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Poly campus unharmed in earthquake

The 6.5-magnitude San Simeon quake struck while students were on break. Only minor damages were reported.

By Emily Wong
 MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

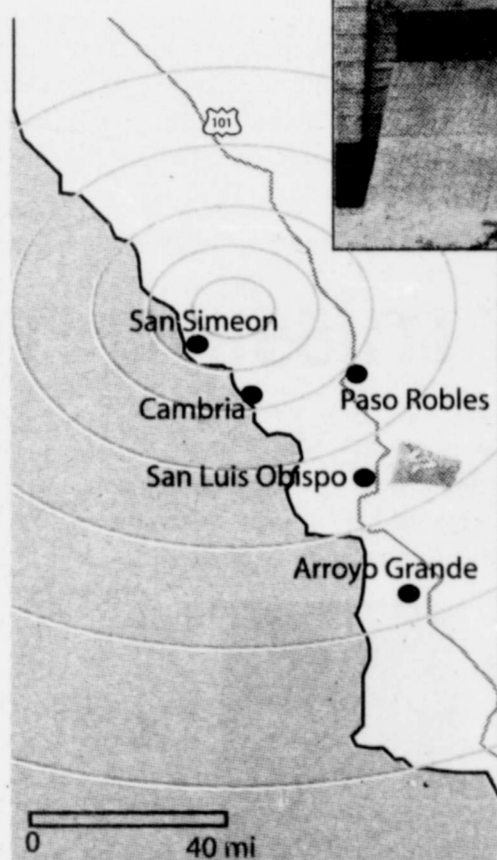
Three days before Christmas, when the San Simeon earthquake shook the Central Coast, the majority of Cal Poly's 18,300 students were out of town.

At 11:15 a.m., the 6.5-magnitude quake was reportedly felt as far south as Los Angeles but left the Cal Poly campus virtually unscathed.

"The seismic inspection found very little damage," the Cal Poly Public Affairs office wrote in a release. "Some campus buildings received superficial cracking of finishes, a window was broken at the Kennedy Library and items were shifted from shelves across campus."

The Facilities Work Center is collecting reports of damage to classrooms, offices and dorm rooms. Facilities Services refused to comment.

Cal Poly students were on academic holiday from Dec. 14 to Jan. 4. All residence halls were vacant and few employees were on campus the day of the quake.



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Resident adviser and economic junior Diane Hardcastle said she returned to the residence halls concerned about her room and the rooms of her residents. But when she got back, she saw no apparent damage.

"I think I had a poster fall down, but I don't think it was necessarily connected to the

earthquake," Hardcastle said.

As a leader responsible for campus residents, Hardcastle said it was optimal that the quake happened when everyone was gone.

"I have a lot of out-of-state residents that have never been in an earthquake so it would have been difficult," she said.

Korla McFall, a graphic communication administrator, was on the second floor of building 26 when the quake struck.

"All the drawers in the office opened," she said. "I thought we were on top of the epicenter because it hit us very strong."

McFall remained in her seat for the duration of the 45-second earthquake. When it was over she went down the hall to check on colleagues.

The epicenter of the earthquake was about seven miles northeast of San Simeon. San Simeon is approximately 42 miles northwest of the Cal Poly campus.

The brunt of the damage and two casualties occurred in nearby Paso Robles, according to California Integrated Seismic Network report.

Paso Robles' 111-year-old landmark Acorn Building collapsed in the quake and killed two employees working in the clothing store of the structure.

Jennifer Myrick, 20, of Atascadero and Marilyn Zafuto, 55, of Paso Robles were pulled from the rubble, according to a Contra Costa Times article.

The San Simeon earthquake marks the first quake measured above 6.0 in San Luis Obispo County. It is also California's deadliest earthquake since Northridge in 1994.

Music junior Catherine Daly was surprised that the small-town quake made national news.

"I thought it was so interesting that when I turned on CNN there it was," Daly said. "No one ever hears about San Luis Obispo."

Paso Robles suffered the most damage and two casualties from the San Simeon earthquake. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger visited the North County city and declared a state of emergency in San Luis Obispo County on Dec. 23.

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 MUSTANG DAILY



Buses accommodate Poly schedule



"I have only rode the bus a few times. I rather mooch rides off my friends."
 — Meredith Davies, physics freshman



"I have never ridden the bus here. It is easier to drive."
 — Steve Markley, physics sophomore



"I take the bus all the time."
 — Andy Black, city and regional planning junior

By Kendra Hodges
 MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Big wheels will keep turning for San Luis Obispo Transit, as it answers to the call of student needs. Bus arrival and departure times will now coincide with Cal Poly's class schedule.

Monday marked the first day of the revamped schedule, which is designed for the buses to arrive on campus just before the hour and depart minutes after the hour.

"The previous schedule was not conducive to students, which resulted in low ridership," said Kim Blakeman, general manager of First Transit. "Cal Poly funds the transit system for students, so we wanted to

Word on the Street

Students speak on campus issues

Do you use SLO Transit?

be more accommodating to the students and staff."

The new schedule also includes an added evening service, which departs from campus 10 minutes after the hour until 9 p.m.

"The evening routes may be eliminated if we have few riders," Blakeman said. "But we hope the turnout is so great that the buses go even further into the evening."

Students seem to like the added evening routes.

"I have to switch buses at the night schedule to get home, but it is better than nothing," said Cuesta freshman Alyn Euritt, who was taking the bus home after visiting friends in the residence halls.

All bus routes are now designed to loop around each stop on the hour and half hour, making it easier for passengers to memorize the stop times, Blakeman said.

The change was brought about by a study done last year to find out what improvements Cal Poly students wanted in the bus system. The results showed that students did not like having to wait long periods of time for the bus.

"The schedule is a lot easier and more direct, which is more convenient for us students," English junior Megan Stoner said.

Free rides and more convenient routes are not the only reason to ride the bus, some students said.

"The bus is an important mode of alternate transportation," construc-

tion management junior Andy Black said. "We need to become less reliant on gas because we only have so much left. People need to work on (not) driving everywhere."

The first day of school resulted in 700 more student riders than last Fall Quarter's average.

"We do not know if that number will decrease or increase from Monday's amount, but we are anticipating to have an overall increase in ridership," Blakeman said. "We want to encourage students to leave their cars at home and ride the bus. It saves on expenses, and the more riders we have the better our system will be and that means the better we are serving the public."

To find out times and bus stop locations, schedules can be found at the University Union, City Hall, the San Luis Obispo County/City Library and on the buses.

On the Net:
For the updated bus schedule visit:
[www.slo.edu/publicworks/down
 load/busmap.pdf](http://www.slo.edu/publicworks/download/busmap.pdf)

Events Calendar

List of upcoming activities on campus.

What: Design Communication Association Conference. The conference, hosted by the architecture department, is considered the premier national gathering of drawing and visual communication teachers from architecture, interior design and landscape architecture programs.

When: Today, 6 p.m., Friday, 5 p.m. and Saturday, 6 p.m.
Where: Bldg. 3, Room 213
More Info: Call Ray Ladd at 756-7432

What: Poly Reps mandatory meeting. All applicants for Poly Reps must attend a mandatory meeting.
When: Today, 7 p.m.
Where: PAC 124
More Info: Call Randy Urist at 783-2475

What: Faculty Piano Recital. A member of Cal Poly's Music Department faculty, William Terrence Spiller, will perform works by Mozart and Chopin's Études, Op. 10, to benefit the music

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Local Weather

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TODAY
high: 66° / low 47°

FRIDAY
high: 68° / low 42°

SATURDAY
high: 66° / low 43°

SUNDAY
high: 67° / low 46°

MONDAY
high: 68° / low 42°

Sunrise/Sunset

rises: 7:12 a.m. / sets 5:07 p.m.

Tides

high 9:30 a.m. 6.03 feet
N/A N/A

low 3:19 a.m. 2.84 feet
5:05 p.m. -0.71 feet

California Cities

CITY	TODAY'S HI/LO
San Diego	67°/50°
Anaheim	73°/49°
Riverside	71°/45°
Los Angeles	71°/51°
Santa Barbara	67°/48°
Bakersfield	64°/48°
Fresno	64°/49°
Santa Cruz	63°/48°
San Jose	62°/49°
San Francisco	60°/55°
Sacramento	55°/57°
Redding	55°/47°

Architecture department sponsors design conference

By Spencer Marley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly Architecture Department will hold its biannual Design Communication Conference in the Business Building Rotunda (Bldg. 3, Room 213) Jan. 8 to 10. The conference agenda features prominent architects and designers from across the Western United States and is free to the public.

"The speakers will share their experiences and perspectives concerning creating and using design communications," said William Benedict, architecture department associate director and conference chair. "It is a time for those involved in drawing and the creation of design communications to meet and share ideas that will impact the education of future professionals."

