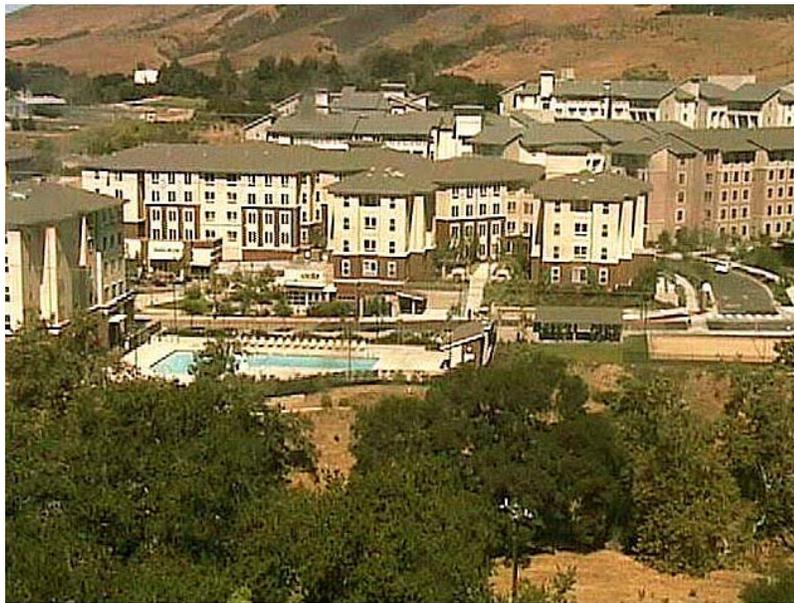


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Last phase of Cal Poly's huge student housing complex opens

Some 19,000 students are returning to Cal Poly this week and next, but fewer of them will be living in the city. Eleven hundred students will move into the final phase of the newly opened Poly Canyon Village. The \$300-million Poly Canyon Village is the largest student housing complex in the nation. With the addition of this last phase, almost 7,000 students will be living on campus. The bad news:



It may be more difficult for landlords to find student renters. The good news: It may be more difficult for landlords to find student renters. That should help turn some SLO neighborhoods back into family-oriented neighborhoods and make it easier for employees to find rental housing they can afford.

San Luis Obispo's MINDBODY Makes Inc.'s "Fastest Growing" List

MINDBODY, Inc., headquartered in SLO, has made the prestigious Inc. Magazine list of the fastest growing companies in America. MINDBODY was ranked the 21st fastest growing software company, and is No. 371 on the list of all companies in the U.S. (They were ranked 870 last year.) MINDBODY produces web scheduling and management software used by thousands of companies nationally ranging from health clubs to hair salons, yoga to martial arts studios.

Bill prevents credit checks by employers

A new state law may deal another blow to businesses. AB 943, which reached Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's desk last week, prohibits employers from using consumer credit reports in the hiring process. If passed, information obtained in a credit report must be "substantially job related" (i.e. prospective employees will have access to money or other assets and confidential information). Credit reports can be also used for managerial, law enforcement or government positions. The bill already passed both the state and assembly floors, but may stop there as Schwarzenegger vetoed a similar bill last year. Should businesses be able to use consumer credit reports in employment decisions? Click here to tell us how you feel: www.slo-business.com.

SLO loses a seismic expert and community leader

John Fowler, who spearheaded and managed one of SLO's most complicated and important seismic retrofit projects — Mission San Luis Obispo — will soon be leaving the community. For the past several years, Fowler has worked for the Monterey Diocese in charge of physical improvements to church property in San Luis Obispo. The Mission retrofit has won widespread acclaim for its cost-effectiveness and respect for the building character and heritage. Currently, he's chair of the city's Cultural Heritage Committee and the Chamber's Issues Evaluation Committee. Previously, Fowler managed Mid-State Land Company for Mid-State Bank. He soon will assume a high management position with the Franciscans, an 800-year-old order headquartered in San Francisco.

Upcoming Important Events

Mixer at Harbor Lending- Wednesday, September 16th, 5:30-7:30pm

Leadership SLO Class XIX Applications are now available! We encourage you to apply and pass the application on to others you know who might be interested in the program. [For the application, click here.](#) If you'd like more information about the program, join us for either of the Leadership SLO mixers:

North County

Wednesday, September 30th- 5:30-7:30pm- [Pear Valley Winery](#)

South County

Wednesday, September 23rd- 5:30-7:30pm- [Gather Wine Bar](#)

Good Morning SLO- Thursday, September 24th, 7:15-9am at Grace Church

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