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Mardi Gras weekend was exactly what San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deborah Linden wanted.

"We're really hoping you will be bored stiff all weekend," she told an estimated 350 policemen at a briefing on Friday night at Santa Rosa Park, the field operations headquarters for the weekend.

Linden and her staff, comprised of officers from agencies all over the state, took every precaution necessary to ensure a quiet weekend in San Luis Obispo. On the contrary, in 2004, riots broke out near student housing on Foothill and California Boulevards.



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In 2005, 82 arrests were made over a three-day period, according to a press release from the San Luis Obispo Police Department. This year, that number went down to 32 over both Friday and Saturday night. According



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A Woodstock's Pizza delivery driver was ticketed Saturday morning near Foothill and California boulevards.

to Kim Walker, SLOPD public information officer, a majority of the arrests were drunk in public. Police issued 51 citations over the weekend, with almost half given for alcohol-related offenses. But overall, officers felt that "The Party is Still Over" campaign was a success.

"There hasn't been much happening. We are making sure the

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City plans to scale down Mardi Gras 2007's operation

Liz Soteros-McNamara

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A record low 32 arrests over the holiday weekend showed that students know Mardi Gras in San Luis Obispo is still over.

More than 350 law enforcement officers spent Mardi Gras weekend in San Luis Obispo to ensure there was no potential threat to public safety. About two-thirds of the officers were concentrated near the intersection of Foothill and California boulevards, with the remainder assigned to the downtown bar area.

"We are well on our way to accomplishing our mission," said Deborah Linden, police chief of San Luis Obispo during the quiet Friday night.

Linden said the city looked at universities like California State University, Chico State to implement change and expects Mardi Gras to wind down completely within five years of the riot. She added that the rotating student population helps scale down events that have become out of control.

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COMMENTARY

Man on the street: An insider's view of Mardi Gras

Joe Sargent
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On Stenner Street, a pack of cops on horses roam the streets; the entire pack trots into an apartment complex's parking lot and the horses relieve themselves. Some of the residents complain. I know there is some type of metaphor there, and I took to the streets to find it.



Friday night

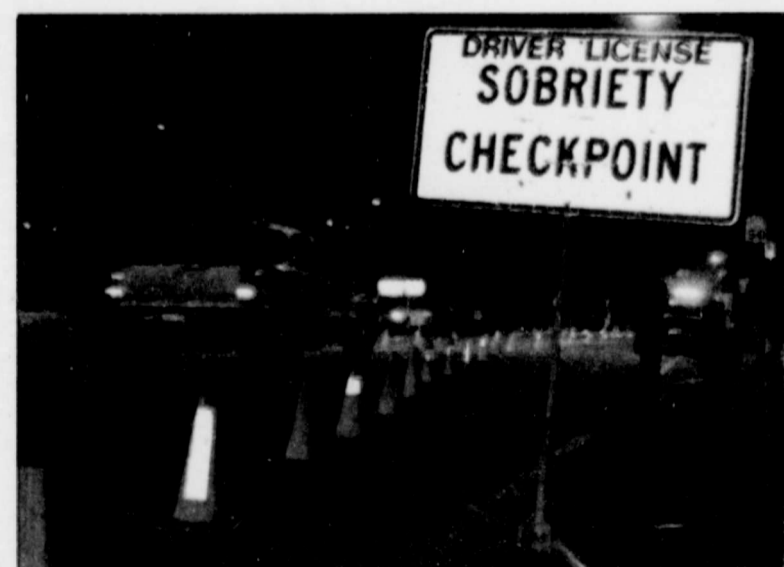
I'm walking around Stenner Street, by Mustang Village and the infamous corner of Foothill and California boulevards, and there are more cops out than people.

Every now and then you see someone on the street with beads, you can tell these people are either from out of town or freshmen. They are wandering around town trying to find the spirit of Mardi Gras past, but the true partyers are hidden away.

On every street there are murmurs of a party. With curtains drawn, and barely audible music, small groups huddle together. Mardi Gras has now been split into 10,000 small house parties fighting the system 10 to 20 people at a time.

In every party, the owner of the house is talking about the fear of a \$900 fine, but like any good resistance group, they throw caution to the wind and fight on one cup of Natty Light at a time. "Vive

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WHITNEY GUENTHER MUSTANG DAILY

Police set up a number of DUI checkpoints in San Luis Obispo to keep drunk drivers off the roads.

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people working the doors (at the bars) are monitoring occupancy load," said Jim Tringham, San Luis Obispo fire marshal. "Everybody has been pretty cooperative so far."

