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TODAY’S WEATHER

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Test results link GHB to Gillis

By Cynthia Neff

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Brian Gillis’ toxicological test results reveal that the Cal Poly freshman had a high level of Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate (GHB) in his system at the time of his death, according to a San Luis Obispo Police Department press statement released Thursday. No other drugs or alcohol were detected.

Capt. Ben Topham of the San Luis Obispo Police Department said that he would not consider the death to be due to a drug overdose until the pathologist report — the results of an autopsy — is released in a few weeks.

"I am not making the determination of an overdose," he said. "But such a heavy concentration (in his system) would suggest it.”

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ASl celebrates environment

By Kelly Foster

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A small gathering in the middle of a quiet campus does not begin to describe Associated Student Inc.’s first annual Earth Festival on the Rec Center soccer field Sunday afternoon.

The crowd grew slowly, but by 1 p.m., there were groups of people meandering around, waiting to try the many free food samples, and gathering around the stage to hear poetry and speeches by students and others involved in the festivities.

The celebration included live music from local bands such as Bootie Mamas and booths of free samples from sponsors of the event. Such samples included organic sorbet from Food Science Club, Chinese salad from Vista Grande, and tasty juices from Naked Juice.

The eye-opening afternoon began at 2 p.m. with a speech by ASI president Angie Hacker. It focused on what Cal Poly is doing to benefit the environment and what ASI plans to do about it in the future.

Hacker addressed the Cal Poly Campus Sustainability Initiative. see FESTIVAL, page 7

Week aims to increase rape awareness

By Sierra Z. Fish

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Rape is not just a word people use loosely in trivial conversation or jokes. It is an act of violation, and it is all too real for several people, many of whom are students at Cal Poly.

REMEMBER Week is designed to increase awareness about the effects of rape and it is also a chance for survivors to talk about their personal experiences.

"When rape is talked about, it takes away the mystic," said Learner Lannon, adviser to the Women’s Center and rape survivor. "Communication goes a long way.”

REMEMBER Week was founded on campus three years ago to support survivors of sexual assault.

The event also serves as a reminder of four lives — Rachel Newhouse, Aundria Crawford, Kristina Hogan, and Kristin Smart, who has been missing since 1996, according to the REMEMBER Quilt Project is dedicated to the memory of Kristin Smart, Rachel Newhouse, Aundria Crawford, Kristina Hogan and the numerous victims of sexual violence. The quilt is currently hanging in the Multicultural Center.

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Presidential candidates voice their platforms

Editor’s note:
The following is a list of the ASI presidential candidates including a short biography for each and a breakdown of what they hope to accomplish as president.

Andrew Hunt

Andrew was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is a computer science engineering senior. Andrew came to Cal Poly for its aerospace engineering program, then switched to computer science. He has worked at Compaq in San Jose, Calif. He is founder of SLOOpen.com and Teloskraft, Inc. He enjoys swimming, regatta and quality literature. Andrew is a member of the American Marketing Association, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Progressive Student Alliance.

As president, Andrew will:
— Continue his current advocacy efforts to represent students on university, community, and statewide issues.
— Improve academic advising, start a club and organization publication, and guarantee that the student voice is heard with an Opinion Task Force.
— Make VHI a reality by ensuring students align "Horizontally" with their course of study, integrate "Horizontally" with student life, and become a part of "One" strong and colorful student body.

By Jake Parnell

Jake was born and raised on an see CANDIDATES, page 4
Poly grads design pen to increase comfort

By Katherine Gernhardt

Colin Roche and Bobby Ronsse may have found a way to get writer's cramp again.

In fact, they hope for this so much that the former Cal Poly students recently launched a new product aimed at doing just that — reducing the unpleasant side effects of writing for long periods of time.

Their product is a pen called PenAgain. The pen is shaped like the letter "y" and is held with the index finger pointing down the tail of the "y" shape. According to their Web site, www.penagain.com, the unique shape "helps control and alleviate repetitive stress injuries."

Although their company is new, the idea for the PenAgain has been around since 1987. The PenAgain Web site explains that Roche got the idea for the product while in "Saturday School" detention in high school. He bought a flexible toy pen at a flea market and shaped it so that it was more comfortable to hold.

