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WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — The House Appropriations Committee killed a bill that would have provided $5 billion in assistance to Central American countries over the next five years.

The bill, authored by Rep. James P. Davis, D-Va., was approved by the committee on a 38-21 vote. It was then referred to the full House for consideration.

Opponents of the bill argued that it would have given too much money to countries with weak governments and human rights records, while supporters said it was necessary to help stabilize the region.

The measure would have funded programs to assist in education, health care, and economic development in Central America. Supporters said it would also help to stabilize the region and reduce the flow of illegal immigration.

However, opponents argued that the bill was too expensive and would have created political problems for the United States.

The vote was the latest in a series of House actions this year on aid to Central America. The Senate has already approved a similar measure, but it is unclear how the two chambers will reconcile their differences.

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Hormone: Does it do an udder good? Poly uncertain about use of chemical to increase dairy output

By Julie Stetzeny

Daily Staff Writer

Despite recent approval of a new milk-producing hormone for the dairy industry, Cal Poly agriculture professors say its use won't be kicking into overdrive anytime soon.

After a nine-year application process, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved on Nov. 6 a genetically engineered hormone designed to increase the milk output of cows.

Dairy science professors, hesitant to talk about the hormone, bing the implementation of the product at Cal Poly on their consumers' perceptions. They say the hormone will not be utilized on campus if consumer response is negative.

"(The hormone) is not worth the headaches the university would get from working with it," said dairy science professor Les Ferreira. "So what if you produce more milk if the consumer has problems with it."

The FDA declared to require labels for food from animals treated with the product, recombinant bovine somatotropin, or BST. The FDA said the milk and meat from treated cattle is safe to consume and is not a threat to humans or animals.

During this time the White House Office of Management and Budget will study the impact of increased production on dairy farmers and the possibility of consumers rejecting dairy products and meat from cows that might be treated with the hormone.

"It's nothing different. (The hormone) is in the milk to begin with," said dairy science professor Stanley Henderson. "The FDA had no reason to disapprove it."

The product increases milk output by supplementing a cow's natural BST produced by the pituitary gland. According to the FDA, milk from treated cows has the same nutritional value and composition as milk from untreated cows.

However, in clinical trials agency officials found treated cows had a small increase in mastitis, or in-

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NAFTA push gains ground as vote nears

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Brightening the momentum on the eve of a House showdown, President Clinton won a House of Representatives bid to approve billions to line up support for the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Opponents accused the White House of doing out billions to line up support.

An Associated Press survey showed more than 200 House members were supporting the pact or likely to do so. Opponents' numbers were dwindling, and stood at roughly 200.

"Tomorrow, the Congress has simply got to vote for hope over fear, for the future over the past. They've got to vote for confidence in the ability of the American people to compete and win," Clinton told the nation's governors, summoned to the White House to provide evidence of widespread support for the treaty.

Mickey Kantor, the administration's trade representative, worked with Florida lawmakers over terms to shield the state's tomato growers from damage in the event Mexico violates export standards.

Clinton met at the White House with Rep. Floyd Flake, D-N.Y., who emerged to announce his support. Flake said the president had pledged to support new Small Business Administration pilot programs to provide funds for urban areas. It's my hope my district would be one of those," said Flake.

Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio, said the administration was serving up "pork" in the "basement of the White House."

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A special report looks at county's new roles of power force

By Lee Arnold

Daily Staff Managing Editor

Tuesday's arrests and questionings connected to a flurry of local car stereo thievery are just the latest incidents in an unusually strong season of local auto burglary.

In fact, officials say auto burglary in San Luis Obispo County has increased 300 percent in the last year. Four San Luis Obispo youths — Matthew Serrano, Roy Long and Murray Price, all age 19 — were each being held in county jail on $5,000 bail late Tuesday. A fourth suspect, a 15-year-old male, was released into parental custody, according to San Luis Obispo Police Sgt. Ronald Brown.

