SLO City Council approves stricter local smoking ban

Despite beliefs that the effects of second hand smoke are more harmful in an enclosed area, a study by Stanford University in 2007 has shown the effects of smoking to be just as damaging in open areas. According to Neil Klepeis, an assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering at Stanford who lead the study, being within two feet downwind of a smoker in an outdoor area can lead non-smokers to inhale 50 times more pollutants than normally exist in the air during the average 10 minutes it takes smokers to finish a cigarette.

Jessica Barba
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The San Luis Obispo City Council approved a ban on smoking at public parks and outdoor recreation areas last Friday, expanding the previous ordinance that made the city the first place in the world to outlaw smoking in indoor areas, restaurants and bars in 1990.

The new ordinance includes Mission Plaza and the creek walk, which was first discussed during a council meeting in December 2008 when members decided to update smoking regulations in light of new research. Principle Administrative Analyst Brigitte Elke and a team that researched and prepared the current ordinance considered secondhand smoke, fire hazards, noise, citizen complaints and the environmental impact of litter caused by the disposal of tobacco products in the new study.

"What we did in 1990 was way ahead of its time and since then the sign has regulated more areas," Elke said. "Most cities have taken additional steps and now we have added the ordinance." Other local cities like Atascadero and Paso Robles have passed similar ordinances prohibiting smoking at public parks, state beaches and the Charles Paddock Zoo. Statewide, large population centers such as Santa Monica and Pasadena have banned smoking in all outdoor areas that includes events like Farmers Market and the Rose Parade. Some residents like Dottie Smith, 71, who smoked for 50 years but quit a year and a half ago, empathize with those who care enough to smoke because of their tobacco addictions. The ordinance was a great way to protect the health of residents and says she is interested to see how the new ordinance will be enforced.

Secondhand smoke has caused an estimated 46,000 deaths from heart disease in non-smoking adults and up to 300,000 lung infections in children annually, according to the U.S. Surgeon General's Report in 2006. "Just the smell of the secondhand smoke is offensive to me. It stinks," Bernta Meyers, 87, Elke said.

According to a survey conducted last year by the California Department of Health Services, 86 percent of San Luis Obispo residents said they did not smoke which is 2 percent lower than average California cities. On average businesses pay $111,585 for loss of productivity and health care expenditures caused by smoking. Cal Poly political science senior Natalie Lewis said the often feels uncomfortable on smoke.

Leticia Rodriguez
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A group of Cuesta and Cal Poly students called Finer Things Thursday brought its weekly potluck outside to Mitchell Park. Every week a different theme is seen Homeless, page 2

Students to plant more than 1,000 trees

Katrina Borges
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

There's one group of Cal Poly students who like to play in the dirt. On Saturday, non-profit organization One Cool Earth and the Cal Poly Environmental Council teamed up to put 50 Madrone trees and 500 Redwood trees that they plan to plant next weekend. The groups also picked acorns to plant Oak trees. "The Environmental Council is one of many programs developed by Cal Poly's Student Community Services," said "The Environmental Council's been around for a while, since like the '70s, program director Barrie Valencia said. "We try to provide volunteers to other non-profits. We have lots of non-profits that we're partners with."

Both organizations work on a strictly volunteer basis, so no membership in either is necessary. "This is just a volunteering organization," Valencia said. "We provide events, and hopefully people come. Sometimes it's not even volunteer stuff. Sometimes it's like, 'Hey, there's an Environmental Council film festival (to attend).'

The group tries to do something every weekend. "We like to document our events on our Web site to serve as an inspiration to the community and show how easy it is to just go out and plant trees," said Greg Ellis, leader of One Cool Earth. One Cool Earth and the Environmental Council will be planting the acorns they collected at Whale Rock this Saturday. Ellis said they plan to plant about 500 acorns. Planters will be meeting in the administration parking lot at 9 a.m. and work until about 1 p.m., with a lunch break in between. "Oaks are one of our specialties," Ellis said. "They're really easy to plant because the acorns drop and you just get them and plant the seeds in pots."
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By Anthony Colarusso

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ded." "Jim was an embarrassment to the Police Department — and to us," he said.