The conference will facilitate the communication of design from architects to the builders. This is a skill that architecture professor Howard Weisenthal said is extremely crucial

to master.

"This conference is going to help us decide which methods are best to communicate our designs to other professionals," Weisenthal said. "It is the step in the middle between conception and an actual building."

Architecture students also agree that the ability to relate to builders is important and is stressed throughout their curriculum. Emily O'Brien, an architecture senior, said that the communication process is of utmost concern.

"If you can't properly relate an idea, it's never even going to be built," O'Brien said.

The conference will begin at 6 p.m. on Jan. 8 with a presentation by Cal Poly alumnus C. Thomas Gilman. Gilman graduated with an architecture degree in 1972 and then became president of DES Architects and

Engineers in Redwood City, Calif. In 2000, his firm received the Best Office Interior Award from Buildings Magazine for their work on the Sony Computer Entertainment America

building in Foster City, Calif. Gilman will speak about improving communication between the concept and development of design.

On Jan. 9, Lawrence Rocha and Robert Schaeffer from a Honolulu design firm

Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo will speak about the creation of recreation and hospitality-based designs at 5 p.m.

The conference will end Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. with a presentation by San Luis Obispo architect George F. Garcia of Garcia Architecture and Design. His firm has produced a variety of projects, including the Avila Village Inn and the interior of the San Luis Trust Bank.

"This conference is going to help us decide which methods are best to communicate our designs to other professionals."

Howard Weisenthal
architecture professor

Family searches for missing man

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The family of an 82-year-old man who disappeared Dec. 28 is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to his whereabouts.

Vern Erno, who suffers from Alzheimer's Disease, was last seen by his son Dec. 28 at the Laguna Village Shopping Center.

Tom Erno said his father became upset while the two were going to get coffee.

"He got out of the car and took off," Erno said. "I tried to get him to stay, but he was being real physical. I didn't really want to have a physical confrontation with my 82-year-old dad."

Tom called the police right after

his father left at about 2 p.m. Within half an hour police were searching for Vern, Tom Erno said.

The next day, Search and Rescue closed off Laguna Lake Park, using helicopters, horses and dogs to find Vern. Police also put out a national alert, Erno said.

Two people reported seeing Vern — once on Los Osos Valley Road Dec. 28 and again at Laguna Lake Park on the afternoon of Dec. 29. There have been no confirmed sightings since then.

Tom Erno said people should look in their yards and other places where Vern might have sought shel-

ter, such as a shed.

He had a credit card and identification with him. The credit card has not been used.

Vern was visiting for the holidays from Washington state, where he lives with his daughter. He resided in the San Luis Obispo area for many years, but has little short-term memory and is not always able to carry on coherent conversations.

"At times he is more lucid than others," Erno said.

If anyone has information regarding the whereabouts of Vern Erno, call 781-7317.



Vern Erno

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department's scholarship fund.
When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Cal Poly Theatre
More Info: Call Druci Reese at 756-2607

What: "Master of the Impossible." Tomas Kubinek has traveled the globe with his exuberant madness, performing mind-boggling miracles and astounding feats of fantasy.

When: Sunday, 3 p.m.
Where: Cal Poly Theatre
More Info: Call the ticket office at 756-2787

What: I Musici De Montreal. I Musici performs Bloch's intensely moving "Three Jewish Pieces," the orchestral version of Bruckner's Quintet, and Tchaikovsky's warm and intimate Serenade for Strings.

When: Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Where: Cal Poly Theatre
More Info: Call the ticket office at 756-2787

What: AIESEC Intern Abroad. Students can find out how to access the most diverse pool of international internships year-round through AIESEC, a program committed to cultural understanding and quality work experience.

When: Tuesday, 11 a.m. and Wednesday, 8 p.m.
Where: Bldg. 3, Room 209
More Info: Call Heidi Peterson at 459-1685

What: Talk and slide lecture by Lincoln Cushing, author of ¡Revolución!, prior to the opening of a show from American Institute of Graphic Artists in New York.

When: Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Where: Bldg. 34, Room 227
More Info: Call Barbara Morningstar at 756-1571

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Fri 3:30 7:45
Sat-Sun 11:15 3:30 7:45
Mon-Thur 3:30 7:45

PETER PAN (PG)
Fri 3:15 6:00 8:30
Sat-Sun 12:30 3:15 6:00 8:30
Mon-Thur 3:15 6:00 8:30

CHASING LIBERTY (PG-13)
*SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT
Fri 2:15 4:45 7:15 9:45
Sat-Sun 11:45 2:15 4:45 7:15 9:45
Mon-Thur 2:15 4:45 7:15 9:45

HOUSE OF SAND AND FOG (R)
*SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT
Fri 3:00 6:00 9:00
Sat-Sun 12:00 3:00 6:00 9:00
Mon-Thur 3:00 6:00 9:00

Downtown Centre Cinema

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BIG FISH (PG-13)
*SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT
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PAYCHECK (PG-13)
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THE LAST SAMURAI (R)
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Mon-Thur 12:45 6:15 9:30

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN (PG)
*SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT
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Mon-Thur 2:15 4:45 7:15 9:45

MONA LISA SMILE (PG-13)
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Sat-Sun 11:15 1:45 4:30 7:15 10:00
Mon-Thur 3:45 6:45 9:45

COLD MOUNTAIN (R)
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Sat-Sun 12:00 3:15 6:30 9:45
Mon-Thur 3:15 6:30 9:45

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National Roundup

PASADENA, Calif. — The Mars rover has developed some minor problems that will probably delay the start of its trek across the rust-colored landscape to prospect rocks and soil, scientists said Wednesday.

NASA officials previously said the exploration could begin as soon as Monday but revised that timetable because of minor "hiccups" with an antenna and the air bags that cushioned the spacecraft's landing on Saturday.

It could be at least a week before the problems are fixed, said Art Thompson, tactical uplink lead on the mission.

WASHINGTON — Leading technology companies urged Congress and the Bush administration Wednesday not to impose new trade restrictions aimed at keeping U.S. jobs from moving overseas, where labor costs are lower.

The companies said such policies would do little to resolve long-standing problems more broadly affecting America's global competitiveness, such as low-scoring schools and inadequate research spending. Erecting barriers, they said, "could lead to retaliation from our trading partners and even an all-out trade war."

WASHINGTON — President Bush called Wednesday for a major overhaul of America's immigration system to grant legal status to millions of undocumented workers in the United States, saying the current program is not working.

"Out of common sense and fairness, our laws should allow willing workers to enter our country and fill jobs that Americans are not filling," the president said in an East Room speech to members of Congress, his Cabinet and immigrant advocacy groups.

Bush's election-year proposal is designed to win support among Hispanic voters while helping meet the needs of American employers. His plan would create a temporary worker program for undocumented workers now in the United States and those in other countries who have been offered employment here.

HOUSTON — Former Enron Corp. finance chief Andrew Fastow is negotiating a plea bargain that could send the high-powered executive to prison for his role in the accounting scandal that brought down the energy company, sources close to the case said Wednesday.

AUTHORITIES ALSO WERE DRAWING UP CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST ENRON'S FORMER CHIEF ACCOUNTANT, RICHARD A. CAUSEY, WHO WAS EXPECTED TO SURRENDER THURSDAY, SOURCES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATTER TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY. THE EXACT NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY CLEAR.

If attorneys and judges agree on the proposed plea deal with Fastow, the former executive could appear in court to change his innocent plea to guilty as early as Thursday, the sources said.

Fastow would be the highest-ranking executive to plead guilty in the criminal investigation of Enron.

— Associated Press

World Roundup

PARIS — French authorities are searching for a passenger who failed to show up for an Air France flight that was canceled because of security concerns on Christmas Eve, France's justice minister said Wednesday.

The man, who was ticketed for Air France flight 68 from Paris to Los Angeles on Dec. 24, was believed to have trained in Afghanistan, have ties to al-Qaida and carry a French passport, ABC television news reported, citing unidentified American officials.

The passenger also was feared to have been carrying a small bomb with components that might get past airport security, ABC said.

GUANGZHOU, China — Wildlife merchants warned of a regional business disaster as government officials fighting SARS swept through China's largest wild animal market for the second straight day Wednesday, seizing civet cats for slaughter.

Merchants watched with growing unease, fearing the campaign against SARS will devastate the wild game markets of this city in southern China.

The Xinyuan wild animal market in Guangzhou has become the focus of the government's fight against severe acute respiratory syndrome, because authorities suspect the civet cat — weasel-like mammal related to the mongoose — could spread the disease to humans.

Rats will be the next target, with a mass killing scheduled to start Saturday in Guangzhou.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Two years after nuclear-armed India and Pakistan nearly went to war, their leaders agreed Tuesday to hold landmark peace talks next month on all topics, including the hot-button issue of Kashmir that lies at the heart of their half-century of mutual hatred and mistrust.

Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee agreed to the talks in tightly guarded meetings in the Pakistani capital under the cover of a major regional summit.

In a joint declaration read separately by the Indian and Pakistani foreign ministers, Musharraf pledged not to permit his country to be used as a haven for terrorism, and Vajpayee promised to seek a solution to the Kashmir dispute.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — The man suspected of fatally stabbing Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh last year has confessed to the crime, his lawyer said Wednesday, adding that the motive for the murder was not political.

Mijailo Mijailovic, a 25-year-old Swede of Yugoslav origin, confessed Tuesday while being interrogated by police and investigators, his lawyer, Peter Althin, told The Associated Press.

The 46-year-old Lindh was stabbed several times in a Stockholm department store while she was shopping with a friend Sept. 10. Doctors worked for several hours to try to save Lindh, but she died the next morning.

— Associated Press

College Roundup

BOULDER, Colo. — The University of Colorado at Boulder is taking on water fast and if a federal bill that would punish colleges for raising tuition passes, the university might need to signal SOS and send out lifeboats.

Not only did the state slash funding to CU by \$75 million from 2002 to 2004, but the university is now getting pressure from Washington to be mindful of its rising tuition costs.

A pair of bills moving through Congress aim to curb the rising cost of tuition at many of the country's public colleges and universities.

A Republican-sponsored bill working its way through the House of Representatives would amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 and address the rising cost of post-secondary education by holding colleges and universities directly accountable for cost increases.

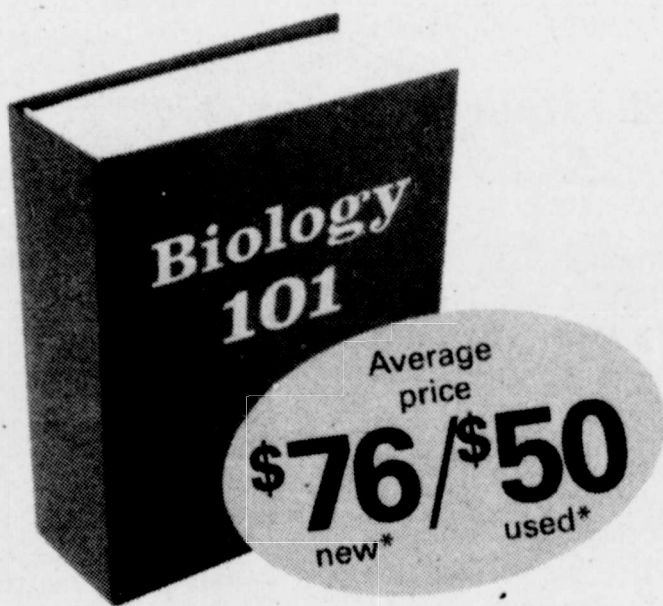
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Members of a University of Florida-led astronomy team aren't record-breakers. They're record-finders who researched what might be the brightest star ever observed — a luminous, blue variable 5 million to 40 million times as bright as the sun.

Astronomy professor Steve Eikenberry and graduate student Jessica LaVine presented the group's findings on Tuesday at the 203rd meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Atlanta.

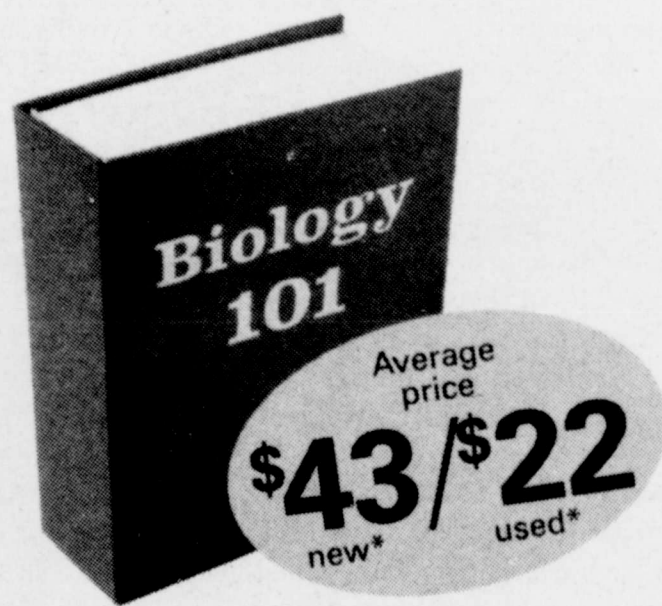
Eikenberry, LaVine and research assistant Shannon Patel joined with participants from across the country to form the 17-member team. The team's data, in the form of a paper, was accepted by the national Astrophysical Journal in December 2003.

— University Wire

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US leaves fingerprint on national security

Reaction to Monday's implementation of a new screening process for foreign visitors gives new meaning to the term "Brazil nuts."

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's new policy of digitally fingerprinting and photographing select visitors has caused some to fear flight delays. For others (Brazil), the program has sparked an aberrant eye-for-an-eye reaction.

In an effort to quell the threat of terrorism, the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT) program requires that foreigners visiting the United States who are required to obtain a visa with their passport will be submitted to photographing and the scanning of two fingerprints.

While the process is expected to take only about 10 to 15 seconds after screeners become proficient in the program, it is not difficult to imagine these small chunks of time piling up as hundreds of visitors make their way into the country.

But inconvenience and delay is a small price to pay for security. Since when is rapid processing through airports a right of foreigners or citizenry? In balancing the concerns of national security and personal accommodation, the latter hardly stands as a defensible position. According to the New York Times, by 6 p.m. Monday the program already found three visitors on watch lists and a previous two-month trial run turned up 21 names on similar lists.

On ABC's "Good Morning America," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, defending the cancellations of several flights since last week, stated, "we think you err on the side of public safety when you have a threat targeting a specific flight." The meaning of Ridge's comment could be expanded to affirm that US-VISIT errs similarly on the side of public safety when threats from abroad remain consistent.

While the knee-jerk claim is that the program's collection of fingerprint scans and photographs are an invasion of privacy, the United States has, for the better part of a century, required documentation for traveling to and from the country. President Woodrow Wilson gave an executive order in 1915 necessitating the use of passports by any person entering or leaving the United States.

Though it would be irresponsible to claim that Wilson would have mandated the use of the US-VISIT technology had it been available, he did create what has become a long-standing policy of documenting visitors to the United States. With the exponential increase in international travel over the better part of the past 88 years, it stands to reason that tighter security measures should be implemented whether or not specific groups make threats to the country.

In a sophomoric tit-for-tat reaction to US-VISIT, Brazil began a last-minute program of fingerprinting and photographing American citizens traveling there, at the same time requesting the removal of Brazil from the United States' list of countries held to the new standards.

In a press briefing on Monday, U.S. Department of State spokesman Richard Boucher, while refusing to state it outright, suggested Brazil's new program targets Americans specifically.

"(Brazil's program is) not being applied to all people the way our system is," Boucher said. "It's not something that was carefully prepared over the course of a year (like US-VISIT)." Boucher also said policies requiring 10 fingerprints per U.S. citizen have resulted in delays as long as nine hours for some.

Every country has the right to dictate to its visitors what requirements they must meet to travel within its borders and, eventually, every country probably will. However, such an obvious act of malevolence trivializes efforts to ensure American safety.

Jake Ashley is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Commentary

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Letters to the editor

Gay marriage doesn't violate liberty

Editor,

For a senior who dotes so much on logic and rhetoric in his letter "People can choose homosexuality," (Dec. 4) Andrew Miller makes a ridiculous leap between gay marriage and NAMBLA. It's tucked away right at the end there — which makes me wonder if he hoped nobody would see it because it's completely indefensible.

On one hand, you have a romantic relationship between two adults who are consenting. When consent ends, so does the relationship.

On the other hand, you have a sadistic relationship between a man with a sick fetish and a child without the mental capacity to consent to such a relationship. The child does not consent.

Andrew's goofy rhetoric links together two items that obviously do not connect.

The key word in the entire issue is "consent."

Whether or not there is a "gay gene" makes for interesting discussion but is irrelevant to the issue. The idea of civil liberties and rights goes back to commentators like Robespierre, Madison, Jefferson and so on — all those guys you remember from high school American history classes. One's liberty should be allowed to extend so far as to keep from interfering with another's. This is one of the many ideas that our Bill of Rights was founded on. The possibility of a gay union does not stop a straight union from happening — in fact, it doesn't stop a straight anything from happening. Gays in that state will soon have the liberty to consent to a marriage. Marriage or union or whatever-you-want-to-call-it is a purely personal choice. One adult does not have the right to force a relationship on a person who does not, or cannot consent.

That would be a violation of one's liberty. Along those lines, one person does not have the right to stop two adults from forming a relationship that they each consent to. That would be a violation, too. You cannot regulate consensual sex and you cannot regulate love. You do not have the right.

