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**Homecoming's a 'joke'**

AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Stand-up comedian Kyle Dunnigan explains his love for MTV and Christina Aguilera. "I love Christina Aguilera because she's hot and I'm shallow," Dunnigan said Tuesday night to a crowd at the University Union. Dunnigan was one of two comedians who opened for Mark Nizer, a comedian juggler, at the Homecoming Comedy Kick-off. Homecoming festivities convene on Thursday during UU Hour where football coach Rich Ellerson will give a motivational speech to the student body.

**Demand for theatre class causes turmoil**By Whitney Kobrin  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Most students will drop classes they don't like or can't fit into their schedule, but they might not anticipate being asked by the professor to drop the class voluntarily. This was just the case for some Theatre 430 students this quarter.

Morgan Engel, an English senior, was one of the students asked to drop the class.

With the 15 available seats taken and 13 additional students hoping to crash, Stage Design has never been in such high demand, said Tim Dugan, theatre professor.

Dugan said the theatre department faculty discussed the potential problem of high demand because the class is a graduation requirement, but they had no idea how many students would need to take it this quarter. When he was faced with the large number of students on the first day of classes, he was forced to find a fair way of handling the situation on the spot.

"We have never had to deal with this before," Dugan said. "Usually between 10 and 13 students register for the course on average."

Al Schnupp, head of the theatre

and dance department, said the teacher asked his students to voluntarily drop.

"In the future, if someone is registered, we won't even think about asking them to volunteer to drop the course," Schnupp said.

Engel said he was only registered for 12 units, so when he was asked to drop his theatre course, he needed another class.

"If that was going to have been an option, I would have liked to know about it ahead of time," Engel said. "It's a good thing I didn't need the class to graduate, but I guess that would have given me a priority."

Dugan said the theatre department is feeling the impact of having recently become a major and the results of expanded enrollment at Cal Poly.

"Everybody is faced with a growing environment and we all do the best we can," Dugan said.

While he doesn't want to discourage students from trying to register for the course, Dugan does want to stress the importance of planning ahead, and allowing time

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**Attacks 'devastate' SLO travel agencies, tourism**

Local travel agencies feel the wrath of terrorism

By Jacob Jackson  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The four plane crashes orchestrated by terrorists on Sept. 11 caused a wave of destruction more than 3,000 miles away from San Luis Obispo County.

But for Bob Random and other local travel agents, the planes may just as well have landed in their front yards.

"It's been absolutely devastating to us," Random said of the attack's effect on local travel agencies. "This was the last stab in the chest to my business."

Random's agency, Random Travel of Los Osos, is one of many in the county that has seen a significant drop in business in the two months since the attacks.

"In the first 10 days after the attacks, we lost three to four months' worth of commission," said Dick Weiss, who works at Cayucos Travel. "And it'll be another two months before things are back like they were before."

Weiss said he is afraid several trav-

el agencies will go out of business.

"Many agencies have had to scale their business way down, let some people go," he said. "Marginal travel agencies may go out of business."

But some travel agents are saying that the worst is finally over.

"We had a significant drop-off, just like everyone around here has," said John O'Regan of San Simeon Travel in Cambria. "But it's already starting to come back."

O'Regan said business travel has come back completely, but leisure travel is taking longer to bounce back.

O'Regan and Random have both braved leisure travel on flights since the attacks, and said they liked what they saw.

"It was the way I've always wanted it to be," Random said. "Prices were a little bit cheaper, security has been beefed up. And airports are always incredibly crowded, but there were probably one-eighth as many people

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**Cal Poly's growing pains**

Foreman Mike Seaman (orange vest) and owner Jose Herrera (inside cab), work Monday on digging out the hillside in preparation for a basement foundation. Most building walls are being fabricated off site and will be erected on site at a future date.

DAN GONZALES/  
MUSTANG DAILYBy Lacie Grimshaw  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Construction seems like it is everywhere in San Luis Obispo. There is hardly a street, sidewalk or parking lot left untouched. Even Cal Poly hasn't escaped the presence of bulldozers.

From building student dorms to improving old walkways, Cal Poly fits in well with San Luis Obispo's never-ending construction.

Smaller construction projects at Cal Poly were started before the beginning of fall quarter in order to be completed in time for students' arrival, but many are just now end-

ing.

One project soon to be finished includes the replacement of a leaking gas line. The gas line being replaced runs from Career Services in front of Cuesta Avenue up to Tahoe Road by the Cal Poly

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# Meth labs continue to haunt SLO County

## DAILY Weather

By Kat Corey  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The war on drugs continued in San Luis Obispo County as two methamphetamine labs were uncovered in Arroyo Grande Oct. 26.

Eight people were arrested in the search and were charged with the illegal manufacture of controlled substances, said Sgt. Ron Hastie of the SLO County Sheriff's Department. At one location, chemicals and lab apparatus were found, along with enough material to make approximately 50 pounds of meth — a street value of \$375,000, according to a sheriff's department press release.

Several toxic dumps were found at the other lab, where extracted chemicals in the manufacturing process were disposed of, Hastie said.

Two houses were also searched in connection to the suspects. Investigators seized some items and one arrest was made for possession, but they were not identified as lab sites, Hastie said.

Meth is becoming almost as popular as marijuana, and the production is growing in the area, Hastie said.

"A majority of our time is spent investigating the sale and manufacturing of methamphetamine," he said.

Methamphetamine is not the only

problem, Hastie said. A week earlier, an ecstasy lab was uncovered in Obispo.

"If you want it, you can get it. Ecstasy is as easy to get here as marijuana."

Stephen Baldonado  
horticulture senior

Oceano, where investigators located 8,600 pills.

Stephen Baldonado, a horticulture senior, said this is not surprising. He said he has noticed that methamphetamines and drugs such as ecstasy are becoming more and more accessible in small towns like San Luis

said. "Ecstasy is as easy to get here as marijuana."




Sgt. Rocky Miller of the San Luis Obispo Police Department said he used to supervise a unit in 1992 and 1993 that dealt with narcotics. He said methamphetamine was coming into San Luis Obispo even back then.

**TODAY'S SUN**  
Rise: 6:30 a.m. / Set: 5:02 p.m.

**TODAY'S MOON**  
Rise: 11:59 p.m. / Set: 12:40 p.m.

**TODAY'S TIDE**  
AT PORT SAN LUIS  
High: 4:20 a.m. / 3.85 feet  
Low: 7:52 a.m. / 3.45 feet  
High: 1:39 p.m. / 5.02 feet  
Low: 9:38 p.m. / -0.10 feet

### 5-DAY FORECAST

-  **THURSDAY**  
High: 72° / Low: 50°
-  **FRIDAY**  
High: 72° / Low: 50°
-  **SATURDAY**  
High: 67° / Low: 52°
-  **SUNDAY**  
High: 69° / Low: 50°
-  **MONDAY**  
High: 68° / Low: 48°

## CAMPUS

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Theatre, said Bob Pahlow, assistant director of engineering services.

Construction work on the line is taking place in two separate locations, Pahlow said. The first is in front of Career Services and the second is at the Rec Center.

"Directional boring techniques made it so we didn't have to drill (the entire road)," Pahlow said. "The places where construction is being done are places where they have to make connections with other buildings."

Pahlow said the replacement of the line would cost Cal Poly a little over \$128,000 and is funded by Special Repairs.

The gas line construction started a week before the quarter, but construction was stopped for the Week of Welcome and the first week of school to help alleviate any added confusion during the start of school, Pahlow said. The project should come to an end next week, he said.

Another recent construction project was the addition of a brick walkway onto Via Carta,

the road that connects North and South Perimeter. The newly laid pavers, directly across from building 40, were a safety precaution, said Mark Hunter, associate director of facilities services. Although the road uses speed bumps to slow traffic coming onto the street, the pavers were an attractive and effective way

to signal vehicles that they're approaching a pedestrian area, Hunter said.

This single installment of pavers, which started in mid-August, cost Cal Poly about \$96,000, Hunter said. Like the gas line construction, this project is also being funded by Special Repairs, said Bonnie Lowe, contract analyst.

Although the walkway construction is basically complete as of this week, future Cal Poly plans call for more pavers to be installed, along with benches, open space and landscaping, Hunter said. In Cal Poly's Master Plan, bricks are supposed to be set in every roadway used by pedestrians, he said.

*"The places where construction is being done are places where they have to make connections with other buildings."*

Bob Pahlow  
assistant director of engineering services

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## National Briefs

## Senate anthrax cleanup delayed

WASHINGTON — Plans to fumigate the Hart Office Building, where some Senate members have their offices, with chlorine dioxide gas in order to kill anthrax spores has been put on hold. Experts are debating whether the method would be effective on such a large scale, an Environmental Protection Agency spokesman said. More incremental processes have been suggested.