Isom still considers the Elkins epis­
dode to be an embarrassment. He said he thinks his department would be on solid legal ground firing Elkins or anyone else with such a dubious af­
iliation.

As for Thornton's assurance that no current officers have joined his organization because of common goals and interests, Isom said: "They're going to get more jokes at the back of their heads...look good...They don't believe in the law. They take the law into their own hands...at least they did back in the old days."
**Job growth could begin by spring, Obama adviser says**

Andrea Ching

**NEW YORK —** Even after a December job growth report showed losses in the number of over 50,000 jobs added in November, the U.S. could see job growth begin by spring, Christian Romans, head of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, said today.

"We are still "part of this overall trend towards greater moderating job losses," Romans said on ABC's "This week." "We've been through a lot of earthquakes, but I can't recall there ever being any this bad," said store owner Sandra Hall.

In the south Eureka fishing village of King Salmon, the 30 seconds of shaking broke power lines and knocked out electricity throughout the Humboldt County region as dusk fell. Rooms at Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata, 35 miles north of Eureka, were in the dark, and patients in robes were sitting in the hallway. Generators provided enough power to keep vital machinery working, said nursing supervisor Annie Conkle.

"Everyone's shaken, but fine," she said, adding there were no patients with quake-related injuries coming into the emergency room.

At Myrtle Avenue Baptist Center on Hubbard Lane in Eureka, owner Melanie Nore spent the evening picking up shampoo bottles and shattered dog bowls. The only other casualties were the cat's nerves, she said.

On the other side of town, lamps and dishes crashed down at Antiques and Goodies, causing a couple to run out of the store, while two women took cover under a table.

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To the south, floodlight fell at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds, and windows shattered in Ferndale. Farther south, in Redway, shoppers abandoned their cars and ran to the grocery store and raced to their cars.

Still, he said "when it comes to the private sector, it is going to be strong enough to really add a lot of people back into the workforce," he said. "It's really going to be strong enough to attract new people back into the workforce."
**State**

SAN luis Osiapo (MCT) — Sufficient evidence was presented Friday in the preliminary hearing of a man and woman accused of attacking a 75-year-old near Cal Poly, a hearing judge tentatively ruled.

Judge Teresa Estrada-Mullany, who is the prosecutor, said the man and woman were identified as the suspects in the February 13 incident in Lompoc.

Judge Estrada-Mulany granted the motion for continuance and released the suspects, who were arraigned on charges of armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.

They are scheduled to return to court July 22 for a preliminary hearing.

**National**

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (MCT) — Nick Stewart, an environmental management junior, is the 2011 Mustang Daily "Chamila" of the Year.

Chamila is an annual award given to a Mustang Daily staff member who exemplifies the spirit of the paper through their dedication to the newspaper.

"Chamila" is a Sanskrit word that means "in your lifetime, your style." The award includes a $200 prize.

"I look at a "Chamila" winner as someone who demonstrates the love and passion for journalism and the newspaper," Mustang Daily Editor Jeff Mitchell said. "Nick is that person for me.""}

David B. Wilkerson

CHICAGO — A New Jersey man was released from custody early Saturday after being arrested for an alleged security breach at Newark Liberty International Airport, published reports said.

The incident rattled nerves just over a week after a Nigerian man tried to cause an explosion on a Northwest Airlines flight bound for Detroit. Airports around the U.S. and the world are scrambling to put tighter security measures into place since the Christmas Day bombing attempt.

Hansong Jung, 26, was arrested Friday night at his Piscataway, N.J., home and charged with defiant trespass. He was released just after midnight.