"This is our idea of comfort," Roche said of the unusual shape. "We're trying to challenge the way people think about writing ... because (the pen) is so different, we've been getting a lot of double-takes."

Their current business partnership began informally in the summer of 2001. Roche had been planning to apply for a patent on the PenAgain he had been working on for a few years, but his plans were stymied by the high cost of the drug tests immediately after writing. Gillis obtained the GHB, but he would not comment further on the investigation. The former Cal Poly student was not sure how many test results would be positive, but he was still at Cal Poly.

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They called themselves the "Doo Dudes."

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Six killed in string of tornadoes  
WASHINGTON — At least six people were killed and more than 100 were injured in several towns in the eastern United States when a string of 15 tornadoes swept through the region. Survivors were still being searched for Monday.

The tornadoes were accompanied by strong thunderstorms that satured territory from New York to Kentucky and Missouri to Maryland. La Plata, Md., which is about 20 miles south of Washington, was one of the worst-hit towns. Three of the dead and 90 of the injured were in La Plata during the storm.

As of Monday, 4,420 of the 6,000 people in La Plata still had no power, said a public information officer for the Charles County Government. Hundreds in the town were left homeless.

One man in Kentucky was killed in another storm, as was a 12-year-old boy in Missouri and a woman in Illinois.

Despite the rash of tornadoes this weekend, meteorologists say this year's tornado season overall got off to a late start.

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Controversy over alcoholic gelatin products  
WASHINGTON — Parents are being alerted by the national anti-drug coalition about the rising popularity of pre-manufactured "Jell-0 shots" called Zippers.

The concern is that the bright packaging of the alcoholic concoction is very similar to that of popular gelatin dessert packs, which thousands of parents pack in school lunches every day. The coalition has said a public information officer for the Charles County Government. Hundreds in the town were left homeless.

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Mustang Daily puts out five times a week!
Senior project takes three quarters for some students

By Carly Haseihuhn

A granite walkway meets the back of the imaginary house. Steets rise up to a bed of lush green grass that is complemented by a variety of small flowers and plants. A wooden bridge arches over a bubbling pond with iris flowers poking out from below. This leads to a corner bench with an overlooking that casts streams of sunlight on the surrounding landscape.

While such a back yard might only be a dream for most college students, this plotted landscape actually existed alongside the horticulture unit at Cal Poly as proof of several student senior projects.

"It's too bad I just can't pick this up or have it appear in my back yard," said Skip Johnson, an Open House visitor from Mountain View, as he strolled back and forth between the two elaborate displays.

On April 19 and 20, many such Open House visitors wandered over to this area near the Sports Complex where both models stood, each the result of work of five environmental horticultural science seniors.

"The general public has really been a big hit," said Michael Whittford, co-designer and builder of the landscape.

He said that admirers really enjoy the water features.

At the end of this year, the student designers will have spent three quarters on the project, a little more than the usual two quarters for EHS students' senior projects.

Teamed with an imaginary client and a set of specific criteria, each group spent the fall on the design aspect, winter on installation, and this spring they will concentrate on maintenance. Though emphasis was put on making the designs low maintenance in the first place, the seniors will focus their time and efforts on irrigation, planting and keeping pond water clear.

When compared to possible senior projects in the EHS major, which might include building an herb garden, making directional signs to designate the plant life in the arboretum, developing plans for a nursery, or even making a bench (like the one in Whittford's design), something like this had never been done before at Cal Poly.

"It was a learning experience for our advisors as much as it was for us," Whittford said.

The main hardships for the team were finding the right materials and receiving them in a timely manner, Whittford said. But with a long list of contributors, including Blue Space Landscape, which will donate $5,000 to Cal Poly for this same project throughout the next few years, the future success of such an undertaking is expected.

Though not without tests and trials, the experimental group was excited about the challenge and satisfied with the result of their toil.

"I did it for the experience," said Jennie Gordon, a member of the group opposite Whittford.

Whittford added that this "was the ultimate learn-by-doing experience."

The sunbom spanning across Gordon's back testified to the fact that the two groups have put in their time: about 175 hours per person just during winter quarter. But the fruits of their labor were rewarded as students and parents marveled about, congratulating their efforts and calling their landscapes a community service.