By 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, areas near California and Foothill Boulevards were relatively quiet. Though it was just what the police force wanted, some students did not agree with the campaign.

"I think it's ridiculous. There are too many cops for too few people," said Travis Robertson-Carter, 22, a sophomore at Cuesta College.

Robertson-Carter, a Woodstock's delivery driver, was pulled over and ticketed for a seat belt violation. When pulling out of the Alpha Gamma Rho parking lot on California Boulevard, he made a wide U-turn and nearly hit police officers on the corner of California and Foothill Boulevards. A few minutes later, he was pulled over again on Casa Street and ticketed for reckless driving.

"They need to keep students safe, but all they are doing is keeping people from doing anything at all," he said. "They need to control a situation if it arises."

On Friday and Saturday night, two DUI checkpoints were set up around town; one at the intersection of Marsh Street and Osos Street and the other where Foothill Boulevard meets Chorro Street. A total of 1,248 cars were screened on both Friday and Saturday night. By early Saturday morning, 20 sobriety tests had been given and one citation was given.

Though most of Friday night was quiet, an unknown group of students turned over a car on Stafford Street and on the 1200 block of Foothill Boulevard, an unknown person threw a bottle at a peace officer, according to police. In either instance, no one was apprehended.

This year, roughly 100 police were stationed downtown, and nearly 250 police on bikes, motorcycles, horses and in cars were positioned along California Boulevard.

At the police briefing on Friday, Linden said that 2005 was a huge success and there were no complaints from citizens due to noise disturbances.

The streets were empty and few cars were driving around by 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Downtown was busy on Saturday night, with groups overflowing bars, but aside from a few traffic violations, no disturbances were reported, according to police.

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On the corner of California and Foothill Boulevards, police spent both evenings working the crosswalk lights to keep students from creating traffic hazards.

"A small minority ruined it for everyone else," said Sgt. Sam Sarmiento, with California State University Police. Sarmiento also worked during the 2004 riot.

Dave Romero, mayor of San Luis Obispo, called Mardi Gras "meek and

mild" early Saturday evening. Romero also said that the city plans to scale down police presence at Mardi Gras over the next few years, and the cost to the city will be lower next year. He added that ending concern over the event would spread the wrong message to the community if done too soon.

Projections for the total cost will not be available for several weeks. One cost that will not be added to the city's bill was the additional law enforcement present throughout the city this weekend.

"Outside agencies were not paid for by the city," said Kim Walker, SLOPD's public information officer for Mardi Gras. "They represent a co-operational effort by neighboring and state agencies."

City Manager Ken Hampian commented late Saturday evening that it will take closer to two years rather than the projected four years to end Mardi Gras.

By midnight on Saturday, all law enforcement other than San Luis Obispo police were released from duty.

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La Resistance."

As I walk downtown via Santa Rosa Street, men yell out the windows of passing cars — a normal Mardi Gras occurrence — but instead of yelling at women to expose themselves, they are yelling, "The party is over." The line is now a city-wide joke.

At the bars, the older crowd is telling war stories of years gone by. "Do you remember Mardi Gras our sophomore year? It was sick," a bar patron says. This is echoed throughout the night. Stories of the parade, the Cedar Creek balconies, the riot, how someone almost got arrested or how they were right there.

The old schoolers reminisce about when the parade was still held at night.

Friday ends eerily quiet.

Saturday

The bead-wearing wanderers, the

rebel partyers and the cops are all back out.

Tonight, there are more cops, but they have added a new trick to the mix — "plain-clothes" cops.

The only way someone could perceive the clothes these undercover cops are wearing as "plain" is if you are in fact a roadie for Asia and it is the year 1981.

Large groups of cops congregate on street corners. Walking through, one group of plain-clothes cops yell at me, "You guys ready to riot, starts at 9:00." The whole group laughs. The rest are talking about the rumor that they may get to go home early.

Since Mardi Gras is over, I propose a new annual event that I am spearheading next year. The first annual San Luis Obispo Mustache-off.

With so many peace officers in town, there is an over abundance of wicked 'staches. Instead of drinking next year, go out with a camera and find the best mustache. Once you've found the perfect one, take a picture,

there will be a contest on the corner of Foothill and California Boulevards for the "Best Mustache."

But I digress.

Downtown is a mess, there is an ungodly line in front of every bar. The Library looks like a biker bar with a row of choppers sitting out front, except these bikes have funny blue and red lights on them.

