UN Security Council condemns N. Korea nuke test

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council swiftly condemned North Korea's nuclear test on Monday as "a clear violation" of a 2006 resolution and said it would start work immediately on another sanctions resolution. China's foreign ministry joined the council against the exclusivistic nation.

Talukder was ticketed the afternoon of May 19 at South Perimeter Street for violation of Vehicle Code 21716: Golf Cart Operation. The state motor vehicle code states that "No person shall operate a golf cart on any highway except in a speed zone of 25 miles per hour or less."

University Police Chief Bill Watton said Talukder was ticketed for riding on California Boulevard's bike lane, causing numerous complaints from drivers who couldn't see the car, which was low to the ground.

"It would scare the hell out of me to be in that thing in a traffic lane," Watton said. "There's no way in the world I'd do that with the drivers and the cell phones and all the things going on.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles Web site defines a golf cart as a "motor vehicle having not less than three wheels in contact with the ground, having an unladen weight less than 1,300 pounds, which is designed to be and is operated at not more than 15 miles per hour and designed to carry golf equipment and not more than two persons, including the driver."

Although Talukder's vehicle wasn't designed to carry golf equipment, San Luis Obispo Police Department and University Police Department officials were the real issue dealers with the student's deal.

"SDPD was just doing its job," Talukder said. "They got a lot of calls so they had to respond."

Talukder said he had no ill intent for his revamped Power Wheels. He stood at about three feet above the ground, Talukder modified the plastic vehicle to include a solid frame, headlights and taillights, a horn, iPod connection and speakers, 500-watt motor, rubber wheels and an ignition.

In addition to creating an autonomous vehicle for his senior project — which would implement safety sensors for children's vehicles and potentially full-sized cars — the car is a cheap green way of getting to school.

"I made this thing for really two reasons. It costs me like 10 cents each day that I drive it," Talukder said. "And there's no maintenance. I don't have to drive my car around, it's green. I car park it wherever it really, it's really convenient for me, especially with my chronic asthma," Talukder said.

Another reason Talukder enjoys riding in the car is the response he gets from the campus community.

"I put smiles on people's faces. It literally does," Talukder said. "I go around and I think that's one of the best things — one of the highs in life where you can do something for someone and not really expect something back in return."

Before Tuesday's incident, Talukder was pulled over twice — once by the San Luis Obispo Police Department and once by the California Highway Patrol — and was warned by University Police. He said he was advised not to stay on the road.

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It puts smiles on
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saw he'd seen Talukder outside
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urging the peace.
"He was just crying," Abertolle said. "It's kind
of messed up that he got a ticket. He can't go that
far." "I think it's ridiculous he got a ticket for it," said
electrical engineering senior Myles Still. "I mean, it's a Power Wheels car.
"Talukder wouldn't say whether he plans to
fight the ticket, but he researched vehicle codes
before building the car to try to protect himself
from receiving one.
"I tried to be civil about it, to be safe about it," Talukder said.
"When they say it's for my
own safety, I find that a little hard
to swallow ... I told them that I
ordered a flag for it and I was go­ing
to put it on as soon as it came
back down the hill or go a block over and all the way around," Talukder said.
"That's completely unacceptable in my opinion."

Political science senior Tai Ding said the side­
walk isn't the best place for a motor-powered ve­
hicle to be.
"He shouldn't be on the sidewalk, that's for pedestrians," Ding said. "I have the same problem
with skateboarders, but at least Tai has brakes.
"Talukder had been using the vehicle — wealth­
er permitting — for the past four months on his three- and-a-half mile journey from his home to
Cal Poly's campus, in the advice of University
Police Department's Associate Director Cindy
Campbell. Talukder claimed the Power Wheels car
was built on campus.
One student, agriculture systems sophomore
Stephen Abertolle, said he'd seen Talukder outside
Kennedy Library and he was never disrupting the
peace.
"He was just cruising," Abertolle said. "It's kind
of messed up that he got a ticket. He can't go that
far."
Ex-NY Times journalists: We fumbled Watergate tip

Jennifer Pelz
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The reporter rushed up to his editor, thunderstruck by what the FBI's acting director had just let him know: The former attorney general — maybe even the president — was complicit in the Watergate break-in two months before.