The office building will remain closed until the decontamination is complete. It was shut down after Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle received an anthrax-tainted letter Oct. 15.

Two Senate members are preparing to introduce legislation to increase U.S. defenses against bioterrorism. Some Democrats from the House have offered legislation that would allow the families of those killed by anthrax to receive federal compensation and pursue legal claims. President Bush will address the public Thursday on administrative efforts to prevent anthrax attacks and other types of attacks.

In the past month, four people have been killed by anthrax and another 13 have been infected.

— Reuters

## Polygamy Porter denied billboard

SALT LAKE CITY — Regan Outdoor, a Utah billboard company, has refused to run ads for Wasatch

Beers of Park City, Utah. The proposed ad is for their new product, "Polygamy Porter," which bears the slogan, "Why have just one!"

"The objective is to have fun, not to be offensive, and sell beer, all at the same time," said Wasatch founder Greg Schirf. "Polygamy is part of the heritage here. We thought it was fair game."

Wasatch Beers has marketed products and run ads that have poked fun at Mormons in the past, including one that teased Mormons for not swearing and another that claimed that its "Superior Ale" was "The other local religion."

— Adweek

## File sharing remains active on Internet

LOS ANGELES — Despite the shutdown of Napster in July, Internet users have continued to share billions of files on alternative services. These alternative sources include Kazaa, MusicCity and Grokster, all of which use software licensed by FastTrack of Amsterdam and share the same network.

These services had a 20 percent usage increase from September to October, hitting 1.81 billion media files last month. A Webnoize analyst has said that in November the number of users logged on at the same time will probably surpass the 1.57 million simultaneous users that Napster had during its peak. In October, the network generally had 1.3 million users at any given time.

Some of the services allow users to swap movie files in addition to music files.

On Oct. 3, 28 music and movie

companies sued MusicCity, Grokster and FastTrack, which also maintains Kazaa, for "massive" copyright infringement. But Webnoize predicts that the lawsuit will increase consumer awareness, thus increasing usage.

— Reuters

## International Briefs

## Africa

BANGUI, Central African Republic — In the newest clash since an attempted coup in May, Libyan-backed presidential guards and rebel troops showered each other with artillery shells and mortar bombs Tuesday.

The chaos appears to have begun in response to a bid by President Ange-Felix Patasse's guard to arrest an army chief, General Francois Bozize. Bozize's forces control a large part of the Central African Republic's capitol, Bangui. One man has been reported wounded.

Libya has sent troops and military equipment to help Patasse's efforts. Libya also helped President Patasse in May during a coup bid by soldiers who are loyal to former army ruler Andre Kolingba.

The United Nations and the Organization of African Unity have been sponsoring talks and negotiations.

— Reuters

## Europe

BERLIN — Germany's security council has accepted a U.S. request for up to 3,900 troops to aid in anti-terrorism efforts against

Afghanistan. The request included special forces, medical services, air transport and naval forces. Units with special training for nuclear, biological and chemical weapons have also been pledged. Ground troops have not been included.

The deployment awaits the approval of the German parliament, which is expected Wednesday. But not all members of the parliament are supportive of military measures against Afghanistan. If approved, the troops will remain at U.S. disposal for one year.

Australia, Turkey, France and other countries have also offered military support to the United States.

— BBC News

## Europe

YEKATERINBERG, Russia & BERLIN — Anthrax has been discovered in Russia, Germany, Lithuania and Pakistan.

In Russia, six bags of unclassified, diplomatic mail received by the U.S. consulate in Yekaterinberg were tested for anthrax on Oct. 26 by the recommendation of the United States. Tests originally returned negative, but a more recent test was reported to be positive for one of the bags. The source of the spores has not yet been determined.

One package sent to the labor office in the German state of Thuringia tested positive for anthrax spores.

A total of 30 suspicious packages have been found in the German town of Neumuenster. Two have tested positive for anthrax spores. The packages were scattered around

the town and in a nearby forest. It is unclear if any of them were sent through the mail.

Lithuania and Pakistan have also reported anthrax findings.

— Reuters

## Middle East

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Afghan opposition forces have claimed that they captured several key towns Tuesday on the way to Mazar-e-Sharif with the help of U.S. bombing. It was their first reported significant advance against the Taliban.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has not confirmed the captures and has said that an assessment will wait until there is a pause in fighting. If the claims are true, opposition forces are still dozens of miles away from Mazar-e-Sharif and must still pass mountainous terrain to reach the town. Opposition forces have complained that, although helpful, U.S. bombings are not heavy enough.

Taliban positions north of Kabul were also hit by U.S. jets.

An opposition spokesman said that Tuesday's strikes claimed 300 Taliban lives and caused 300 Taliban soldiers to defect to opposition forces. He also said that five opposition fighters were killed and nine were wounded in the fighting. The reports could not be independently confirmed.

— Associated Press

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

## Islamic agency says reports of Al Qaeda connection are false

By Niko Dugan

THE MANEATER

(U-WIRE) COLUMBIA, Mo. — Islamic American Relief Agency spokesman Omar Moad said an article posted on the U.S. News and World Report Web site Friday about the Columbia, Mo., group is an attempt to alienate Muslim Americans.

According to the article, a former senior American official told the news magazine that "intelligence reports indicated that the relief agency had provided funds to affiliated groups in Africa that employed people with suspected ties to terrorist groups, including Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network."

A representative from the U.S. Treasury Department declined to comment on whether any investigations were taking place.

The article alluded to a possible IARA connection to Al Qaeda, because it stated that federal prosecutors said Ziyad Khalil, who worked for the company that leased the agency its Web site's domain name, furnished a satellite telephone used to coordinate the bombings of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya in 1998.

The article also stated that in December 1999, the U.S. Agency for International Development revoked two federal grants for \$4.2 million to the organization. Although there was no official

explanation, according to the report, a U.S. official said continuing the funding "would be contrary to the national defense and foreign policy interests of the United States."

Moad said the article has not helped his organization's cause.

"This story is an effort by a group of journalists to try to create fear against Muslim Americans," Moad

"(The organization's) dedication to humanitarian relief and sustainable development is saving lives with your donations ... IARA field offices and more than 30 partner agencies provide relief and development across the globe," the Web site states.

The report stated the Treasury Department is studying whether to freeze IARA's assets.

"This story is an effort by a group of journalists to try to create fear against Muslim Americans. Articles like these are a problem because they don't correspond to any facts. They used unnamed sources to make allegations."

Omar Moad

spokesman for the Islamic American Relief Agency

said. "Articles like these are a problem because they don't correspond to any facts. They used unnamed sources to make allegations."

Moad said he believes the group has been targeted as a result of politics.

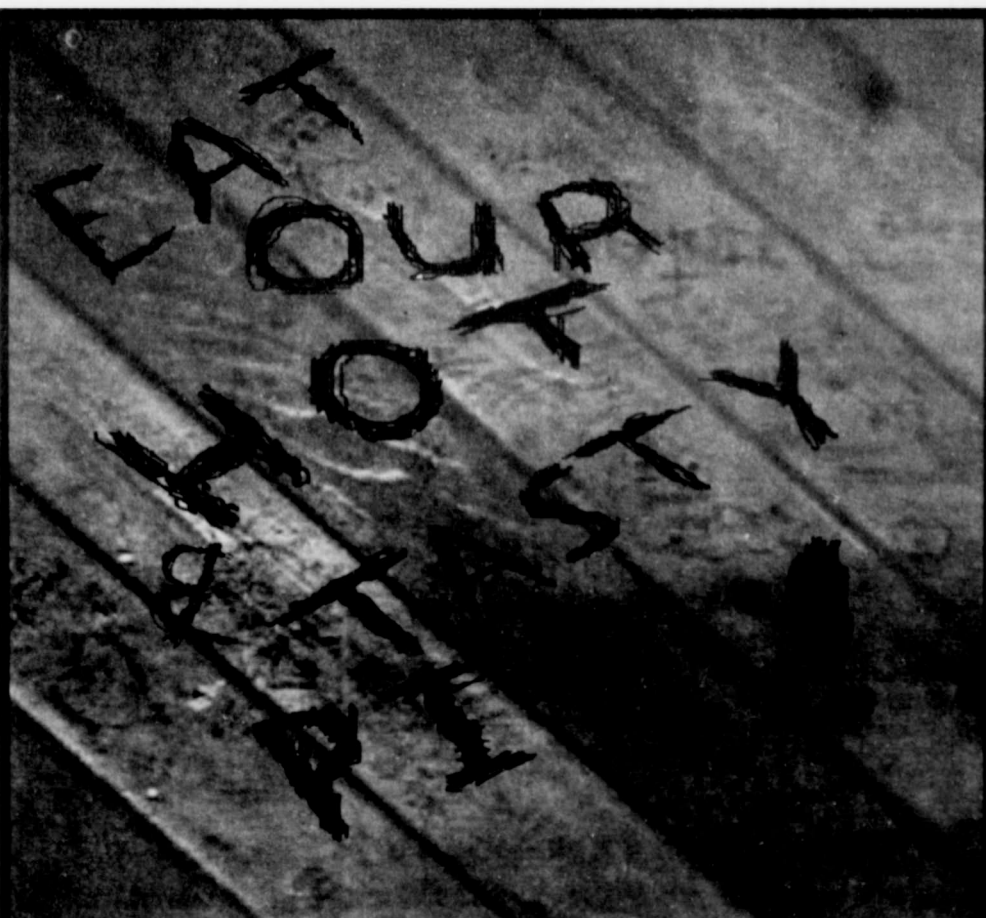
"It is an effort to shut down Islamic organizations because they (journalists) have a political agenda," Moad said. "Our organization was and will remain to be a purely humanitarian effort, and we will continue to provide aid to those who need it."