The granite walkway above was completed as a senior project for environmental horticultural science. Approximately 175 hours per person were put in to the task.

Seeing it all come together was satisfaction enough for Gordon.

And although Cal Poly is thinking of tearing it down at the end of spring, Whittford said everyone involved hopes it will stay for the next few years.

Regardless of what happens, just seeing the project finished was reward enough for Whittford.

"The completed project was the icing on the cake," he said.

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Angus and Clydesdale ranch in Auburn, Calif. Family is a major part of his life. His mother and father now live in Idaho, and his younger brother Luke attends Cal Poly. Jake attended Bear River High School, where he became actively involved with the FFA organization. After graduating from high school, Jake took one year off of school to serve as the State FFA Treasurer. In this role, Jake traveled around California, visiting with high school students, presenting leadership conferences and meeting with agriculture industry leaders. While at Cal Poly, he has been a member of the Collegiate Livestock Judging Team, helped plan the animal science department's Western Bonanza and currently serves as Vice Chair of the ASI Board of Directors. Jake also serves as chairman of the ASI budget committee.

Putting students first means:
- ensuring students' voices are heard on student fee increase committees. Students decided to increase fees, and they should get what they were promised.
- empowering students by expanding Lobby Corps to express student views to administrators, legislators and the chancellor.
- bringing ASI to students by increasing knowledge opportunities and giving more students the chance to decide the services ASI offers.
- bridging the gap between the community and students by cultivating a strong relationship with citizens and leaders of San Luis Obispo.

Alison Anderson

Alison was born and raised in Long Beach. She came to SLO and really liked Cal Poly and the students. She became very involved in Hall Council, Housing and Residential Life, Student Community Services, the Multicultural Center, ASI and many engineering groups and societies. Anderson is a hands-on person and has worked very hard to be the leader she is today. She cares a lot about Cal Poly and the direction of ASI Student Government, and as ASI president, Anderson knows that she can make a huge positive impact at this university.

As president, Alison will:
- ensure direct student voice and benefit from both the ASI fee referendum and the academic fee increase.
- make ASI more accessible, so that students and organizations know what resources are available to them.
- improve campus and community relations through block parties during neighborhood cooperation week and staffing students on Residents for Quality Neighborhoods.

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ASI Student Union
Voting on the 2002 - 2003 ASI Budget Committee
When you walk into the Ortega College of Business freestore, what is the first thing you see? No, not busy college students. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the first thing you see is a bright yellow Mustang Daily Staff Writer Obispo) for these drinks because of during the early 1980s and made its halls in your mouth? The slogan functions as an attention getter for Nate and Dave's Pearl Delights, a senior project started at the beginning of the school year. "(The slogan) gives us an excuse for people to ask about our product," said Nate Pezzotti, business senior and co-owner of Nate and Dave's Pearl Delights. For their senior project, Pezzotti and business junior Dave Chong chose to start a beverage business that specializes in drinks with marble-size tapioca balls sitting at the bottom. The product originated in Taiwan during the early 1980s and made its premiere in the United States years later in Asian markets. The drinks grew in popularity in larger cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco, eventually making their way to San Luis Obispo. "We saw a need (in San Luis Obispo) for these drinks because of how popular they were elsewhere," Pezzotti said. The drinks have become so popular with the students that Lucy's Juice has started selling a similar product. "We figure we will sell around 1,500 drinks by the end of the year," said Pezzotti. At the beginning of the year, Pezzotti and Chong set a goal to sell 1,000 drinks. Even though they are only open two days a week, they will likely surpass their goal by the end of the year.

"We went to various cafes and test- ed more than 30 flavors on our family and friends," Pezzotti said. The balls in the drinks are natural tapioca starch soaked in sugar syrup poured into each drink by Chong or Pezzotti when a customer places an order.

"The drinks are great because they are not carbonated, but refreshing with a good kick," said Mike Kim, an economics senior and a Pearl Delights regular.

"When coming up with the idea for their senior project, both wanted to use the education they received at Cal Poly. "We wanted to do something that involved all our classes and do something that dealt with the students," Chong said.

