Drunken-driving crackdown begins among gravestones

By Terry Lightfoot
Asst. Managing Editor

County police officers began their crackdown on holiday drunken driving where many alcohol-related accidents end up — in the cemetery.

Using the gravestones at the Sunset Lawn Memorial Park as a backdrop, officers from throughout San Luis Obispo kicked off the Avoid the Elevens program. The "elevens" are the combined number of area police agencies, Cal Poly campus police and the Parks and Recreation Department. The program began in 1975 as the Avoid the Niners program.

Captain Max Van Orsdel of the Cal Poly police department is the coordinator of the countywide effort.

"In the county last year there were 72 vehicular fatalities; 37 of those involved alcohol," he said. The response to those fatalities is very small, Van Orsdel said.

"The end result of drinking and driving is they can end up in a place like this (the cemetery)," he said.

Even though Cal Poly students make up a large portion of the San Luis Obispo population, Captain Tuiley, San Luis Obispo motorcycle officer and former DUI officer said that students make up only 15 percent of drunken-driving arrests.

"That is pretty low when you compare the large number of students who are out partying to the number of working citizens," said Tuiley. "I think that the students are educated a lot more about the problem. What I see now is one sober student driving a carload of people around who have been out partying, which is great. That's what it's all about.

Tuiley said that according to a survey, 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. are the most popular hours for drunken-driving arrests.

"The first week in December is when the number of arrests go up, because people have more time off and they are usually in a really good or a really bad mood.

One measure used to cut down on the number of incidents is sobriety checkpoints. These are conducted by the CHP.

The response of sobriety checkpoints is not to arrest but to deter the driver by the possibility of being arrested," said Van Orsdel. "The guys you get are usually officer really juiced or just plain dumb."

Season spenders come to town in full force

By Jeff Blizzard
Features Writer

Throughout San Luis Obispo's Central Coast Mall, the jingling of cash registers is already competing with the melodies of Christmas carols.

According to store managers and salespeople, holiday shoppers have been out in full force early, hunting for Christmas-gift bargains.

For many retail stores, money spent by Christmas shoppers means more than just extra profit — it means survival for the rest of the year.

"Christmas is what pays for the rest of the year," said Nigel King, assistant manager of Ricky's Toys and Hobbies.

King said total sales for November are alone are expected to hit $250,000. Retail sales during the holidays are usually more than double the sales of the rest of the year, he said.

The biggest jump in sales will occur the week before Christmas, King said.

"I expect we'll increase the number of his salespeople by 12 to 15 to keep up with the flood of customers," said King.

Marion Payton, assistant manager of Miller's Outpost, a clothing store, said she will probably double her usual staff of 15 to 30 during the holidays.

Payton said all salespeople are handing out information slips with each purchase to recruit temporary help for Christmas.

She expects sales to double before holiday shoppers are finished searching for gifts.

Cal Poly students leaving town for vacation breaks have little or no impact on her business, Payton said.

"So far it's been really busy," said Carrie Clark, a salesperson at Miller's Outpost.

Mary Robinson, a salesperson at Pacific Pride, said business has also increased.

"Holiday sales at Pacific Pride have been in already," Robinson said. "A lot more people are looking and shopping.

Michelle Machado is a second assistant manager at Pacific Pride and a Cal Poly agricultural business senior. Machado said she expects the day after Thanksgiving to be one of the store's busiest days of the year.

Pacific Pride tends to get a wide range of shoppers, Machado said.

Door-hinge rustlers hit first floors

Custodial services reported two door hinge thefts on the Math/Home Economics Building's first floor have been solved.

Some thefts have also occurred on Engineering West's first floor.

Each door is supposed to have three hinges on it, said Inspector Van Orsdel, who estimated the number of dollars to cost from $12 to $15. Now there are only two.

Restrooms have been the main target, he said, but various classroom doors have also been altered.

"It's a real problem now in the process of being replaced," Orsdel said.

The rustling of doors disappearing seemed to be in midstream. Hinges were removed one at a time around the four screws missing, he said.

Berrett speculated that the doors themselves might be the next targets. None of the affected rooms hold any expensive equipment.

A hydraulic opener on the back of one door in the Math/Home Economics Building was also a target.

