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Local dogs display a sense of showmanship

Jonathan Drake
MUSTANG DAILY

Santa Rosa Park went to the dogs Sunday as dog owners from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County brought their four-legged friends to the 15th annual Dog Days in the Park.

The event, sponsored by the Santa Lucia Open Dog Obedience Group, hosted activities ranging from agility courses to obedience training competitions.

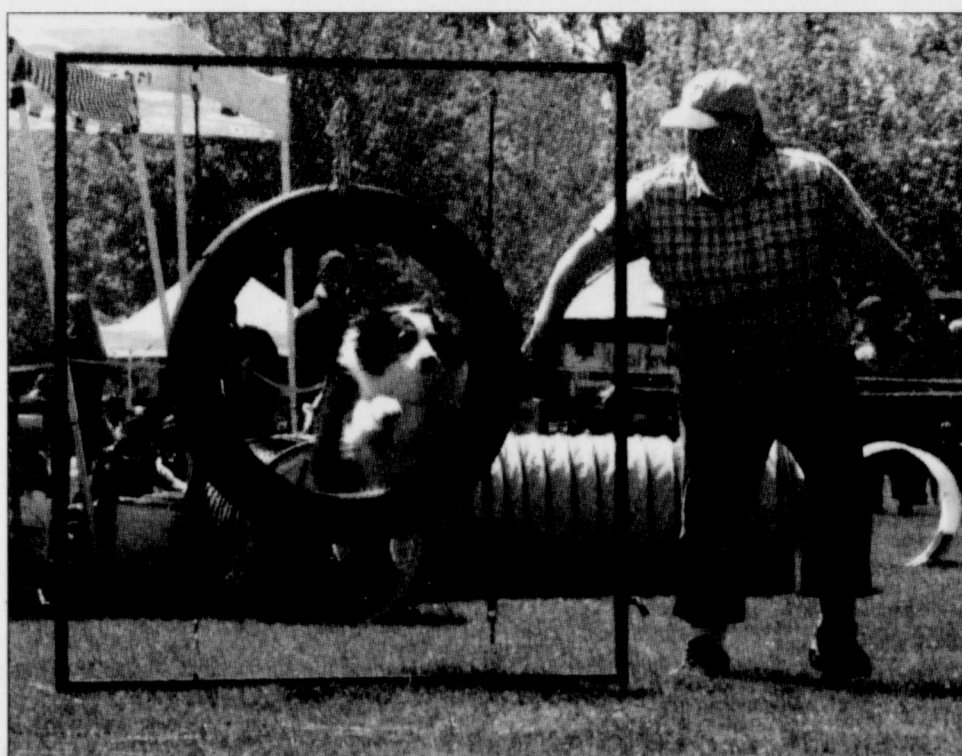
The day began Sunday morning with an agility demonstration involving an elaborate setup of tunnels, bridges, slalom poles and a teeter-tot-

ter.

Pets and their owners ran through the obstacles as fast as they could, but most dogs struggled with the slalom poles, similar to the skiing sport.

Clubs from both counties, such as 4H, participated in an obedience competition. Dogs followed instructions from their human counterparts despite distractions by their surroundings, even when two people stood in the middle of the test area.

There was also a showmanship competition, similar to the Westminster Dog Show, where dogs are judges on appearance, obedience



MATT WECHTER MUSTANG DAILY

The 15th annual Dog Days in the Park featured competitions such as an agility course and obedience training.

and grace.

Shanna Crawford from the Atascadero 4H Club had brought a 5-month-old puppy named Cady to the

obedience competition.

"I am hoping to have better luck

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Referenda voting begins Wednesday

If both fee referenda pass, Cal Poly students will pay \$26 extra for fall quarter to improve campus facilities

Thao Tran
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly students will vote on the referenda to increase the Associated Student Inc. and University Union fees tomorrow and Thursday.

These fees will finance student activities and renovate old and add new facilities including a new university union near Campus Market.

ASI President Blake Bolton says the referenda open doors to new dining and recreational opportunities that will better serve students.

"With ASI, the foundation and the university sitting down and discussing the future dining options on campus, productive steps have been made in recognizing student demands," Bolton said.

If the UU fee referenda passes, students will pay a \$21 fee for fall quarter of 2005, with additional increases over a five-year period for a cumulative increase of \$175 by 2010.

This funding will be dedicated to a new student recreation center and renovation of the second floor of the current UU for future Cal Poly students.

According to the ASI voter pamphlet, the student university union project includes sport courts, gymnasiums, meeting rooms, dining venues and student demand retail spaces.

Cal Poly would need more space to support national or regional dining franchises.

"Wendy's, Burger King and Cinnabon all require a specific amount of footage that we don't have available," said Nancy Williams director of Campus Dining.

The second referendum will increase the ASI fee by \$5 for all students attending Cal Poly in the fall. The fee will increase \$3 in 2007 and continue increasing at that rate on a biennial bases through September 2015 to a total of \$81.94.

A fee increase allows ASI to provide additional funding for student organizations and general interest student organizations in addition to maintaining the current level of programming and service offerings, according to voter information.

Some voters feel these fees will cause a backlash for future Cal Poly student finances.

"I don't feel tuition should go to this," Courtney Dahl co-director of

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Bankruptcy law makes a last resort more expensive

Consumer-advocacy groups criticize the new bill saying President Bush is catering to his most generous contributors

Christian Daniels
THE CALIFORNIA AGGIE

DAVIS — Students carrying massive credit-card or student-loan debt may face greater difficulties in declaring bankruptcy.

Congress passed a bill Thursday that makes it more difficult for consumers to seek relief from overwhelming debt through bankruptcy.

The U.S. Senate's version of the bill, titled "The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005," passed easily with a vote of 74-25 on Mar. 10. Thursday's vote in the House of Representatives' version of the bill was 302-106. President George W. Bush has indicated he is ready to sign the bill into law.

The banking and credit industries applauded Thursday's vote, saying the 500-page bill was an overdue overhaul of the nation's bankruptcy system that will cut down on fraud and

abuse.

"The bill is written to target those who declare bankruptcy with significant income. It's asking those people to pay a portion of their debt," said Laura Fisher, spokesperson for the American Banking Association, a financial-industry lobbying group. "I think most Americans would agree that it's reasonable to ask people to repay the debts that they can afford to repay."

Consumer advocacy groups, however, blasted the bill as a gift to some of Bush's most generous contributors. They say the law will punish people who have fallen on financial hardship while ignoring the "predatory" lending practices of credit-card companies and other creditors, namely high interest rates and myriad fees that make it hard to pay down debt.

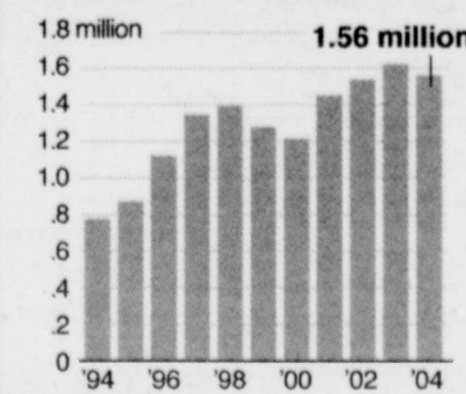
One of the bill's biggest proponents was credit card giant MBNA, which contributed over \$1 million between 1999 and 2004 to senators

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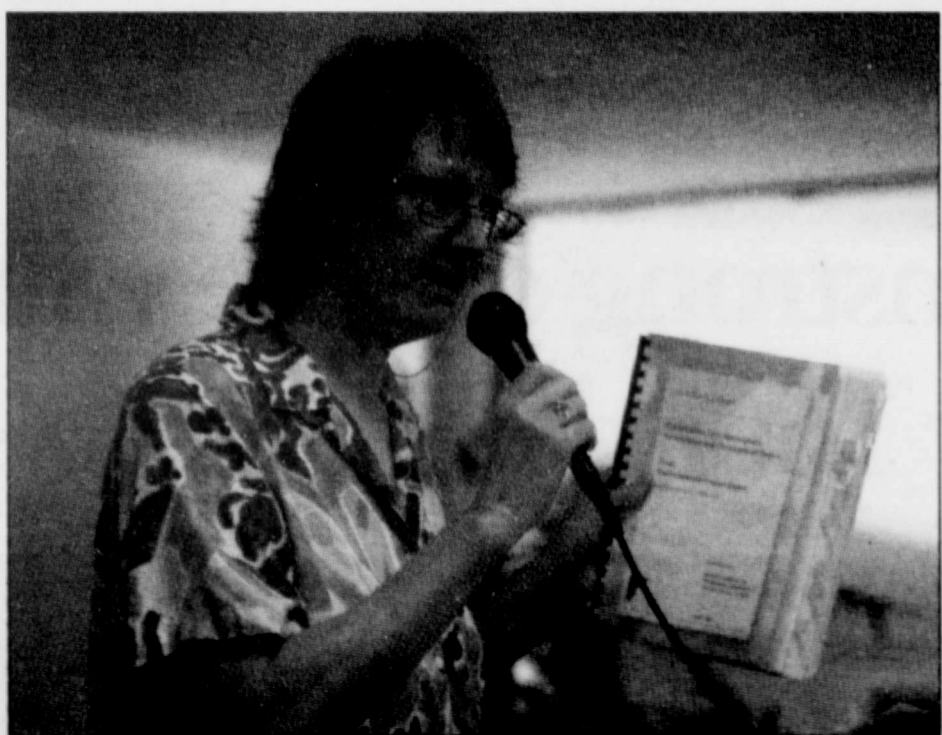
Bankruptcy filings

The number of Americans filing for bankruptcy protection has increased over the last decade.