That's the beauty of liberty, Andrew. I shouldn't have to explain it to you. Your personal issues with gay rights are irrelevant. Grow up.

Matt Sutter is a history sophomore.

Food Bank Coalition has no political ties

Editor,

A letter in The Tribune, "Food bank's political leaning," (Dec. 15) contained a factual error used as the writer's reason for stopping his food donations. He wrote, "I no longer give to the food bank because of their political ties. A recent food drive motto was 'Food, not Bombs.' The affair was an anti-Bush rally ..."

That motto was used at the Nov. 16 peace rally last year to encourage folks to bring food items for the poor and hungry in our county. The Food Bank Coalition did not use that motto but did gratefully accept the food donated. The Food Bank Coalition has no political ties or agenda.

Those who disagree with opponents of the invasion of Iraq should direct their actions at anti-war folks. The Food Bank Coalition should not be the scapegoat for the views of a few donors. Please don't take out your political leanings on them. Only the needy they serve will suffer from such misdirection.

David Broadwater is a San Luis Obispo community member.

Hunters respect nature and resources

Editor,

I have been reading numerous alarming letters in the Mustang Daily. Many people at Cal Poly have a distorted view as to what hunting truly is. As a former resident of Wyoming, I know more than most that we do need to take responsibility for wildlife.

Hunting is not senseless killing, that is comparable to calling track "running in circles." An actual deer hunt can last for days and is an unforgettable experience. Trudging through the snow tracking an animal lets you become one with nature and appreciate how one can go to the supermarket and just buy steak for the family. Hunters don't kill for hide or for carnage, they kill for the food and the experience. In fact, wasting meat is a crime. In order to appreciate wildlife in its natural setting, hunting is as good as it gets.

In Wyoming in 2000, there were 545,000 mule deer. More

than 43,000 were killed during hunting season. Imagine if these deer were left alive every single year. Deer populations are already exploding, and overpopulation leads to pestilence and starvation.

In regards to sensitive species and the endangered species list, poaching is illegal. The Fish and Game Department runs the Mutiny on Your Bounty program in which hunters, who wholly support this endeavor, turn in those violating laws. Poaching ruins a legitimate activity and should not be associated with recreational hunters. The animals legal to hunt are in no danger of becoming extinct. It is actually quite the opposite.

Please, research topics such as these before making a judgment. Do not ruin a pastime for legitimate hunters. Hunters respect the land infinitely more than most think.

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Croc Hunter's baby blues

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to Barnum and Bailey gone horribly wrong. You thought Siegfried and Roy were crazy, but this takes the cake.

When I saw father-of-the-year Steve Irwin cradling his baby son, Robert Irwin, last Friday while feeding a dead chicken to a crocodile, "idiot" is the first of many words I wanted to yell at the Australian showboat whose crazy animal antics enamor the public.

Irwin explained to horrified spectators at his Australian zoo, "He's one-month-old, so it's about time Bob got out there and did his first croc demo."

Maybe I'm way off base, but if you're an Eskimo do you hurl your newborn into the icy snow and tell him to get used to it? If you're a lumberjack, do you lie your baby on a tree stump while you rip through an oak? Is it right to dress the youngster in scuba gear and cage him so he becomes attached to sharks like his marine biologist daddy?

Carrying a baby while feeding a crocodile isn't a good idea in any lifestyle.

I've always respected Irwin for his passion, and at times have been caught up in his craze — even if it is overdone.

If Irwin was in a play, he would overact. If he walked down a red carpet, he'd do something clownish to grab all the attention.

Nevertheless, when Irwin decides to challenge the wild outdoors by putting his own life in danger, that's his prerogative. However, little Bob did not give the thumbs up to let Irwin pull this stunt.

The popular question is, was the blockhead move by Irwin comparable to Michael Jackson's public debacle with his baby dangling over a balcony?

The answer is that Irwin's stunt is infinitely worse. Forget all the other weird things that have made Jackson simply 'Jacko' and focus on the event that occurred on the balcony in Germany.

Jacko admitted after the mistake that he got a lit-

tle excited, a 'little caught up in the moment' with all the fans cheering for him.

What Jackson did was wrong. What Irwin did was disgusting.

Irwin, unlike Jackson, clearly premeditated his mistake. Jackson's came on a whim.

The most recent bad move came after a conscious effort to perform it. Heck, wife Terri, like any normal mother, stood giddily to the side watching the scene.

Sure, the baby was probably safe. If there's anyone you want with a baby when a crocodile's around, it's Irwin. But that's not the point.

The mere chance that something could go wrong, as has happened numerous times when Irwin has been bitten or swiped or attacked, should have kept him from even beginning to think of exposing his son to the crocodiles.

Irwin defended himself by telling Australia's Sunday Telegraph, "I would never, ever put him in any danger, not in a million years."

First, Irwin's idea of danger isn't exactly paper-cut sensitive.

Secondly, the event had to be dangerous or it wouldn't have meant squat. Irwin knew it was dangerous, and that's why he did it.

He has cheated death time and again to the point where he feels he's golden. When his regular antics weren't enough, it was time to get just a little more extreme.

But this time, Irwin took it too far.

Giving the impression your child could be hurt is not good entertainment. Should Irwin lose his baby? No. Does he need to admit his fault to show he has enough sense to securely raise a child? Absolutely.

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'Eye for an eye' not the answer

An eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth. It's embarrassing that people still justify state-sponsored execution with this glib, simplistic dictate coined 3,000 years ago by backward desert folk.

But it's this stupid, retributive sentiment that President Bush, U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., and other American leaders appeal to in calling for the execution of Saddam Hussein. In doing so, they disgust the international community, throw away any precedent that a proper trial by an International Tribunal could set and make it seem as though they wish to conceal the truth about the events that led to the Iraqi war.

Capital punishment is abhorrent. Besides the fact that it is costly and is meted out arbitrarily, the idea that the state has the right to take a life is barbaric. It is illegal or never enforced in many progressive nations.

That U.S. leaders insist on executing Saddam is an embarrassment to Americans and is extremely disconcerting to other countries.

Foreign nations already seethe with anti-American sentiment thanks to our pre-emptive attack on Iraq and Bush's general comportment as president. If Bush sees to it that Saddam is executed, he will do so to the further detriment of our image in the international community. Saddam certainly deserves "the ultimate punishment" but executing it would harm America too much to make it worth it — the resulting anti-American feeling would be more like a final victory for Saddam.

The International Criminal Court in The Hague will not execute Saddam, so the Bush administration will find a venue that will. If Bush has his way, Saddam will probably be tried in Iraq (where the death penalty is dealt out even more arbitrarily than in America).

An Iraqi trial would not be nearly as significant as a trial by an international tribunal. In an ICC trial, the entire world demonstrates its outrage at Saddam's crimes. By having him tried in Iraq, Bush will let that outrage wane, and the world's opinion that war in Iraq was waged to settle a score will be reaffirmed.

The idea that despots who commit crimes against humanity can be brought to justice by an international court is a relatively new one. The more cases that are tried, the greater the chance that the threat of prosecution can serve as a real deterrent for crimes against humanity.

Important precedents also need to be set in the relatively

new venue of the ICC. In former Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's ongoing trial, for example, hard legal questions about how responsible a head of state can be held for the actions of those under his command and about what course of action a head of state can take given the intelligence at the time are being asked for the first time.

The answers to such questions should interest every world leader, especially President Bush. Such precedent will make future world leaders ponder the legality of their actions as far as international criminal law is concerned. Trying and executing Saddam in Iraq, on the other hand, will marginalize international criminal law and the apparatus that exists to enforce it.

It should be obvious how inadequate the imperative "an eye for an eye" is. In Saddam's case, there are greater things than whether he receives his desert. The precedents set by a proper trial in The Hague would be a deterrent for future tyrants; surely this is more important than putting Saddam to death.

There's one final reason not to hold Saddam's trial in Iraq for the purpose of executing him. If Saddam were given a proper trial in International Criminal Court, his defense might hinge on the fact that the United States supported Saddam's regime during Iraq's conflict with Iran, and the United States trained Iraq's armed forces. Saddam's defense team could create the impression that America was complicit in his crimes against humanity.

A hasty trial in Iraq for the purpose of executing Saddam would make it seem as though America was anxious to conceal the part it played in Saddam's regime. America would again be vilified; Saddam would die a martyr. The only way to avoid that is to acknowledge the hand America had in what took place in Iraq; the world would receive this admission best if it were freely made in an international forum.

A quick trial in Iraq for the purpose of careless, cold-blooded retribution is the least prudent action in Saddam's case. Americans should expect their leaders to be smarter and more creative, instead of solving their problems with millennia-old slogans like "an eye for an eye."