Anyone who has information on these thefts can call Public Safety at 756-2281.

It was like Hitchcock, except birds were dead

By Stewart McKenzie
Staff Writer

Twelve years ago today, the sky was raining birds over downtown San Luis Obispo.

"It was a really chilly evening," said eyewitness Jack Conroy, "and all of a sudden, you could see blackbird carcasses." It was estimated that 500 blackbirds, starlings and pigeons fell dead just before midnight November 22, 1976, until 4 a.m.

"City road crews picked up enough dead birds from four blocks of downtown San Luis Obispo to fill a bus and a half square," according to the front page of the Telegram-Tribune.

But by Nov. 25, the mystery was cleared up. For years, Cal Poly had carried out various bird-control programs to protect dairy-cattle feed against contamination. According to Crabb, now interim associate dean of the School of Agriculture, Cal Poly had decided to use a different poison that year — Starlicide.

Starlicide, said Crabb, affects the kidneys in a painless but slow way. Since the birds obviously weren't familiar with Cal Poly's boundaries, many flew on campus only to die when the poison hit. Home surviving birds were later cared for by local families.

According to the Telegram-Tribune and state convened by Mustang Daily, the university wanted the bird-control program done during Thanksgiving vacation when the campus was relatively quiet. Unfortunately, the people who could have explained the situation on vacation, said biology professor Eric Johnson.

Since then, Cal Poly has stopped using poison, said Crabb. Now once or twice a year, some faculty members will do their own search for a Public Safety officer in order to reduce the bird population.

Auditon Society member Dorethrea Bib­bles approves.

"The advantage is that they can be Bienard, back page
Killing of dog tragic, wrong

Editor — This is a very sad story, but it needs to be heard. On Friday night, a dog was hit by a car at about 6 p.m. on Foothill Boulevard in Bloom County. The dog was struck by a car and began to scream in pain and a few concerned residents ran over to help, but before they could shield him he was hit again by a different car. Still alive, he scooted toward the curb on his still-intact front legs, while his tail was flared up and a man wavelonged the traffic around him. Emergency workers,otide and bystanders looked on as the dog waited in pain in the street. Finally, a police officer arrived and tried to get the dog to move, but the dog was too injured. He decided to hit the dog in the head with his club to make the decision himself, to remove himself from danger. As it was, the officer simply made up his mind, and yelled "Stand back!" before anyone could know what he was doing. It was illegal for him to make such a decision himself, since the law required a veterinarian to determine if an injured animal has no hope of recovery and must be put out of its misery. I know that the dog was very much alive, breathing, whimpering, and trying to remove himself from danger. And worst of all the wrongs is that the officer waited in pain in the street. Thus, when the officer arrived, he was told that the dog was killed.

I witnessed this atrocity and am embarrassed by the suffering inflicted on this animal who had already been twice by vehicle. I am a proud member of a very responsible Australian/German shepherd who deserves a chance to live, and the owner (if there was one) had a right to have his dog saved.

Because this act was committed by a police officer, people tend to assume it was right and not question it.

But it was a crime, an act of brutal abuse and murder. First of all, police are trained to deal with people, not animals. The Department of Animal Regulation should have come to the scene, but they were not notified by the police until the dog was already dead. This was done intentionally because the city does not want to pay Animal Regulation during off-duty hours, so police officers are often not on duty to handle animal problems on their own.

When I called the emergency operator, I asked if she would contact Animal Regulation and she said that she had already handled it and help was on the way. Once the police officer was on the scene, his only concern seemed to be that the dog had no collar, so no one would want to pay the vet bill. This was totally wrong, as I later learned, because Animal Regulation has funds and a veterinarian who would have treated the dog. In addition, I've heard from law-abiding citizens who would have donated to a vet, were brought up, and they could have offered information as to the probable source of the dog's injuries, had they been asked.

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I commend the respect and trust we should have for our law enforcement officers, since this outcome of the situation would have been much better without their assistance. I needed to write this letter so speak for a dog who couldn't stand up for himself.

It readers of this letter feel angry and want to stand up, and chief of police know it, perhaps the next injured dog will have a better fate.