The IARA goals and accomplishments are outlined on its Web site.

Moad said the charity has never been contacted by any legal authorities.

"We have never been contacted by anyone concerning our organization," Moad said. "The report in U.S. News is discussing an allegation from an unnamed source and does not confirm anything."

According to the report, IARA has worked in Mali, Sudan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, and it is a nonprofit organization. The article said tax reports for the charity state that it received almost \$1.6 million in government funds in 1998 and 1999.



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# Bush limits public access to Presidents' records

By Grace Bloodwell  
HARVARD CRIMSON

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — President Bush's order Monday granting former presidents greater authority to withhold records requested by historians and other researchers is causing discontent among academics, who say the government is illegitimately blocking access to valuable resources.

The order is a modification of the Presidential Records Act of 1978, which requires disclosure of particularly sensitive records 12 years after presidents have left office.

Bush and White House officials say these measures are being put in place to ensure that no information will be released which could lead to a breach in national security.

But some historians and scholars

see the order as a smoke screen for the Bush administration's desire to conceal potentially embarrassing records from past administrations.

The records, scholars claim, contain no information that would assist a terrorist attack.

Some historians point out that there are strict exemptions that keep important information protected from the public, and that these restrictions are sufficient to protect sensitive information without Bush's new order.

"There are good reasons to worry about what Bush is doing. He was trying to restrict the release of papers before Sept. 11," said assistant professor Barry C. Burden.

The papers Burden refers to are documents from former President Ronald Reagan's administration.

The release of some 68,000

records from Reagan's administration has been delayed three times, and Thursday's order may suspend release for an additional 90 days.

"Maybe the interest of national security was being invoked in Bush's attempts to withhold documents prior to Sept. 11, but we don't know for sure," Burden said. "Sept. 11 has made (Bush's) order easier to implement. Now it looks less like the actions of a Republican trying to protect another Republican."

There is concern over the implications of withholding presidential documentation. Assistant professor

of government Bear F. Braumoeller said withholding information may not always be in the best interest of the public.

"The Presidential Records Act has to balance a legitimate governmental need for secrecy against the public's legitimate right to know what its government is doing," he said.

Braumoeller said government officials may use the order as an additional means to block necessary public exposure of government secrets.

"(The order) in fact pushes the balance substantially toward the

government's side by creating serious impediments to public access. No academic could be happy about it — that's predictable."

Bruce Craig, director of the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History, told the Chronicle of Higher Education that he anticipates a lawsuit challenging the order in the near future.

In anticipation of such a challenge, White House officials have said that scholars would be allowed to sue if they believe specific documents have been withheld without good cause.

## Opposition leader airlifted from Afghanistan

By Rajiv Chandrasekaran  
WASHINGTON POST

(WIRE) QUETTA, Pakistan — The U.S. extraction of a prominent Pashtun tribal commander from Afghanistan suggests that efforts to build an alliance of southern Afghans against the Taliban militia have proved more difficult than expected, fellow tribal leaders said Tuesday.

The commander, Hamid Karzai, had spent about three weeks stealthily traveling from village to village in a mountainous region of south-central Afghanistan to round up support for a coalition government to replace the Taliban.

Over the weekend, Karzai asked the United States, which has provided him arms and other supplies, to pluck him out of Afghanistan with a helicopter and return him to Pakistan, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said. The U.S. military obliged with an extraction mission Sunday. Rumsfeld said in Washington Tuesday that Karzai wanted to be removed, along with some top commanders, so they could consult with associates outside Afghanistan, although he indicated that Karzai intended to return when the meetings conclude.

One U.S. official said Karzai asked to be lifted out after "taking a little heat from the locals." He said Karzai had made some progress in persuading local Pashtun leaders to consider defecting from the Taliban.

The mission never was expected to be easy, tribal officials here said, but it appears to be tougher than anticipated.

Karzai and several supporters were attacked by Taliban soldiers Thursday evening as they were talking to a group of tribal leaders. U.S. officials said they aided Karzai's escape into nearby mountains by dispatching warplanes to fire on the pursuing Taliban. Pakistani military officials estimated that as many as 10 contingents of Taliban soldiers were dispatched to scour the hills

of Uruzgan province for Karzai.

"It has gotten more difficult to convince the moderate Taliban and the tribal leaders to oppose the Taliban leaders," said Janabi Sayeb, a leader of the Populzai clan, of which Karzai is the most prominent elder.

Sayeb said tribal officials inside Afghanistan have expressed fear over supporting a grand council, known as a loya jirga.

"They know that supporting a loya jirga is an offense punishable by death," Sayeb said.

Karzai's relatives said his campaign is going just fine — and that he's still in Afghanistan. In audio interviews with CNN and the BBC Tuesday via satellite telephone, Karzai himself claimed that he was in southern Afghanistan.

Other tribal leaders contended Karzai is back in Quetta, a Pakistani city near the Afghan border where he has a home.

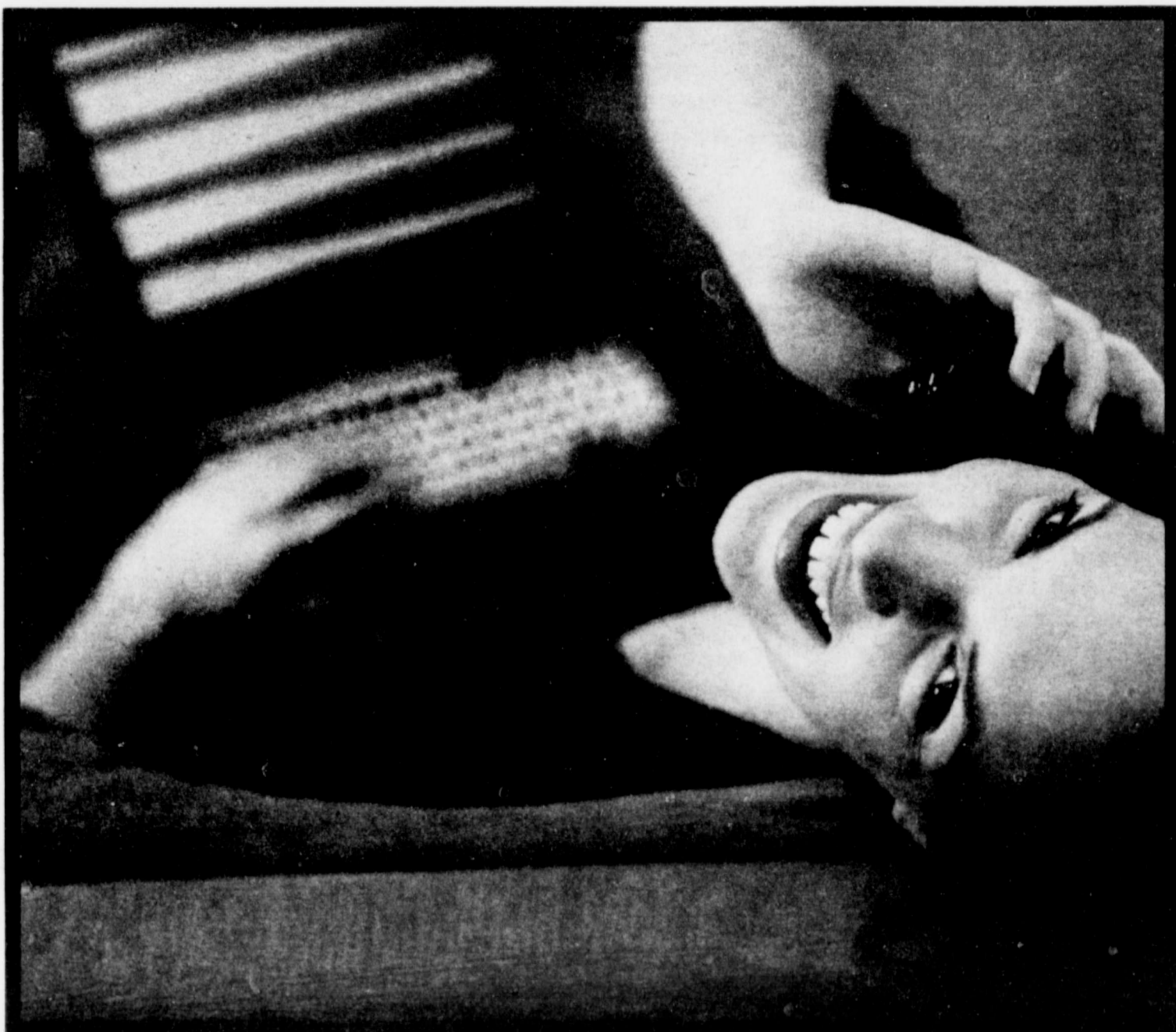
Some tribal leaders said Karzai is being evasive about his whereabouts for security reasons. Others said he doesn't want to lose face.