It's important that Saddam is brought to justice, but the American leaders who decide his fate should remember that their actions will reflect upon our country and will have repercussions for the global community.

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2004: The sexual forecast

Happy New Year Cal Poly!

Reflecting on the previous year, I must say that 2003 was a year filled with scandal, sex and intrigue. Indeed, 2003 bears witness to some of the craziest sex stories since Bill and Monica's romp in the oval office back in the late 1990s.

Last year was full of the frolicking Catholic priest, groping his way through Sunday school. We had legislators and courts take up the profound issues of gay marriage and sodomy. The hottest TV show was Sex and the City. Jessica Simpson finally gave it up to Nick Lachey after 5 years of blue balls. Playboy became a member of AARP and turned 50 years old. Kobe got caught cheating, only to show us how smooth he really is by making it up to Vanessa with a diamond disguised as a golf ball. Just last month, Michael Jackson finally got caught for hooking up with 12-year-old boys, ending countless naked pillow fights at Neverland Ranch. Jacko should have gotten some tips from the Catholic priests; they hid it for decades. To top it all off, we even got to experience Paris Hilton and her sex tape, shot in vibrant infrared and downloaded millions of times the world over.

Yet, despite these intoxicating tales of ruined lives and sordid affairs, we heard very little in the newspapers about little ol' San Luis Obispo. There were no nationwide loglines bearing Cal Poly as the center of scandal and misbehaving sexual addicts. Frankly, I'm ashamed and disappointed.

This year, I think we can do better.

Lucky for us, Cal Poly is a very predictable school. The sexual hot spots don't really change much. In my seven years in San Luis Obispo, nothing new or exciting has made even a small blip on the sexual radar. For a wise and seasoned Poly vet like me, it's really easy to throw on the mind reading turban, peer into the crystal ball and spout forth sexual events "psychic style," like a mystical gypsy priest at a backwoods carnival. So burn some incense, light up some candles and gas up your pens as I present for you: **The J-Spot Cal Poly Sexual Forecast 2004.**

Valentine's Day: Valentine's Day in San Luis Obispo will be fantastic. The single women of the town will all become extremely apt to say "yes" when asked on dates for the entire week before Valentine's Day. Those with girlfriends will be forced to endure the shame of buying flowers and crotch-less panties in public. We will be rewarded with gobs and gobs of sex, however. So the shame will be short lived. The single women will buy up all the Bons-Bons on the Central Coast and sit at home pouting with each other. Some women will have a "girls night out" and be bitchy to men all night.

Mardi Gras: San Luis Obispo will have the best Mardi Gras this side of Bourbon Street, regardless of what the city tries to do about it. The downtown parade will turn into a veritable "boob-fest" as young women and men alike are overcome by the spirit of Mardi Gras. Afterward, there will be a shortage of red cups and beer kegs for a week as the entire town celebrates with hundreds of house parties throughout the city. We will all wake up with kiss marks all over our bodies and 10 pounds of beads around our necks. We will be sad that it's over.

Spring Break: This year, each of us will fork over 800 bones for a trip to Cancun. We will be pressured into these trips by our so called "friends," who earn free trips by selling them to suckers for tour companies as so-called "reps." We will be tempted by tales of loose women, free booze and Mexican hookers. When we arrive, we will party like porn stars for a week with people from Ohio and Florida who think all Californians surf. We will have promiscuous sex with them for the whole week and then never speak to them again, although we swore to them that we would be e-mail buddies forever.

Wildflower: In May we will have a second spring break at Lake San Antonio. There must be some sort of sex-inducing force field surrounding the lake because once there, the sky is the limit in terms of sexual opportunity. We will have "tent hook ups" with at least two people per day and not remember their names afterward. Somewhere, although I'm not sure it exists, there will be a world-class triathlon happening.

Graduation Weekend: If you're like me, this will be your last weekend as an irresponsible student before becoming a semi-productive member of society. For the rest of you, this will be the last time hanging out with dorm-mates and house-mates before the long stretch of summer. As such, we will be on the prowl for "the one who got away." In layman's terms, we will vent out a whole year's worth of sexual tension in one short Friday night.

So there it is, Cal Poly, the sexual forecast for 2004. Now that you know the hot spots there is no excuse for not finding the sex you're looking for. With such a smart, capable and talented campus, there's no reason not to be part of this year's sexual headlines. Have a fun, safe and sex-filled 2004!

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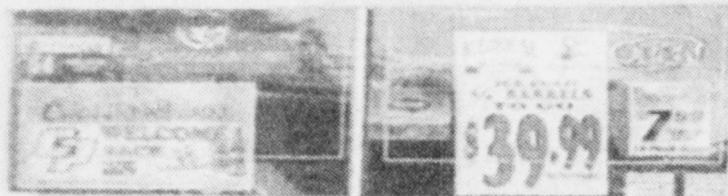


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Week after week, people flock
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television-watching rituals.
But is it healthy?

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IDIOT BOX?

Men, women find camaraderie, joy in watching TV with others

By Amy Hessick

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A group of friends gathers weekly to dish about a single man who is dating multiple women. The strange thing is, the group has never met the man; he is just a character on a TV show, albeit a reality show.

Television viewing is usually an independent activity, but when groups of friends all enjoy the same show, they often make it an event to watch together.

One such group of students unites to watch "The Bachelor" and has been doing so since the show first aired in March 2002. The group includes recreation administration senior Karley Pope, liberal studies senior Kelly Chute, psychology graduate Summer Emmons and liberal studies graduate Annie Chute.

This group has turned watching the show into a weekly event, and Wednesday has become "Bachelor Night." They rotate who hosts the event each week and usually bring appetizers and dessert. They even meet at least half an hour before the show starts so that they can discuss

last week's show and predict what will happen that night.

"I look forward to 'Bachelor Night' all week long not only because I love the show but because I get to see my friends," Kelly Chute said.

The group's dedication to the show seemed a little strange at first to Pope. She had never watched the show until the current season and was at first doubtful that she could become as involved in the show as everyone else.

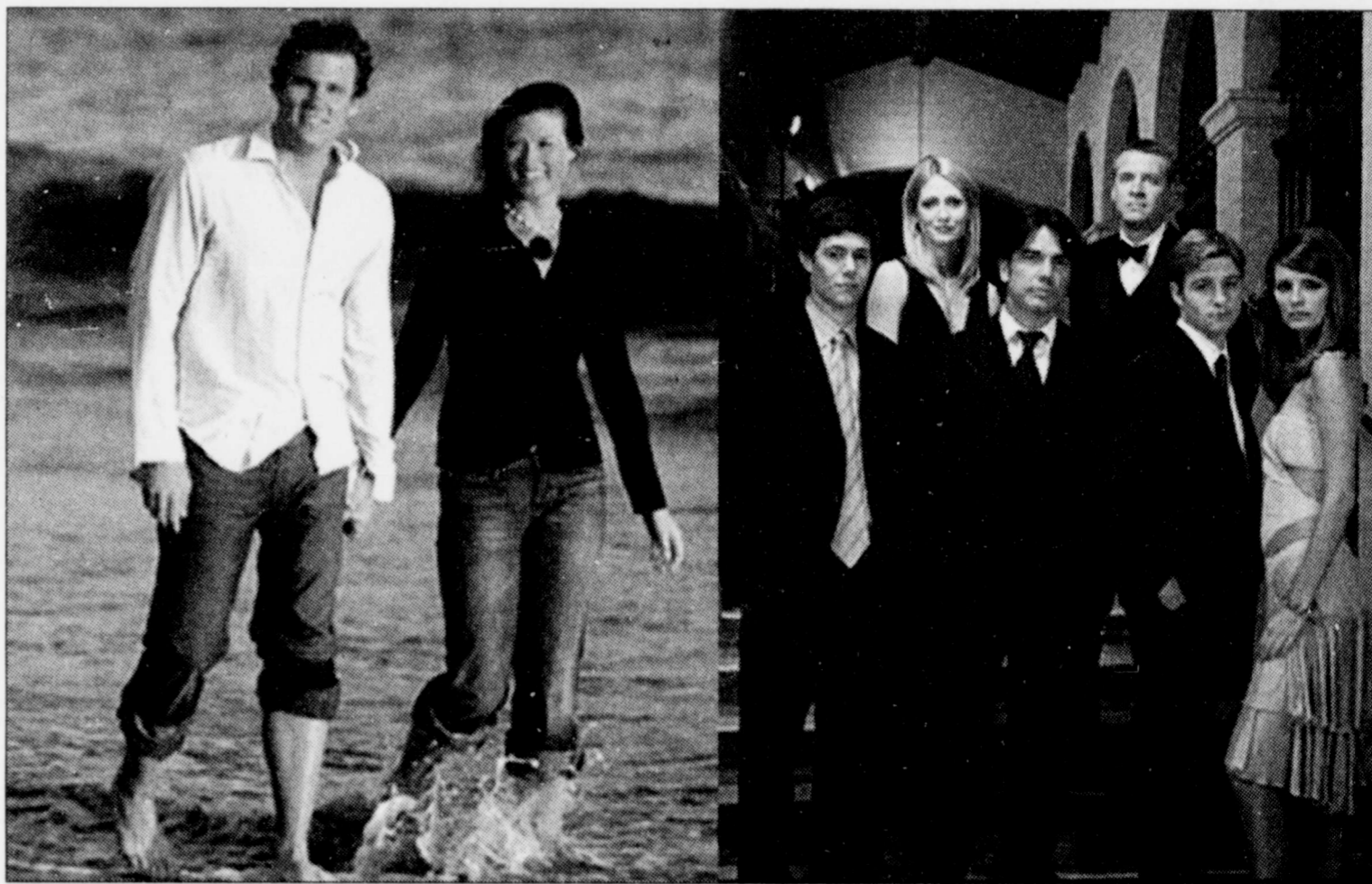
"I never thought I could get so interested in a show until I started coming to 'Bachelor Night,'" Pope said. "Now I'm hooked, and I even talk with other girls in my classes about 'The Bachelor' the day after it airs."

