South county commuters face delays

A construction project along Highway 101 near the 4th Street bridge and Five Cities Drive will likely cause traffic delays / Daily photos by Dawn Kalmar

Nuclear weapons, arms control earns professor award

By Christine Bambra

The man who dreamt up the concept of nuclear energy had no idea that people might use the technology to create bombs. Bombs that are capable of vaporizing people into tiny particles of atomic matter within seconds, bombs that would create shockwaves to topple buildings or create doomsday bombs that would blind anyone who saw the blast even from miles away.

So, he dedicated the next 20 years of his life to limiting the technology and preventing other countries from using it for the wrong reasons.

The man was Leo Szilard. He died many years ago, but his name lives on through one of the most prestigious awards given in the physics field. This award was recently given to one of Cal Poly’s physics professors, David Hafemeister, for his work in arms control and nuclear weapons.

Hafemeister won the 1996 Leo Szilard Award for Physics in the Public Interest, given by the American Physical Society. Hafemeister has extensive experience with nuclear weapons and arms control. He helped negotiate the S.T.A.R.T. (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) between the Soviet Union and the United States.

It’s important to limit the number of weapons each side is allowed to have, he said, as well as the weapons’ destructive power. Hafemeister said these negotiations can be effective but difficult.

“It’s hard to verify if each side is carrying out their side of the agreement,” he said. “An enemy is measured in two ways, their capabilities and their intentions.”

Hafemeister has testified in more than 50 hearings as a full-time staff member for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

He had the opportunity to travel to the Kremlin to discuss the destruction of nuclear weapons the week that See HAFEMEISTER page 3

Appeals court rules Clinton must stand trial for harassment

By Richard Hall

WASHINGTON — An Arkansas sexual harassment case against President Clinton can go to trial, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday, setting the stage for a Supreme Court battle.

Clinton’s attorney argued that Clinton should not be questioned under oath on such matters while serving as president. But an appeals panel in St. Louis decided on a 2-1 vote that the case brought by a former Arkansas state employee, Paula Jones, can proceed.

“The president, like all other government officials, is subject to the same laws that apply to all other members of our society,” the court ruled. “A sitting president is not immune from civil suits for his unofficial acts.”

“Obviously, we’re a little disappointed, but there was a very strong dissenting opinion … which we believe the Supreme Court will follow, assuming it takes the case,” said Robert Bennett, Clinton’s attorney.

If the top court does agree to take the case, there’s virtually no chance a trial would start before the 1996 election. The Supreme Court would not hear arguments until October at the earliest, and a decision would not be expected until sometime next year.

Jones, a former Arkansas employee, alleges that Clinton sexually harassed her during an encounter in a Little Rock hotel suite in 1991. She has said she rejected Clinton’s suggestion that they engage in sex.

Clinton has denied ever having an encounter with Jones, and has said he cannot recall whether or not he ever met her. Bennett has tried to have the case dismissed on grounds of presidential immunity.

In a statement, Gilbert Davis, one of Jones’ attorneys, said his client was “very pleased” with Tuesday’s ruling. "This goes beyond the parties in the case because it stands on the proposition that no one is above the law,” Davis said.

He said the next step — barring any further legal delays — would be taking sworn statements from Clinton and a former Arkansas state trooper that Jones has alleged first told her that Clinton was interested in meeting her in the private hotel suite.

Bennett argued in September that letting the Jones’ case proceed would set the precedent of exposing sitting presidents to lawsuits by anyone who disagrees with their policies. In addition, Bennett has contended that the lawsuit would unfairly distract Clinton from the performance of his official duties — an argument often employed by government officials to avoid testifying in civil proceedings.

But Davis, Jones’ attorney, has asserted that his client is due the same rights to a fair and speedy trial as anyone — whether the defendant is.

Bennett has two weeks to appeal the three-judge panel’s decision by asking the full 8th Circuit Court to consider the matter.