"Hamid is more of a political person than a combatant who stays up in the hills for months at a time," said one tribal official.

Articulate and polished, Karzai, 46, served as a deputy foreign minister in a pre-Taliban government in the early 1990s. He is a descendant of a noble family that once ruled in what is now the Taliban heartland, the Pashtun-dominated area around Kandahar, and he is close to Afghanistan's exiled former king, Mohammed Zahir Shah, who also has thrown his support behind a grand council to create a new government.

Some tribal leaders question Karzai's association with the United States.

"There is a growing distrust of America because of the bombing," Sayeb said. "It is not wise to be seen as being too friendly to them."



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By Whitney Kobrin  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

**A**lthough it looks like an incredibly simple process — slapping strips of fish onto a bed of rice — sushi isn't as easy to prepare as it looks.

In traditional Japanese culture, the sushi master is one of the most revered and honored professions in the country. It is only after years of training that a sushi chef is qualified to become a sushi master.

Sushi masters are the people who train others to prepare and create the Japanese cuisine, according to the Healthy Me Web site.

P.C. Chang of Umi Teriyaki and Sushi in Grover Beach said that it

According to the California Sushi Academy Web site, there is a lack of well-trained sushi chefs in the United States because of a tightening of immigration laws and an increase in the number of Japanese restaurants.

took him many years of training to become a sushi chef, and still many more to become a sushi master. He spent more than three years training with a chef at the restaurant before he was allowed to prepare sushi.

According to the California Sushi Academy Web site, there is a lack of well-trained sushi chefs in the United States because of the tightening of immigration laws and an increase in the number of Japanese restaurants.

The education offered at the CSA in Venice Beach includes Japanese knife handling, creating dishes, the culture of food in Japan, nutrition and sanitation.

Nogi Hidehiko, sushi chef at Tsurugi, said the training to become a sushi chef includes learning the three different types of sushi preparation and presenta-

tion. Nigiri is a style of sushi in which slices of fish are placed on top of an oblong ball of rice, Norimaki is a sushi style in which the contents are wrapped in dried

seaweed, and Chirashi-Zushi is a variety of ingredients on top of, or mixed, with a bed of rice, he said.

"Because there isn't a school for sushi making, we apply at a restaurant and become an apprentice after watching the chefs," Hidehiko said.

During his five-year period of training, Hidehiko learned all of the techniques and styles of creating sushi, but was permitted to only watch the procedures and not touch the fish.

After he had watched the techniques of the sushi master, he was educated in the methods of knife handling and learned to cut the ingredients in different ways to enhance the flavors. Next, he learned to clean the fish, allowing him his first opportunity to touch them. Hidehiko said he started making sushi after he had successfully advanced through all the previous stages. The techniques and styles he learned became more and more difficult, Hidehiko said.

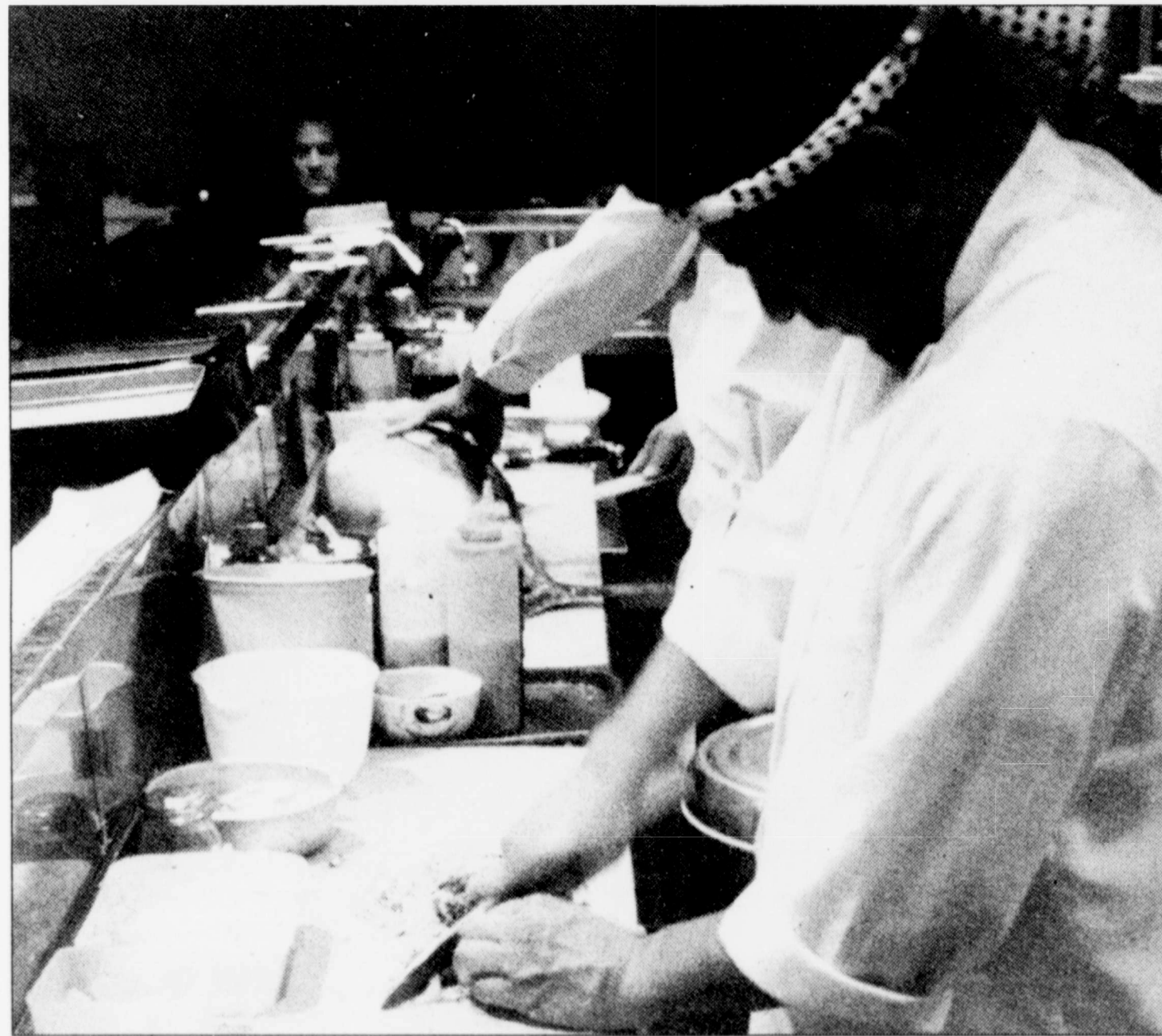
"The American style of sushi is different from the Japanese style of sushi," Hidehiko said. "I practice both."

Hidehiko said many of the American rolls, like California rolls or Rock 'N Roll rolls, aren't offered in Japan. Japanese sushi chefs adhere to a more traditional set of guidelines and ingredients.

Much of the training Hidehiko went through is also offered at the CSA. Some of the courses offered include training in nutrition, rice cooking, handling knives, cutting fish and vegetables, broiling, frying, steaming, making and handling sushi, varieties of sushi, rice balls, rolled sushi, raw fish, seasoned fish, sushi terminology and presentation.