Personal bankruptcy filings



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NICK HOOVER MUSTANG DAILY

City Councilwoman Christine Mulholland debated with Mayor Dave Romero over the issue of building a new marketplace.

Debate over new marketplace heats up

Rebecca Laman
MUSTANG DAILY

Mayor Dave Romero and City Councilwoman Christine Mulholland debated on the controversial San Luis Obispo Marketplace to be built off Madonna Road and Highway 101 at The Village at The Palms on Monday.

Mulholland strongly opposed the marketplace arguing that the project will only bring poor air quality, worse traffic circulation and cause the city to lose important agricultural resources.

Mulholland argued that introducing such chain stores into the community will severely damage the downtown environment.

"Although big-box stores may initially add retail sales, shopping options, new jobs and tax revenue, they eventually take away business from local stores, eliminate jobs from other businesses and encourage the degradation of community downtown areas," Mulholland said.

Mulholland stressed that the Los Osos Valley Road has become the established big-box commercial area of San Luis Obispo with

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Dogs

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controlling a younger dog this year" Crawford said.

Several companies also had kiosks set up at the park showcasing their products, including a premium pet food supplier cleverly called Canine Caviar.

Others exhibited inventions such as the Borger family, who invented a pet harness after other dog harnesses they had tried wore the fur off their pet Chihuahua. Their invention, called the Butterfly Harness, wraps around a dog's back and front legs, making the dog more comfortable.

But the Borger family business, started by Mandy Borges and her mother Kathy, did not stop with just

dog harnesses. The company sells harnesses for ducks, hedgehogs, hamsters and even got a request to make harnesses for a chicken and a goat.

"We were encouraging people to walk their pets more and one man asked if it would fit his goat," Borges said. "And if you're ever in Los Alamos, keep your eye out for a man that walks his chicken every day in a butterfly harness."

"There is a general feeling of fun and joy as the dogs and their families try out new adventures such as agility or flyball," said Cindy Decker, SLODOG member and journalism department administrative assistant.

Flyball is a relay in which dogs race each other over hurdles then jump on a box that launches a ball into the air that the dogs must catch, then run back over the hurdles.

Referenda

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the Progressive Student Alliance. "Tuition has more than doubled since 2000 and soon we might face a state-mandated tuition increase that we won't be able to vote on."

Despite arguments against the referenda, some people feel the changes will brighten the future of Cal Poly students by making entertainment and resources more versatile.

"Creating a new university union

makes it easier to get a Woodstocks or Starbucks," Bolton said.

"I took a survey and heard a presentation on it while at a club meeting and I'm for it," agriculture business major Katie Bracil said.

Voting locations will be available campus wide including the first floor of the UU and the Robert Kennedy E. Library foyer.

For more information visit the student affairs webpage at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~saffairs/feer ef/>.

Marketplace

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Home Depot already built, and a Costco on its way.

Mulholland predicted that there will be no money to fix the Los Osos Valley overpass for the next 30 years.

"Instead of spending all of this money on a new big-box marketplace, why not fix the one that we already have," Mulholland said. "There's plenty of room to build by Home Depot without sacrificing prime agriculture land and the city will get all of the tax revenue from the stores going up in that area."

Romero pointed out that in the early 1990s the city became aware that the regional shopping for the city was depleted and many residents were commuting out of San Luis Obispo to nearby communities for more affordable shopping.

"In the long run, it saves people from driving long distances for shopping. It is a very positive thing for our community," Romero said.

Romero argued that the marketplace would prevent San Luis Obispo from losing millions of dollars in tax

revenue to Santa Maria every year.

Romero argued that the community of San Luis Obispo loses approximately \$200 million every year in retail sales to other Central Coast cities. Romero claimed that proposed "Big-box" stores like Lowe's and Target are anticipated to recapture a large portion of these lost revenues, up to \$1.52 million.

"This will help us in our very difficult budget time we have right now. We have about a \$2 million shortage," Romero said.

Romero also said that this extra tax revenue can be used to build a new Highway 101 overpass at Prado Road. This could potentially relieve some of the traffic congestion that is commonly found on the Los Osos Valley Road and Madonna Road overpasses.

Romero said the Prado Road overpass would allow city residents to enjoy a \$22 million road improvement project without the need for special bonds to fund it.

Though the Dilidio Marketplace was approved by the San Luis Obispo on July 6th, 2004, citizens will get their chance to determine the final outcome in the election on April 26.

Bankruptcy

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who voted for the bill, compared to \$85,000 for those who did not, according to an analysis by the Center for Responsive Politics.

Despite repeated attempts by The California Aggie, MBNA did not return calls requesting comment.

Harvard law professor and bankruptcy expert Elizabeth Warren, who launched a bogging campaign against the law, said it was only a matter of time before the financial industry's contributions brought results.

"There's no political action committee for families in serious financial trouble," Warren said. "They can't make big contributions or pay for \$600-per-plate dinners. All the money is on one side and all the hurt is on the other."

Warren was a joint author of a Harvard study revealing that approximately 50 percent of all those who file for bankruptcy do so because of medical expenses. Divorce and job losses account for another 40 percent of filings, according to Warren.

The law will largely take away a bankruptcy judge's discretion to assess individual cases, a point that drove 92 law professors to draft a letter in February to the Senate saying that the bill "seeks to shoot a mosquito with a shotgun."

Consumers who seek bankruptcy relief and earn more than their state's median income level, on average, in the six months prior to their filing, would be subject to a "means test" that assesses their abilities to pay based on a formula. If the formula finds a filer has more than \$100 per month to pay, he or she must file under Chapter 13.

Officials alarmed by reactor shutdown in North Korea

The Bush administration is concerned that Pyongyang has produced spent fuel rods laced with weapons-grade plutonium

Barry Schweid
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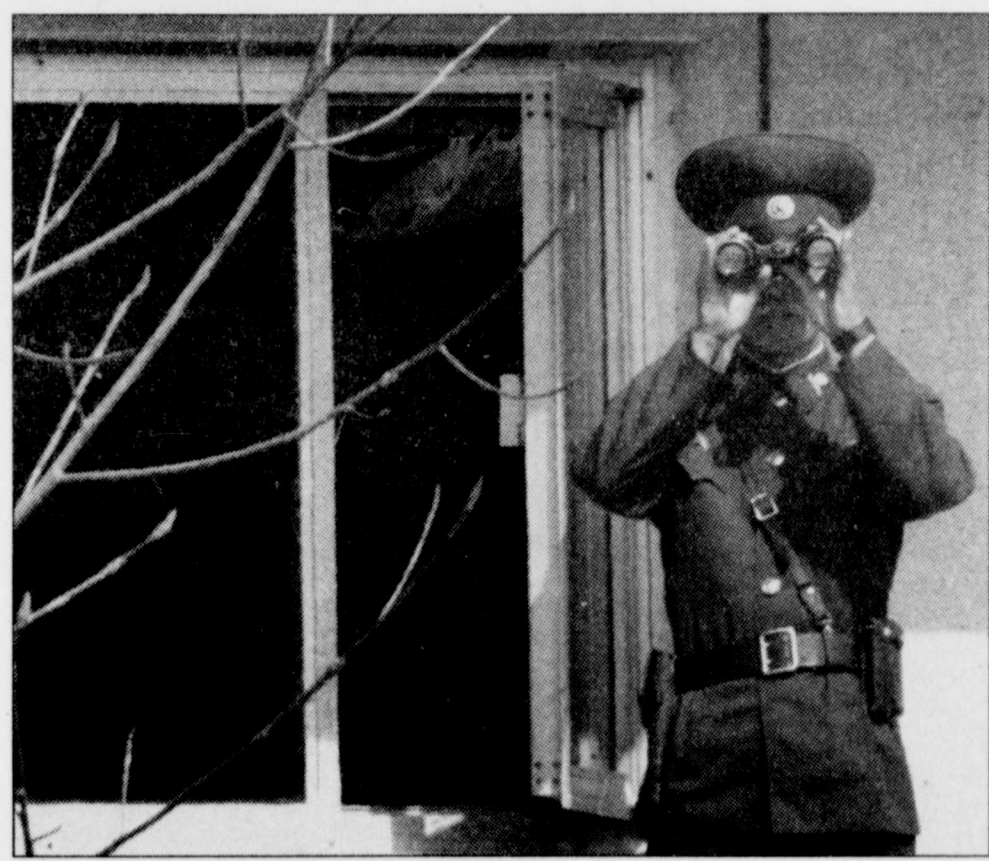
WASHINGTON — The apparent shutdown of a nuclear reactor in North Korea is raising concerns among Bush administration officials that Pyongyang has completed the task of producing spent fuel rods laced with weapons-grade plutonium.