If the full appeals court agrees, Bennett and Davis would get to re-argue their cases — a process that could take months.

Clinton’s attorney argued that the Supreme Court declined to hear the case, Bennett said. “We believe it would be taking sworn state­ments from Clinton and a former state trooper that was his client had not met her.”

Bennett then would have 90 days to file an appeal with the Supreme Court.

“If it is a case I would expect we would hear,” Bennett said. “We have some very important constitutional issues here.”

While Bennett was to request an expedited review, the court would not consider the matter until its next term beginning in October.

As expected, administration appointees, Arlen C. Beam and Mike Bowman, signed the appeals court’s majority opinion.

Donald R. Ross, who discretely, was appointed to the federal bench in 1979 by President Nixon.

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The Muslim Student Association is sponsoring a lecture by Imam Abdul Malik Ali in building 2, room 212 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Cuesta College is looking for nominations for "Women of Distinction" in the following categories: Progress for Women Award, Community and Washington. The nominations are due by Jan. 10. Forms are available at all chambers of commerce or Madera banks.

The Cal Poly Polo Team is having a game against University of Washington on Jan. 10 and Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Cal Poly Polo Rodeo Arena.

Upcoming

The Physics Colloquium is meeting to discuss "The Nuclear Pumped X-Ray Laser" Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. in building 52, room E-25.

The Cal Poly Summer Program in Mexico announces its 1996 summer program. An informational meeting is Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. in building 2, room 203. For more information, contact Dr. William Martine at 756-2889.

The last day to sign up for the Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE) is Jan. 10. For individual help studying for the WPE, the University Writing Lab will be open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Ballroom Dance Club is meeting every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at the Oddfellows' Dance Hall. Beginning classes start at 5:45 p.m. and Intermediate classes begin at 6:45 p.m. No experience or partner is necessary. For more information, call 783-2571.

The first meeting of the Open House Club is meeting Jan 18 in Building 3 room 213 at 11 a.m. For more information, call 756-7576.

Agenda Items: a) Nate Nettles, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407 — Setting up a pilot program for all-male and all-female magazine publications. b) Information in cases involving violent crimes. It would allow the release of the name of a juvenile accused of a violent crime.

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Wilson wants crackdown on teen felons

By John Howard

SACRAMENTO — Gun-toting teen-age criminals should be tried as adults and denied probation and the records of juvenile felons should be disclosed to the public, Gov. Pete Wilson urged Tuesday.

The Republican governor's proposals, part of an array of changes to the juvenile justice system contained in his annual state budget, would help remove violent, minor offenders from the streets by increasing prosecutors' authority, his office said.

The plan requires approval of both houses of the Legislature. Wilson announced his package flanked by armed members of the local sheriff department's anti-gang unit, the police chief and sheriffs and the district attorney.

Education was the main focus of the trip, but students were also able to experience the tropical beach islands and explore the country on weekends.

We arranged the courses so there are only classes three days a week," Kerbo said.

This allows students to travel around Thailand and take in the culture, he said.

The group chose the Pacific Rim countries because they feel that California has important ties to countries like Japan and Thailand when it comes to business and technology.

"We need to build more connections," Kerbo said.

California Youth Authority and developing public safety programs.

-- Giving local district attorneys the authority to prosecute as adults anybody over 14 years of age who commits a felony or violent crime. Currently, juvenile courts relieve decide such assignments.

-- Eliminating probation for juveniles convicted of using a weapon and allowing juveniles convicted of a serious and violent offense to receive only one probation for the trip, but Kerbo said he hopes that will change when more students have visited.

Each trip follows formal curriculum guidelines set by the Wilson administration, and classes are taught in English by two Cal Poly professors, there are also frequent guest speakers from both Thailand and Japan.

The Pacific Rim Group is made up mostly of faculty members, as well as some students and staff. They sponsor several meetings, debates, art exchanges and research projects in addition to study trips.