Next door, Mother's Tavern has over 30 people in line. City Councilman Paul Brown owns Mother's; I am not making a connection, this is merely a fact.

Besides a crowded bar scene, Saturday night ends much like Friday night, and the Mardi Gras weekend ends like almost any other weekend in San Luis Obispo.

And now the city has a question to ask for next year: Does it spend the money and waste the manpower to stop nothing, or roll the dice, cut back the force and hope that students have learned their lesson? Your call San Luis Obispo.

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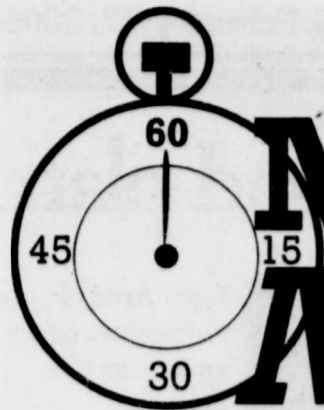
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5-Day Weather Forecast

Monday



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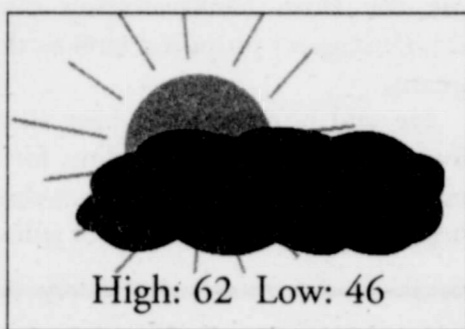
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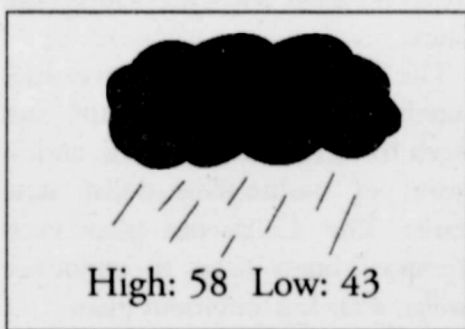
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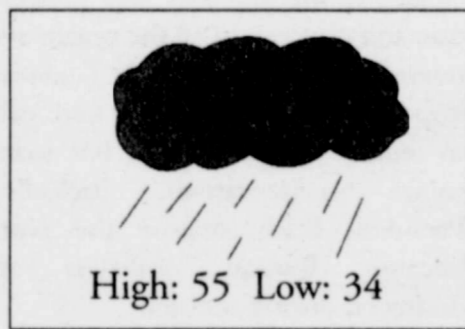
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Thursday



High: 58 Low: 43

Friday



High: 55 Low: 34

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Color: Red

Movie: "Memento"

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State briefs

SANTA ANA (AP) — One of Orange County's main hospitals is threatening to stop providing medical services to some 4,300 of the county's poor, citing millions of dollars in losses.

Western Medical Center-Santa Ana has notified CalOptima, the county's medical care agency for the poor, that it will withdraw from the indigent care program in six months unless the agency speeds up its payments to the hospital.

CalOptima disburses government funds to hospitals that provide treatment for the poor, but officials at Western Medical say the hospital suffered \$10 million in losses last year related to its indigent care.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Nearly half of the vehicles owned by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department are taken home by employees, and the department has virtually no oversight of their use, according to an independent audit of the department.

The high number of vehicles on take-home status — 456 of the department's 1,069 motorcycles, cars, trucks and SUVs — was one of many concerns cited by Joseph Brann & Associates and the Public Strategies Group in a 124-page review of the department released Friday.

CAMARILLO (AP) — Retail gas prices across the country dropped an average of 6 cents in the past two weeks, according to a new survey.

The weighted average price for all three grades had dropped to \$2.27 a gallon by Friday, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations around the country.

Self-serve regular averaged \$2.24 a gallon nationwide. Mid-grade cost \$2.34 a gallon while the price for premium was \$2.44.

Gas prices are 33 cents higher than they were a year ago, Lundberg said Sunday.

Among stations surveyed, the lowest average price in the country for regular unleaded was in Portland, Ore., at \$1.99 a gallon. The priciest was \$2.59 a gallon in Honolulu.

Schwarzenegger meets with governors, defends bond plan

Erica Werner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger used a national television interview Sunday to promote his plan to spend \$222 billion on a massive public works building program in California.

In Washington for an annual meeting with fellow governors, Schwarzenegger interrupted as Tim Russert, host of NBC's "Meet the Press," characterized the proposal as "spend, spend, spend."