But The New York Times let the hot tip fall through the cracks, the reporter and editor say after decades of silence about the August 1972 conversation. They say it's unclear whether the Times pursued information that might have let it beat The Washington Post to the blockbuster story of political espionage, which was described in "All the President's Men" and helped unravel Richard M. Nixon's presidency.

"We missed out," the now-retired editor, Robert H. Phelps, said in an interview Monday, after the Times published a story about the monumental miscue.


Smith was headed to law school and in his last day at The Times' Washington, D.C., bureau when he went to lunch with acting FBI director L. Patrick Gray on Aug. 16, 1972. Smith had cultivated a professional relationship with the FBI chief through writing several stories about him that year.

As they discussed the intrigue surrounding the June 17 attempt to bug the Democratic National Committee's offices at the Watergate complex, Gray volunteered that former Attorney General John Mitchell was involved. Smith said Monday Mitchell had stepped down to run Nixon's re-election campaign.

Smith said he asked Gray, "Does it go up higher? And he said, 'Yes.'" Then, Smith said, "I choked and said, 'The president?' And he looked at me in the eye, not denying it.

Gray also broached the name of Donald Segretti, an architect of the Nixon campaign's efforts to infiltrate and sabotage Democrats, Smith said.

Segretti and Mitchell would eventually go to prison for their roles in the noster of political dirty work that came to be known as Watergate — Segretti for distributing political literature without attribution, Mitchell for conspiracy, perjury and obstruction of justice. Segretti wasn't involved in the Watergate break-in but was associated with an effort to disrupt Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Edmund Muskie.

But Segretti's name hadn't emerged publicly when Smith hurried back to the Times' office and told Phelps what he had heard. Nor had Mitchell's link to Watergate been cemented.

"Associated Press reporter Richard Pyzel and Adam Golden contributed to this report."
**WORD ON THE STREET**

"What object would you put a motor on for on-campus transportation? Why?"

- Brian Arnold, history junior

"I've always wanted to put a motor on a reclining chair or a jacuzzi. That could end badly when you stopped, though the water would go everywhere."

"A comfy chair from the (University Union). It's comfortable and I could like hanging out at my favorite spot on campus."

- Erin Brittain, psychology junior

"My bed because I don't get enough sleep."

- Kevin Bernotas, business junior

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Long distance relationships: not for the faint of heart

So, your boyfriend is graduating but you’ve still got a few years left at Cal Poly! Your girlfriend is studying abroad this summer? Your high school sweetheart is still in high school (but totally 18 now, right?). Well, friend, now is the time to consider attempting the long-distance relationship.

Not only am I currently doing long distance, but this is the second time I’ve done it with the same person. I think I’m going to be sympathetic to your long-distanters. I think it’s a terrible idea. So here is a list of why my long-distance relationship works, but yours won’t:

1. The distance
   My boyfriend lives in San Jose, an easy three-hour drive from San Luis Obispo. While I can’t exactly give him booty call in the middle of the week, I can easily plan a trip to see him for the weekend. I’m even willing to spend six hours driving to make a day trip to visit if we’re having some sort of relationship emergency. So how far apart will you be from your significant other? When you live further apart, your visits will become less often and more expensive. Most couples try to compensate for this by spending “quality time” with each other during visits, i.e. never leaving the bedroom for the duration of the visit and calling each other every five minutes for an update while they’re apart. These couples don’t have a lot of friends.

2. The foundation of the relationship
   I’ve been seeing my boyfriend, off and on, for a little over five years now. The first time we tried long distance it was about 16 months into our relationship and several relationship landmines: exclusivity, “I love you” and becoming sexually active. This seems like a no-brainer: make sure your relationship works on its own before throwing distance into the mix.

You’re doin’ it wrong!
By Jenna Ray

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Legendary Chicano writer and activist speaks at Cal Poly

Bridget Veltri

History came to Cal Poly Friday night in the form of renowned activist, playwright, author and director Luis Valdez, known to many as the “father of Chicano theater.”