Although this behavior may seem odd, it is not unhealthy, psychology professor Basil Fiorito said.

"It is a social experience, and we are social animals, so it seems fairly normal," Fiorito said.

And this group television viewing may be what the advertisers and producers intended. Advertisers often refer to watching television as "inviting characters into your home," and "The Bachelor" Web site encourages watching the show with your friends by offering free invitations to send out. A link on the page reads "What's better than watching 'The Bachelor' alone? Watching it with your friends, of course! Plan your party now with our custom Evite."

"Bachelor" group member Emmons said she likes to watch her



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Television shows such as "The Bachelor," (left) "The O.C." (right) and "Friends" are not only huge hits, but they also bring people together to breed ritualistic viewing habits. While it may seem strange to some, one psychology professor said this behavior is normal and can be attributed to the fact that humans are social creatures.

favorite TV show with her friends because she can get excited about it while her friends share in that excitement.

"I appreciate the moral support," Emmons said. "It makes me not feel as bad about watching a stupid show if I'm doing it with my friends."

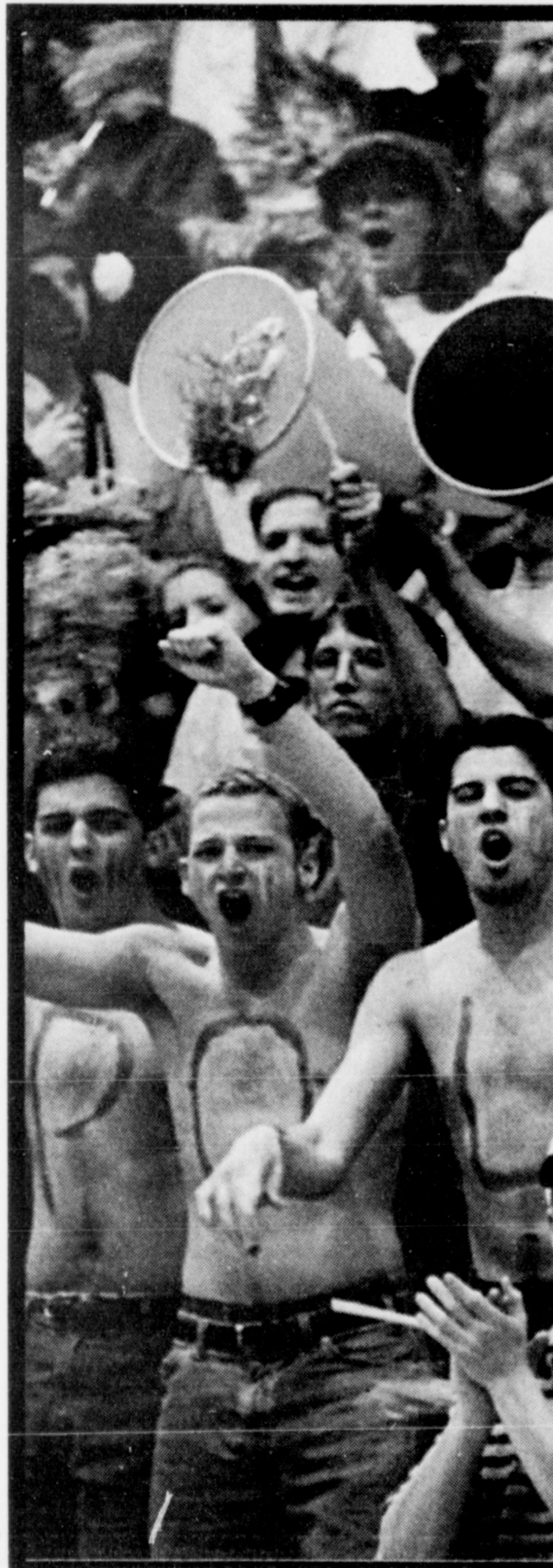
Apparently, the desire to be in a

social setting while watching television is not a purely female reaction; Kelly Chute's boyfriend spends his Wednesday nights with a group of guys who get together to watch "The O.C."

"The main difference is that the boys watch the show together so that they can make fun of it, and we watch

it together so that we can analyze what's going on," Kelly Chute said.

Watching television with a group of friends, then, seems to create a comfort zone for both men and women. Generally, men feel more comfortable wanting to watch a show if they are all together and women use the shows as a form of bonding.



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Love: Does it really make scents?

• One reporter explores the reality of smell's effect on attracting a suitor

By Micah Paulson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Pheromones are chemical signals released by animals, mostly by means of sweat or urine, which elicit a behavioral or psychological response from members of their own species.

The messages are relayed through nerves to an area of the brain called the hypothalamus, which is known to alter emotions, hormones and sexual behavior.

Many fragrance companies have attempted to capitalize on the possibility of a human pheromone that would attract the opposite sex.

Companies use hormones from animals like pigs and deer since a human version has yet to be discovered, said Louis Monti, executive vice president of Pherin Pharmaceuticals.

"The companies that claim they have developed a pheromone-based product that would make humans more attractive are full of baloney," Monti said. "Humans have a well-developed frontal cortex which eliminates the impulsive behavior that is prudent in animals."

Pherin Pharmaceuticals claims it has identified human pheromones

that can be altered to alleviate certain psychological problems.

"The medication comes in a spray that is shot up the nose," Monti said. "The medication provides a calming effect that can be used to help with social phobias, such as public speaking or flying on an airplane."

Pherin Pharmaceuticals is in the initial stages of testing a substance that could either heighten or reduce a person's appetite, which will help fight obesity and anorexia, Monti said.

Many studies have attempted to prove that the human sense of smell

serves a purpose when it comes to finding a partner. *"As far as sexual motivation goes, the sense of smell is even more important than sight."*

Annette Green
Sense of Smell Institute

combatability complex, in the early 1990s. MHC are genes that exist in every animal that has a backbone. They regulate the immune system to fight against different types of diseases and decipher an individual's body odor.

Wedekind's study took 44 men and had them wear the same T-shirt for a 48-hour period, without using any personal hygiene products. He

then had 49 women smell the shirts and decide which smell was most appealing.

The results overwhelmingly showed that the women chose men who had a genetic make-up opposite of their own. Wedekind concluded that the women instinctively chose men that differed from themselves to reduce the chance of inbreeding, making potential offspring more likely to survive.

For everyday, practical purposes, people use everything from scented lotions to perfumes to mask their natural aroma.

"We all start out with our own smell fingerprint," Green said. "Layered on top of that is the types of food we eat, any medications we are taking, how heavy we perspire and any hygiene products we use."

Men like women to have a sweet smell, like flowers, while men are usually identifiable with a musk smell, Green said.

While tastes differ from person to person, one thing that has been found to be universal throughout the world is cleanliness, Green said.

"My advice to guys is to take more than one shower a day," suggests chemistry junior Aiesha Noval. "Sweat clings to all the hair on guys; some guys can pull off the sweaty-man thing, but not every guy."

Rising country singer keeps it simple

By Blake Whitaker
THE DAILY COUGAR (UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON)

HOUSTON — Music, no matter how complex, can be reduced down to its base elements — a bow scraping across violin strings, air traveling through a reed or the hammer of a piano key pricking one of its strings. The artist decides whether these elements will become a symphony or a three-chord pop song.

On her sophomore release "Wellspring," rising country/folk singer Caroline Herring keeps things toward the simple end of the spectrum, using the standard formula of twangy guitars and delicate arrangements for her mostly acoustic music. What separates her from the flock of aspiring singer/songwriters is her exceptional voice and above-average songwriting.