A U.S. official familiar with the situation said there could be at least two other possibilities, neither of which is troubling: that the reactor has run into mechanical trouble or that North Korea is bluffing in order to raise anxieties.

In the past, North Korea has claimed to have taken major steps in its pursuit of a nuclear weapons arsenal and only some of those claims are credited by U.S. analysts as genuine. Even so, North Korea is believed to have already produced at least one atom bomb and the United States, China, Japan, South Korea and Russia are trying to negotiate elimination of the nuclear weapons program.

North Korea had agreed to return to the bargaining table last September after a three-month hiatus but since then has refused to resume the so-called six-nation talks.

Reflecting growing impatience, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the administration



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A North Korean guard looks at the southern side through field glasses at the border village of Panmunjom, north of Seoul.

would consult with its partners about taking the issue to the U.N. Security Council if the talks remain side-tracked.

"That's one possibility," McClellan said, "If they refuse to come back to the talks, then we will have to consult with our partners and look at the next steps," the spokesman said, without offering any timetable for action.

The shutdown of the reactor in North Korea's main nuclear complex at Yongbyon was detected by what U.S. analysts refer to as "overhead imagery," which could involve spy

satellites, but not always.

The idea is to look for cessation of smoke or for significant changes in the readings of thermal or radar counts, said a U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity.

"This is entirely feasible, but for us to know for sure, we'd have to be physically there ourselves and this is no longer the case," said Melissa Fleming, a spokeswoman for the International Atomic Energy Agency.

She confirmed that the reactor would have to be shut down for the fuel rods to be extracted.

Lance Armstrong says he will retire after Tour de France

Armstrong, 33, is one of four men who have won the Tour de France six consecutive times

Charles Odum
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Lance Armstrong will retire from professional cycling after this summer's Tour de France, ending one of the great careers in all sports.

"Ultimately, athletes have to retire ... the body doesn't just keep going and going," Armstrong said Monday at a news conference.

The 33-year-old Texan will attempt to win his record seventh straight Tour de France in July. Before Armstrong, Miguel Indurain's five straight Tour de France wins were the record.

Eddy Merckx of Belgium and Bernard Hinault and Jacques Anquetil of France are the only other riders to win five Tour de France races overall.

Armstrong's streak of six straight titles, along with his inspirational recovery from testicular cancer, has made him a superstar in the sport and an international celebrity.

Armstrong's possible retirement plans had become the focus of growing speculation as he spoke in recent months that he wants to spend more



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Lance Armstrong plans to retire from professional cycling after he attempts to break the Tour de France record of seven straight victories.

time with his three children and in his campaign against cancer.

Armstrong says he is "100 percent committed" to his decision to retire and that he will not be participating in any other races after July 24 — the scheduled end of the Tour de France.

The announcement came on the eve of Armstrong's defense of his Tour de Georgia championship. The six-day, 648-mile event he uses as a training tool for the Tour de France begins Tuesday.

His new two-year contract to race for the Discovery Channel team requires he compete in just one more Tour de France.

"I was fortunate to win six times. Can I win again this year? I'm not sure, but I'm going to try," he said. "It's my ambition to win and also a little bit of my job to win."

He has said previously if he retires he would amplify his high-profile role as a cancer survivor.

STATE NEWS

SACRAMENTO — Two of the nation's biggest public employee retirement funds would be urged to avoid investing in global corporations doing business with Sudan, under a resolution that passed the state Assembly on Monday.

This is the great moral issue of our time, said Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally, D-Compton, moments before winning 64-6

approval for his measure.

NORWALK — A father who killed five of his children by lighting a charcoal grill inside his home and closing all the doors and windows should be sentenced to life in prison without parole, a jury recommended Monday.

The jury could have recommended the death sentence. Garcia was eligible for death because the murder charges carried the special circumstance allegations of multiple murder, murder by

poisoning and lying in wait.

During the trial, prosecutors said Garcia tried to kill himself and his six children in February 2002 to spite his wife, who had recently left him.

Prosecutors showed jurors a video of Garcia saying goodbye to his wife.

"I love you. I'm of sound mind and I know what I'm doing," Garcia said to the video camera.

MARTINEZ — A nanny charged in the hit-and-run killings of two children is a reckless substance

abuser with a history of drunken driving convictions, a prosecutor said Tuesday in opening statements at the woman's murder trial.

Defense attorneys countered that the fatal crash was simply an unfortunate accident.

Jimena Barreto, 46, is charged with second-degree murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license in the Oct. 26, 2003 deaths of Troy Pack, 10, and his sister, Alana, 7.

—Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS

DALLAS — A supporter of President Bush is suing the Republican National Committee and one of its suppliers, claiming they stole his design for the ubiquitous W bumper sticker logo in the 2004 campaign.

Jerry Gossett of Wichita Falls said he pitched his design for a logo to the RNC's supplier of campaign materials, The Spalding Group of Lexington, Ky., in 2001 and to the RNC in 2003, and was turned down.

This month, Gossett's Rally Concepts LLC sued in federal court, seeking unspecified damages for copyright infringement and conspiracy.

Tracey Schmitt, the RNC's press secretary, called the lawsuit frivolous.

Officials at Spalding did not respond to calls seeking comment, but a company lawyer, William H. Hollander, said in a letter to Gossett's attorney that his design doesn't meet the legal test of being substantially similar to Spalding's.

Gossett, inspired by scenes of firefighters raising a flag at the site of the World Trade Center, drew an American flag fluttering from a large W, next to the number 43 for Bush as the 43rd president.

The Spalding design reads W '04 instead of W 43, and is rounded, unlike Gossett's rectangular design. Hollander said key elements in the company's design had emerged as early as 1999.

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

ANAHEIM — With prescription drugs Vioxx and Bextra already pulled from the market, a study has raised disturbing questions about the heart safety of long-term use of over-the-counter pain relievers such as Advil, Motrin and Aleve.

Smokers in Norway who took such drugs for at least six months had twice the risk of dying of a heart attack, stroke or other heart-

related problem.

CARSON CITY, Nev. — A bill that helps homeless people get identification won approval Monday in the Nevada Assembly.

AB84 would allow applicants for a state-issued ID card to get a copy of a birth certificate, a duplicate driver's license or a duplicate state ID free of charge, if they sign an affidavit stating they are homeless.

Assemblyman Bob McCleary, D-

North Las Vegas, said the bill will help homeless people apply for jobs.

The goal is to allow people that are capable of working, who are homeless, to transition back to work, and part of doing that is getting identification, he said.

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to consider whether a church in New Mexico can continue using hallucinogenic tea in its religious services.

At issue is whether use of the tea, which contains a drug banned under the federal Controlled Substances Act, is protected under freedom of religion laws. The Bush administration contends the tea is illegal and use of it potentially dangerous for church members.

The church, which has about 8,000 worldwide, says the herbal brew is a central sacrament in its religious practice.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday he is positively inclined toward delaying Israel's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip this summer by three weeks out of respect for a Jewish mourning period that marks the destruction of the biblical temples.

Sharon's statement came as government officials confirmed Israel plans to build 50 new homes in a

West Bank settlement, a week after President Bush demanded a freeze on such construction.

In Washington, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the Bush administration will be seeking clarification from the government of Israel on both issues.

VATICAN CITY — Black smoke streamed from the Sistine Chapel's chimney Monday to signal that cardinals failed to select a new pope in their first round of

voting, held just hours after they began their historic task: finding a leader capable of building on John Paul II's spiritual energy while keeping modern rifts from tearing deeper into the church.

"It seems white. ... No, no, it's black!" reported Vatican Radio as the first pale wisps slipped out from the narrow pipe and then quickly darkened.

MADAIN, Iraq — Hundreds of Iraqi security forces launched

an operation Monday to root out Sunni insurgents at the tip of Iraq's Triangle of Death, but found no hostages despite reports that up to 100 Shiites may have been seized. Iraqi forces fanned through the dusty streets of Madain and took positions on rooftops in the town south of Baghdad, while Sunni leaders dismissed the reports of a hostage crisis as a hoax.