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"When coming up with the idea for their senior project, both wanted to use the education they received at Cal Poly. "We wanted to do something that involved all our classes and do something that dealt with the students," Chong said. Their classes also helped the students run other areas of their business. Chong and Pezzotti not only man the booth, but they take care of the bookkeeping and analysis of the business. "Because we do all the record keeping, setup and cleanup on our own, we can only be open for two days a week," said Pezzotti. At the beginning of the year, Pezzotti and Chong set a goal to sell 1,500 drinks. Even though they are only open two days a week, they will likely surpass their goal by the end of the year.

"We figure we will sell around 1,500 drinks by the end of the year," Pezzotti said. When thinking of the name of their business, Chong and Pezzotti wanted something original. "A lot of the product names contain the word tapioca, but we felt that it would be associated with hospital food and not tasting good," Chong said. "We also wanted something mysterious." Not only the product names, but the balls themselves, have helped their business survive as well.

"At first I didn't like the balls, but now I love them," Kim said. "They are an acquired taste." Not only are Chong and Pezzotti pleased with their senior project, but their profits. "Most companies have been pretty supportive, especially since we're Cal Poly students," Pezzotti said. Because most of their products were donated, and they chose to sell their product on campus, Chong and Pezzotti were required to donate all the profits. "It was up to our discretion as to what we done with the money, but we chose the American Cancer Society because it is close to our hearts," Chong said. The donation of the money was an easy decision for Chong and Pezzotti since both have lost a member of their family to cancer.

"I think we have put out our best to people, and we were able to introduce the drink to lots of students as well," Chong said. Not only are Chong and Pezzotti pleased with their senior project, but their customers are pleased as well. "The guys are pretty personable," Kim said. "I have seen them sing to customers and do a lot of different things to get people to come back."
Dedication is key word for team A&W

Among the many adjectives that I could use to describe Allison Anderson and Wendy Martin, the word dedication stands out the most. As a student myself, I look on in admiration at what Allison and Wendy have chosen to do with their time at Cal Poly. They have decided to lead our student union, the ASI, and they continue to care about the voice of all Cal Poly students. They have been elected to the ASI Board of Directors and have been resident advisers and active members in our community.

These three activities alone highlight their commitment to student involvement. Being involved in student government is a demanding role, but they have chosen to be dedicated not only to our campus but also to their community, and this is evident in their list of activities. Both of them are members of the ASI Board of Directors and have been resident advisers and active members in our community.

I trust you are a capable decision-maker, and I'm not going to tell you for whom you should vote. I am going to explain to you why I will vote for Andrew Hunt and Leigh Love during ASI elections tomorrow and Thursday.

Andrew and Leigh have proven their commitment and dedication to the students with more than five years of combined experience through the ASI Executive Staff. This means that for the better part of both of their college careers, they have served as advocates for the students, speaking out to the university and community, ensuring that the student voice is heard. These people are both friends of mine and I can tell you that they are not politicians— they are student advocates. ASI is not, and should not be, about padding a resume or building a political career; it should be about working hard to make sure that every student's experience at Cal Poly is a positive one. Andrew and Leigh share this belief with me and have been representing this idea here since 1999.

Andrew is the most ambitious man I know. On top of his student government experience, he is a computer engineering student. He started Web.com in 2000, and his next success will be as your ASI president. Leigh has worked in the ASI business office for three years, and she can answer any question you have about student life on this campus.

It is easy to get lost in the issues this year because there are so many candidates. I trust Andrew and Leigh will represent students on fee, community, and statewide issues; they do that very well already. I also trust them to follow through with their plans for improved academic advising, a new club and organization publication and an Opinion Task Force.

While each of the candidates has a strong point, I believe Andrew and Leigh are the candidates who are the perfect combination of all these strengths.

Andrew and Leigh have professional, advocacy and student life experience needs, but also understand them. They have the capability and creativity to generate new ideas and a vision they call VHI. Andrew and Leigh have specific goals and the groundwork laid to carry them out. These are the distinctions that I see that set them apart as candidates. These are the distinctions that I hope you now recognize when you decide for whom you want to cast your vote tomorrow and Thursday.