Most listeners are probably accustomed to her musical and lyrical style. A haunting pedal steel guitar and the occasional fiddle accent quiet finger-picking and lyrics about heartache, being on the road, heartache, Texas and heartache. Herring's lyrics may touch on conventional subjects, but her confessional style and storytelling often leave one wondering what's going to happen next in her songs — an exceptional feat in a genre that's so prone to formulaic pandering.

Herring's voice is another factor that sets her apart from the pack. Her graceful twang may not have a huge range, but it stays on key even during complex parts and does not lack in power. Listeners may be reminded of Linda Ronstadt; when talking about voice, such comparisons are never a bad thing.

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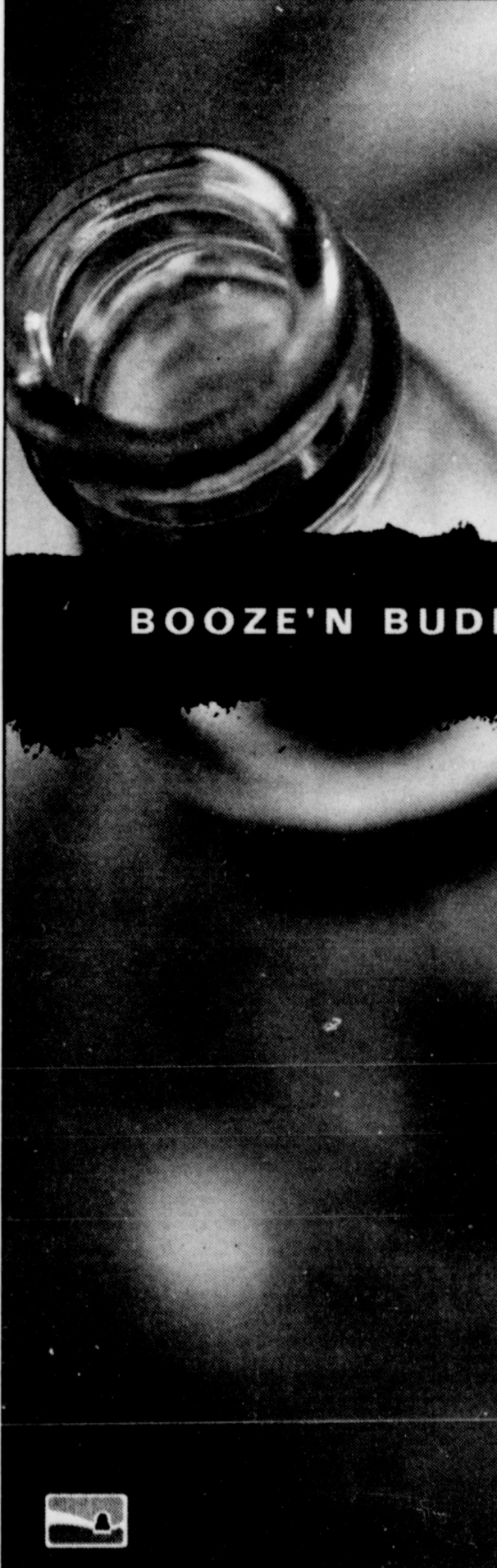
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County hires coastal developer lobbyist

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — Supervisors approved a contract to pay a lobbyist up to \$60,000 to represent San Luis Obispo County in an effort to improve strained relations with the California Coastal Commission.

Sacramento lobbyist Susan McCabe, who also represents many coastal developers, will represent the county during commission meetings this year. The Board of Supervisors approved the contract Tuesday. The county paid McCabe \$25,000 last year.

Conservationists quickly criticized the deal, saying it is an attempt to allow more development on the coast and avoid updating the county's

coastal program. "The greatest threat I see to the coast is the five of you," Pam Heatherington of the Environmental Center told supervisors. Sierra Club representative Tarren Collins said McCabe's clients represent a "who's who of coastal developers."

Supervisors defended the contract as a necessary means of protecting local control of the coast. Supervisors have criticized the commission for overstepping its authority.

Supervisor Mike Ryan said McCabe will likely save the county money because she will expedite the county's dealings with the commission, resulting in a reduction of staff time spent on appeals and updates.

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MARBURY

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players, the Suns can make enough room to take a stab at one of the league's top free agents next year. They are also making a healthier environment for 2003 Rookie of the Year Amare Stoudemire, who had been feuding with Marbury in recent weeks.

The Knicks can also cash in on

this deal. New York now has their first All-Star point guard since Walt Frazier, which will bring crowds to the stands at Madison Square Garden. Marbury is the big-time player the Knicks need — and can provide an answer for the Eastern Conference's best point guard, Jason Kidd, for whom Marbury was traded for in 2001.

With this deal finalized, newly-appointed Knicks' general manager Isiah Thomas has turned his team around. The backcourt is downright

scary with Marbury teaming up with the smooth-shooting Allan Houston. Marbury is a physical, slashing point guard who will drive into the lane for a quick floater or kick the ball out to swingman Keith Van Horn. He and Marbury are said to have put aside their differences.

Van Horn gets my vote for Most Improved Player this year.

Some say the Suns got the worst end of the deal, acquiring often-injured Antonio McDyess, Howard Easley, an aging Charlie Ward, who

was promptly cut, and two big foreign men. This is not the case as trades are often done for financial stability. But with Stoudemire and Shawn Marion sticking around, they have built a solid core from which to build. The Suns are already talking about attracting Kobe Bryant to Phoenix this summer.

The bottom line speaks the loudest — Marbury is a winner.

He and the Suns took the World Champion San Antonio Spurs to

the brink of elimination last year, which is almost equivalent to winning the Eastern Conference. Charles Barkley once called the Eastern Conference a "junior varsity league." Now that the Knicks possess a "varsity" player, they are poised to make a run at the Atlantic Division title.

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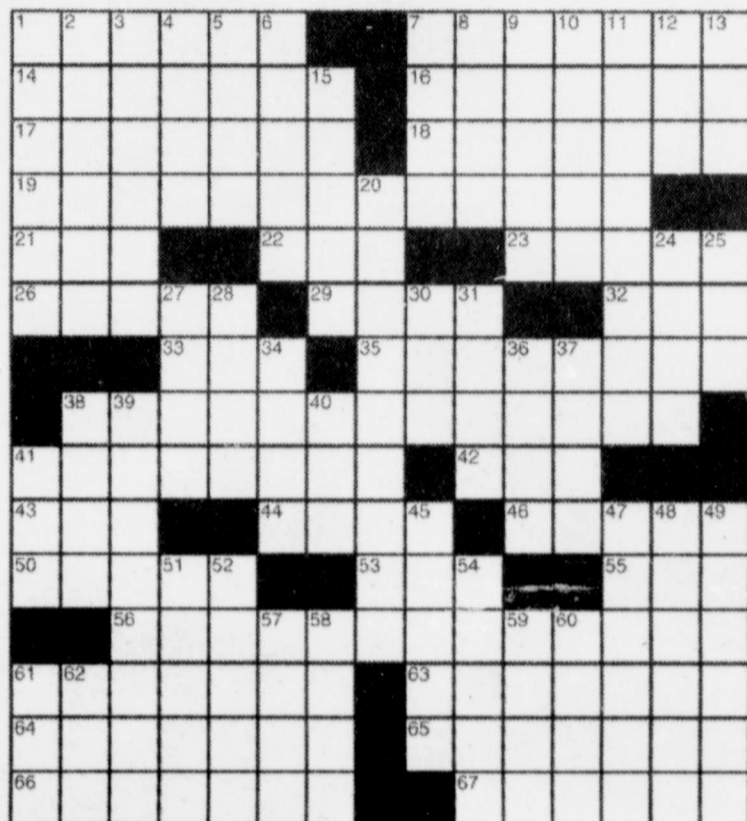
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Thick, creamy soup
 - 7 Certain heating fuel
 - 14 Freezing
 - 16 Border lake
 - 17 Not a substitute
 - 18 Lean Cuisine target market
 - 19 Inspect like a trooper?
 - 21 Playwright Ensler of "The Vagina Monologues"
 - 22 Egyptian symbol of power
 - 23 Final Commandment
 - 26 Pops
 - 29 Whiskey _____
 - 32 Prefix with cycle
 - 33 Dine
 - 35 Into something quite a way
 - 38 Guarantee time off?
 - 41 Entree eaten with a spoon
 - 42 Blubber
 - 43 Ninny
 - 44 Do laps
 - 46 Show place
 - 50 Less
 - 53 Pull
 - 55 Kenny G's instrument
 - 56 Change one's acrobatic routine?
 - 61 Queens neighborhood
 - 63 "Here, try this"
 - 64 Poor players under pressure
 - 65 Certain train car