"No, it's invest, invest, invest, Tim. You're wrong," Schwarzenegger said.

"Those people that are criticizing my infrastructure deal and my strategic growth plan are people that are a little bit confused about the difference between spending and investing," he said.

Some of the people most critical of the plan, which would require \$68 billion in new borrowing, are conservative members of Schwarzenegger's own Republican Party, which was wrapping up a twice-annual state convention Sunday in San Jose, Calif.

Schwarzenegger alluded to the split in his party's ranks when Russert asked him if he'd run for re-election this year as a Bush Republican.

"I will run as an Arnold Republican, which is that I am there to govern and to serve the people of California, meaning Democrats and



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger speaks at the National Governors Association Healthy America Forum and Winter Meeting on Sunday, in Washington.

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Republicans, even though there are some on the right wing that are not happy about that, that think I should only govern for Republicans," Schwarzenegger said.

Two days after declaring a state of emergency for Sacramento's river and delta levees — which could trigger quick new spending to shore up the dangerously fragile barriers — Schwarzenegger reiterated the urgency of the need. He is expected to raise the issue when he and other governors meet with Bush on Monday.

"We can have a worse disaster than New Orleans, so I'm concerned

about that, that we are not really doing enough to protect the people," Schwarzenegger said.

Asked if he was concerned the Iraq war was draining National Guard troops that would be needed to respond to such a catastrophe, Schwarzenegger said he wasn't worried about that. But he said he'd join fellow governors in challenging the Bush administration over the Pentagon's proposed cuts to the guard.

He said he'd also be asking Bush for increased federal spending for a range of California needs, including border security and the cost of jailing

illegal immigrants who commit crimes.

Schwarzenegger renewed criticism that California gets back only about 79 cents in services for every dollar it pays in federal taxes — an imbalance that still exists even though Schwarzenegger pledged to fix it when he ran for governor in 2003 as "the Collectinator."

Schwarzenegger was joining fellow governors later Sunday for a panel on health and fitness, a new focus of the National Governors Association under the leadership of Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who's lost 110 pounds on an exercise plan.

\$3 billion California stem cell agency fights for life in court

Paul Elias
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SAN FRANCISCO — The future of embryonic stem cell research could be shaped in a sleepy suburban courtroom where two taxpayer groups are challenging the legality of California's new agency dedicated to the controversial field.

Opening statements were set to begin Monday in a pair of lawsuits seeking to invalidate the law that created the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine, which is authorized to hand out \$3 billion in research grants. The lawsuits allege — among other things — that it violates a state constitutional mandate that the spending of taxpayer dollars be under state control.

"The act delegates the disbursement of huge sums of public money to the

unfettered discretion of an institution whose governing board and working groups are unaccountable to the public," one of the lawsuits said.

When voters created the institute in November 2004, stem cell scientists saw the victory giving new traction to a field hamstrung by federal limitations on funding.

Proposition 71 authorized the agency to dole out an average of \$300 million in research grants each year over the next 10 years. But 15 months later, the agency has yet to hand out a dime because of its legal troubles.

The agency has hired staff, opened a San Francisco office and paid its bills with a \$3 million loan from the state and a \$5 million donation from sound pioneer Ray Dolby and his wife. But the lawsuits have scared off Wall Street lenders, who won't buy the institute's bonds until the litigation is resolved.

Human embryonic stem cells are created in the first days after conception and give rise to all the organs and tissues in the human body. Scientists hope they can someday use stem cells to replace diseased tissue, but many social conservatives, including President Bush, oppose the work because human embryos are destroyed during research.

Proposition 71 came as a reaction to administration's decision to cap federal funding for stem cell research at about \$25 million annually and impose strict research guidelines that scientists say limit advances.

The research guidelines in the California proposition, backed by 59 percent of the electorate, are much broader than the federal rules.

Wealthy Palo Alto real estate developer Robert Klein spearheaded the ballot drive, aided by a \$30 million

campaign financed in part by billionaire tycoons like Microsoft Corp.'s Bill Gates.

The state's research universities launched stem cell programs and began to recruit new talent in anticipation of multimillion-dollar state grants. The California plan even prompted other states to announce similar, if far less ambitious plans.

But the lack of funding has prompted the schools to scale back their immediate plans to expand stem cell research and has hampered recruiting. The sought-after husband-and-wife research team of Neal Copeland and Nancy Jenkins turned down an offer from Stanford University and accepted positions at a government-supported lab in Singapore. Copeland said the state's inability to fund stem cell research played a large role in the decision.