Last Sunday, Jung allegedly ducked under a security ribbon at the airport's Terminal C, entering an area where passengers had already been screened — while a guard left his post — to say goodbye to a woman leaving for a flight, the Associated Press said.

The terminal was shut down for six hours while security personnel screened thousands of people.

Jung is not suspected of being a terrorist, the Newark Star-Ledger reported. But Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said he wants to impose harsher penalties for people who commit such offenses.

"When you looked at the tape, you could see that this was pre-meditated, that he looked for a chance to break the system," the Star-Ledger quoted Lautenberg as saying.

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He also said the government should rethink its health care reform.

"There's no reason to beat up on California and ask for more money from California," he said.

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Always in color
Schwarzenegger relies on federal aid with new budget

Kevin Yamamura
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — One thing is clear in California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's fiscal January budget proposal: California's finances are about as desperate as they've gotten.

Facing a $19.9 billion deficit, the Republican governor placed a big bet on a federal infusion of $6.9 billion. Should that fail to materialize, he proposes eliminating $12 billion worth of temporary annual tax hikes last year. It would be difficult, anyway, to get a two-thirds vote for taxes after some Republicans suffered political repercussions last year for supporting the budget.

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"Water for Elephants" is an enchanting adventure

Running away to join the circus is a dream that has enthralled countless children and children-at-heart for decades. The idea of escaping to a world filled with sensational performances, outlandish freaks and delicious treats seems a charming solution to life's toughest situations. For the characters of Sara Gruen's "Water for Elephants," life in the circus is both the promised escape from seemingly insurmountable problems and the source of equally difficult, though more bizarre, predicaments.

The novel is told from the viewpoint of Jacob Jankowski, a 90 or 93-year-old (he has ceased to remember his exact age) man who recounts the story of his days in the circus in a series of memories interwoven with his present-day life in a nursing home. In his first memory, Jacob is a young man whose devastating life circumstances lead him to stumble into The Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth as he jumps onto the first train he sees in an effort to run away. Set during the Great Depression, work is hard to come by, especially for someone as emotionally shell-shocked as young Jacob. So, when he happens upon the circus and passes the suspicious scrutiny of the workmen inhabiting the train car, he has few options but to use his incomplete veterinary training to join the circus as an animal care-taker and learn to embrace the unconventional lifestyle of circus folk.

The performers and workers of the Benzini Brothers exemplify just how unpredictable, dangerous and mesmerizing life in the circus can be. Three of the most pivotal and intriguing characters are Uncle Al, the alternately cruel and benevolent circus master; August, the charming but treacherous horse trainer; and his wife Marlena, a stunning and completely believable chief performer. The ties between these characters and the ways their lives affect and alter Jacob's own are surprising and fascinating in a way that could only be found at the circus.

The novel "Most Spectacular Show on Earth" is something of a misnomer that serves primarily to indicate Uncle Al's greatest wish of achieving the status of the Ringling Brothers Circus. It is this deep-seated desire that leads the entire cast and crew of the Benzini Brothers to criss-cross the country to pick up the most unusual freaks of nature and talented performers from failed circuses to add to the show. The most notable addition that springs from Uncle Al's obsessive eagerness to match the Ringling Brothers is Rosie, an elephant who becomes just as inextricable a part of Jacob's life as August and Marlena are. The love triangle between August, Marlena, and Jacob comes to almost include Rosie in a strikingly sincere and poignant way.

Rosie, an elephant whose price costs the workmen (including Jacob) their wages, is initially revealed to have no performing talents and no will to learn. It is Jacob's eventual discovery of how to train her, coupled with his inner struggle with standing up to August's heart-rending abuse of the animal that forms one of the most touching segments of the story. His love for this elephant is palpable and creates in the reader a similar protective feeling towards the surprisingly vulnerable and tender beast.