- DOWN**
- 1 Sign of winter
 - 2 Book size
 - 3 Razzed
 - 4 1/640 square mile
 - 5 Basic computer command
 - 6 "Maria _____" (Jimmy Dorsey #1 hit)
 - 7 New England catch
 - 8 Attending to the case
 - 9 Really bothered
 - 10 Caffe _____
 - 11 Drink in a Chinese restaurant
 - 12 Show on TV
 - 13 It's sometimes written in the sand
 - 15 Uniform
 - 20 Talked to
 - 24 Long hike
 - 25 When repeated, start of a cheer
 - 27 Up until
 - 28 Totals
 - 30 Spanish article
 - 31 Robert E. Lee's men
 - 34 Absolute worst
 - 66 Like words in a magazine or newspaper
 - 67 Firstborn



Puzzle by Joe DiPietro

- 36 Son of Aphrodite
- 37 You're strapped when you're in it
- 38 Bit of Mexican bread
- 39 Turnpike sight
- 40 Follow a pattern, in a way
- 41 Kick out
- 45 Wool lovers
- 47 Diagonally
- 48 William who founded Mad magazine
- 49 Whiz
- 51 Came to
- 52 Fathers
- 54 Use a harpoon
- 57 Wear down
- 58 Throw
- 59 Motorcyclist Knievel
- 60 Chicken kernels?
- 61 & 62 Be demure

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Taking their show on the road

• Conference-leading Mustangs look for first road wins on trip to Idaho, Utah State

MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS REPORT

The Cal Poly women's basketball team, undefeated at home but winless on the road, continues Big West Conference play this weekend with games on the road at Idaho on Thursday night and Utah State on Saturday afternoon.

The Mustangs (6-5) sprinted to a 4-1 start with victories at home against Sacramento State, Portland State, Air Force and UC Davis — teams with a combined 13-32 record.

But Cal Poly is still looking for its first win away from Mott Gym. Their road opponents have fared better, with a combined 31-15 record this season.

The Mustangs snapped a four-game losing streak last Saturday night with a 60-56 victory over UC Irvine in the Big West opener. Cal Poly followed that with another four-point victory, 68-64 over Long Beach State on Monday night.

Freshman point guard Sparkle Anderson produced 14 points and three assists in the win over the Anteaters and notched 15 points, seven rebounds, three assists and five steals in the victory over the 49ers. She currently leads the Mustangs in scoring with an 11.7 mark and also is averaging 3.4 assists and 3.2 steals per game, among the leaders in the Big West.

Cal Poly is playing Idaho for the 12th time. The Vandals own a 7-4

edge in the series. The Mustangs are facing Utah State for the first time.

Idaho, under third-year head coach Mike Divilbiss (29-36, Winona State '81), is off to a 9-1 start. The Vandals' "rebuilding years may not be quite over ...," according to the team's media guide, but their record says otherwise as Idaho has lost only to Memphis 73-64 in a tournament at Missoula, Mont.

The Vandals won their first seven games, cracking the 70-point mark each time. Idaho has scored in the 60s in its last three games. After the loss to Memphis, the Vandals beat Princeton 62-54 and Utah State 62-51.

Top Idaho scorers are sophomore post player Emily Faurholt at 24.9 points per game and senior post player Taylor Benson at 12.8. Both are 5-11. Faurholt, who had 21 points and 12 rebounds in the Big West-opening win over Utah State last Saturday, also averages 7.6 rebounds a contest.

Utah State sports an 0-9 mark under first-year head coach Raegan Pebley (Colorado '97). The Aggies have returned to the hardcourts after a 17-year absence and lost in overtime to Northern Colorado, 73-70, on Dec. 13 in their closest game to date.

In the loss to Idaho, Ali Aird had 18 points and six rebounds. The 6-3 sophomore center is the Aggies' top scorer (13.2 points per game) and top rebounder (6.0 rebounds). Freshman guard Christina Zdenek contributes 10.3 points a contest for the Aggies.

Paterson averages 10.9 points and 6.1 rebounds a game, with a pair of 19-point efforts to her credit this season. Anderson has recorded a trio of 17-point games.



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Senior guard Catrina Taylor will help lead the Mustangs as they face Utah State for the first time in school history. The Aggies are 1-0 in conference play, while Idaho is 0-1.

The somber side of sports

The holidays were not a time of celebration for everyone. Some had to deal with the loss of loved ones.

Men's basketball head coach Kevin Bromley suffered through the loss of his father, Lenard. He watched Monday's loss to Long Beach State on television instead of courtside.

My close friend's younger brother died in a car accident just after midnight New Year's Eve. A college-bound, high school senior in my hometown rolled his car.

It's important to persevere amidst tragedy. Athletes do this constantly. Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre torched the Raiders this season, the day after his father died.

Athletes on campus show this courage constantly.

Football players Raj Thompson and Anthony Randolph each endured the deaths of people close to them during their senior year of high school.

Wide receiver Randolph lost a high school teammate in a drunk-driving accident in the middle of his swan song at Long Beach Wilson High School. Two weeks before a game, coaches filled the player's right

tackle position immediately, his teammates dedicated the season to their lost comrade and Randolph went on to win the Team MVP award.

Likewise, Thompson had just finished his senior season of high school football when his grandfather passed. The man had been like a father to Thompson. The two shared a passion for the Dallas Cowboys, and Thompson had spoken to him the week before he died to tell him he'd signed with Cal Poly.

Thompson said he was affected during his redshirt season, and even after five years as a Mustang, with his playing career now behind him, his memories haven't faded. "Probably every game I think about him," Thompson said.

Cross-country runner Matt Swaney also lost a grandparent. His 86-year-old grandmother played the organ at church the week before her death. Already back in training at San Luis Obispo and without a phone, Swaney learned about the

death through his coach, Mark Conover.

Swaney attended his grandmother's funeral in Ventura on a Saturday then met the team in Santa Barbara the following Tuesday for a meet.

That day, Swaney didn't come close to his personal record of 24:51 over the 8K course. He doesn't know if his grandmother's death contributed to his lackluster performance.

"I dunno..." Swaney said. "Sometimes you like to think things don't affect you, but maybe they do."

Some crises have happy endings. Women's volleyball star Vanessa Gilliam played for the University of Washington last year and was in the middle of practice one day when her father almost died during neck surgery.

"He went into cardiac arrest, it was pretty scary..." Gilliam said. "I was a wreck."

Gilliam transferred to Cal Poly to be closer to her family's Fairfield home.

Her father's health is still unstable, but she sees him at every home game. She throws him T-shirts sometimes before games and smiles during them.

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Golden Graham

Marbury heads home

Stephon Marbury, a two-time All-Star and arguably the best point guard New York has ever produced, is returning home to the Big Apple after an eight-player trade that should help make the New York Knicks a playoff-caliber team.

Marbury, a Coney Island native, has been a virtual nomad, playing on four teams in four different states in his budding career.

He is only 26 years old. Why was one of the NBA's top players traded?

For money.

The Phoenix Suns are now relieved of a serious amount of salary cap room. Before the trade, the Suns had one of the top six payrolls in the league but were not near that in the standings. By dealing Marbury and a few other

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Sports Bar
Scores • Schedule • Stats • Trivia

SCORES	
M Basketball 72	@ Long Beach State 86
Mike Titchend (G) - 16 points (career high)	
W Basketball 68	VS. Long Beach State 64
Sparkle Anderson (G) - 15 points, five steals	
M Swimming 1st place	@ UCI Invitational
Won 200 medley, 3x100 breast, 3x100 ind. medley	
W Swimming 4th place	@ UCI Invitational
Fourth in 3x100 individual medley	
M Basketball 59	@ UC Irvine 74
Kameron Gray - 35 points (career high)	
W Basketball 61	VS. UC Irvine 56
Courtney Uphoff, Anderson (G) - 14 points	

Schedule	
M Basketball	VS. Idaho
thurs, jan. 8, 7 p.m.	
W Basketball	@ Idaho
thurs, jan. 8, 7 p.m.	
Wrestling	@ Oklahoma State
fri, jan. 9, 5 p.m.	
Swimming	VS. CSUN
fri, jan. 9, 1 p.m.	
M Basketball	VS. Utah State
sat, jan. 10, 7 p.m.	
W Basketball	@ Utah State
sat, jan. 10, 2 p.m.	
Wrestling	@ Oklahoma
sat, jan. 10, 5 p.m.	
M Basketball	VS. UC Santa Barbara
sat, oct. 17, 7 p.m.	
W Basketball	@ UC Santa Barbara
sat, jan. 17, 7 p.m.	

Stats

By the numbers

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In December, senior cornerback David Richardson became the Mustangs' first American Football Coaches Association Division I-AA All-American.

The senior cornerback intercepted five passes this season and 10 for his career.

Trivia

Today's question

How many years did Stephon Marbury play at Georgia Tech?

Send answers to: spmartin@calpoly.edu

Yesterday's Question

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Congratulations to holidays!

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