked for investigation of theft, said Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Paul Von Lutzow. Bail for Tijunait was set at \$250.

Lutzow said officers found a pile of women's lingerie in the back seat of Tijunait's BMW. Investigators worked to determine where that underwear came

from, he said, noting that some of it could be retained as evidence.

Alerted by a neighbor's distress call in the Koreatown area of the city, about four miles west of downtown, four men chased Tijunait through the yards of their apartment buildings. When they caught him, they held him for officers, police said.

The first neighbor reported a man snatching panties, bras and other underwear from a clothesline about 4:30 a.m.

PARTNERSHIP

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hikes.

On March 9, the NRM students met with about 105 sixth graders from San Gabriel Road Elementary in Atascadero. They discussed trees and the environment and planted acorns in empty milk cartons to keep in their classrooms.

The same children went to Rancho El Chorro the following week and planted about 85 more acorn seeds. Two weeks later, they returned to see the results of their planting. Project coor-

dinator Blaine Boccignone, an NRM senior, believes that it's important for them to come back. "In this way, they're able to directly view the growth process," he said.

Rancho El Chorro also presents opportunities to Cal Poly students in the form of senior projects and work-study. There are seven work-study positions currently open, even though they are some of the top paying work-study positions available, according to Boccignone.

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New economy forces big layoffs in Poland

SANOK, Poland (AP) — Poland's fast shift to a market economy has shocked the 6,300 workers and managers of the Autosan Bus Factory, long wrapped in the warm cocoon of central planning.

With unsold buses gathering dust on the factory's parking lot, most of the plant is on "work holiday" and at least several hundred people are to be laid off permanently.

It is an example of how for the first time in decades in this formerly Communist country, economic failure packs a painful punch.

To make things harder for Sanok, a remote community on the edge of the Carpathian Mountains in the southeast corner of Poland, there are already 1,500 registered job-seekers and no employers large enough to absorb them.

In housing-short Poland, relocating is seldom an option.

"Sanok will become a city of the unemployed," said metalworker Stanislaw Potoczny ruefully.

"People are depressed by the situation, really depressed," said Jan Solar, foreman in charge of the tooling department.

"Everyone is wondering, 'If I am fired, who will employ me?'"

Company Director Jan Wilk, looking glum during a recent interview, complained that he had no time to adjust to the free economic system introduced Jan. 1 by the Solidarity-led government.

And the tight-money policies imposed to quench raging in-

flation have dried up demand, especially for big-ticket items like his \$30,000 to \$60,000 buses.

"Poland has a market economy, but it has no market," Wilk said.

Across Poland, state-owned enterprises like Autosan, which formerly paid only fleeting attention to the balance sheet, suddenly face the profit-or-perish pressure that managers in the West have long known.

The government used to be the financier of last resort, printing money to cover the losses of state-owned enterprises. Businesses were judged by how they fulfilled their plan, not by how much money they made or whether they produced anything anyone wanted to buy.

But no more.

Traditional crutches for East bloc managers — easy credit from the state, government subsidies, cheap access to hard currency, guaranteed customers and lack of competition — no longer function under the government's far-reaching reforms.

On the Autosan plant floor, the threat of layoffs has brought about a new respect for jobs among employees, said foreman Solar.

"An atmosphere of good work has come back because they are afraid of being fired. Before, if I asked people to do something, they might not do it. Now, everyone does."

"It is one of the points of the reform that is positive."

Unrest reported in western China

Sources unsure if troops utilized to subdue population

BEIJING (AP) — Ethnic disturbances have taken place recently in Moslem areas of China's far western border with the Soviet Union, a Western diplomat confirmed today.

The diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said an official from the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region had acknowledged there was truth to reports that civil unrest had occurred in the area.

The diplomat could provide no other details of the disturbances, which took place in the past few days around Kashgar, a bazaar

city near China's arid border with the Soviet republics of Tadzhikistan and Kirghizia.

More than half Xinjiang's population of 14 million are from the Uygur, Hui and other Moslem groups with close ethnic ties to Soviet Moslems. Moslem riots occurred in Urumqi last May and relations between local minorities and the Beijing government have long been tense.

Officials of the Foreign Affairs Office in Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang, neither confirmed nor denied the recent disturbances, saying only that it was "not clear" when asked whether troops had been sent in to quell rioting.