—Associated Press

ASI/University Union Fee Referendum April 20 & 21, 2005

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Court reinstates Holocaust case against Vatican Bank

Charges against the bank of the Roman Catholic Church were initially dropped on grounds they could disrupt diplomacy

David Kravets
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court on Monday reinstated a lawsuit brought by survivors of the Holocaust in Croatia, the Ukraine and Yugoslavia who allege the Vatican Bank accepted millions of dollars of their valuables stolen by Nazi sympathizers.

The Vatican Bank, the financial arm of the Roman Catholic Church, denies allegations that during World War II it stored the looted assets from thousands of gypsies, Jews, Serbs and others who were killed or captured by the Nazi-

the successor to Pope John Paul II, who died April 2.

In 1998, Swiss banks agreed to pay as much as \$1.25 billion to Nazi victims and their families who accused the banks of stealing, concealing or sending to the Nazis hundreds of millions of dollars worth of Jewish holdings and destroying bank records to cover the paper trail.

In reinstating the monetary claims against the Vatican Bank, the San Francisco-based appeals court overruled a lower court judge who said the lawsuit was barred because it could upset a governmental negotiations and diplomacy toward resolving claims originating from World War II.

'No ongoing government negotiations, agreements or settlements

"A new pope might be more energetic than the old pope in these matters. The Vatican has been very hesitant on this."

— JONATHAN LEVY
Holocaust survivors' attorney

backed Ustasha regime that controlled Croatia.

A federal judge had dismissed the 1999 case, but the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the survivors should have their day in court in an effort to be compensated for their monetary losses, and to be given an accounting of what money, if any, the bank received from the Nazi-backed Ustasha regime.

An attorney for the survivors and their beneficiaries said the decision, combined with a new pope expected to be named any day, could spark an out-of-court settlement.

"A new pope might be more energetic than the old pope in these matters," attorney Jonathan Levy said. "The Vatican has been very hesitant on this."

Church officials were not immediately available for comment. The bank's attorney, Jeffrey Lena of Berkeley, did not answer repeated phone calls, but told the court in October that the allegations were particularly tenuous.

Cardinals began meeting in Vatican City on Monday to pick

are on the horizon," Judge Margaret McKeown ruled for the three-judge panel.

In dissent, Judge Stephen Trott said only Congress and the president,

not the judicial branch, have the authority to deal with the fallout of World War II.

"This opinion, albeit well-meaning and well-intentioned, extends the concept of judicial authority into unknown territory and mistakenly exercises power and competence that plainly belongs to the president and Congress," Trott wrote.

Trott added that the majority's opinion will "open up the floodgates of U.S. courts to litigate claims regarding the horrors from Haiti, Cuba, Rwanda, South Africa, the Soviet Union, Bosnia, Sudan, Somalia, North Korea, Iraq, and who knows where?"

All three judges voted to reject human rights violations charging the bank assisted in genocide. The lawsuit includes World War II survivors and their relatives — many living in the United States.

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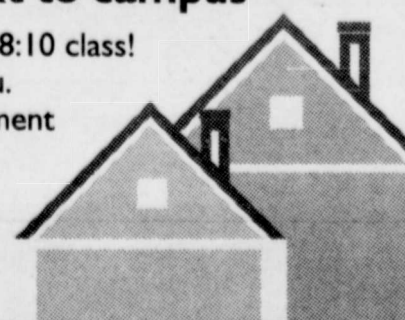
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Accuser's mother said Jackson 'fooled the world.'



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The mother of the accuser in Michael Jackson's trial hides her face as she passes through a magnetometer at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse Monday

Linda Deutsch
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MARIA — The mother of Michael Jackson's accuser acknowledged on the witness stand Monday that she once told sheriff's deputies that she feared Jackson had a plan for her and her family to disappear from his Neverland ranch in a hot air balloon.

The woman was confronted with the statement during a rigorous cross-examination by defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr., during her fourth day of testimony in Jackson's child molestation trial.

"He's taking it out of context. He's minimizing it. I told police that (Jackson associates) had many ways to make us disappear," the woman said to the jury.

"And someone mentioned to you a hot air balloon?" Mesereau asked.

"That was one of the ways," she said.

The questioning was part of broad attack on the mother's credibility by Jackson's defense, which contends the accuser's family was out to get money from the pop star.

The witness appeared to tire and sat slumped in the witness box with her head in her hand as she ranged from pointing to Jackson or refer-

ring to him as you, to denouncing others she said were involved in a plot to control her and her family.

"He really didn't care about children, he cared about what he was doing with children," she said at one point. In another speech to the jury, she said, "He managed to fool the world. Now, because of this criminal case people know who he really is."

Jackson is accused of molesting one of the woman's sons — a teenage cancer patient — in February or March 2003, giving the boy alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy's family captive to get them to rebut the "Living With Michael Jackson" documentary in which Jackson said he let children sleep in his bed but it was innocent.

The witness identified numerous documents, among them a tribute to Jackson in her own handwriting, with a heart and X's and O's on it. She said she wrote it under duress.

She denied she ever asked for money from any Jackson associates, saying, "Money doesn't buy happiness."

She also denied virtually every statement in a report by social workers who interviewed her and her children in February 2003. She claimed that when she notified one of them the following March 11 that her son had been given alcohol, the response was, "It's out of my hands."

She lashed out at the social workers, saying their only interest was to not be sued by Jackson.

Under wide-ranging questioning, the woman denied repeatedly that Jackson or anyone associated with

"He really didn't care about children, he cared about what he was doing with children."

— ACCUSER'S MOTHER

him had tried to help her and her family when her son was stricken with cancer.

Asked whether Jackson arranged a blood drive at Neverland, she said, "I was responsible for that."

She then launched into an explanation about how the hospital would provide a bloodmobile anywhere she could arrange such an event.

"And Mr. Jackson allowed you to use the ranch for the blood drive?" asked Mesereau.

"Yes, this is correct," the woman said. But she added, "He wasn't the

only one. Many church groups gathered."

Mesereau also elicited testimony that the woman received checks for \$20,000 and deposited them in her mother's bank account.

But she could not remember how any of the money had been used for her son.

She also said she opened a bank account in which people could deposit money for her son's benefit.

"Did you withdraw thousands of dollars from that account?" Mesereau asked.

"Yes," said the woman.

"And was any of that money for medical expenses?" the attorney asked.

"No," she said.

She denied that she misled a reporter for a local newspaper into writing a story saying the family was poverty-stricken, was paying \$12,000 for each chemotherapy treatment the boy received, and giving an address to send contributions.

She said the \$12,000 figure was a typographical error and that she meant \$1,200.

But she acknowledged ultimately

that the family was paying for nothing because the father's health insurance covered the boy's treatment.

Mesereau led her through questions and answers involving her relationship with comedian Chris Tucker and his girlfriend Aja, and she denied that the family solicited help, money or any other gifts from Tucker.

She acknowledged that Tucker once gave the family a car, but she said she never asked him to do that and asserted that he only did it because he had gotten his girlfriend a car and needed to make room for it.

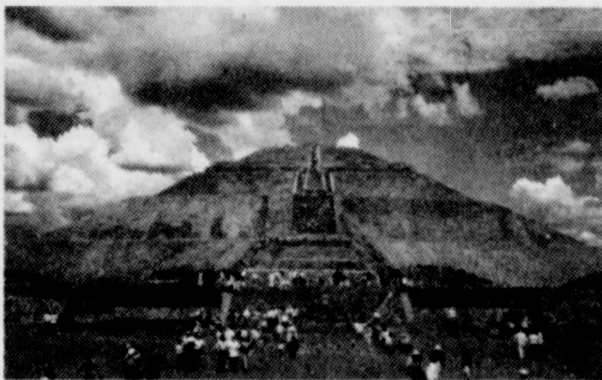
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Something for Rockets will jettison you to the dancefloor

Tiffany Dias
MUSTANG DAILY

Something for Rockets, an electronic-rock band entertaining fans from Los Angeles to New York, is coming to SLO Brew today.

SFR's first full-length album, recorded in 2003, is a composition of genre-blending rock. Band members include Rami Perlman, Josh Eichenbaum and Barry Davis, all of who helped write, record and produce the album over the course of a year. The self-titled debut is a manifestation of Perlman's classical upbringing, laced with complex symphonic arrangements and orchestration.

"We worked non-stop on that album, now we're touring across that country. It's crazy," Perlman said.

They have been likened to Depeche Mode and the Strokes. Perlman, vocalist and frontman for the band

said its songs have "a very dancy vibe."

Perlman has music in his blood; his father is famous violinist Itzak Perlman.

One of five children, Perlman can play piano, drums, guitar and trumpet, and has studied conducting. He is the only one who creates rock and roll music.

"Music has always been in my household. My dad has not stopped working for 40 years. He taught me how to treat people and to have fun," Perlman said.

