

NEWS BITS

FILM BY TAT ALUMS HONORED AT FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL

A documentary by four alumni of the Teledramatic Arts and Technology Department at CSU Monterey Bay has won an award at the International Family Film Festival.

Juan Ramirez, Stephen Sprague, Ashley Paolini and Isaac Castro - all members of the Class of 2009 - won in the category of Best Student Documentary for "Concrete Paradigm," a film that

features young detainees at Juvenile Hall in Salinas reading their poetry. The students taught a film workshop at Juvenile Hall in Fall 2008; that experience led to the documentary.

As part of the festival, "Concrete Paradigm" was screened at Raleigh Studios in Hollywood along with 86 other films from 14 countries and 15 professional film schools.

The festival celebrates cultural diversity, creativity, tolerance and global unity in its choice of family films and screenplays.

CUT FROM DIFFERENT CLOTH RECYCLING JUST GOT SMARTER

Green is the new black.

At CSU Monterey Bay's upcoming commencement ceremony, students will wear gowns sewn with material made entirely from recycled plastic bottles.

To stay in step with efforts by colleges and universities nationwide to "go green," Oak Hall Cap & Gown, a leading manufacturer of academic apparel, last year started making a line of graduation wear - named GreenWeaver - of fabric spun from molten plastic pellets. It takes an average of 23 bottles to make each gown.

When a company representative contacted the campus to talk about the new product, officials were receptive. The thought was that students would appreciate the "green" aspect of the gowns.

Students order their caps and gowns

through the campus bookstore. According to bookstore manager Jimmy White, the price is nearly the same as last year when the gowns were made of polyester.

"When students learn about the recycled regalia, their first response is usually, 'It's so soft, I can't believe they're made from plastic bottles,'" White said.

An Oak Hall official told The Roanoke Times that its supplier first experimented with fabric made from bamboo. When that proved unsuccessful - easily wrinkled, the material quickly resembled a Shar-Pei - the supplier tried plastic.

After months of development and experimentation to see how well the yarn received dye and how it held up compared with traditional fabrics, GreenWeaver was deemed a success.

And as an added incentive, the company promises that for every gown purchased, it will make a contribution to a campus environmental group as designated by the university's administration.

ing the PB Gate, guests should inform Security Guards they are attending this event, to waive the entrance fee.

Poppy Hills Golf Course is offering MCYPG Members attending this event a special 9-hole twilight rate of only \$25.00 (including cart) on April 29th. There are a limited amount of tee times, reservations should be booked as soon as possible: 831-622-8239.

The Monterey County Young Professionals Group (MCYPG) is the central hub for networking, personal development, leadership and recognition opportunities that empower local young professionals ages 21 to 39. Since its formation in 2002, MCYPG has become the largest networking organization for young professionals in Monterey County. Comprised of 700+ members and growing, MCYPG is exclusively a volunteer-run organization.

Monterey County Young Professionals Group will host the Par-Tee at Porter's Grill & Bar (Networking Mixer & Golf Challenge) on Thursday, April 29th, 2010 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the Poppy Hills Golf Course, 3200 Lopez Rd, Pebble Beach, CA

Spring is officially here! What does that mean? It's time to go outdoors and enjoy networking with young professionals, while playing in fun golf challenges at Poppy Hills Golf Course in world-famous Pebble Beach. ADMISSION: \$10 (Networking, Appetizers, & Golf Challenges) No host cash bar. Event open to ages 21-39. When enter-

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