An official of Xinjiang's government office in Beijing, asked if reports that Kashgar had been

closed to foreigners were true, replied, "I don't know."

The China International Tourist Service claimed foreign tourists could still go to Kashgar but said they would have to take a 700-mile bus trip from Urumqi. The Chinese government has barred all foreign journalists and diplomats from traveling to Xinjiang since the outbreak of ethnic unrest in adjacent republics of the Soviet Union.

The sparsely populated desert province also borders Tibet, another province where resentment against Chinese rule has erupted into violence in recent years.

Xinjiang officials in recent months have repeatedly warned of separatists trying to stir up trouble.

Recent U.S.-Japan trade talks may lead to undesirable laws, GM chairman says

TOKYO (AP) — The chairman of General Motors Corp. today warned that recent U.S.-Japan trade talks could lead to undesirable new American laws if current high U.S. expectations are not met.

Most trade talks between the two nations have focused on improved market access for particular products.

But last week's negotiations dealt with business practices and customs in both countries that have worsened their trade imbalance, which has stood at about \$50 billion for several years.

"I am not a Japan-basher, and never will be," said Roger Smith, chairman of the world's largest automaker. "But we have to learn to trade together. And I look for Japanese companies to take the leadership in helping resolve these trade issues. We should not have governments trying to resolve some of these trade issues."

In the trade talks, Japan pledged to alter its Anti-Monopoly Law to provide foreign companies more access to business opportunities by reducing Japanese business collusion. It also promised to reduce

restrictions on the opening of large-scale stores, which U.S. trade officials say are more likely to sell imported products.

Smith said Japanese customs and attitudes have blocked sales of U.S. cars in Japan, and warned that such non-tariff barriers were dangerous.

"I don't think you need those barriers, and I think they are very dangerous, because they are the things that the people in the United States hold up as an example and say, 'See, you can't trust the Japanese,'" he told reporters at the Japan National Press Club.

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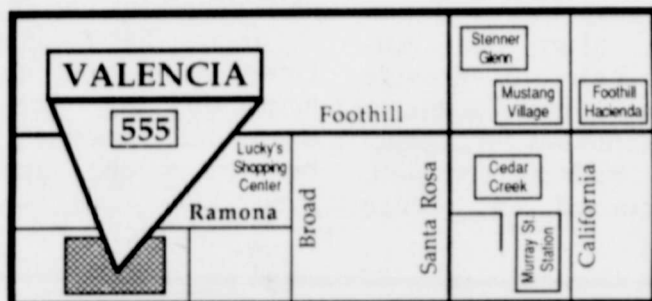

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Gymnastics

Poly prepares for nationals

Travis, Mickels, Wells compete at Div. I regionals

 By Patty Hayes
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly women's gymnastics team spent this weekend preparing for the Division II National Championships, which begin Friday in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Three Mustang team members competed Saturday at the Division I Western Regional Championships, held at UCLA. Though none of the three placed in the top spots in any event, Kim Wells, Karen Travis and Terri Mickels all performed well, said Head Coach Tim Rivera.

"It really helped prepare them for this weekend (nationals)," Rivera said.

The rest of the Mustangs cheered their teammates on from the stands. The Mustangs expected to compete as a team, as they believed they had qualified for the Division I competition although they are a Division II team.

As a result of the Mustangs' impressive performance in Division II Western Regionals at UC Davis two weeks ago, where they set a Division II national record for total team score with 188.3 points, they had qualified according to USGF (United States Gymnastics Federation) rules.

According to an NCAA rule, however, two judges who had judged at the Division II regionals did not have enough qualifications to merit Cal Poly's entrance into the Division I competition.

"Rules are rules," Rivera said. "From now on we'll make sure." The final decision on Cal Poly's eligibility status did not come until the day of the competition. "The whole team went down there — prepared and ready to go," Rivera said.

Cal Poly team member Karen Travis said, "all of the Division I schools were behind us 100 percent — even Stanford (who Cal Poly would have bumped out had they been allowed to compete)." UCLA placed first at the competition, followed by CSU Fullerton and Oregon State University. Stanford tied with UC Berkeley for fifth place.

Now, the Mustangs are looking forward to a possible Division II title. The Mustangs enter the competition, to be held at the U.S. Air Force Academy, ranked first in Division II.