Valdez spoke to the packed audience not about his many awards or achievements, but the simple events that shaped his life while growing up.

“I have always believed that you can turn any negative into a positive,” Valdez said.

In many ways, Valdez’s life is living proof of this statement. In 1940 he was born to migrant worker parents in Delano, Calif., and by 1965 he was matching with Cesar Chavez, founding the theater group El Teatro Campesino and using a flat bed truck as a stage to voice the struggle of Chicano rights.

“For 24 years I have taught Valdez’s works in my classes because he represents a point in history and an important facet of Chicano and American history,” modern languages and literature professor Gloria Velasquez said. “And if we don’t know our history we don’t know ourselves.”

His internationally-known play “Zoot Suit” was the first play to appear on Broadway by a Chicano. The play was eventually made into a motion picture. He also wrote and directed the motion picture “La Bamba.”

“You could say that Valdez discovered theater through the art of paper-mâché. His teacher was making a monkey mask out of the material for his school’s production of “Christmas in the Jungle,” which he tried out for. He was cast as a monkey but never set foot on stage, since his family was evicted from the labor camp they were living in and had to move. Valdez was heartbroken, and had what he referred to as a “hole” in his soul.” He re-framed that experience and now credits that “hole” as the source of his creativity.

He also credits that teacher, who forever influenced the life of a first grader she only taught for 30 days.

“Teachers don’t know what they do for their students,” Valdez said.

As a teacher, Velasquez is trying to do everything she can for her students by bringing people like Valdez to Cal Poly.

“At Cal Poly, underrepresented students need more role models and successful examples,” Velasquez said. “This is just another example of making our campus more diverse. It is not just for Chicano students. It is for students of all backgrounds who can benefit from this; we learn from each other,” she added.

Debra Valencia-Laver, associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts and secretary for the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association, was also excited to have Valdez speak.

“We are trying to celebrate Chicano culture and contributions both at the university and in the community,” Valencia-Laver said. “Someone like Luis Valdez is the perfect model and successful example,” Velasquez said. “This is the event was ended with a standing ovation. After speaking, Valdez signed books and posters for audience members waiting in a long line that stretched to the door of Philips Hall.

The event was sponsored by the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association, Cal Poly’s College of Liberal Arts, the modern languages and literatures department, ethnic studies department, theatre and dance department, the Division of Student Affairs and the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán.
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Vertical farms could supply fresh food year round  

By the year 2050, nearly 80 percent of the Earth's population will reside in urban centers. Applying the most conservative estimates to current demographic trends, the human population will increase by about 3 billion people during the interim. On an urban planet, closing resource and energy loops—creating zero-waste systems for meeting the needs of people who live in highly dense cities—flaunts in front of us, grade-like, as a goal. An estimated one trillion hectares of new land (about 20 percent more land than is represented by the country of Brazil) will be needed to grow enough food to feed them, if traditional farming practices continue as they are practiced today. Present, throughout the world, only 80 percent of the land that is suitable for raising crops is in use. Historically, some 33 percent of that has been laid waste by poor management practices. What can be done to avoid this impending disaster?

An entirely new approach to indoor farming must be invented, employing cutting-edge technologies. Columbia University professor Dickson Despommier has generated a fair amount of attention with his concept for "vertical farms," stacked, self-contained urban biosystems that would—theoretically—supply fresh produce for city residents year round. The New York Times showcased artists' conceptions of what such farms might look like. Twelve pilot projects are proposed under consideration, in locations as far-flung as China and Dubai.

The concept has captivated the imagination of at least the dozens of people who lament the enormous resource demands of our food production system and yearn for something easier on the land, easier on our agrarian conscience. Vertical farming stories high, could be situated in the heart of the world's urban centers. If successfully implemented, they may offer the promise of urban renewal, sustainable food production, and new and varied landscapes. These systems can provide a host of benefits, from improved health and a theoretical capacity to produce more food per unit area than traditional forms. However, there remain significant infrastructural, economic, and technical challenges.

It still need a bunch of convincing that vertical farming can, with the designs offered and technologies currently available, make sense on a grand scale. But it's a promising idea.