Marisa Peterson
San Luis Obispo

Gay bashing is very unChristian

Editor — I am a Christian who has struggled, in my past, with homosexual tendencies. My Christian friends don't know this, because I know their feelings about homosexuals. I love Christians, do you know how much it hurts me that I can't tell you what I've been through?

Do you know how much it hurts when I hear some of you talk about "fags"? I know the majority of you are wonderful, loving people, but you are also really good at making me feel like a fool. And before you accuse me of coming onto you, hear me say I'm not talking about the moral issue of whether it is right or wrong. I'm talking about how you treat human beings, by generalized abuse of them, or stereotyping them. This is not a moral issue, it's a personal right of every human being.

I'd also like to speak to the homosexual community. Friends, I'm going to speak to you because sometimes comes with harsh words, but I don't believe it's necessary to be made by men, they are made by a higher source. Regardless of the love and respect of all the homosexuals, this hate, this rejection of the way you want things to work.

We don't decide what is right or wrong based on what feels good. It is a sad commentary that we have to be scared into the holidays. Do you believe in God, you will probably find your words offensive, or you'll call me a Nazi or something. I don't have the right holding hand of some 'higher to speak to the religious, and I want you to know I'm Christian, and I love Jesus, and I love you in my home. But I must not compromise on what is true. God has helped me overcome my tendencies, and he is the one who overflowed my sins. That is the message of Jesus that we can be cleansed from sin, and he wants us to get over the fear. If you can't admit to sin. Sometimes it even feels wrong. But if we are going to worship our feelings and not God, then we get what we deserve. Christians, listen to this.

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Woodward and Bernstein are dead

By Jeff Kelly

"Facts are stupid things." — Ronald Reagan

Michael Dukakis lost the election to George Bush. He did so on a pathetic job of broadcasting the truth about himself and George Bush. What is more significant for our purposes here, however, is that the news media did a far worse job of even a poor job. A decade and a half after Richard Nixon pised on the Constitution and ordered the CIA to spy on his enemies in the capitol, we have just elected the CIA to run our government. Bush has been saying that the CIA isn't strong enough and that Republican spin doctors will fix that. He has already replaced the hard lime, were the penalty for a convicted rapist. The news media is not necessarily turning pro-Republican. Rather, the news media is simply suffering from the syndrome of the sleeping giant. It savages, besmirches, and misrepresents, for the sake of a few moments of pleasure, the judgment of professional novelists pay off quicker than difficult but necessary exposures of political corruption.

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through his pearly white teeth on the Iran-Contra scandal. Bush is dead. He died in a demented Presidential manner, cleverly sidestepping his accusers. The main doctors intervened and Bush came out of a coma. It was not a heart attack.

In the hope that followed, the nation forgot that a journalist’s job is to report the truth and remain unpartisan. As a rule, I assure you that the notion of a fighting Democrazy family jewels for a few moments of pleasure is an unassailable one.

I can say without hesitation that if it ever came to pass that a majority of us were raped, I wouldn’t be the least bit hesitant about hunting down the guilty animal and dicing his throst.

But should the law get to him first, I believe the most just punishment would involve only a simple snip! snip!

By Ron Beare

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Kareem starts farewell tour verses Knicks in Big Apple

NEW YORK (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is starting a 25-stop farewell tour Tuesday night in New York, the city where he first started attracting attention as an eighth-grade basketball player 28 years ago.

Abdul-Jabbar, 41, who thinks of himself as a Californian now rather than a New Yorker, nonetheless said his final game for the Los Angeles Lakers at Madison Square Garden against the New York Knicks will be a special event.

"It's been a long time since my intense association with New York," Abdul-Jabbar said Monday. "I feel L.A. is my home and New York, the city where I first started attracting attention for my career, but about eight years ago I found that if I gave them a chance, they gave me a chance to be myself," Abdul-Jabbar said.

Abdul-Jabbar's final season already is being equated with Julius Erving's whirlwind farewell with the Philadelphia 76ers two seasons ago.

"This will be a distraction," Abdul-Jabbar said of his farewell tour through the NBA in his final season. "But the team shouldn't be too adversely affected because we're prepared for it."

He called Erving "a more outgoing, public person" who dealt with the hoopla better than he could.

Abdul-Jabbar said a farewell tour like the one planned this season "would have been inconceivable 10 years ago. I probably would have just slipped out the back door."