Currently, the group is seeking institutional status, which would make it a more permanent group on campus.


domino. Nearby was a portion of the weapons that have been confiscated by the gang unit. "Until we reform the law until those who are in fact guilty of serious crimes, seven homicides, even multiple homicides, until they are treated as seriously as their crimes re­ quire, they are literally going to continue to get," Wilson said.

A representative of the California Public Defenders Association was critical of the proposals. Among other things, the governor proposed:

-- Providing nearly $500 million from a variety of sources — voter-approved bond funds, tax return checkoffs, state funds — to build new juvenile halls, ex­ panding the capacity of the

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TOP OF THE AGENDA

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46 days left in Winter quarter

TODAY'S WEATHER: morning fog, light winds

TOMORROW'S WEATHER: cooler temperatures


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dail" Staff Note

For years and years you've read about Vietnam, Japan and Thailand in your history classes. You've studied the history, the culture and the geography of these countries. And you can experience it first hand at Cal Poly.

The Pacific Rim Group, headed by University of California, San Diego, and Harold Kerbo, chair of the Social Sciences department, gives students the opportunity this trip, contact Harold Kerbo, chair of the Social Sciences department, gives students the opportunity to take classes in Thailand and Vietnam during the summer which fulfill some upper division general education requirements.

"It was just so incredible," said Steven Schimmel, a mechanical engineering junior who went on the trip last year. "I had a great time.

Schimmel said he enjoyed the people because they were so friendly and so different.

Juno Farrow, a junior in the business school, and Jessica Yamada, who also went on the trip, was worried at first because Thailand was a developing country and had many social and health problems. But once they got further into the trip, she was able to overlook the problems and have a great time, she said.

Both Schimmel and Yamada stayed an extra two weeks to travel to Vietnam, giving the Pacific Rim Group the idea to add Vietnam to the Thai land trip. Both were amazed with Vietnam and said they hadn't seen anything like it.

Yamada added that she traveled and biked around Thailand, yet never felt she had to pinch for pennies. "Whatever they offered you, you could afford to do," she said.

For more information contact your campus rep Bill Chin at 1-800-424-8580 or Laurel Karren at SLO at 805-755-5017
CONSTRUCTION: Commuters asked to be patient

The third and final stage will be completed within one to two months. The new portions of the bridge will be connected, paving will be completed and work will be done to complete traffic signals. There will be minimal impact on motorists at this point.

Traffic using the 4th Street Bridge will have intermittent lane closures. Danielle Lloyd, public information officer for Caltrans, said she believes in the theory that good things come to those who wait.

"Be patient everyone, and you will all have a wonderfully finished project," Lloyd said.

To help minimize inconveniences, Caltrans has installed a telephone information hotline with daily lane and ramp closures, detours and hours of work which can all be found by calling 542-4747.

HAFEMEISTER: Brings experiences to his courses

Hafemeister brings his experience and knowledge to his courses. In fact, he is teaching a course this quarter called Nuclear Weapons Proliferation in the Post Soviet World. He has a strong interest in nuclear weapons, which can be found by investigating his interests in nuclear weapons and his efforts to improve arms control. He said he likes Cal Poly and will always come back.

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Hey, women can be sports swamis too!

by Jennifer Cornelius

He...could...go...all the way! I'm sure many of you have heard Chris Berman yell this as Emmitt Smith is breaking a tackle and heading for the end-zone. You may find it entertaining, you may find it amusing. Supposing it was someone like Robin Roberts or Linda Cohn (both ESPN reporters) who had originated that saying. Would you be more apt to say it was stupid or not needed if a woman was yelling it? That may be because women have a higher standard to follow and tougher barriers to climb in order to break into sports journalism.

Have you ever noticed how many female sports journalists there are? Probably not, because there aren't very many. Why not? Well, you probably don't know about it. Women don't advertise their presence. They go out of business sale.