Beyond the complicated love story between Jacob and Marlena, the workings of the circus itself are fascinating in the intricacies of a culture that is built on the bizarre. Gruen writes of the relationships Jacob builds with the workers and the performers, as well as the bonds already existing between circus members, with a heartwarmingly realistic voice that observes the ordinary tension between workers and performers, and the way it can be overcome when people are united through similar circumstances.

The stark contrasts between Jacob's memories of the circus with his present-day life in a nursing home are both heartbreaking and enlightening. He speaks of his feelings of irrelevancy to the modern-day world in such an unparing way that the reader is forced to consider his or her own place in the world, both current and future.

There are certain plot aspects that keep the reader guessing till the end of the novel, but in the end everything is resolved in a way that does justice to Jacob's inspiringly full life. As a whole, "Water for Elephants" is a truly enchanting tale that extols the magic of the circus while exposing the gritty behind-the-scenes element of this American staple. Above all, Gruen has written a deeply personal tale of life and love in unusual circumstances in a remarkable and captivating voice. "Water for Elephants" is a triumph.

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The New York Times Bestseller

Water for Elephants

Sara Gruen's "Water for Elephants," was named to the New York Times Best Seller list for 12 weeks in that same year. The novel follows Jacob Jankowski as he recounts his experiences as an elephant trainer in a circus during the Great Depression.
Youth in Revolt” director is particular about his films

Robert W. Butler
MCLEAN, VA "Newsweek"

In his 13-year directing career, Miguel Arteta has made only four features. He says he has to be in love with the material before he’ll get involved. And the stories he’s drawn to aren’t exactly guaranteed to warm the heart of a bean-counting studio exec.

His debut, “Star Maps” (2003), was about a male prostitute trying to break into Hollywood. “Check and Buck” (2000), an uneasy comedy about a guy being stalked by a distant acquaintance from high school, became something of a cult fave but had no impact on the box office.

“The Good Girl” (2002) gave Jennifer Aniston her best role as a working-class wife yearning for romantic adventure. However, in the minds of mainstream audiences, its laughs couldn’t overcome its bleak vision of small-town life.

“I was so happy with ‘The Good Girl’ that I didn’t want to do something that would be a step back,” the director said. “So it took eight years for my next movie.”

That would be “Youth in Revolt,” which opened Friday and might just do the trick for the 44-year-old, Puerto Rico-born director.

It’s a funny tale of a high school dweeb desperate to hook up with the girl of his dreams — a setup young audiences could go for.

It stars Michael Cera of “Juno” and “Superbad” fame. Hollywood’s current go-to guy for teen geekiness.

On top of that, it’s a smart movie, filled with literary and visual allusions that make it enjoyable even for grown-ups.

“We screened it last fall at the Toronto Film Festival, and the reception was awesome,” Arteta said recently from the L.A. airport, where he was boarding a plane for the movie’s premiere in New York. “We had more than 1,300 people there, and to hear that many voices laughing — that’s really great.”

Based on C.J. Complete’s novel, the film features Cera as Nick Wispi, who lives with his boorish, floozy mother (Jean Smart) and her assorted loser boyfriends (Zach Galifianakis, Ray Liotta). Nick falls for the perky daughter of Robert W. Butler

“Leno regains his old late-night slot on NBC

Joe Flint
LOS ANGELES — For the past several years, NBC executives have been promising to revolutionize broadcast television. On Sunday, the network sent a different message: Never mind.

In a remarkable session with reporters at the Television Critics Association press tour in Pasadena, Calif. Jeff Gaspin, chairman of NBC Universal Television Entertainment, confirmed that next month the network would end its heavily publicized experiment to replace costly scripted dramas with Jay Leno’s much cheaper 10 p.m. talk show, which by delivering low ratings sparked a mutiny among NBC-affiliated stations. “The Jay Leno Show” will end its run Feb. 12, Gaspin said, with Leno returning to his old late-night berth at 11:35.