Jared Anderson is a speech communications senior.

Experience puts Hunt and Love ahead

Close your eyes and listen to the campaign slogans, promises and ideas of the three other teams in this race. Don't they all sound the same? Better yet, don't they all sound like the same slogans, promises and ideas we've heard for years from ASI candidates? Let's step up to something different this year. Let us select an ASI leadership team that truly represents the students, with a diverse background of college experience. From Bagel Cafe to the Board of Directors, from Week of Welcome to Sigma Phi Epsilon, from Poly Reps to president of Liberal Arts Ambassadors, Meital and Gabe have demonstrated their commitment to understanding the student perspective.

I've met to encounter someone with a negative opinion of these two friends. Meital's personality is nothing short of addictive. As anyone involved in WOW! knows, she is absolutely "fabulous". Her appetite for challenge is insatiable — how many college students do you know who can balance their time effectively between a business, coursework and campus involvement?

Gabe is the perfect teammate for Meital, as he shares her passion for student leadership. His initiative in co-founding the College of Liberal Arts Ambassadors demonstrating just how much he was needed for our student body. On the ASI Board of Directors, Gabe advocated for students in another context.

Meital and Gabe — perfect match for students

It is obvious that Meital and Gabe didn't just sit in the ASI office for three years and call it experience. They've been active members of the student body, participating in your clubs, your greek system and your community. Meital and Gabe understand your student life, because they are part of it.

And they will remain part of your student life through their busy press conferences. If you have any concerns about student government, Meital and Gabe will be accessible. They will take on your issues with the same commitment and enthusiasm that they have demonstrated in past experiences.

As president of a multicultural club, I have seen firsthand their dedication to understanding the needs of students. Rather than just going club to club asking for votes, Meital and Gabe have met with the leadership of many clubs to appreciate their members' needs and concerns.

The time has come to elect student leaders that will not only address your needs, but also understand them. We are presented with the opportunity to choose a team that has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to student issues. This year, select a leadership that will create an ASI that you actually care about.

On May 1 and 2, step up with Meital and Gabe.

Mike Sullivan is a computer engineering senior.

Opinion

Parnell and Ayers will put students first

This week, students have the opportunity to decide who the next ASI president and vice president will be. For the first time, the candidates, Mike Sullivan and Pamell-Ayers, Jake and Kaitlin Ayers, have dedicated the past two months to running with Cal Poly student government. After hearing from all candidates, it's clear that it's time to put students first.

As chair of the ASI Board of Directors, I have had the opportunity to work with Jake and Kaitlin. Both are very dedicated and passionate people who, given the opportunity, will work day and night for students' needs. Some might question their ASI experience, how can you not see who they are? Pamell-Ayers is a vice chair of the University Advisory Board (Karen?) in this, their leadership experience in other organizations makes them the clear choice for the next ASI president and vice president.

Mike's what students want. He's always out there, reaching out to students. On more than one occasion, I've had the opportunity to hear all the candidates speak. Each time Jake and Kaitlin answer the questions asked and share their vision for Cal Poly ASI. They're not talking about issues that concern students.

The most important issue facing students is the recent fee increase. As next fall you will pay more to attend Cal Poly, since you decided to increase your own fees, wouldn't it be nice to know that there is someone out there advocating for you? Jake and Kaitlin will dedicate an executive student member to protecting students' needs on the college-based and state committees as well as holding ASI to its pledge of increasing services to students.

I really like what Jake and Kaitlin have to say about parking, housing and safety on this campus. Each year our parking fees increase, yet services continue to decrease. They said that they're going to work with Cal Poly and the city's bus company to bring back bus service after 6 p.m. This will make attending night classes easier and safer for Cal Poly students.

Finally, their idea of increasing the role of Lobos is brilliant. Lobos Corp. is a student-developed advocacy group that advocates for Cal Poly's needs with legislative groups and students. It is a voice for all students to have their ideas of expanding Lobos Corp to assess student opinion and fight for students' needs on campus. This is a creative solution that is the next step for this promising program.

Jake has shared with me how he envisions Lobos Corp. in Sacramento one day fighting to preserve Cal Poly's "learn by doing" polycratic approach, in Long Beach discussing the housing crunch with the CSU, I handcrafted and in downtown San Luis Obispo meeting with the mayor and City Council about bridging the gap between Cal Poly and the city.