"It's not going to be a runaway," Rivera said. "But if we do well, someone else is going to have to do a lot better to beat us."

"The team is physically ready," he said. "Now they just have to get focused mentally."

Travis, a sophomore who is ranked fifth nationally in all-around performance, credits a strong team spirit for Cal Poly's success.

"We have a really strong team with a lot of depth," Travis said. "We're a close team this year — with a lot of energy and spirit."

Standouts on the team include Mickels, who is ranked seventh nationally, and sophomore Marci Lacert, ranked ninth, as well as Travis. Freshman Stacey Allie injured her knee at the Mustangs' last home meet. She did not compete at regionals and is out for the season.

At the Division II regionals, Lacert won the all-around competition while Travis placed third. Sophomore Theresa Bell and senior Julie Bolen set regional records on the floor exercise and uneven bars, respectively, with scores of 9.75.

"We've had a record-breaking year," Rivera said. The team hopes to continue that trend this weekend.

Bell said the team is excited for the meet, especially because

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Tennis phenom earns praise from old pros

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Martina Navratilova likes what she sees — on and off the court — in 14-year-old Jennifer Capriati.

"The thing that impresses me the most is her pace and her poise," Navratilova said. "But when you're 14, you don't know any better. You just hit the ball as hard as you can."

"If it goes in, great. If it doesn't, oh well, you've got 15 years ahead of you. So it's not that big a deal when you miss."

The 33-year-old Navratilova beat Capriati 6-2, 6-4 Sunday to win the \$500,000 Family Circle Magazine Cup championship.

While it was Navratilova's 150th singles title, it was only Capriati's third tournament since turning pro last month.

After hearing Capriati refer to her as a legend, Navratilova called her young opponent a legend-in-the-making. Navratilova said Capriati is "more polished" at this stage than Steffi Graf, ranked No. 1 in the world, or Andrea Jaeger or Tracy Austin, once seen as America's next great tennis stars.

"She's also physically closer to her potential than Andrea or Tracy or Steffi were at that age," Navratilova said. "She hits the ball harder on both sides. Steffi

was hitting it hardest one way. But Jennifer hits it hard off both sides.

"She's pretty quick. I think Andrea was better at the net than Jennifer, but she's got all the shots — and the potential to master all of them."

No less an authority than Chris Evert, who has known Capriati since Capriati was 4 years old, believes the teenager is America's best future hope on the women's tour.

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Exxon pleads innocent in oil spill

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Exxon announced today that it would plead innocent to a five-count criminal indictment charging it with negligence and other crimes in the nation's worst oil spill a year ago.

The grounding of the tanker Exxon Valdez "was tragic, but it was an accident," the company said in a prepared statement announcing its intended plea.

Exxon and its subsidiary Ex-

on Shipping Co. were scheduled for separate arraignments before a federal magistrate later in the day.

On Feb. 27, a federal grand jury handed up a five-count criminal indictment against the company stemming from the oil spill, which occurred after the Exxon Valdez slammed into a charted reef on March 24, 1989, in Prince William Sound.

The spill of nearly 11 million

gallons of North Slope crude oil coated hundreds of miles of coastline and killed uncounted numbers of fish, birds and other marine life.

Exxon said it would vigorously defend itself against the charges, which include violating clean water and refuse acts, and negligently and unlawfully discharging oil into a navigable waterway.

GYMNASTICS

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several parents and fans are traveling to Colorado to root for them.

"It's our last shot and now we're going to give it all we've got," Bell said. "Regionals (Division II) gave us a lot of confidence."

Last year the Mustangs placed second to Indiana University of Pennsylvania at nationals, which

were held at Cal Poly.

The Mustangs expect Indiana, Houston Baptist and Southeast Missouri to be their toughest competition.

The Cal Poly men's club team will also compete at nationals in Colorado. The club team is ranked second in the nation.

"We'll be the only school there with two teams," coach Rivera said.