The single "Might as Well" launched the band into fame after the single was popularized following airtime on the radio show Jonesey's Jukebox on 103.1 FM. In the album's opening track, "Might As Well" has Perlman's deep and warm vocals woven through airy piano chords.

Tunes from the album include dance-inducing "The Line" and

"Take it Slow," a tripped out melody that feels like floating in space. More popular songs, ironically enough are titled, "Dancefloor" and Everybody Loves a Lot."

The band created a buzz after playing in clubs such as The Echo and Knitting Factory. More recently, the band played at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

"We have a growing fan base," said Perlman. "The main task now is to play for bigger groups and let word of mouth spread who we are."

As SFR's popularity increases, the band said connecting to its fans is still their biggest goal.

"We're really big on fan community, even our Web site is updated daily for fans," Perlman said. "There is no ego in the group. We don't have these rock star attitudes."

Something for Rockets plays for all ages today at 8 p.m. at SLO Brew.

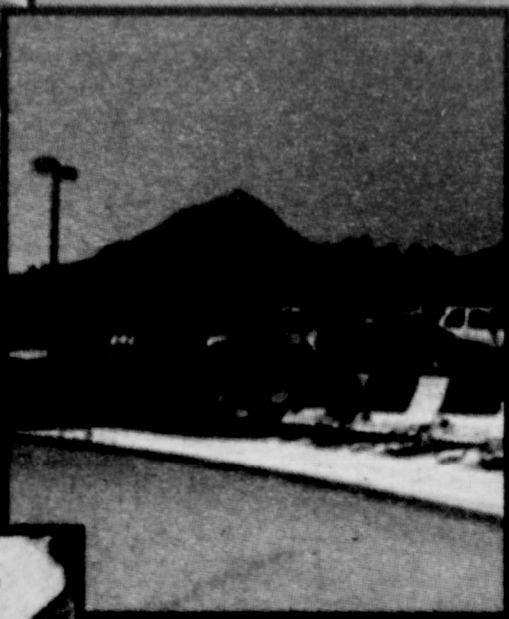
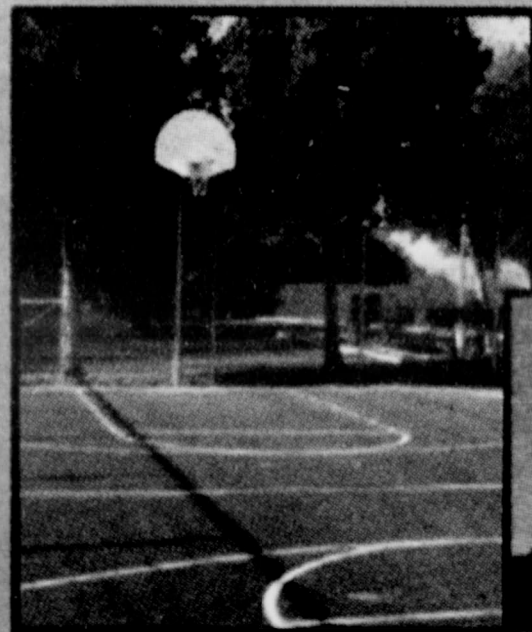


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Electronic-rock group Something for Rockets bring its unique sound to SLO Brew today. The band is fronted by the son of Itzak Perlman.

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REVIEW

ESSENTIAL ALBUM

Eric Clapton — 'One More Car, One More Driver'

Emily Rancer
MUSTANG DAILY

By fusing blues with rock 'n' roll, Eric Clapton regained true fame in the 1990s and has since become one of the top musicians of his generation. His distinct guitar solos blended with a unique blues base has placed him in an exclusive class among today's artists.

Highlighting some of his most famous songs is the two-disc album "One More Car, One More Rider," which was recorded live from his world tour in 2001. The album was his first to be recorded live since "Unplugged," which was released in 1992.

In particular, the faster rock and roll style version of "Layla," one of Clapton's most famous slow songs from 1970, is played with unbe-

lievable passion and energy. The rich tones from his guitar blend seamlessly with his powerful voice. This version compares sharply with the softer lullaby sound of the original recording and is arguably a timeless classic.

Clapton wrote "Layla" when he fell in love with Pattie Harrison — the wife of friend George Harrison. The lyrics distinctively note Clapton's anguish over his love for Pattie, or "Layla," according to the song: "Let's make the best of the situation/Before I finally go insane./Please don't say we'll never find a way/And tell me all my love's in vain./Layla."

Other famous highlights tracked on the live album include "Bell Bottom Blues," "Cocaine" and "Wonderful Tonight." Clapton challenges Kermit the Frog for the

all-time best rendition of "Over the Rainbow," as he sings peacefully with the light back-up instrumentation of the clarinet, guitar and organ.

Clapton won further prestige for "Change the World," which was also featured on the soundtrack to John Travolta's film "Phenomenon."

Also on the album is his somber "Tears in Heaven," which was inspired by the death of his son Conor, who fell 49 stories from a high-rise apartment building in 1990. The song won Clapton a Grammy in 1992 — one of six he took home that year for "Unplugged," which sold 10 million copies worldwide.

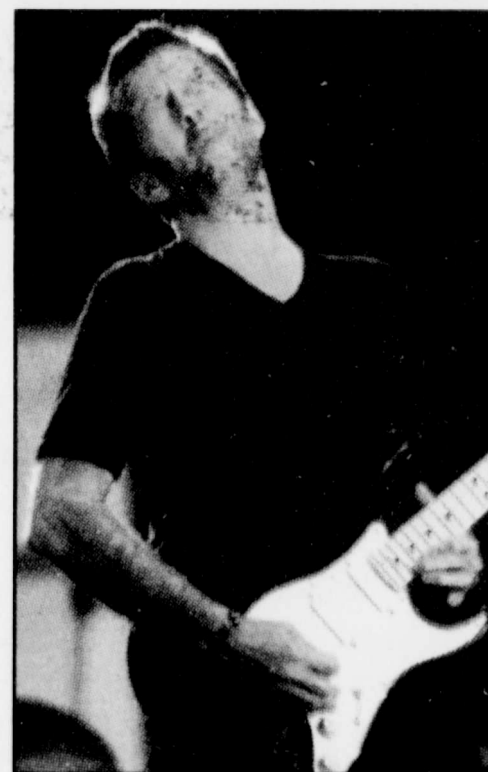
Although many rock musical artists have emerged from England, none have produced classic rock

on the same level as Clapton.

Clapton decided to pursue a music career early in life after seeing Jerry Lee Lewis perform on television. He eventually entered the Kingston College of Art but was expelled for playing the guitar in class.

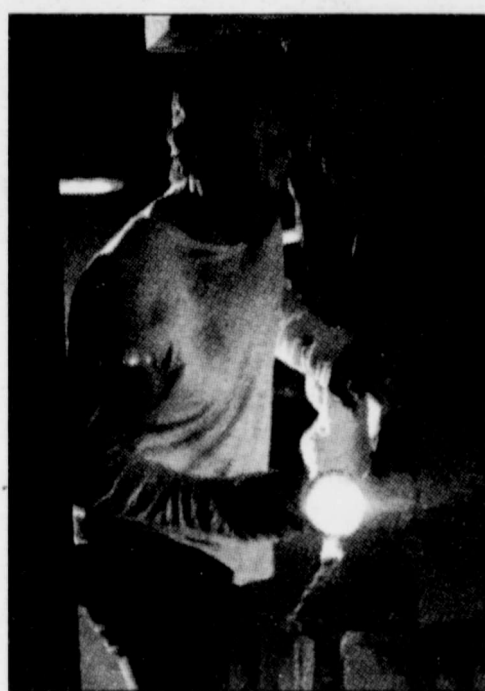
Once Clapton finally made a name for himself in the late 1960s, he has steadily gained fame for his unparalleled guitar-playing abilities and voice.

With an outstanding mix of Clapton's most famous songs combined with lesser-known tunes, "One More Car, One More Rider" will surely make any music collection more complete. Because they were all recorded live, each song has been infused with more vigor than any of his studio-recorded albums.



COURTESY PHOTO

Eric Clapton is in classic form with his 2002 album, 'One More Car, One More Driver.'



COURTESY PHOTO

TOP 10 BOX OFFICE

Top grossing films of last weekend

1. "The Amityville Horror," \$23.3 million.
2. "Sahara," \$13.1 million.
3. "Fever Pitch," \$8.8 million.
4. "Sin City," \$6.7 million.
5. "Guess Who," \$4.9 million.
6. "Beauty Shop," \$3.8 million.
7. "Robots," \$3.55 million.
8. "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous," \$2.9 million.
9. "The Pacifier," \$2.4 million.
10. "The Upside of Anger," \$1.9 million.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Amityville Horror" returned from the dead with a vengeance, with the gory update of the 1970s fright flick taking in \$23.3 million to top the weekend box office.