Can women not dress up in a silly swami costume and predict the outcome to Sunday's NFL games? Can women use their own terminology and yell, "Back, back, back, gone," or "Aloha means goodbye," to describe a home run?

I don't think that is the case at all. Women can make fools of themselves just as easily as men; we just don't get the opportunity quite as often. I'm not wrong — I wish the guys on ESPN would be more diverse. Lord knows, it was only a few years ago that we heard an all-female announcing team. That's what I mean. The announcers were all female.

Can women not approach the male sports journalists now and ask yourself what gender. I don't want to be hired to fill a quota, I want to understand sports, but neither are all men. I just think the standards that women must meet is higher. I don't think women are as capable as men, and I don't think they are capable of writing sports, but neither are all men. I just think the standards that women must meet is higher. I don't think women are as capable as men, but I don't think that is the case at all. Women can make fools of themselves just as easily as men; we just don't get the opportunity quite as often. I'm not wrong — I wish the guys on ESPN would be more diverse. Lord knows, it was only a few years ago that we heard an all-female announcing team. That's what I mean. The announcers were all female.

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Some people say women just don't know how men feel on the playing field, that we don't understand their mentality or competitiveness. Lord knows we don't understand men and the way they work, and we probably never will. I guess we've just supposed to go back to reporting murders and rapes and things like that. I guess that also means that men can't report on women's sports. But wait! When was the last time you watched a woman's basketball game or tennis match and heard an all-female announcing team? That's what I thought.

So I take it then that men understand women? Yeah, right, that would be the day. So why is there a double-standard when it comes to reporting?
Student becomes a video postcard

by Jan Cerski

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Visor, head-mounted cameras, beanie-wrapped computer on his waist. Steve Mann looks like he just stepped out of a low-budget Associated Press wraparound computer on his mounted antenna and head-mounted cameras, beanie-waist. Steve Mann looks like he science fiction flick.

Student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology can dial in and look at what he experiences. His travels are fed instantaneously to the Internet’s World Wide Web, anywhere anyone can dial in and look at the world through Mann’s eyes.

“W e imagine a world with people with vision problems see then, thousands of people have checked it out. Mann, 32, started the project when he was a high school student in Toronto, using scavenged computer parts and toy walkie-talkies to build a prototype.

The effect of talking to Mann is disconcerting. His eyes often shift between the person he is talking with and his computer screen, depending on which is more interesting.

“T here are times when you want to be isolated. Y ou still want to be aware of your surroundings but scale them out. I often turn the outside world gray while I do my work. All those things can be better done with a curtain between me and the outside world,” he says, his eyes bathed in the cold white light of the tiny monitors in his visor.

Mann says his machine does have practical uses. He can send pictures while shopping, allowing his wife to choose which grapefruit looks better from the comfort of her armchair.

He hopes that someday, the visor will help people with retinal damage by having an image projected onto the good part of the eye, allowing them to see. Mann’s thesis adviser, Professor Ronald Picard, says there is still a long way to go before the technology is small enough and unobtrusive enough to be widely accepted.

Computer scientists also must figure out how to package the vast amount of data used in sending real-time video signals along the Web without making the computer system crash.

Fossett set the long-distance balloon record in February in a flight across the Pacific from Korea to Canada. His heater conked out over Japan, and he had to huddle in minus-15 cold for three days. The heater was later replaced.

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IN FRONT OF THE BOOKSTORE
Spurrier rejects the Buccaneers

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Steve Spurrier talked, listened and then followed his heart.

The Florida coach rejected a lucrative offer from the Bucs to take over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, saying college football — not the NFL — is where he belongs.

"Maybe this will end the speculation for years to come," Spurrier told a news conference. "I've talked and I've listened and I think probably just a college ball coach. Probably that's what's best for me."

The Bucs reportedly offered the 50-year-old coach a financial package that included a salary of about $2 million per season, plus part ownership in the team, which hasn't had a winning season since 1982.

