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

By Christine Kohn

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 29. "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 designed by Dave Bead, a senior civil engineer, and won the men's beginning of winter quarter, IS designed by Dave Beard, a senior civil engineer, and won the men's

NRM, Rancho El Chorro join in environmental education

Two organizations target elementary children in effort to raise awareness

By Amy Koval

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 processes.

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The news that's not fit to print

By Nadya Williams

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 and observed an opposition media position in South Africa — an incredible, real world news organization.

Newspapers in America always seem to think that our media is completely free and open and there are at least two journalist professors here that will vehemently deny the existence of any press censorship whatsoever in this 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 been subjected to significant amounts of restriction on information, especially through constitutional and 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. I also knew that what we had learned through our mainstream media, about which most Americans are still in the dark.

The Panamanian National Human Rights Commission under the leadership of the Panamanian Red Cross has evidence and sworn testimony that the U.S. Army used flame throwers to cover the exhumation 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. The 70 percent to 80 percent civilians, according to many sources including Panamanian Bishop James Ortlieb 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 American Bar). 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-explosing bullets and weapons that produce 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记者在 and other opposition 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 "sloppy feed" information.

Spanish journalist Juan Rodriguez of the newspaper El País, was shot and killed Dec. 22 by U.S. troops one day after his grisly photo row of corpses on a Panamanian street was printed all over Latin America and the world. The photo was carried by only one U.S. newspaper, the Spanish-language El País 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 claim.

The Christian Science Monitor, long held up to journalism standards 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 arrests 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 life 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 pretext for the invasion. It is 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 Latin America, 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.
Eight charges filed against writer

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

ASPLEN, Colo. (AP) — Writer Hunter Thompson was charged Monday with five felony drug and explosives charges and three misdemeanor counts 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 shaved 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.

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 merchants, fear they might go out of business into Chinatown. Merchants 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 four 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.

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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 metalworkers 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 idea how to implement the free economic system introduced Jan. 1 by the Solidarity-led government.

And the tight-money policies imposed to quench raging inflation 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 network," 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 become a real possibility.

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.

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Tennis phenom earns praise from old pros

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) -- Martina Navratilova likes what she sees. She's turned her young opponent into a legend.

"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." Andrea Evert, who has known Navratilova since she was 4 years old, believes the teenager is America's best future hope on the women's tour.

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"Hearing it from Chris Evert, that's an honor for her to be saying that," Capriati said.

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Exxon pleads innocent in oil spill

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Exxon announced today that it would not plead guilty to a five-count criminal indictment charging the company with a massive oil spill 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 Exxon Shipping Co. were scheduled for separate arraignments before a federal magistrate 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 reefed rock on March 24, 1989, in Prince William Sound.

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**TICKETS**

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All concerts paid $25,000 for the group and must sell at least 2,100 tickets in order to break even.

Santeria was formed by Mexic-born guitarist Carlos Santana in 1967. The San Francisco band first gained popularity when it performed as a relative unknown at the 1969 Woodstock Festival.

Over the years Santana has kept its Afro-latin rhythms and jazz fusion combination and was noted for playing at the 1985 LiveAid concert in Philadelphia.

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**Teenage AIDS victim ‘courageous’**

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 overcome 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 near the end, 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.

"All Americans are impressed by his courage, strength and his ability to continue fighting," Bush said in a statement.

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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. "It doesn't mean 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 on 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 Minneapolis 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 through and 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 DeNatale.

"I was encouraged to see lots of help from students and faculty, and that made it a success," said Jeremy Schewatz, 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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