Wrap and roll:

## mastering the fine art of sushi



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Sushi chef Robert Max prepares a salmon skin roll Tuesday at Sakura, a Japanese restaurant off of Los Osos Valley Road. Max has been working with sushi for only two weeks and was a Tepan chef before he crossed over to sushi.

## FUN FOOD FACT:

### What does the "extra virgin" refer to when classifying olive oil?

Virgin oil is the result of a single, simple pressing; in contrast, cold-pressed is a marketing label rather than a processing technique.

Extra virgin is the highest quality olive oil — characterized by "perfect flavor and odor, max acidity of oleic acid with maximum peroxide."

In some regions, extra virgin oil is judged by a panel of experts for taste, mouth feel and aroma. This oil tends to be most delicate in flavor, and is preferred for salads, served at the table with bread for dipping or added to soups and stews.

Fine virgin oil is just slightly less perfect — with slightly less oleic acid and peroxide present.

The other officially designated grades of olive oil are the result of several chemical refining and blending processes: semi-fine or ordinary grade is suitable for cooking when subtle flavor is not required.

Pomace refers to the pounded olive residue. Refined olive-pomace oil and olive-pomace oil are lower-quality oils.

Pomace oil, olive cake and lampante (or lamp-grade olive oil) are not intended for human consumption and are generally used for industrial or technical purposes, such as soap making.

According to Jim Dixon's Real Good Food Web site, these chemical and flavor standards were first established by the International Olive Oil Council in 1990 and have since been applied to California olive oils as well as Southern European varieties.

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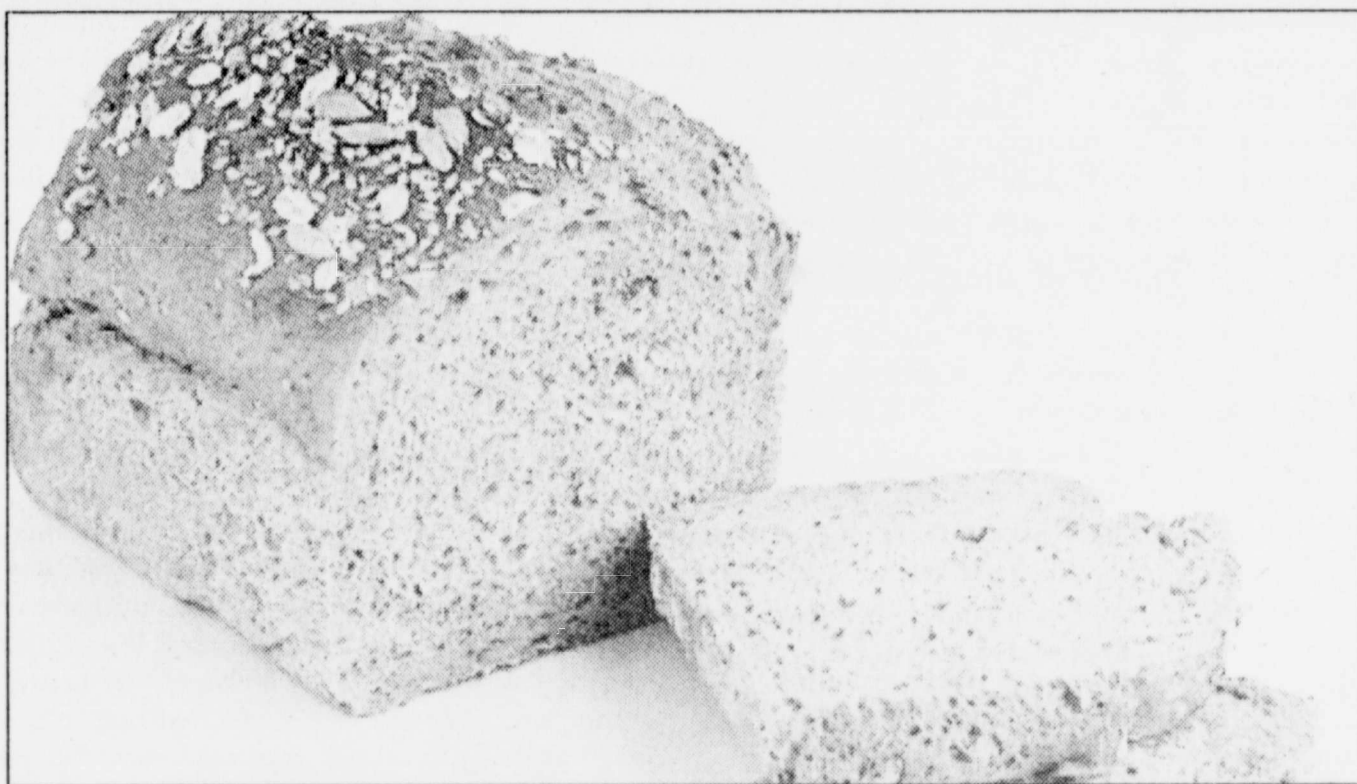
# Recipe of the Week

## Honey Wheat Bread

2 1/2 cups warm water  
 1 package dry yeast  
 1/4 cup honey  
 1/4 cup packed brown sugar  
 1 stick softened butter  
 3/4 teaspoon salt  
 1 1/2 cups wheat flour  
 1 1/2 cups rolled oats  
 4 cups bread machine flour

Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Combine all ingredients and knead for seven minutes or until dough is no longer wet, but smooth.

Let dough rise until it has doubled in size. Shape dough into loaf or mini loaves, depending on preference. Let bread double in size again. Bake for approximately one hour, or until brown and crusty on top.



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## FOOD & politics

By Meredith Rogers

More than 16 studies have linked milk consumption to prostate cancer. Why is it that so few men know of this strong connection? Answer: the dairy industry is large, powerful and uses its political sway to prevent the release of profit-hurting information.

More than \$300 million is spent annually by the dairy industry paying doctors, dietitians and researchers to push their products. Furthermore, drinking milk is deeply embedded in our culture, and people are very resistant to change. Anyone who questions the virtues of drinking bovine fluids is dismissed as a quack, or one who has animal rights on their agenda. Indeed, dairy is allocated its own space on the Food Guide Pyramid, a theoretical guide to optimal health. But does anyone doubt that the dairy industry was slipping monetary favors in the pockets of the panelists who created the dietary guidelines? Cow's milk

studies are not conclusive. Some researchers believe that calcium itself, at high levels of consumption, promotes prostate cancer by depleting protective levels of vitamin D. Still, the correlation warrants attention, yet I doubt it is mentioned in the doctor's office, nor has it ever made the 6 o'clock news.

The implication by the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid that dairy is necessary for good health has no scientific basis, and I am surprised that more doctors and dietitians have not discouraged their patients from drinking milk. Aside from being linked to prostate cancer, milk has also been linked to breast cancer, ovarian cancer, heart disease and insulin-dependent diabetes. Although the dairy industry would have us believe that our bones will crumble if we stop drinking milk, too much animal protein in a diet is a much bigger contributor to osteoporosis than the so-called calcium

▼ *"Worldwide, the incidence of prostate cancer is much higher in regions where dairy consumption is high..."*

— which is for calf consumption — is not necessary for humans and may even pose a health risk.

In 1997, the World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research concluded that dairy products should be considered a possible contributor to prostate cancer. Worldwide, the incidence of prostate cancer is much higher in regions where dairy consumption is high, such as Western Europe, than in regions where it is low, such as Asia. In the United States, the Physicians' Health Study tracked 20,885 male doctors for 10 years. Those who consumed at least two servings of dairy food per day were 30 percent more likely to develop prostate cancer than doctors who consumed less than half a serving. A 1999 study of nearly 50,000 subjects, titled the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study, found that men who consumed a lot of dairy had a 70 percent higher risk of prostate cancer. A study released in the October 2001 American Journal of Clinical Nutrition concluded that men consuming more than 2.5 servings of dairy per day had a 32 percent higher risk of prostate cancer. These

crisis. The majority of the world's population subsists without cow's milk. I find it interesting that Western Europe and the United States, the regions where dairy consumption is high, have much higher rates of osteoporosis than those regions where dairy consumption is low.

Dr. T. Colin Campbell, the world's leading epidemiological researcher in the field of diet and health, explains why Americans continue to be brainwashed by the dairy industry: "The dairy folks, ever since the 1920s, have been enormously successful in cultivating an environment within virtually all segments of our society, from research and education to public relations and politics, to have us believe that cow's milk and its products are manna from heaven. ... Make no mistake about it, the dairy industry has been virtually in total control of any and all public health information that ever rises to the level of public scrutiny." It is disturbing to me that one industry can have such enormous influence over the health information we receive.