Brown said police, acting on a tip from residents, stopped two of the youths in the vicinity of Madonna Road and Huasna Drive at about 2 a.m. After following leads to the other two youths, he said.

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Car stereo thieves strike on campus

Daily Staff Reporter

Police detained three men Tuesday afternoon on suspicion they attempted to steal a stereo from a truck parked in a Cal Poly student parking lot.

The names of the three men held by Public Safety officials were not released pending the filing of charges.

Still, scientists were satisfied with the new data collected from creepmeters, tiltmeters, strainmeters, well monitors, magnetometers and seismometers installed throughout the hamlet's oak-dotted, golden brown hills.

"We've learned that Mother Nature is playing by the same rules this time," said Ellsworth.

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TODAY’S WEATHER: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain in afternoon, 30 percent chance of rain tonight; light winds.

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- "Building Partnerships for Community Service and Learning," 10 a.m., U.U. Bishop’s Lounge — 756-2476
- All Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. — U.U. 220
- "CENSORED," by playwright Al Schnurr, general admission: $6.50, students $5.50; Cal Poly Theatre, 8 p.m. — Nov. 17-20

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THURSDAY

- Charter Campus Open Forum, 11 a.m. — Cal Poly Theatre
- "Minority Access to Health Careers," Dr. Fred Alexander, 6 p.m., Agriculture 220 — 756-2640
- "What PG&E is doing about EM Fields," PG&E EMF Coordinator Tim Blunt, 11 a.m., Science E45 — 756-2448

UPCOMING

- Sheriff’s Office annual Christmas Bicycle program — donate bicycle, Mon. — Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. / 781-4576
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STEREOS: They’re the hot item in SLO — literally; 300% increase in thefts

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Meanwhile, three men were being detained for ques­ tioning at Cal Poly Public Safety after they allegedly broke into a truck parked in the university’s H-2 parking lot.

Both burglaries are not isolated incidents, but rather the latest in a rash of auto-equipment thefts in San Luis Obispo County, according to Police Detective Victor Nunez.

Since the beginning of November, at least two separate incidents involving several cars have occurred at student housing complexes on Foothill Boulevard. No suspects have been arrested.

Three car stereos were stolen from unlocked vehicles Monday night on Huasna Drive, according to Police Sgt. Bruce LaHargoue.

The same night, three other vehicles in the vicinity of Garfield Street had their windows smashed and stereos removed, LaHargoue said.

The entire section of town adjacent to Laguna Lake is a hot spot for curbside burglars as well, Nunez said.

He said college students make easy targets for auto burglary because they are relatively careless with their possessions.

"They buy pull-out stereos and then don’t pull them out at night," he said.

LaHargoue advised residents to lock their car doors and remove all valuables from their vehicles.

"Don’t make it easy for these guys to rip you off," he said.

But the problem extends for beyond the realm of stu­ dents, Nunez said.

"Around the college, in the city, in the county — we’ve arrested a lot of people (for auto burglaries)," he said.

Nunez said there were no theories on why it has in­ creased so suddenly, but discounted any speculation that a crime ring might be operating in the area.

THIEVES: Suspects detained for questioning after Tuesday break-in at Poly

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They were found in possession of CDs, CD players, tape recorders, tape decks, camera equipment and personal checks.

That increase in thefts has also been occurring on cam­ pus, according to officials.

"There have been an increase in vehicle burglaries on campus in the last month to month-and-a-half," said Inter­ im University Police Chief Steve Schroeder.
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Stop debating bicycle safety, it's time for students to take action

As a Cal Poly student, bicyclist and auto driver, I have watched the recent debate between bicyclists and pedestrians involve a tremendous amount of circuitous reasoning.

The article on bicycle safety in Monday's Daily announcement sounds familiar: we all want the safest environment so that bikes, cars and people can peacefully coexist. As Public Safety head Joe Risser pointed out, a new joint task force was formed to confront the problem of dangerous, confused and crowded roadways on campus. This is totally unnecessary!