Spurrier acknowledged a longtime "fantasy" with the Bucs job, dating to his days as coach of the USFL's Tampa Bay Bandits in the mid-1980s, but finally decided to reject the offer early Tuesday.

"I'm not sure when the final decision was made," he said. "I guess it was over at about 7:30 or eight this morning.

"That's more as a relief to Florida fans and Gators athletic director Jeremy Foley, who cut short his stay at the NCAA convention in Dallas to return to Gainesville for Spurrier's announcement.

"To be honest, last night I slept like a baby," Foley said. "It woke up every five minutes."

Bucs general manager Rich McKay is conducting Tampa Bay's search for a head coach.

"I fully understand and respect Steve's decision. It's his right to take our conversations to the next level," McKay said. "I've had tremendous success at Florida, and I have no doubt that he will continue to do so.

"Tampa Bay also has had discussions with former Dallas Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson about the vacancy created when Jerry Jones decided to not pursue a new coach after his second tier of candidates for the position reportedly included Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez, San Francisco 49ers defensive coordinator Pete Carroll, Minnesota Vikings defensive coordinator Tony Dungy and Chicago Bears offensive coordinator Ron Turner.

"Spurrier, who led Florida within a victory of the national championship, this season, has a reliever's contract in his class that extends through 2002.

"A renegotiation that would make him one of the highest paid college coaches at about $1 million per year has been on the table for more than a week but remained unchanged.

"The coach declined to discuss details with fans about his reasons, and would not say if Bucs owner Malcolm Glazer had assured him the team would remain in Tampa in 1996."

By Doug Tucker
Associated Press

Big Ten, Pac-10 might join bowl alliance

By Tim Whisler
Associated Press

DALLAS — The Big Ten and Pac-10 are having discussions about playing each other annually, a move that would guarantee a national championship game every year in college football.

"Whether anything's going to happen is probably up to the big guy, Andy Geiger, athletic director at Ohio State and said Tuesday during the NCAA's annual convention.

"But ideas are being exchanged and the matter is under consideration.

"I would say we'll know by late spring or early summer if we have something that's viable," Geiger told the Northeast Ohio Sports Bureau.

Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said.

The Big Ten and Pac-10, bound to a 50-year tradition of sending their champions to the Rose Bowl, are the only major football conferences that have refused to join the alliance.

The other Division I-A leagues match their two top-rated teams every year in a bowl, rotating among the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar. It worked out perfectly this year with No. 1 Nebraska of the Big Eight meeting No. 2 Florida of the Southeastern Conference for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl.

But for a long time, it appeared the alliance's first year could end in confusion and controversy because Ohio State was in the national title hunt and apparently headed to the Rose Bowl.

When the Buckeyes lost to Michigan, however, it eliminated them from contention and gave the Fiesta a clear-cut championship game.

If the Big Ten and Pac-10 do reach a deal with the alliance, it would give football fans something they've long been clamoring for: a guaranteed national championship game.

"It worked this year, but there will be times when it won't work unless the Pac-10 and Big Ten and the Rose Bowl become integrated into the alliance somehow," Geiger said. "Our contract with the Rose Bowl runs through 2002. But contracts can be amended.

"I'm optimistic that at some point it will happen," said Roy Kramer, commissioner of the SEC and chairman of the alliance.

"I think what happened with the alliance this year had a positive effect to drive toward that.

"Nebraska, which won its second straight national championship, and Florida each received $8.5 million in the Fiesta Bowl.

"We now have an ability to provide comparable financial reward for teams who participate as well as the opportunity to give a definite sense of urgency among the programs.

"That wasn't the case before."

Although Big Ten and Pac-10 people all say they remain committed to the Rose Bowl, they add that there might be ways to accommodate all interested parties.

By Alen Robinson
Associated Press

Steelers focus on AFC championship game

By Brentson Buckner
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — They've turned down the score clock, turned up the intensity. Rather than business deals, the Pittsburg Steelers are focusing on business as usual before this AFC championship game.