The 7-foot-2 center is less a part of the Lakers' offense now than ever in his career. After having his 787-game double-figure scoring streak stopped last season, he has scored in double figures only once in eight games this season.

"I hope my retirement isn't coming too late, but there's still a lot of season to go, so I haven't faced the end of my career yet," he said.

Abdul-Jabbar is averaging 7.4 points and 5.9 rebounds per game, with his best effort a 16-point, 12-rebound performance at San Antonio Nov. 5. He has not scored in double figures since then.

But Abdul-Jabbar said he has no regrets.

"I've done everything I wanted in this profession and I've had enough success for two lifetimes, so it won't be hard to walk away from competition," he said.

Bills clinch playoff berth

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Despite having achieved one of their season goals — winning the AFC East championship — the Buffalo Bills shouldn't be expected to have a lapse in concentration for their next game.

That's because the Bills, holders of the NFL's best record at 11-1, go to Cincinnati to play the Bengals, the team with the AFC's second-best record at 9-3, in what could be a preview of the conference's championship game.

A victory also would realize another Bills' goal: the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Although the game appears to be a meeting of the two top teams in the AFC, Buffalo Coach Marv Levy refused to be drawn into that argument.

"We don't know who's the best yet," Levy said. "I haven't tried to make that assessment yet."

The Bills, who won the division title with a tense 9-6 overtime victory over the New York Jets Sunday, know the Bengals will provide the best test of the year for a Buffalo defense that is top-ranked in the AFC.

"They're an explosive team," Levy said. "I think they're No. 1 in the league in offense."

The Bengals' high-powered offense even has the attention of some of the Bills' offensive players.

"Our defense is going to have to be in tune," wide receiver Andre Reed said. "They use a lot of formations and they use a lot of right end plays. They do a lot of moving around."

Defensive end Art Still concurred.

"They present a lot of problems for us," he said. "It's going to be a situation where we're going to have to play our best; we're going to have to play above our best."

Like Levy, Still didn't want to talk about whether the Bills and Bengals represented the best in the AFC.

"We shouldn't be concerned with being the best right now. We should be concerned with playing Cincinnati and beating Cincinnati," he said. Everything else will speak for itself at the end of the season."
Deanna Constable, a senior English major from Livermore, took first place in the Varsity Division of Prose Interpretation at a forensics tournament held recently in Sacramento. Mary Jo Olander, a junior agriculture science major from Hollister, placed fourth in the Varsity Division of Cross Examination Debate Association debate.

The soil-judging team of Holton Harter, Joel Kimmelshue, Larry Olendor and Chasity Nigul qualified for the National Soil Judging Contest during a regional contest held recently near Fort Bragg. The four soil science students will travel to Stephensville, Texas in March 1989 to participate in the national finals.

Kenneth Riener, a Cal Poly faculty member since 1983, was recently named associate dean of the School of Business.

Debbie Dougherty-Wright, a senior speech communication major from El Dorado, finished second in the varsity division of the Lincoln-Douglas debate competition held recently in Santa Rosa.

Paige Allen, a Cal Poly graduate, is now earning a teaching credential in physical sciences, received a $750 Laura Settle Scholarship from the San Luis Obispo County chapter of the California Retired Teachers Association.

More than 120 students in the School of Architecture and Environmental Design were named to receive more than 50 scholarships and awards given to the school for 1988. The awards, which totaled at least $34,000, were announced recently at the school’s 1988 Awards Banquet.

Calendar

in the UU, room 220.

• Returned Peace Corps volunteers will meet at Cal Poly to remember President John F. Kennedy at noon in UU room 216.

• The Margaret Jenkins Dance Company will perform in the Cal Poly Theater on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. Admission is $10 general, $6 student and senior ...

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Pepperdine plan rejected to save coast

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. (AP) — The California Coastal Commission on Friday rejected most of a long-range development plan submitted by Pepperdine University, which sought permission to dramatically expand its seaside campus.

The school, however, reserved the right to resubmit a modified version of the plan to the 12-member board in January.

The 15-year master plan submitted by the university outlined future development that would have enabled the liberal arts college to roughly double its 2,500-student enrollment and triple the size of the Malibu campus by 1997.