Last week, as those who walked or rode on Via Carta (the main road through the campus core) knew, "BIKE LANE ONLY" was painted in four different places. As I rode, the bicyclist and pedestrian traffic was separated — simply because of those signs. The harmony of separated, safe traffic made my heart yelp for joy as I saw no close calls like I have every other day so far this term.

Let's designate Via Carta car- and truckless when we want the result of a student operation. An inspection of the signs revealed spray-paint-and-tape. My nose felt clogged up, my throat burned and it was difficult to breathe for a minute. Does knowing a few self-defense maneuvers, such as a kick, a punch, or a guy, and yes, I would. I figure the discomfort may make a guy more afraid of the dark that it immobilizes me. Instead, I remain aware of the risks hidden by darkness and take responsibility for our safety, whether it's going into an empty room, buzzed, with a tipsy guy or walking alone at night. My roomies are generous with four-wheeled transportation, but I don't want to wear out their welcome.

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Political pitfalls in many Asian relations

Associated Press

Some of Asia's potential trouble spots:


CAMBODIA — Elections in May followed 13 years of civil war. Former enemies formed coalition government and Norodom Sihanouk enthroned as king, but Khmer Rouge forces continue attacking government troops.

CHINA — Has increased military spending and conducted nuclear test in October. Denies expansionist aims and reports of illegal arms sales to Iran and Pakistan.

CHINA-INDIA — Prime ministers met in Beijing in September and announced “confidence-building measures,” including troop reductions in disputed border area where brief war was fought in 1962.

HONG KONG — British colony reverts to Chinese sovereignty in 1997. Britain and China quarreling over British proposals to broaden democracy before then.


JAPAN-RUSSIA — Issue of Kurile Islands, seized by former Soviet Union near end of World War II, impedes normal relations and Japanese aid. President Boris Yeltsin made conciliatory gestures on visit to Japan in October.

KOREA — Communist North and capitalist South technically at war. North Korea suspected of developing nuclear weapons.

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Three Asian economies try to cope
Each nation has its own foibles and solutions

BANGKOK, Thailand - Thais beat their chest a little less proudly now since realizing the enormous social, environmental and cultural costs of becoming Asia's next "economic tiger".

Some also question whether Thailand can long maintain an exozying agricultural kingdom - one with a growth rate of 7.7 percent this year, up from 7.4 percent in 1992.

Bangkok is one huge construction site, and the Thai economy's engines whir at a frenzied pitch. And its growth rate is the envy of a recession-plagued West.

The National Economic and Social Development Board has announced a two-year savings plan to generate 25 billion baht this year.

In part, Thailand's success has come from a solid agricul­
tural base, sound fiscal policy and a well-timed drive to develop the 1980s. Foreign investors, especially Japanese, are flocking in.

In an all-out race toward "tiger status," however, govern­
ment has followed policies reminiscent of 1960s-era Japan, and thing-gets-capitalism, with predict­able results. Pockets have been stripped, rivers poisoned, seas depleted.

"During the past three decades, the economic develop­
ment of Thailand has been de­
pendent on growth achieved through increased utilization of natural resources, but in the process, it has also resulted in irreparable damage," a Bangkok Bank concluded in a study.

Human costs are mounting as well. The often corrupt, inept bureaucracy can keep pace with a dynamic private sector with little social responsibility.

Since profit rather than law is often the maxim, sweatshops and patently unsafe factories proliferate. Lack of planning has created a clustered, traffic-ridden, polluted capital that drives some potential investors away.

The educational system is lag­
ging. Economic planners point to a growing shortage of skilled laborers and technicians, which could hamper a move from labor-intensive manufacturing to areas requiring greater technol­
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Manila, Philippines

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test of the world. Now it is a laggard. Some critics feel its legacy may demonstrate U.S.-style democracy doesn't work in Asia.