The previous weekend's No. 1 movie, the African desert adventure "Sahara," slipped to second place with \$13.1 million, lifting its 10-day total to \$36.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"The Amityville Horror" stars Ryan Reynolds and Melissa George as a couple tormented by visions and voices in their new home, the scene of a grisly mass murder a year earlier.

The movie is the latest in a parade of successful horror remakes. With a built-in audience looking for scares and a string of hits such as "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," "The Grudge" and "Dawn of the Dead," horror movies have become almost a sure thing in Hollywood.

Horror movies also typically cost far less than other big studio films, whose average budgets top \$60 million. "The Amityville Horror" grossed more than its \$19 million budget in just the first weekend.

"The Amityville Horror" received mostly bad reviews, yet the under-25 crowd that makes up the genre's core audience rarely heeds the critics.

"The only reviews that count are the public's reviews," said Erik Lomis, head of distribution for MGM, which released "The Amityville Horror."

In limited release, David Duchovny's directing debut, "House of D," opened strongly with \$30,000 in two theaters. The coming-of-age tale features Duchovny, wife Tea Leoni, Robin Williams and Erykah Badu.

With overall revenues down for the eighth straight weekend, Hollywood is limping into its busy summer season. The top 12 movies took in \$73.9 million, off 13 percent from the same weekend last year.

"This is a major slump," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "I think the industry is holding its collective breath for the turnaround. What is going to be the movie that reverses this down trend? Thankfully, summer looks really good."

Sydney Pollack's United Nations thriller "The Interpreter," starring Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn, and the Ashton Kutcher-Amanda Peet romantic comedy "A Lot Like Love," open Friday as summer lead-ins.

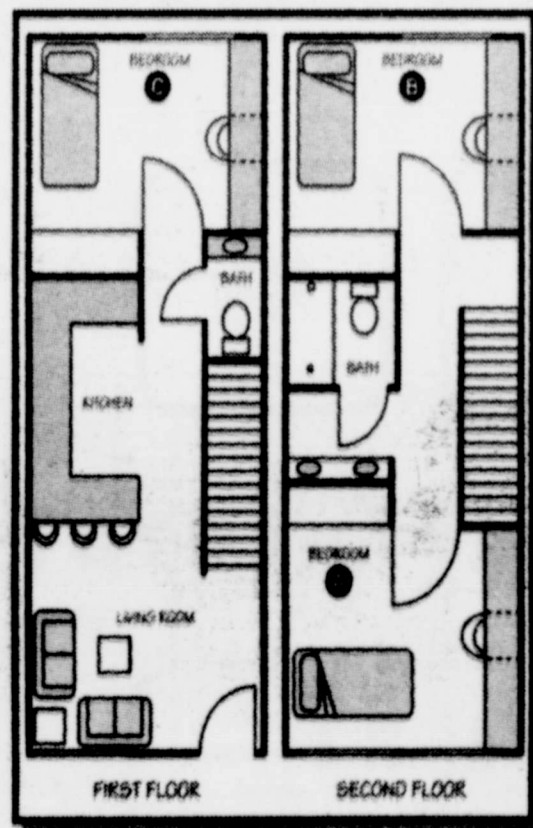
Next week brings the action follow-up "XXX: State of the Union," starring Ice Cube, and the science-fiction romp "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

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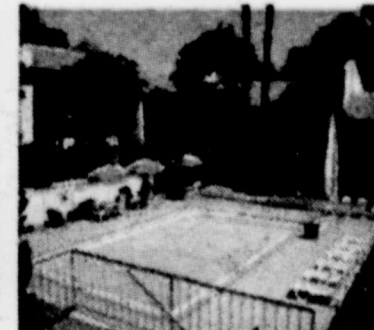
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Study finds alcohol not as heart-healthy as we thought

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention find moderate drinking may not be a factor in reducing heart disease

Daniel Yee
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — The government Tuesday warned that a few drinks a day may not protect against strokes and heart attacks after all.

Some studies in recent years have touted the health benefits of moderate drinking. Some have even said that up to four drinks a day can significantly reduce the risk of heart disease in people 40 and older.

But researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analyzed data from 250,000 Americans who participated in a 2003 telephone survey. They found that the non-drinkers had many more risks for heart disease — such as being overweight, inactive, high blood pressure and diabetes — than the moderate

drinkers.

Based on those results, the agency could not say that moderate drinking actually was a factor in reducing the risk of heart disease.

The findings were published in the May issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.

"We're feeling the pendulum has swung way too far and Americans are getting sort of the wrong idea on alcohol," said the study's lead author,

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— DR. TIM NAIMI

CDC's chronic disease division

Dr. Tim Naimi of the CDC's chronic diseases division. "The science around moderate drinking is very murky."

Moderate drinkers tended to be in better health, better educated, wealthier and more active than their non-drinking counterparts, and that likely influenced their lower risk of heart disease, the

study said.

"It appears that moderate drinkers have many social and lifestyle characteristics that favor their survival over nondrinkers and few of these differences are likely due to alcohol consumption itself," the study said.

The CDC has long worried about alcohol abuse in the United States. Studies have shown that drinking excessively — five or more drinks daily — can increase the risk of heart disease. The CDC says nearly one in three Americans drinks too much.

The agency said that Americans should follow dietary guidelines that limit daily consumption to two drinks for men and a single drink for women.

Other groups — such as the American Heart Association — say drinking alcohol increases the dangers of alcoholism, high blood pressure, obesity, stroke, breast cancer, suicide and accidents.

Dr. Daniel Fisher, a cardiologist with New York University Medical Center, said the CDC's findings should also be treated with caution because the average person interviewed in the phone-based study may not be completely forthcoming about their alcohol consumption. He added that a clinical trial is needed to fully determine whether alcohol drinking provides health benefits.

Alcohol is the nation's third leading cause of death, killing 75,000 Americans each year through related injuries or diseases, the CDC says.

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As we have seen this past week, when the university approved a trial period for beer sales at baseball games for the duration of the season, the university is receptive to student-driven initiatives. Imagine the possibilities for a greater campus community with a sports bar, pub or restaurant in the new University Union, where students of age could meet up with their friends and have a beer. In the last campus dining survey, the campus identified a full service restaurant, pub and sports bar as the top three venues a student would frequent on campus. In a new UU, these options would be a possibility.

In the same survey, we asked the campus what food choices are desired on campus. Believe it or not, the results were a strong desire for local and regional brands on campus and not a desire for national brands like McDonald's. In a new UU, we have the opportunity to invite local, regional or national brands to campus so students could stay for meals instead of driving off campus. More importantly, the campus core would be moving further away from the current UU, so naturally more students will dine on the northwest side of campus where these facilities will be located.

One of the televised gubernatorial debates was held in Sacramento State's new ballroom. We have the opportunity to create spaces that would allow this campus to do so much more. Why not have more banquets on campus as opposed to in town? Why not have new facilities that allow dance clubs, Greeks and others to have social functions on campus free of charge? Imagine a campus where national conferences desired to come to the Central Coast to use our campus ballroom, meeting spaces and facilities. Imagine the day when you could be as proud of the community on campus as you are of the excellent education you are receiving.

Even though you may not see all of the expansion and improvements in your tenure at Cal Poly, you will certainly benefit from the referendum. Just as students in the past have committed to the current recreation center and UU, we have the opportunity to leave a mark for the next generation of students. With new revenue coming in, we can complete much needed improvements this summer and begin planning for the larger facilities.

Most importantly, we want you to be educated on the projects and voice your opinion tomorrow and Thursday. You can contact the student government office at 756-1291 or visit the referendum Web site at www.asi.calpoly.edu. With the importance of these projects for the future of Cal Poly in mind, we urge students to vote yes, but it is truly your choice. An opportunity to leave a legacy this large doesn't come around very often, so I urge you to voice your choice for the future Cal Poly as others have done in the past. I can only imagine such a campus.

Blake Bolton is the ASI President who will always be committed to this campus. He welcomes suggestions and comments at 756-1291 or asipresident@calpoly.edu.

COMING TOMORROW

From Left Field by Mustang Daily columnist Josh Kob



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student surveys show campus ready for a change

On Wednesday and Thursday, Cal Poly students have the opportunity to vote on an University Union facility and ASI student activity fee referendum. The revenue generated by the referendum would allow for long overdue renovations of the existing UU, UU Plaza, Rec Center and the construction of a new multi-function student center in the northern part of campus, where the existing campus market is located.

Furthermore, a portion of the fee would be allocated to increase program funding for student organizations and clubs. In the next five years, the student population at Cal Poly is projected to increase to approximately 20,000 students. Moreover, the number of students residing on campus is expected to increase to 6,300 upon completion of the student housing north project. It is evident that current ASI facilities cannot accommodate this growth as the facilities are overextended by current demand.