Meredith Rogers is a nutritional science senior



# USA needs to screen foreign visitors more carefully

Since the Sept. 11 attacks there has been a growing concern regarding U.S. immigration policy. Several of the terrorists involved in the attacks attended flight school in the United States – we educated our killers. How did these terrorist cells develop in our country? First and foremost, the terrorists had to get into the United States. If our country had tighter immigration standards, these terrorists may not have had access to flight training and, in turn, wouldn't have attacked.

According to the Immigration and Naturalization Service Web site, immigrants have to go through a series of steps to enter the country. Upon arrival at U.S. port-of-entry airports, aliens must show immigration officials certain documents, and the officials must deter-

mine why the alien is coming to this country. Next, the length of stay is determined and the person can proceed to customs. If entry is denied, immigrants can appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals. The entire process, excluding the appeals process, usually takes less than one minute. Herein lies the problem. Immigrants are allowed into this country on the basis of one immigration official's choice, which takes less than one minute to consider. Regulations need to be tightened.

Since the attacks, I will willingly say that we need to do more in-depth background checks on people who are coming into this country. Going even more against the ideals of civil liberty groups, immigrants from certain countries should be scrutinized to a greater level. Normally this situation would not be necessary, but considering the events of Sept. 11, this is

not an attack on immigrants. The civil liberty groups that criticize stricter entry rules need to consider the difference between an immigrant who has successfully entered the country and is living here and an immigrant who is applying for admission to America. One group, the U.S. nationals, has specific rights; the other does not. These rules aren't infringing on the rights of legal immigrants.

President Bush is pushing for increasingly strict standards regarding immigration and has created a new task force – the Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force – to weed out "harmful" aliens. Bush said that the task force will try to determine the difference between "well-intentioned visitors and those who would enter the United States to do harm." This is a step in the right direction.

We do not need to target certain ethnic

groups, but we do need to be aware of immigrants from countries that the United States has less than perfect relations with. If immigrants have a clear background check, let them in. We're just making it better for everyone, including the immigrants who live in the United States. If immigrants have something to worry about in their past, then so do we. As Americans, we have the choice to let immigrants into this country.

"The land of the free and the home of the brave" will no longer have these bragging rights if entry to the United States is slowly destroying us.

Lyndsay Lundgren is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

## Letters to the editor

### Readers comment on Buzz, the anonymous columnist

Dear Buzz,

It is only your first column, and here I go sending negative feedback already. Actually, before I get into that, I want to say props on a good idea, one that may be overdue in our protected Cal Poly sphere.

So here's what I don't get, Buzz: If you are a fan of The Shredder, or at least a reader, why are you referring to the anonymous author as a "he"? Is it because that dry wit could only come from a male perspective? News flash, Buzz! The Shredder is written by various New Times staffers – whoever feels like writing it that week, according to Glen Starkey. Last time I checked, the New Times is an equal opportunity employer.

Megan Leisz is a journalism junior.

### Editor,

I am writing to offer the advice, SWAT THE BUZZ! I noticed that letters to the editor require the writer's name, so why do you print a column where the author is anonymous? If "the Buzz" has something worth saying, let them say it openly. It's easy to complain; it takes character to own up to it.

Kevin Cumblidge is a physics senior.

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## Personal Web pages – raising the eternal child

(U-WIRE) MONTREAL — Anyone who has spent even a modest amount of time on the Internet will agree that the somewhat bizarre genre of the personal Web page has become a standard in self-expression and in communication with the world.

People's online pages cover the spectrum from the boring to the bizarre, and their purposes are just as diverse. A Google search for the term 'personal Web page' turned up over 368,000 sites, beginning with the homepage of "Sandy Cummins: Christian Freelance Writer." But Sandy is just one among many – more and more people are putting themselves out there by putting their lives online.

The biggest question that anyone who reads these sites will be left asking is why? What would motivate someone to put his or her life online? High school courses in computers are increasingly focusing on the Internet, and some Web pages seem to have emerged from that basis. But not everyone took World of Computers as their grade 11 elective – there must be other reasons. Maybe it's vanity; maybe it's a simple desire to establish contact with other people or maybe it's a message they have for the World.

Peter Pan's home page (<http://www.pixy-land.org/peterpan/index.html>) is a perfect example of the personal Web page as a 'vanity' Web page. It's the 'home on the web' of Randy Constan, who calls himself a "Guitarist, Inventor, Engineer, (and) Eternal Child," and is devoted to his life, personality and interests.

The Eternal Child indeed – at 47 years old, Constan doesn't just admire or have an interest in Peter Pan. He actually thinks he

is Peter Pan. The site comes complete with theme music from the Disney movie, somewhat scandalous pictures of Constan dressed in a wide array of costumes (many of them pink and frilly), and a lengthy opening text

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ing it with "all home boys and home chicks."

The motivation for Constan's page is stated loud and clear, "(this page) is intended to reach out to other like-minded souls, potential new friends, and others who believe in diversity, while having some fun."

Well, that's innocuous enough. He goes on to admit that when he began his Web site, he was looking for something else as well. That's right, you guessed it, Tinkerbell!

Luckily for Constan, the media attention his site has received (it won a 'Webby' award in the 'Weird' category for 2001) drew him to the attention of a woman who lived not far from his home, and his search has ended. His site now includes photographs of Peter Pan and Tinkerbell, together at last.

And then there's Super Greg (<http://www.supergreg.com>). Accompanied by little to no explanatory text and few welcoming words, Super Greg, a DJ, announces himself to the world photographically. His page consists of an array of pictures of himself and what we can assume to be friends of his, and includes a 30-second clip of a 'classic performance' by the man himself, entitled "Da Number

One."

Super Greg is a little less clear on the motivation behind his Web site, though he does announce his belief in the Super Greg concept, and his page is just his way of shar-

ing it with "all home boys and home chicks."

But it seems that there's no end in sight to this journey, mainly because there's no end to the number of sites. Who is Tommy ([www.dpf.com/boyslife.html](http://www.dpf.com/boyslife.html))? And why is he online dressed as a baby and lying in a crib, when he appears to be at least 35 years old? "To say 'I love diapers' is certainly true," he advises visitors, "but that tells you very little about the 'real' me who lives inside those diapers."

Pages like these are a reminder that many of these sites have little to do with the person behind them, and rather tend to be collections of rants, raves, photographs and other oddities. Their sites are provocative and sometimes disturbing in their views, which implies a desire to generate attention and response, whether positive or negative.

It appears that people's specific motivations for putting their lives online are just as diverse as the pages and the people themselves. For these people, the World Wide Web has provided an outlet for their self-expression. They all have something to say, and the Internet has given them a golden opportunity. Of course, the crucial question remains: is anyone listening?

Clare McIntyre, McGill Tribune (McGill U.)

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# A look back at Bush vs. Gore, one year later

By Bill Beaver

THE DAILY PRINCETONIAN

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. — While millions of Americans are headed for the polls Tuesday to cast their vote for candidates — from governors to congressmen to city councilmen — there will be no punch marks or levers pulled for presidential candidates this year.

A year after one of the most contested presidential elections in history, few Americans seem to remember the turmoil of Bush vs. Gore.

It was an election many analysts said would taint the new president with illegitimacy and contaminate the Supreme Court with partisanship. But after the shock and anger stemming from the attacks on Sept. 11, America has become a united, patriotic country proud of its political institutions and leader, President George W. Bush.

"I think the irony is that an election that seemed fated to give us a president who would be deemed illegitimate is virtually forgotten," said politics professor Fred Greenstein, an expert on the American presidency. "Even before Sept. 11, Bush was accepted by the bulk of the public and all of the nation's major political actors."

The Bush presidency has garnered

support from both Republicans and Democrats. Politicians who once bickered over social security and taxes are cooperating on some issues and at least refraining from criticizing the Bush Administration.

"Since (Sept. 11) he has been the beneficiary of the 'rally around the president' effect that regularly occurs in times of international crisis and has the highest public approval ratings in the history of the presidency," Greenstein said.

Last year, like the election 200 years earlier, the presidential voting was deadlocked. Two candidates claimed victory; the winner was ultimately chosen not by the people, but by the members of one branch of the federal government.

Though Jefferson's victory in the House of Representatives over Aaron Burr in 1800 hastened the demise of the Federalists and started the Jeffersonian-Republican dynasty of the early 19th century, many today doubt Bush's success in the election of 2000 will be as seminal a point in American political history.