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As we mentioned yesterday, Mr. Boffo is in the lead, In the Bleachers is in second place, and Citizen Dog and Bizarro are tied for third place. Little has changed since then. Someone suggested Cathy, but we won't run that strip because it isn't funny. Besides, the Telegram-Tribune has it and the new rule is that only one daily newspaper in any given city can run any particular strip.

Please cast your vote by Friday, January 12, and drop it off at the Mustang Daily classified box at the U.U. Information Desk or send it to our classified dept. (26-226). Thank you for your input.

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by Joe Martin

CITIZEN DOG
by Mark O'Hare

BIZARRO
by Dan Piraro

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• Wrestling vs. Boise State University @ Mott Gym, 7 p.m.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS
Dolphins seek coaching deal with Jimmy Johnson

Miami (AP) — The Miami Dolphins' wooing of Jimmy Johnson proceeded this week under an attempted shroud of secrecy despite two years of speculation their marriage was inevitable.

Both sides hoped to reach an agreement by the end of the week.

The replacement of Don Shula as coach of the Dolphins has drawn plenty of attention.

Shula, the NFL's winningest coach, retired Friday and moved into the front office in a peripheral role with the team he coached for 26 years.

Team owner H. Wayne Huizenga has said Johnson, former coach of the Miami Hurricanes and Dallas Cowboys, is the leading candidate to replace Shula.

"This is going to be done with as much privacy as possible," Dolphins spokesman Harvey Greene said Tuesday. "When we have an announcement, we'll make it."

Though there was speculation Johnson and Huizenga could meet as early as Tuesday, local television stations reported Tuesday night that Huizenga had spent the day home sick with the flu and had not met with Johnson.

Johnson said his only criterion was to go where he could "win a Super Bowl."

"Maybe this will end the speculation forever to come, I've talked and I've listened and I think I'm probably just a college ball coach. Probably that's what's best for me."

Steve Spurrier
Florida University head coach who rejected a coaching offer from the Tampa Buccaneers

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The Mustang wrestlers square-off with Boise State tonight in Mott Gym at 7 p.m. / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

By Matt Berger
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The Cal Poly wrestling team will charge into Mott Gym Wednesday night to face the Boise State Broncos for their home season opener.

Charged with adrenaline, the Mustang wrestlers get their first chance to show off their talents to a home crowd.

"I have a tradition of wrestling real well at home," Head Coach Lonnie Cowell said.

The team bounces back from a disappointing set of losses on the road last week which gave them a season dual meet record of 1-2.

The Cal Poly wrestlers traveled to Oklahoma last week and competed against three top-ranked schools in four days. They took a devastating 47-0 pounding by 6th-ranked Oklahoma State and a 30-9 loss against 8th-ranked University of Oklahoma.

The team went away with only two individual wins by sophomore Sean McCool and junior Jeremiah Miller.

The Mustangs did return with a victory over the defending Division-II champions University of Central Oklahoma, 29-17.

Last season, the Mustangs lost a close dual meet against the Broncos and tonight's match could even the score.

Boise State brings two top-ranked wrestlers to the contest. Number three in the nation Charles Burton faces off against Miller in the 167-pound weight class.

The Bronco's other top wrestler, Shlomo Stipich, will compete against Cal Poly freshman Eric Rodriguez in the heavyweight division. Stipich is currently ranked second in the Pac-10.

Since last weekend's trip to Oklahoma, the Mustangs' lineup has had a few changes.

Sophomore Dan Long and Bobby Bellamy move up a weight class while freshmen Mark Perrian moves into the 126-pound weight division, replacing Long.

Marshall Cruz, at 150 pounds, and Jason Pratt, at 158 pounds, push Casey Cowell and David Wells out of the lineup.

"I think it's going to be a great performance," Cowell said.

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