As a former member of the ASI Board of Directors, I had the opportunity to witness and participate in the years of planning that went into the proposed referendum. The extensive planning included endless student surveys as well as outside consultation from a firm that specializes in facility-use studies. The results of the studies conducted by the firm overwhelmingly concluded that existing facilities were inadequate and also outdated.

More than a decade ago, students saw a need for an on-campus state of the art recreation and fitness facility, and took it upon themselves to make it a reality for future Cal Poly students. Now, we are placed in similar shoes with the opportunity to invest in the

future of our campus. A vote in favor of the ASI fee referendum will ensure that Cal Poly students have pristine multipurpose and recreational facilities for the foreseeable future.

Garrett Perez
Business senior

Leave a legacy: Vote yes to improve Cal Poly campus

There is an ASI referendum on Wednesday and Thursday. This vote is an opportunity for us, the students, to leave a legacy here at Cal Poly.

This referendum is to upgrade the existing ASI facilities, which includes the Rec Center, a renovation of the University Union as well as the construction of a satellite UU on the lower end of campus. This satellite UU would have a food pavilion filled with favorite local vendors, possibly including Giuseppe's, Cal Poly BBQ and Gus'. This food pavilion would allow us to finally get a great meal on campus.

The referendum would also allocate funds for intramurals and club sports here on campus, like the Rugby team who placed second in the national tournament last year. These club sports get minimal school funding and have to raise funds for uniforms and travel. By performing exceptionally on the field, these clubs bolster the Cal Poly reputation. It is our obligation to help them continue the tradition of excellence.

Cal Poly is a leader in education, but our facilities are woefully inadequate to support our student body. In the next decade this trend will only continue unless you take action on Wednesday and Thursday and vote yes on the referendum.

Jourdan Younis
Construction management senior

Most dangerous state of mind is the state of apathy

I am not a wordy guy. My brother is a speech communication major and most of the time I have to live vicariously through him to experience social interactions, especially with those of the opposite sex.

However, I wanted to address a comment I have heard echoing off

the walls in the University Union. I am an accounting senior and lately I have been falling into the graduating senior apathetic mentality. All I want is to get out and get home. In this state of mind, nothing matters. I want out. And I am finding myself in that same mood once again. I understand the mentality, and employment is why most of us are going to school to begin with. (Others I hear meet girls but I know nothing of this.) We have a chance now to leave a legacy for others to look forward to. The most dangerous state of mind is the state of apathy. Life changing decisions are missed by those who choose not to care. All I am suggesting is to those who have chosen nothing with the excuse of scholastic brevity, please choose a side. We have a chance to affect the campus after we leave, and give more validity to the statement, "I went to Cal Poly."

Trevor Clinard
Business administration senior

Don't let ASI take any more of your money and vote no

Let's talk about ethics. Until last week, ASI claimed they were running a "neutral" and "informative" campaign on the upcoming fee increases. Yet, this week, much of their materials turned into a pro campaign. This move constitutes a major ethical violation of a fair election on the fees. About \$40 of every Cal Poly student's tuition goes to ASI each quarter. Meaning we have a tuition-funded organization using its tables, display cases, T-shirts and signs to push pro-fee materials. The resources and poster locations used by ASI greatly exceed what any club on campus would have access to in putting together a con campaign. Therefore, this is not a fair election.

Make no mistake. If these fees pass, ASI will have a lot of money to play with (about \$10 million), and at this point they will stop at nothing to get this referendum passed. Don't let ASI take any more of your money, vote no.

Courtney Dahl
Social science senior

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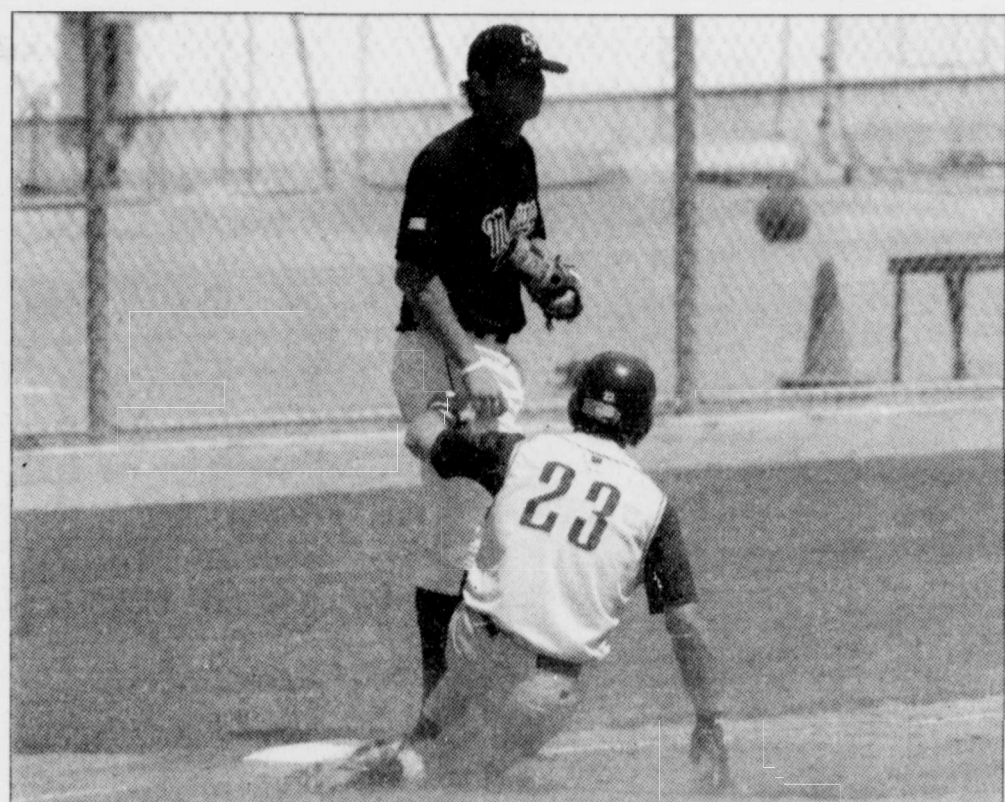
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Mustang Josh Lansford watches an Aggie slide safely into third base.

Baseball

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two RBIs. Senior Kyle Blumenthal and junior Matt Cooper both took one deep and combined for five RBIs. Roberts was 3-for-7 with two RBIs.

The Mustangs sent seven different pitchers to the mound and gave up 22 hits to go with the 13 earned runs.

"Pitching is always the key component in the success of your team," Lee said.

"Our bullpen has been up and down. It just makes the starting pitching that much more important."

Mustang sophomore starter Gary Daley struggled early giving up five runs in five innings as the team fell behind 5-2 going into the bottom of the fifth inning.

However, the bats bailed him out and eventually Jimmy Van Ostrand would hit a two-run home run to tie the game in the ninth inning.

The two-run blast, which was Van Ostrand's second of the year, would eventually be unrewarded as the Mustangs would give up three runs in the 13th inning and lose the game 13-

10.

Lee said that the team plays in an offensive ballpark and that he isn't surprised at all with the runs that were put up.

"During the daytime, it's a tough place to pitch because it's a hitter's ballpark and the wind blows out," Lee said.

Other than the series win, the impressive performance by Van Ostrand was a welcoming sight. He returned after five weeks of recovering from injury and was 5-for-13 on the weekend with two RBIs and one run scored.

"Jimmy adds a really big presence to the middle of our offensive lineup," Lee said. "As soon as we get (Bret) Berglund back, we'll be at full strength and looking forward to playing against the top teams in our conference."

The Mustangs have the toughest part of their schedule left with a home series against Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State.

"Our work is cut out for us," Lee said. "We still need to perform at a higher level if we want to achieve our goals."