"Future events may lend greater historical significance to the election of 2000," politics professor Keith Whittington said. "If, for example, the Republicans do well in the next few election cycles — keep the presidency,

tilt the balance in the Senate, solidify their majority in the House — then the 2000 election may look like a major turning point — the end of divided government and the beginning of a period of Republican dominance.

"But, at this point, that doesn't seem very likely," he said.

Whatever the long-term significance of the election and the place it assumes in history books, some political analysts say there are several lingering effects.

"The election of 2000 will undoubtedly be remembered primarily for the unprecedented legal fight that followed it and the Supreme Court's intervention to end the dispute," Whittington said. "It reflects the importance of the judiciary in modern politics and the willingness of the modern Supreme Court to wade into political conflicts."

Though Whittington argues that the Supreme Court seems to have found its way into partisan politics through the election, how partisan the Court and judicial branch has become is still debated. Last year many analysts made grim predictions for the Supreme Court.

"I tend to view the Scalia-led majority opinion in relation to the Florida electoral process during the

2000 presidential elections as dubious to the point of scandalous, seemingly inconsistent with the conservative view of federalism, and suspiciously linked to the promotion of a partisan

tion of the role of government that defines the hands-on Democrat policies and laissez-faire Republican principles.

Though many political analysts

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**Fred Greenstein**  
politics professor

political outcome," said Wilson School professor Richard Falk during the visit of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia last February. "All in all, such perceptions, which seem widely shared, definitely have diminished the stature of the Court."

Today, the Court seems overshadowed by larger issues and does not appear to have been adversely affected, say some Princeton University professors.

Even now, the Senate and House of Representatives are fighting over the federal employment of airline baggage screeners — but it is not about mere security. Embedded in the Senate and House versions of air security legislation is not a fight about federal employees, but the fundamental ques-

tion of the role of government that defines the hands-on Democrat policies and laissez-faire Republican principles.

agree that Bush vs. Gore seems forgotten in the wake of Sept. 11, most say the election of 2000 served to highlight partisan politics in American elections.

"What the Supreme Court decided, in the end, was that we should be governed by John Ashcroft, Donald Rumsfeld and Richard Cheney," said Wilson School professor Stanley Katz. "It should remind the Democrats how much is at stake in presidential politics — and that partisan politics are the name of the game."

Others acknowledge that partisanship has grown since the election, but question the implications of the election.

"The election otherwise seems fairly forgettable," Whittington said.

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to get into any high demand course on campus.

Douglas Keesey, chair of the English department, said he has never heard of a situation like the theatre department is facing right now, and as the department chair, he hopes that it would be brought to his attention if a similar situation were to occur within his own department.

"I would guess that many departments deal with demands that are greater than they can accommodate," Schnupp said. The issue leaves departments to determine how they will handle

increased enrollment and demand for courses.

Schnupp anticipates the department will make less seats available in the future, and use the remaining extra seats for those who may need to crash the course. The department may also print restrictions in catalogues and schedules including restricting enrollment to

▼ "We have never had to deal with this before."

**Tim Dugan**  
theatre professor

theatre majors and students who have the consent of the instructor. "The course is only offered once a year right now, but if we continue to have more students than we can take, we will have to revisit the issue and decide whether we need to offer more sections," Dugan said.

The Mustang Daily attempted to contact other departments for comments but they declined.

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# Bay Bridge anchorages reinforced to protect against attacks

By Mielikki Org  
DAILY CALIFORNIAN

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY — Government and public agencies are rapidly trying to fortify insecure areas on the Bay Bridge to withstand a possible terrorist attack after a local scientist pointed out a key vulnerability.

Even before last week's warning from Gov. Gray Davis that Bay Area bridges may be targeted by terrorists, Caltrans workers were toiling around the clock for several weeks to fortify areas that some experts thought might be underprotected.

One area of concern had been the anchorage structures — the immense cables secured to the bottom of the suspension bridges by cement blocks.

Three weeks ago, KGO-AM radio host and scientific consultant Bill Wattenburg consulted with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory structural engineers to determine whether the cables are vulnerable in a particular anchorage house.

Wattenburg said he called the government's attention to an unprotected

anchorage house on the San Francisco side of the Bay Bridge on Beale Street.

Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol then worked together to reinforce the concrete blocks, in addition to installing concrete barriers, razor-wire fencing and security cameras and reinforcing key columns.

Other anchorage supports, such as the one solidly planted on Treasure Island, were deemed less vulnerable.

Highway patrol spokesperson Shawn Chase said there is now no way terrorists could gain access to the anchorage house; the area is now completely inaccessible.

Roads around Beale Street have been shut down and armed guards regularly patrol the grounds.

"The security of the bridge is 10 times more than it was three weeks ago," Wattenburg said, adding that he has no qualms about driving over the Bay Bridge twice a day.

Three weeks ago, the threat of

damage to weak anchorage supports was "100 times more dangerous" than the threat of a plane, boat or car bomb damaging the bridge, Wattenburg said.

*"The security of the bridge is 10 times more than it was three weeks ago."*

**Bill Wattenburg**  
radio host and scientific consultant

Hassan Astaneh, a University of California, Berkeley, civil and environmental engineering professor, said that even a large explosion would not be enough to bring the structure down.

Astaneh, who studied the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center towers in New York, said an explosion on the bridge might cause severe damage to one section of the bridge, but "car bombs are not going to col-

lapse the bridge."

And even if terrorists tried to smash trucks full of gas and fuel into the bridge, they would not be able to get on the bridge in the first place.

Chase said most vehicles carrying large quantities of flammable materials were not allowed on the bridge before Sept. 11.

"There are regulations on which cars can pass through and which can't," Chase said. Since a large truck carrying fuel exploded on the Bay Bridge almost 10 years ago, most vehicles carrying gas or solvent are no longer allowed on the bridge.

Although public officials have publicly acknowledged the vulnerability of only one anchorage support so far, Caltrans said it is continuing to reinforce other structures that could be targeted. But Caltrans has declined to specify what other areas they are working on.

After three weeks of construction, Wattenburg and the highway patrol

decided to inform the public about the additional reinforcement and security measures on Beale Street because it was "obvious" to motorists, Chase said.

Wattenburg said earlier disclosure would have harmed the speed and efficiency of the response by Caltrans and the highway patrol.

"Without having our bases covered, it would have been stupid to say anything," Wattenburg said.

Public agencies swiftly responded to Wattenburg's assessment of the anchorage supports, formulating and initiating a plan within 20 minutes.

Wattenburg said he was even more impressed by how much construction workers were able to accomplish in just three weeks.

The area was placed under guard every day around the clock for the three weeks it was being reinforced.

"It's as secure as it can be," Chase said.

# Arkansas State fraternity suspended for four years due to hazing

By Jerrica Hutchison  
THE HERALD

(U-WIRE) STATE UNIVERSITY, Ark. — The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Arkansas State University has been suspended for four years as punishment for a hazing incident that happened at a pledge retreat in October.

According to Dwayne Scott, assistant dean of judicial affairs, the suspension is effective immediately and includes all on- and off-campus activities until 2005.

The sanctions are pending on appeal, Scott said.

The hazing incident took place at a pledge retreat in Heber Springs, Ark. Kyle Price, a sophomore undecided major, suffered from alcohol poisoning.

Roger Lee, dean of student affairs, said the pledge passed out in a coma-like state. Derek Krouse, a freshman pre-med biology major, took Price to the hospital, along with Bill Midkiff, chapter president.

Price's blood alcohol content was .379. A blood alcohol content level of 0.08 or greater constitutes drunkenness, according to Arkansas law.

The fraternity violated four of the 22 regulations outlined in the Code of Conduct in the Arkansas State University 2001-02 Student Handbook. According to Scott, violations committed by the fraternity are:

- possession and/or use of alcohol;
- acts against the safety of students;
- conduct which threatens or endangers the health, safety or welfare of University students;
- actions and/or situations created intentionally that produces mental and/or physical discomfort.

Activities that the fraternity can-

not participate in include all chapter meetings, social events, new member meetings, philanthropy events and participation in any university-sponsored activity.

According to Scott and Lee, in order to regain active status of their chapter, the national office must submit a written plan to Scott regarding future involvement with the chapter in areas of chapter maintenance, alcohol, hazing and leadership issues.

The national office also must submit a written description to the assistant dean of greek affairs regarding monitoring procedures and/or practices regarding the fraternity's pledge program and retreat activities that will assure that similar violations will not occur in the future.

After the chapter is reinstated, the Arkansas Gamma chapter will be placed on probation for one year, Scott said. Violations committed by the Sig Eps once they are reinstated may result in immediate expulsion from the university.