The Philippines became inde­

ted, Singapore.

For most of its two centuries, the distant eastern corner of the British Empire has been the envy of its Asian neighbors and suspicions of its Western neighbors.

Now it plans to throw off the last symbolic links with the West and, by declaring itself a republic in 1976, tapping into the Asian-Pacific economic boom.

"Asia" is a buzzword for politicians and company execu­
tives who go on regular trade missions, and the excitement is seeping down to the public.

The West is often accused of demanding democracy, clean air and clean government. With McDonald's and Pizza Hut have come suburbs, golf courses, Michael Jackson concerts, Alpine ski holidays and the two-car, twocild family.

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Two novices make up Poly diving team

By Kristi Rampelli
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Daily Staff

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Firman said Cal Poly does not attract divers. "Diving is something I've always wanted to do," Oliveira said.

"Cal Poly attracts the individuals that came here to be students and thought it would be nice to be a diver," he said.

Firman is unlike the universities with solid swimming and diving programs, including Cal State Bakersfield, UC-Davis and UC-Santa Barbara, which attract athletes more interested in being divers than students.

Firman said it takes a special person to be a diver.

"Divers are a cross between actors and athletes. He also said divers have to be tough.

"If divers lose control of their focus, they do what (coaches and divers) call an all point landing," Firman said, slapped his hands together to demonstrate the horror of an "all point" landing.

Oliveira and Cohen have experienced their share of all-pointers, but the two said they are committed to continue to serve as Cal Poly's sole representatives on the boards.

Joe Wade - Football

Senior wide receiver Joe Wade closed out his career at Cal Poly with a big game. The 6-foot, 170-pound Canyon Country native hauled in nine catches for 175 yards. He also caught a 35-yard touchdown pass in Cal Poly's 58-37 win over Santa Mary's Saturday to give him nine for the year, tying a season record set in 1980. He caught 44 passes for 741 yards, the fifth-highest season total in both categories.

Runner up:
Joe Wade - Football
Senior defensive back Bobby Smith also finished his Cal Poly career with a big game. The 5-foot, 16-inch Mission Viejo native picked off two passes to tie him for season total of seven. His seven interceptions tie him with five other individuals for fourth on the all-time season record for interceptions. Saturday he returned one of his picks for a 56-yard touchdown.

WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM
At the beginning of the year head coach Alex Crozier said his team would have a tough time making no waves

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Firman said Cal Poly does not attract divers. "Diving is something I've always wanted to do," Oliveira said.

"Cal Poly attracts the individuals that came here to be students and thought it would be nice to be a diver," he said.

Firman is unlike the universities with solid swimming and diving programs, including Cal State Bakersfield, UC-Davis and UC-Santa Barbara, which attract athletes more interested in being divers than students.

Firman said it takes a special person to be a diver.

"Divers are a cross between actors and athletes. He also said divers have to be tough.

"If divers lose control of their focus, they do what (coaches and divers) call an all point landing," Firman said, slapped his hands together to demonstrate the horror of an "all point" landing.

Oliveira and Cohen have experienced their share of all-pointers, but the two said they are committed to continue to serve as Cal Poly's sole representatives on the boards.

Joe Wade - Football
Senior wide receiver Joe Wade closed out his career at Cal Poly with a big game. The 6-foot, 170-pound Canyon Country native hauled in nine catches for 175 yards. He also caught a 35-yard touchdown pass in Cal Poly's 58-37 win over Santa Mary's Saturday to give him nine for the year, tying a season record set in 1980. He caught 44 passes for 741 yards, the fifth-highest season total in both categories.

Runner up:
Joe Wade - Football
Senior defensive back Bobby Smith also finished his Cal Poly career with a big game. The 5-foot, 16-inch Mission Viejo native picked off two passes to tie him for season total of seven. His seven interceptions tie him with five other individuals for fourth on the all-time season record for interceptions. Saturday he returned one of his picks for a 56-yard touchdown.