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SPORTS

Salinas High to write a report

School must give sportsmanship plan to T-CAL after incident

By GEORGE WATKINS
The Salinas Californian

Salinas High School administrators laid out a plan Wednesday aimed at improving sportsmanship issues for all athletic teams after a football player attacked an official during last Friday's game.

Salinas principal John Macias and his staff exchanged ideas with Central Coast Section Commissioner Nancy Lazenby-Blaser and Tri-County Athletic League Commissioner Jim Long during a 90-minute meeting on the Salinas campus in an attempt to put an end to a series of behavioral problems that have plagued the school's teams for the past two years.

No coaches or students participated in the discussion.

"It went very well," Lazenby-Blaser said. "We all need to work together. You can't fix something like this overnight. But they're committed to a long-term fix."

The Cowboy football team was not placed on probation, Lazenby-Blaser said, but two players — both seniors — who were involved in the post-game altercation with Live Oak have been suspended from the team.

The Salinas player accused of attacking the official received a mandatory 18-month suspension from all after-school sports, as required by California Interscholastic Federation rules.

Salinas High officials were given about three weeks to come up with a written plan to correct the sportsmanship problems, Lazenby-Blaser said.

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WHAT'S NEXT

Salinas High officials have about three weeks to come up with a written plan to correct sportsmanship problems on the school's teams. The report will then be presented to the T-CAL Board of Managers for approval.

COMING FRIDAY

Kim Peek, the inspiration for the movie "Rain Man," visits Salinas.

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Mailer isn't from Dems

Read the fine print: Republican Smith pays for listing on advertisement

By DANIA AKKAD
The Salinas Californian

Open up your mailbox this week and you might find an election flier labeled "Voter Information Guide for Democrats."

"Use this guide when you vote," it reads.

Top-of-the-ticket Democrats are duly listed, including Presidential candidate John Kerry, U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, U.S. Rep. Sam Farr and state Assemblyman Simón Salinas.

But for county supervisor,

the guide lists Monterey County District 4 supervisorial candidate Jerry Smith — a Republican.

In fact, the mailer is not from the Democratic Party, but from an outfit called Voter Information Guide, based in Sherman Oaks. There's an asterisk by Smith's name, and anyone who reads the fine print on the

front of the mailer will learn "Appearance is paid for and authorized by each candidate ... designated by an (asterisk)." "It's advertising," Brian Pratt, Smith's campaign manager, said Wednesday.

According to Smith's campaign statements covering the period of July 1 to Sept. 30, he paid \$2,785 to Voter Information Guide.

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Dark moon rises over Salinas



Salinas High astronomy teacher Philip Deuschle, center, and April Deuschle, 13, look to the sky as student Jaina Valverde, 18, adjusts a telescope to see Wednesday night's lunar eclipse during a gathering of astronomy students and club members at the school.

SCIENCE

Classes turn lunar eclipse into a lesson

Clouds get in way

By ZACHARY STAHL
The Salinas Californian

Huddled around telescopes and bundled up in sweatshirts and stocking caps, Salinas High School students moon-gazed Wednesday night.

Philip Deuschle's astronomy classes watched the moon as it became partially eclipsed by the Earth's shadow, before

clouds blocked their view of the total eclipse.

"If it were more clear we'd be able to see the entire eclipse," Deuschle said.

Lunar eclipses occur every other year when the sun, Earth and moon align. Had clouds not obscured the students' vista, they would have seen the moon turn a dark dull red as it passed through the inner shadow of the Earth, or umbra.

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The moon is seen partially obscured by earth's shadow shortly before 7 p.m. Wednesday, prior to the full lunar eclipse.

'In the olden days that was the entertainment, watching the eclipses.'

— Jaina Valverde, 18-year-old student

ELSEWHERE IN THE NEWS

STATE

Testimony ends in Peterson trial

Jurors in the Scott Peterson murder trial were sent home Wednesday with orders to return Monday for closing arguments. Page 6A

WORLD

Showdown looms in Iraq

An uptick in airstrikes and other military moves point to an imminent showdown between U.S. forces and Sunni Muslim insurgents west of Baghdad — a decisive battle that could determine whether the campaign to bring democracy and stability to Iraq can succeed. Page 1B

Discovery shakes up evolution idea

Scientists have discovered skeletons of a previously unknown human species — tiny, hobbit-sized figures who lived among dwarf elephants and giant lizards as recently as 12,000 years ago. Experts called the discovery, made public Wednesday, of an extinct human species barely 3 feet tall the most important human find in the past 50 years. Page 1B

ENTERTAINMENT

KION switches formats today

Talk-radio station to play Sinatra, Martin

By DANIA AKKAD
The Salinas Californian

Goodbye, Rush. Goodbye, Dr. Laura. Hello, Rat Pack.

Beginning today at noon, KION-AM 1460 will switch from its talk-radio format and start playing music from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and other, more contemporary vocalists you might want to dance to after dinner.

"I think it's really a good format for this area when done properly," Dennis Martinez, the station's operations manager, said Wednesday. "It's going to work out well."

The hope of improving revenue and ratings is motivating the station to make the change, Martinez said. Under the talk format, KION has offered a variety of syndicated talk shows from hosts including Rush Limbaugh, Dr. Laura Schlessinger and Paul Harvey.

Running a news talk station, Martinez said, can be a lot of work and cost a lot of money.

"Most people think, if you throw on Rush, you're going to win (ratings). But it's a lot more difficult than that," Martinez said. "You need reporters. You need staff. You need writers."

Unlike KION-AM 1460, many talk radio stations across the country are not switching to music but to Air America, a politically progressive radio talk-show network, he said.

KION managers considered switching to Air America, but decided they'd rather take 1460 in a completely different direction, Martinez said.

The new format will feature deejays Jim Lang, former host of television's "The Dating Game," David Marzetti, who has worked for KOCN and KTOM, and current 1460 deejay Mark Carbonaro. "I think there'll be a lot of people (who are) pretty happy with it," Martinez said.

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