Jake Parnell and Pamell-Ayers deserve your vote. They are outstanding students looking to serve and fight for what's right for Cal Poly students. They are ambitious and give their best to send Parnell-Ayers to the ASI office to create positive change on this campus.

Chris Medden is a writing assistant and chair of the ASI board of directors.
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Women's Center's Web site. Lannon
didn't attend at the weeklong events has increased
each year. Lannon said that an
important part of REMEMBER Week is listening to the survivors
tell their stories.
"There is a lot of value in being able to own what you are speaking about," Lannon said. "Communication helps break down barriers" healing can come more quickly.
REMEMBER Week events began
Monday with Self Awareness booths
located in the University Union, room 220, sponsored by Peer Health, Planned Parenthood and the Economic Opportunity Commission Center. Tonight, there will be a Self Defense Workshop at Bishop's Lounge from 6 to 8 p.m. with selection of SLO Kickboxing

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worker at an Earth Festival booth

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Women's tennis ends season on a down note

By Sean Martin

Cal Poly women's tennis team went out on top in the first match of the Big West Conference Championships, finishing 5-1 in singles and 6-3 in doubles on Friday. The Mustangs then went on to win the second set 6-4, but lost the last two sets 6-2, 6-1. The team did not have their usual success against Northridge, who beat the Mustangs 6-1 in their first meeting, to several factors.

The Husband Hobbits, as very mentally tough," she said. "They are not very impressive when you watch them... they just get everybody back in the drawers." 

Bagheri added that while the Matadors didn't overpower anyone, they did have a lot of different kinds of shots.

Freshman Ashley Thompson said the rain also hurt the Mustangs.

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By Diane Pucin

WIRE: CHICAGO — There's a big, ugly screen around the edges of Wrigley Field, the kind usually found around tennis courts to keep the balls in and noise out.

Call it the spite screen, put up by team ownership to get back at a neighborhood that bailed at Wrigley expansion plans.

Wrigley Field was the place where I watched my first baseball game. It was a rite-of-passage place for us in the Chicago suburbs. When your parents let you go to Wrigley by yourself, taking the train and the El, meant you to find your way to and from the game, it was as big as the day you got your driver's license.

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The neighborhood around Wrigley and the ballpark have grown into a place known simply as "Wrigleyville." The screen is for spite.

There is a big, long, politically inspired story about Wrigley, the Tribune, the screen, and Daley, Solder Field and why it might not be the best idea for a big media company to own a sports team and a ballpark that an entire city feels is its own.

The Cubs, a.k.a. Tribune Company, would like to add another 1,900 or so bleacher seats to Wrigley, which has the fourth-smallest capacity among major league ballparks. Surrounding Wrigley are old, box-apartment buildings. Once upon a time, the apartment dwellers would bug fans, lean chairs and a cooler with some cold Old Style beer up to the roof and watch the Cubs.

Now the apartment building owners have put bleachers on the roofs and sell tickets for up to $125. When the Cubs announced a desire to add more bleachers, the neighborhood dwellers, mostly particularly the apartment owners of the lucrative rooftops, weren't happy. These new bleachers, they say, will block rooftop views.

The city, which would need to issue building permits and zoning variances, is having a little fun with the Tribune. There is siding with the neighbors. The city, especially the mayor, is unhappy because the Tribune editorial board has been critical of the city's renovation of Soldier Field, home of the Bears.

"The corporate Cubs are cutting off their community nose to spite their face."

In response to the criticism and the belligerent pace of the approval process for the bleachers, the Tribune Company put up the screen.

According to a story in the Tribune, the dark green mesh screen is a security response to Sept. 11. More than 1,000 people who don't get their bags scanned coming into the park are on those rooftops and could throw any thing they wanted onto the field according to Tribune Company officials. That's dangerous, bordering on a double use of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

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All those people paying for the roof seats aren't paying the Tribune for box seats or luxury box seats. They aren't buying ballpark franks or popcorn or frosed mints of beer or soda. About the lost revenue, the Tribune Company has a point.

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