Other conditions outlined in the sanctions include the fraternity's obligation to register all pledge retreat activities five working days prior to the event with ASU. All pledge program activities must occur within the Jonesboro, Ark., city limits. The fraternity also will be required to have a live-in staff person (graduate student or professional) who resides in the house for as long as Sigma Phi Epsilon remains a student organization.

"We don't know what we're going to do about their house," Lee said. "It's the nationals' call, since it's their property."

Lee said the alumni would establish the new pledge process once the fraternity is reactivated.

The Arkansas Gamma chapter was founded on the ASU campus in 1955. It is located on the corner of

Olympic Drive and Aggie Road and currently has about 100 members. National headquarters officials and local members were unavailable for comment.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity

is the largest in the United States. The fraternity has been in trouble in the past for fights both on and off campus, according to reports from the University Police Department.

This is not the first time a fraterni-

ty on the ASU campus has been punished for hazing. According to Lee, the Omega Psi Phi fraternity will complete a four-year suspension this year following an alleged hazing incident and fight in 1997.

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## Cadets prepare for retaking of Kabul

By William Branigin  
THE WASHINGTON POST

(WIRE) DASHAK, Afghanistan — At the command of their instructor, the two black-uniformed cadets squared off and went at each other, demonstrating a series of leaps, spins, kicks, punches and grips, techniques drawn from judo and kung fu for defending themselves and subduing attackers.

will take its forces to the outskirts of Kabul. Then, if all goes well, alliance officials said, they intend to send police into the capital to maintain order and prevent a recurrence of the chaos and looting that marred the city's capture in 1992 by mujaheddin guerrillas, including some of the fighters who make up the alliance forces today.

That plan depends on the success of the offensive and the withdrawal

from other ethnic groups, including Pashtuns and Hazaras, Qanooni said. The director of the academy and several instructors are Pashtuns, Afghanistan's largest ethnic group, which provides the vast majority of the Taliban's Afghan fighters.

"The police should go to Kabul instead of the army," said Gen. Abdul Zia, the deputy director of the academy and a 25-year police veteran under successive Afghan governments.

"We will send a strong police force to ensure the security of the people." But if there is fighting in Kabul, he said, "it may be a mixed force," including the alliance army.

The academy, set on a hillside near this village in the Panjshir Valley, has graduated about 300 officers so far. Once enrolled, the cadets are taught 18 subjects over a three-year period, including criminology, criminal law and human rights, instructors said. The academy trains both uniformed and plainclothes police.

The cadets rise at 4 a.m. and must be in bed by 9 at night. Besides spending up to eight hours a day in the classroom, they are put through physical training for two hours a day on a rock-strewn field beside the Panjshir River. There, they march in formation, practice advancing in lines and perform martial arts exercises.

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**Yonus Qanooni**  
former interior minister in Kabul

"Our main purpose is to keep order in Kabul," said one of the cadets, Abdul Wasseh, 20, who is nearing the end of a three-year officer's training course at a police academy here run by the loose confederation of rebel factions known as the Northern Alliance. "We are trying to be ready."

He and about 80 other young men, high school graduates between 18 and 22, are part of a long-term plan by the alliance to capture the Afghan capital from the hard-line Islamic Taliban movement. As U.S. warplanes pound Taliban positions on the front lines north of Kabul, the alliance is pressing ahead with plans for an offensive that it hopes

of Taliban fighters and their foreign allies from the capital, alliance officials said. If the Taliban or its foreign legion of Pakistanis, Arabs and warriors from other nations decides to make a stand in the city, the alliance may have to send in its fighters, the officials said.

"Our decision is to go to the door of Kabul," said Yonus Qanooni, the former interior minister in Kabul who now manages internal security for the alliance. "We have a responsibility to defend the people of Kabul."

While the bulk of the alliance's 2,000-member police force is made up of ethnic Tajiks, the academy has made an effort to recruit cadets

their shell again, and get interested in doing what they were doing before the attacks. But most people just aren't there yet."

Weiss said that among the effects of the attacks was an increased interest in domestic travel.

"People are much more interested in flying here in the United States than in going overseas," he said. "Overseas travel is inherently a little scarier for some people, so now especially, they lean toward staying in the country."

Some agencies have been insulated against the effect of the attacks because they don't deal with air travel.

"We haven't seen any change at all," said Cathy Betts of Traveler's

Choice in Los Osos, which offers cruises to customers. "It's the agencies that deal with airlines that have suffered a great deal."

But travel agencies aren't doing anything different to woo customers since the attacks, either.

"It's hard to persuade someone to fly if they don't want to," said Bob Matchett, who works for Silver Bay Tours of Morro Bay. "People will come back only when they are good and ready."

Most travel agencies are just trying to maintain the same level of customer service they always have offered, said Belle Sabol of Traveltime in Arroyo Grande.

"That's all you can do right now," she said.

## Ashcroft blocks Oregon assisted suicide law

By Dan Eggen and Ceci Connolly  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft effectively blocked Oregon's landmark assisted suicide law Tuesday, authorizing federal drug agents to identify and punish doctors who prescribe federally controlled drugs to help terminally ill patients die.

In a memorandum to Drug Enforcement Administration chief Asa Hutchinson, Ashcroft wrote that assisting in a suicide is not a "legitimate medical purpose" under federal law, and said DEA agents should seek to revoke the drug licenses of Oregon physicians who help patients commit suicide.

The opinion, which reverses a 1998 administrative decision by former Attorney General Janet Reno, effectively bars Oregon physicians from legally prescribing narcotics to help patients commit suicide under the state's Death With Dignity Act, according to Oregon officials and medical experts. All 70 people known to have died under the law have taken federally controlled drugs such as the barbiturate secobarbital, state officials said.

Although Ashcroft's decision appears to leave open the possibility of using less powerful drugs not regulated by the DEA, Oregon officials and medical experts said the risk of

harm to patients and difficulties for physicians would be too high.

Ashcroft's letter does not call for criminal prosecutions of physicians, but some predicted the decision would make doctors more hesitant to prescribe powerful painkillers that could be used to commit suicide.

The assisted suicide order is the latest social policy decision by Ashcroft likely to please conservatives. The attorney general raised the ire of gun control groups by adopting a view of the Second Amendment advocated by the National Rifle Association, and has indicated a willingness to settle the federal government's landmark lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

Kevin Neely, a spokesman for Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers (D), said the state would seek a court injunction today to prevent the DEA from acting on Ashcroft's decision. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who personally opposed the assisted suicide law but has led efforts to block Congress from overruling it, said the opinion undermines the will of Oregon voters, who have twice approved assisted suicide in 1994 and 1997 referenda.

"I guess the Bush administration is frustrated by the inconvenience of the democratic process," Wyden said. "They have administratively tossed the ballots of Oregon's voters in the trash." No other state has a law allowing assisted suicide.

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at LAX as there usually are. It was quite pleasant."

O'Regan said he felt much better after the security check than he ever had before.

"Obviously, it was much more detailed than usual, and that's the way it should be," he said. "This is the safest time to travel ever, really, with security as tight as it is."

Unfortunately, much of the nation hasn't shared their optimism about flying.

"People are shell-shocked," Weiss said. "They'll eventually come out of



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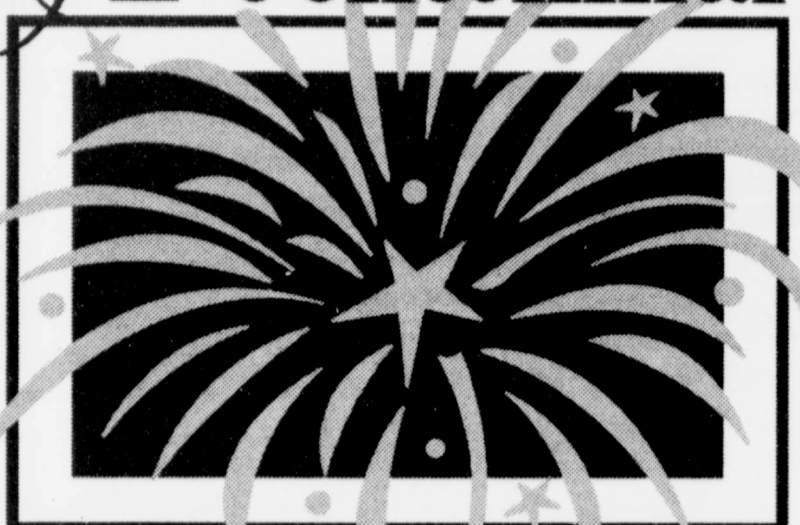
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