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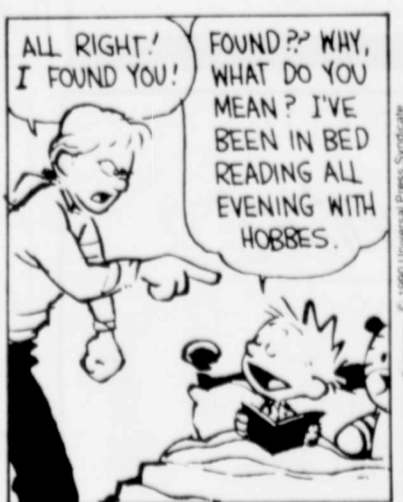
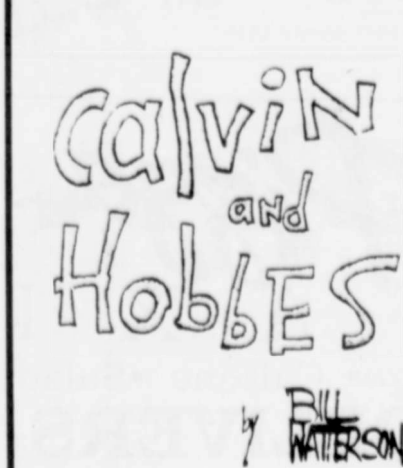
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Ryan White dies after highly-publicized battle with debilitating disease

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ryan White, who won a long court battle to attend public school and overcame prejudice against himself and other AIDS victims, lost his 5-year struggle with the deadly disease on Sunday. He was 18.

White died shortly after 7 a.m. at Riley Hospital for Children, where he had been hospitalized since March 29 with an AIDS-

related respiratory infection. He had been heavily sedated and on a ventilator.

White's mother, Jeanne, and sister, Andrea, 16, had kept a bedside vigil, joined at times by celebrities such as singer Elton John and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Dr. Martin B. Kleiman, White's physician throughout his illness, said death followed a slow deterioration that had begun Saturday.

"At the end, his family and a few of the others who loved him were close at his side," Kleiman said. "He never regained consciousness, and I am confident that he suffered no pain at the end."

Carrie Van Dyke, a spokeswoman for Mrs. White, said the family needed "time to be

alone, to recover, to grieve."

John, who stayed at the hospital with the Whites nearly a week, dedicated the song "Candle in the Wind" to White during the Farm Aid IV concert Saturday night at the Hoosier Dome, about a mile from the hospital.

"This one's for Ryan," John said to the cheers of 45,000 fans at the concert.

President Bush, who last week planted a tree in White's honor in downtown Indianapolis, said he and his wife, Barbara, were "deeply saddened" by White's death.

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Company moves from touchtone to rotary phones in war on drugs

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A telephone company is taking a technological leap backward in an effort to fight the drug problem.

U S West has replaced push-button pay phones with rotary models at about 18 Twin Cities locations to make it harder for drug dealers to conduct business with telephone pagers, U S West spokesman Mike Breda said.

Because most pagers don't work unless the call comes from a push-button phone, drug dealers with pagers can't use the rotary phones.

Pagers have become a way of life for dealers, who often fear their telephone lines are tapped.

"Everybody's got them," Lt. James Singer of the St. Paul police narcotics unit said of the pagers.

Customers order drugs by telephoning a dealer's pager and then punching in a phone number or a pre-arranged code, police say. The dealer responds by calling back or showing up with the drugs. In the past, Minneapolis and St. Paul police regularly asked the telephone company to remove pay phones in drug-infested areas or to adjust the phones so they don't accept incoming calls. But removing public phones can hurt people who can't afford private telephones.

"We have noticed a decrease in traffic in at least a couple of locations where we changed the phones," said Minneapolis Council member Jackie Cherryhomes. "I don't think it is going to win the battle against drugs, but if you can affect it in any way, that's important."

However, U S West's tactic may not work for long. At least one paging company now offers a pager in which the caller can use any phone.

At least one paging company has taken steps to try to halt the use of pagers for illegal purposes, said Steven Miorana, general manager of MinnComm Paging in Minneapolis.

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"It was a group effort; the enthusiasm to help out and see the project to the end really made my job easier," said Stockton.

In the bridge-building contest, Cal Poly's John Walker won the event.

"He designed an all-winner, 522-gram bridge that withstood 3,000 pounds before it broke," said De Natale.

"I was encouraged to see lots of help from students and faculty, and that made it a success," said Jeremy Schwartz, chairman of ASCE Pacific Southwest Conference and a senior Cal Poly civil engineer. "And next year we are planning to make it three in a row."

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