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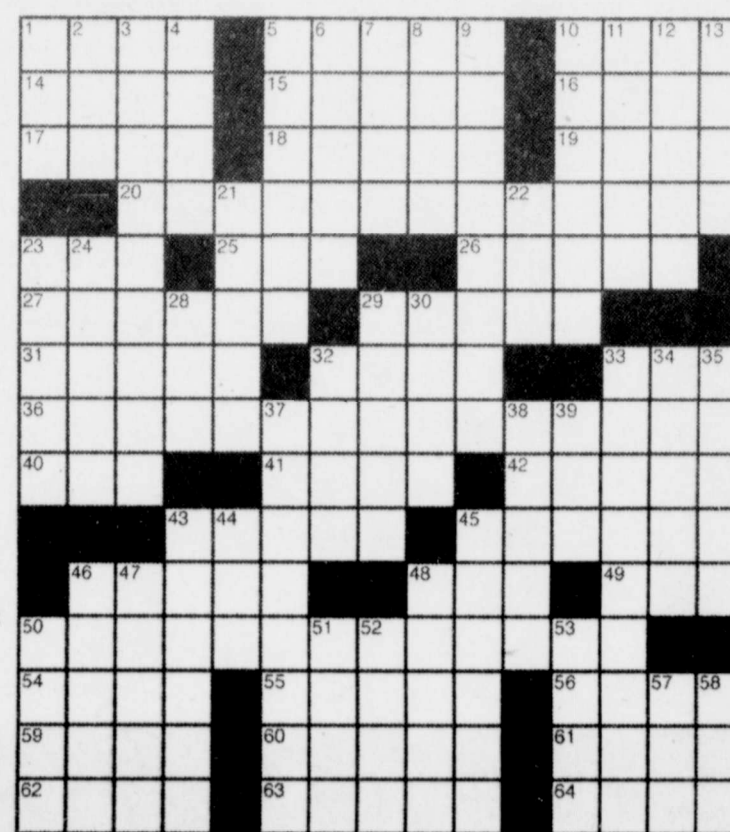
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46 Mel Ott, notably
48 Several eras
49 Unlock, poetically
50 Novelist Evan with a small smooch?
54 Man Friday, e.g.
55 Publicist's concern
56 Workbook segment

- 59 Puts into play
60 "Our Gang" dog
61 Mower maker
62 Document content
63 Dorm annoyance
64 Cashless deal

DOWN

- 1 "Spy vs. Spy" magazine
2 "You ___ here"
3 Gets soused
4 Pucker-producing
5 Metro entrances
6 Potato sack wt., maybe
7 Renaissance family name
8 K.C. Royal, e.g.
9 Space cadet's place
10 Author/illustrator Maurice

- 11 First-stringers
12 Europe's "boot"
13 Quiet time
21 Like a stumblebum
22 ___ compos mentis
23 Not just a success
24 Like a ballerina
28 Despicable sort
29 Serta competitor
30 Harry Potter accessory
32 Icicle former



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- 33 Become familiar with
34 Fabulous author
35 "Funny Girl" composer Jule
37 Voyages in vain?
38 Place for a title
39 Used to be
43 Up-to-the-minute
44 White Monopoly bill
45 "I yam what I yam" speaker
46 False front
47 Encyclopedia volume
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50 ___ monde
51 "You said it!"
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53 Roster removals
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Rodeo corrals team title before a packed house

Megan Alpers
MUSTANG DAILY

The Poly Royal Rodeo drew a standing-room only crowd Saturday as cowboys and cowgirls from the West Coast Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association finished a weekend of intense competition.

When it was all over, Cal Poly took home four of the five titles, including the team championship.

Sadie Myers won the Poly Royal all-around women's champion saddle and buckle after outstanding performances in breakaway roping and team roping.

Myers, who roped a calf in 2.9 seconds during Friday's event, came back on Saturday with a time

of 2.4 seconds, making her weekend total 5.3 seconds.

Teammate senior Marcey Teixeira's combined time was right behind Myers by three-tenths of a second.

Junior Ben Londo won buckles in both the bareback and saddle bronc events, but came in second to University of Nevada Las Vegas'

John Vanderlans for the all-around men's championship.

Even so, Londo is ahead in

the season's totals by double the next competitor's score.

When it comes to rivals, UNLV is Cal Poly's biggest competition. But as far as animosity between the schools, men's team captain Clint Cooper said there was none.

"In rodeo you're competing

"In rodeo you're competing against the animal. You shouldn't be worried about anyone else."

— CLINT COOPER
Cal Poly Rodeo team captain



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Clint Miller gets ahold of his calf during the calf roping competition at the Poly Royal Rodeo on Saturday.

against the animal," senior Cooper said. "You shouldn't be worried about anyone else. Actually, I hang out with the UNLV kids just as much as the Poly kids. We get along really well."

Cooper described the 2005 Poly Royal Rodeo as the best yet, and the team's newly appointed coach, Frankie Mello, agreed.

"We had a great weekend," Mello said. "The enthusiasm was great and the students really pulled together and made it happen."

Mello took over the coaching position recently and has had to acclimate himself mid-season.

"He has been great about that," Cooper said. "He stepped up and has done a great job."

Along with the typical events,

the Poly Royal Rodeo featured alumni team roping, calf dressing and students in an introduction to rodeo class participated in steer

man and founder of the world-famous Madonna Inn. Madonna died on April 22, 2004 of a heart attack.

A short ceremony took place during the event as the Madonna family and Cal Poly Rodeo Boosters announced the establishment of the Alex Madonna Memorial Fund.

There is one rodeo left in the 2004-2005 season before the team heads to NIRA Regionals in Las Vegas May 6 and 7.

From there, Cal Poly will send its team of Rodeo cowboys and cowgirls to compete at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. which will be held June 12 to 18.

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— FRANKIE MELLO
Cal Poly Rodeo coach



NICK HOOVER MUSTANG DAILY

Nick Blodgett of Cal Poly Rodeo lasts a full eight seconds, scoring a 75.

Shull shows old form in series win

Garrett Leight
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly baseball keeps on winning. The Mustangs took their third straight series by winning two-out-of-three games from UC Davis over the weekend at Baggett Stadium.

The Mustangs wasted no time, putting up seven runs Friday en route to a 7-4 victory that helped junior pitcher Garrett Olson improve his record to 8-2. Junior Brandon Roberts helped the cause with three

RBI's on two hits.

The Mustangs took the series Saturday night with a 2-0 victory thanks to an impressive complete game shutout by senior pitcher Jimmy Shull. Shull scattered five hits and struck out nine Aggies. Sophomore JJ Owen's two-run home run in the bottom of the second was all the run support the Mustangs would need.

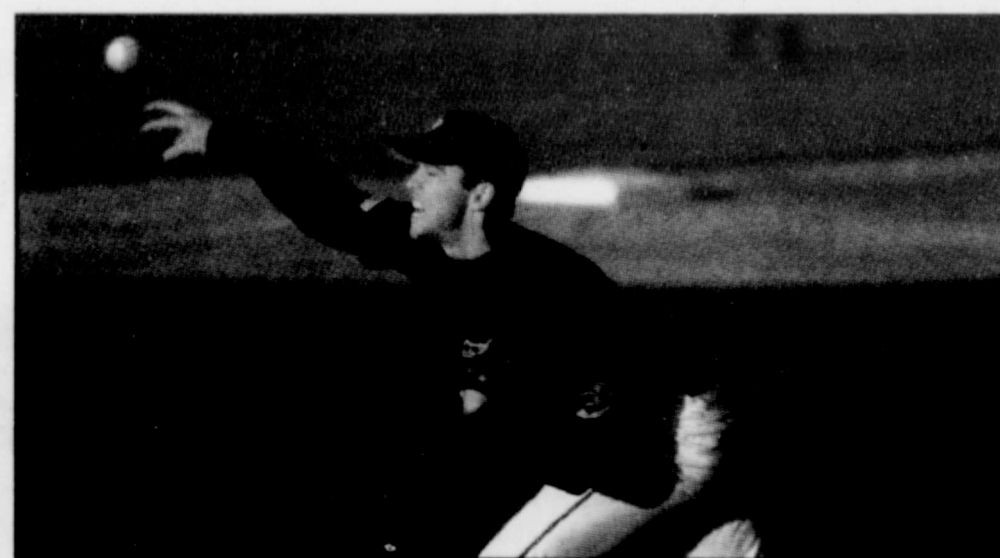
The Mustangs let one slip away on Sunday afternoon in an offensive bat-

tle that kept fans on the edge of their seats.

"We let an opportunity get by us," coach Larry Lee said. "We had an opportunity to sweep the series, but we let one go. Hopefully it won't affect us for our upcoming games."

The loss dropped their overall record to 24-14. Jimmy Van Ostrand, who hadn't played since March 1 at UC Santa Barbara with a fractured arm, went 3-for-6 on the day with

see Baseball, page 11 Jimmy Shull finishes his delivery in the Mustangs' 2-0 win over Davis.



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home games this fall for football
baseball crowd for the past series, 2nd best in Baggett history

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

"I don't like Tiger as much as everyone else does. After watching the Masters, I really like Chris DiMarco. He hung in there better than anyone else could have."

— Mustang golfer J.J. Scurich

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Friday-Sat. @ Big West Championships
Women's Tennis
Thursday @ Big West Championships
Friday-Sat. @ Big West Championships
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Friday @ UCSB, 2 p.m.
Saturday @ UCSB, 1 p.m.
Sunday @ UCSB, 1 p.m.
Track and Field
Fri.-Sat. @ Cal-Nev. Championships
Softball
Saturday @ Northridge, noon
Sunday @ Northridge, noon
Men's Golf
Tuesday @ Big West Championships
Women's Golf
Mon.-Tues. @ Big West Championships

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UCSB women's basketball forward Kristen Mann was selected 11th, by the Minnesota Lynx, in Saturday's WNBA Draft.

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