The commission did approve a separate request to expand the campus by about 200,000 square feet, including the construction of a 50,000-square-foot humanities and visual arts center on the campus across from Pacific Coast Highway and uphill from the Malibu Colony.

The long-range development plan was approved by Los Angeles County officials, said Andrew K. Benton, Pepperdine's vice president of administration.

The ambitious plan called for developing as much as 2 million square feet of additional office, space, classroom and housing for the 16-year-old college.

The plan met stiff resistance among the Coastal Commission's land-use planners who weigh development plans against criteria established to protect the coastal environment.

The only portion which the staff recommended for approval was the development of the 200,000 square feet on the already-established Pepperdine campus.

Rejected were plans to develop another 1 million square feet on 72 acres off the existing campus, which would have brought housing and grading about 1.6 million cubic yards of earth.

The Pepperdine campus now occupies about 230 acres of university-owned property overlooking the Pacific Ocean between Malibu and San Miguel, about 30 miles west of downtown Los Angeles.

UCLA officials deny using quotas for Asian admission procedures

LOS ANGELES (AP) — UCLA officials have denied bias against Asian applicants after learning that the U.S. Department of Education is examining whether anti-Asian admission policies are being practiced at the school.

Some UCLA faculty members and members of the Asian community have expressed concern over the past several years that the university might be secretly limiting Asian applicants.

Asians are not regarded as under-represented minorities like blacks and Hispanics, and therefore compete with white students for admission to the schools.

The agency made its decision in January to look at UCLA's admission practices with regard to federal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, or national origin.

Disclosure of the investigation was made Thursday.

UCLA Vice Chancellor Thomas Lifka said that the university has "absolutely no admissions quotas for any group.

Lifka would not discuss on Friday details of the federal review.

The Education Department's Office of Civil Rights conducts about 250 "compliance reviews" a year, said department spokesman Mathias Anderson.

"This is so routine and so mundane," Anderson said from Washington Friday.

"It is really amazing to see it get this kind of attention."

But Asian-American educators and advocacy groups said the federal review was needed because of increasing competition for the UC system's most sought-after campuses, UCLA and UC Berkeley.

"If nothing else," said Henry Day, executive director of the San Francisco-based Chinese for Affirmative Action, "what we hope is that UCLA School of Education assistant professor Don Nakmishi, who has a grant to conduct a five-year study of Asian-American admissions at colleges nationwide.

He said the concern remains, even though the admission rates have stabilized.

At UC Berkeley, more than 25 percent of the undergraduates are Asian, while Asians and Filipinos make up 24.7 percent of UCLA undergraduates.

In the mid-1980s, Nakmishi said he noticed in his study that the Asian admission rate slipped substantially after being at the same or higher rate than whites.

It was suspicious because Asian high school students continued to qualify for UC admission at a higher rate than whites did.

Figures from the UCLA planning office provided by Nakmishi show that the Asian admission rate is at its lowest point this decade, 38.2 percent in 1987, compared to 82.4 percent in 1980.

But the slippage has slowed recently.

He cites inclusion of Asian-American faculty members on the admission committees and a renewed focus of a university policy of admitting poor Asian-Americans under an affirmative action program.

Pepperdine plan rejected to save coast
Traditional turkey, pie planned for First Family

WASHINGTON (AP) — President and Mrs. Reagan will have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner Thursday for their holiday dinner at their California ranch.

Mrs. Reagan's press secretary, Elaine Crispin, released this menu Monday for the dinner the Reagans will share with daughter Maureen Reagan and her husband, Dennis Revell.

Turkey, cornbread dressing, cranberries, string beans with almonds, monkey bread, mashed potatoes, salad and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Food bank reopen to serve needy

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Thanks to an outpouring of community support, a food bank that was forced to close last month will open next Thanksgiving for needy families.

The Alameda Boy Scouts Council collected 25,000 items of food during the weekend for the Alameda Food Bank as part of a nationwide food drive sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America.

"It is the biggest thing that has ever happened to us," said Ken Smith, president of the food bank's board of directors. "This will keep us healthy for quite awhile."

At the beginning of last week the scouts dropped off bags at virtually every residence in the city. Organizers hoped to get 15,000 items of food. They got 10,000 more than that in Saturday's drive.

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