That leaves the fate of Conan O’Brien and “The Tonight Show” up in the air, although Gaspin said the network has proposed pushing that program — a staple of the network’s schedule since 1962 — to 12:00 a.m. and that talks are continuing.

As much as I’d like to tell you we have a done deal, the talks are still going on,” said Gaspin, a veteran NBC executive who appeared relaxed and at times even humorous despite the heated speculation that has surrounded the network in recent days. Gaspin turned aside questions about a deadline, calling it a “fluid situation,” but made it clear he expected a deal in place well before NBC unveils its Winter Olympics telecasts next month.

But Gaspin, sharing the stage with NBC’s prime-time entertainment president Angela Bromstad, went beyond simply confirming the network’s determination to return Leno to late night. His comments amounted to a see Director, page 8

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For one thing, Arta teaches at Robert Redford's Sundance Institute, a hands-on filmmaking school. That explains why so many independent films give him a special thanks in their credits. And he directs for TV. Not just any TV, but the most prestigious shows. "Homeland: Life on the Street;" "Freaks and Geeks;" "Sex Feet Under;" "The Office;" "Ugly Betty;"

"It's all about the writing," Arta said. "On these shows you've often got great writers, and when that happens the work can be amazing. Very satisfying. Movies are a director's medium, but TV is in all about writers. They're the ones with the vision, the humor, the big picture."

Arta said that being a Puerto Rican gave him an unusual window on American life. Like all Puerto Ricans, he's a U.S. citizen. But because Puerto Rico is a territory, not a state, and because most of its residents speak Spanish, he always had more like an observer of America than a participant.

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California higher education suffers as prisons grow

This year, the University of California, Berkeley, will be closed for a week of its 10-week semester. Over the past two decades California has built 20 prisons and currently houses 39,000 inmates. In the United States, the gauntlet has been thrown at the university level. The current prison system is losing the battle against overcrowding, while temporarily ignoring the basic rights we as Americans stand for: "the right of the people to bear arms," and "the right of the people to assemble, to form religious societies, to engage in commerce, and to practice any form of education they desire." The Constitution still most important guidebook

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32. Monopoly card
33. Informal reply to "Who's there?"
34. Collected $200 in Monopoly
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Women's basketball falls to UC Davis

Junior forward Kristina Santiago's 29-point effort wasn't enough to overcome UC Davis' trapping zone defense in the Cal Poly women's basketball team's 77-72 loss Saturday at The Pit.

The Mustangs (9-3, 2-1) led 50-45 in the second half, but an unanswered 10-point run by the Aggies put the game out of reach with nine minutes left.

Although Santiago's layup a minute later cut the lead to three, that's as close as the Mustangs would get.

Santiago said it wasn't the team's overall effort that was lacking, the little things just weren't going the Mustangs' way.

"We battled so hard; it was just one of those games," Santiago explained. "We needed more of a post presence, a couple more shots to fall. It was back and forth the whole game, everyone played their hearts out.

Santiago, the Big West's leading scorer, scored 19.6 points per game, when news breaks... we've got it covered

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Senior Ryan Darling (52) scored 10 points against the Aggies, that point total is equal to as many points as he has scored all season.

Darling also recorded an aggressive block in Sunday's contest, where he sent a shot attempt from the paint to the backcourt.

"None of it would have been possible without my teammates. I think every rebound was coming from somebody boxing out, giving me an opportunity to grab (a rebound)," Darling said. "It feels great to be getting minutes and actually being a real contributor on the court during games, but whether if it's in practice or I am sitting on the bench the whole game I am glad to add something, add value to this team.

"We have really unproved this performance in sports, at I have seen in 23 years of coaching," Cal Poly head coach Joe Callero said. "That's a great story and what a great ending. I hope he realizes he can contribute on a regular basis.

Darling shot 71 percent from the field, going 5-7 in the game. "I am just very fortunate that Callero has kept me on the team and given me this opportunity to continue my dreams," Darling said. "I couldn't ask for anything else.

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