Promising, of course, is different than delivering. Conscious design requires a lot of energy. Keeping vegetables warm in winter requires a lot of energy. Recycling water requires a lot of energy. Generating artificial sunlight requires a lot of energy. In other words, the secret ingredient that makes vertical farms work (assuming they work at all) is a bundle of loads of energy. No one seems to have actually done the math on the monetary and environmental costs of such a scheme, but they would no doubt be considerable.

In its most superficial aspect, the vertical farm is a hot-looking amenity for a progressive city. But its deeper potential is as a tool that might prove invaluable when times get more desperate. Climate-controlled skyscrapers aren't as susceptible to crazy weather fluctuations as conventional farms. As the global population struggles to shrink its footprint by congregating in cities, reducing our dependence on food trucks and devising ways to feed more people without degrading more natural green space, a working farm in the sky wouldn't be a bad thing to know how to build.

I do think it may be worth investing now in developing an idea that might help to save us when we need it. And I applaud thinkers like Despommier (and Seattle-based Mitro), whose creativity will bring us closer to the solutions we need. It's also worth considering that what we are building in an urban farm is more than just a departure of great design. I hope that, no matter which city accepts the challenge, even the wildest imaginative idea like this one should be a project considered with serious practicality. At the world's population boom, we need to keep to continue growing and green our cities. As that growth numbers of people rises, it is more and more crucial that we find ways to feed the urban population. Our cities could be seen as machines for transforming water, biomass and minerals into food and people. But bringing the farm onto a balanced cycle with the Earth's going to be a bit challenging.

One thing we can do to increase our odds of success is to understand how our cities grew into complex systems that are not very conducive to holding the structures of the past. Without understanding what accidents, changes and forces shaped the city's urban systems, we need to redesign those machines, keeping the keeping, the people, but bring making the urban system a balanced cycle with the Earth's going to be a bit challenging.

It is unfortunate such a tragedy has struck our campus. But really who can say that this could not have occurred closer to our campus? Many people are quick to point the finger to Greek organizations and members. But what about our community members (also hazing and alcohol abuse)? In a national study on hazing (Binghamton.org) it was found that 74 percent of varsity athletes take part in some form of hazing, 35 percent of varsity athletes. What has been done to educate them? Being Greek myself, I know that the school has taken steps to help prevent this tragedy from occurring again. When will people realize that hazing and binge drinking is not a Greek issue but a Cal Poly issue and help to stop the tide of students going to Sierra Vista Hospital on any given weekend? Think about it. Please pass the word out pass or "black out" from drinking. Essentially, that is your job telling how people doesn't drink. This is anyone's danger of drinking. Luck in the game of hazing and alcohol abuse? In a "brown bag" event, the pledge's ability to monitor their alcohol intake is taken away from them because they do not know what they are consuming. By the time they feel the effect, it is already too late to realize they are about to have crossed the line. The more is more and look out for your friends, if your Greek or not, it can happen to you.

D Response to "UPDATE: Four S.A.I.E members charged in hazing death"

Those who say that Carson chose to consume beyond his limits and dangerously belittle the severity of hazing. In a "brown bag" event, the pledge's ability to monitor their alcohol intake is taken away from them because they do not know what they are consuming. By the time they feel the effect, it is already too late to realize they are about to have crossed the line. The more is more and look out for your friends, if your Greek or not, it can happen to you.

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"Offensively and defensively we just got caught in a couple of lapses that could have made the game a little bit easier at the end and didn't take advantage of it," Henry Blanco, who had replaced Hundley, led off the 10th with his second single, then Headley hit a 1-1 pitch from Tony Pena (4-2) some 424 feet off a sign above the swimming pool in left-center.

"It's just the best feeling in the world," Hundley said. "You go up there and you get a big hit in a big situation and it ends up being the game winner. There's nothing better than that." 

Edward Mujica (2-1) pitched a scoreless ninth for the victory. Heath Bell had a perfect 10th for his 13th save in 13 tries.

Drew Macis had the big blow of the rally, a three-run double to slice the lead to 7-6.

San Diego relievers have allowed one run in the last 33 games.

Arizona's Chad Qualls blew a save for the second time in 13 opportunities, giving up a leadoff double to pinch hitter Brian Giles, who advanced to third on David Eckstein's ground out and scored on (Sean Hamilton) single to tie it at 7-7.

The Padres' Adrian Gonzalez hit his 17th homer, a leadoff shot in the fourth, and a two-run double to slice the lead to 7-6 after (Jerome Williams) allowed a walk before a walk to Nick Hundley, who was hit by pitch to load the bases.

"I think it's a good regional for us," Lee said. "We're an offensive team and it's an offensive ballpark. Arizona State is a good team; they're as good as anyone in the country. A team like them is there year in and year out."

Despite having to bus to San Jose and fly to Tempe, Lee was pleased with the team's regional selection. The Mustangs would not be allowed to travel to Irvine or Fullerton due to those host teams being part of the Big West Conference, so Tempe was the nearest closest place to travel.

"It was the logical (regional venue)," Lee said.

"If we continue to make regions it's a logical place to send us. It's probably the best possible scenario for us."

The regional is a double-elimination format meaning that to advance a team will need to win at least three games to move on.

The winner of the Tempe Regional will play the Clemson Regional champion (Clemson, Tennessee Tech, Oklahoma State and Alabama) June 5-7 or June 6-8 for a trip to the College World Series in Omaha.

The Mustangs hope to follow the blueprint set forth by Fresno State last year. The Bulldogs arrived at the NCAA Regionals unseeded and ran a streak of hot hitting straight to Omaha.

Fresno State would go on to beat Georgia 6-3 in the national championship game.

"Once you get in a four-team regional anything can happen," Lee said.

"It feels like fall into place anything can happen — that's what happened to Fresno State last year... I think the most important game is that first game. We just need to come out and weather the storm early in the game and be in control ourselves and try to get that first win. Once that happens it seems like everything settles down."
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They're In!

After years of close calls, the Cal Poly baseball team finally got its first Division I postseason invite on Monday.

Big West Conference that saw the top two teams, UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton, earn two of the top eight national seeds this year. The Mustangs weren't far behind, earning a Top 25 ranking throughout the majority of the season and holding victories over several Top 25 teams including then-No. 3 Rice and two victories against defending national champion Fresno State. Lee said that regardless of how his team performs in this postseason, the Mustangs have taken a huge step forward.

"I think getting to the postseason is the important thing," he said. "No matter what you do it helps out in every aspect of your program. It breaks down that initial barrier of getting to the playoffs. It gave you accustomed to it."

The Golden Eagles have made 12 consecutive trips to the NCAA postseason. They defeated South Dakota 6-2, 6-1, Tulsa, Okla., to win their 12th straight Summit League championship.

"I don't ask about them," Lee said. "Pitching is one of their strengths but we've just collecting our scouting information on them right now."

The Mustangs will have three full days to prepare for Oral Roberts, but Lee has already made the decision on who is going to start his team on Friday.

"We'll throw Radeke on Friday night," Lee said. "He's our most consistent pitcher. He's able to spot his fastball inside and out. He allows you to call a game for him and he competes."

Radeke (6-1) has become one of the Mustangs best starters late in the season. The freshman has allowed just 18 walks in 71.2 innings this spring.

"He's resilient," Lee said of Radeke. "We know we can throw him on Friday and he can come back on one day's rest if we need him too."

The winner of Cal Poly's first game will play the winner of the Arizona State (44-12) and Kent State (42-15) contest. The Sun Devils are the No. 5 seed nationally after winning the Pac-10. Kent State defeated Toledo 3-5 on Saturday to capture the Mid-American Conference tournament title. They finished third in the regular season.

Buschini wins final Big West Player of the Week award

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Buschini, who currently has a 15-game hitting streak, raised his team-high batting average to .412. Buschini, who currently has a 15-game hitting streak, raised his team-high batting average to .412 for the season. The freshman has allowed just 13 walks in 71.2 innings this season.

"We just didn't find a way to finish the game," manager AJ Hitch said.

"It's something we as coaches always remember, to remind our guys that we can do it. If you do it once, you can do it again."