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DETROIT (AP) — A man opened fire at a church service Sunday, killing an 18-year-old woman and wounding her child before shooting another man outside, according to police and broadcast reports. Second Deputy Police Chief James Tate confirmed that three people were shot, one fatally, at Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church at about 11 a.m.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A growing number of governors, along the border and beyond, are sharpening their complaints about the flood of immigrants pouring into their states, pushing the Bush administration and Congress for action.

Republicans and Democrats alike on Sunday said they planned to bring the concerns to President Bush and his Cabinet in private meetings this week, bringing a front-line security worry of a different order than the latest Washington obsessions on ports and eavesdropping.

"This is a national issue," said Democrat Janet Napolitano of Arizona, where 500,000 attempts to illegally cross the border were turned back last year — and an untold number got through. Nationally there are an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants draining government resources.

AUSTIN (AP) — The FBI determined a powdery substance found in a roll of quarters at a University of Texas dormitory was not ricin after initial state tests had indicated it was the potentially deadly poison, a spokesman said Sunday. The FBI tests did not identify the substance, but they came back negative for the poison that is extracted from castor beans, said San Antonio FBI spokesman Rene Salinas.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — North America's tallest mountain is getting crowded — too crowded for safety. Starting next year, the National Park Service will cap the number of climbers allowed on Alaska's Mount McKinley at 1,500 a year — not too many more than the record 1,340 alpinists who attempted to scale the 20,320-foot mountain last year.

Arab company agrees to lengthier security probe in ports deal

Ted Bridis
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration said Sunday it will accept an extraordinary offer by a United Arab Emirates-based company to submit to a second — and broader — U.S. review of potential security risks in its deal to take over significant operations at six leading American ports. The plan averts an impending political showdown.

The Treasury Department said in a statement it will promptly begin the review once the company formally files a request for one. It said the same government panel that earlier investigated the deal but found no reason for national security concerns will reconsider it.

In six pages of documents sent earlier in the day to the White House, Dubai-based DP World asked for a 45-day investigation of plans to run shipping terminals in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia.

The announcement means the White House likely won't face a revolt by fellow Republicans when lawmakers return Monday from a weeklong break. A united Republican Party can assert that its leaders — both in Congress and at the White House — have taken additional steps to protect national security.

In a statement Sunday, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he will recommend that the Senate wait for results of the broader review before acting on legislation to delay or block the deal. Frist said he anticipates oversight hearings to continue to examine the agreement and its implications on maritime security.

DP World's offer was highly unusual. The secretive U.S. committee that considers security risks of foreign companies buying or investing in American industry has conducted such full investigations only about two dozen times among the more than 1,500 international deals it has reviewed.



With the Staten Island ferry behind them, Sen. Hillary Clinton, left, D-N.Y., and Sen. Robert Menendez, right, D-N.J., flank U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., as he speaks to the reporters in Battery Park on Sunday, in New York.

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The company said that during the renewed scrutiny, or until May 1, a London-based executive who is a British citizen would have authority over DP World's U.S. operations. It pledged that Dubai executives would not control or influence company business in the U.S., but said it was entitled to all profits during the period. It also said it will appoint an American to be its chief security officer in the United States.

"We hope that voluntarily agreeing to further scrutiny demonstrates our commitment to our long-standing relationship with the United States," said Edward H. Bilkey, the company's chief operating officer.

President Bush forcefully has defended his administration's earlier approval of DP World's proposal to buy London-based Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. It was not immediately clear whether the re-examination by U.S. officials would produce a different outcome.

"We're satisfied that there's been a complete review of the deal," Frances Fragos Townsend, the White House homeland security adviser, said on "Fox News Sunday."

In the administration's earlier review, completed Jan. 17, DP World agreed to cooperate with law

enforcement investigations and disclose records on demand about "foreign operational direction" of its business. The U.S. review committee unanimously approved the deal after a regular 30-day review, during which U.S. intelligence agencies reported they found no derogatory information about DP World in their files.

As part of that review, the administration did not require DP World to keep copies of business records on U.S. soil, where they would be subject to orders by American courts. It also did not require the company to designate an American citizen to accommodate U.S. government requests for information or assistance.

In the legal papers sent to the White House, DP World said it would abide by the outcome of the

lengthier review but indicated it could sue if the results were any different. The administration could seek additional security measures beyond the terms already negotiated.

A chief critic of the ports deal, Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said the company appeared to invite the more thorough investigation sought by many lawmakers. King, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said the proposal should be enough to delay any immediate effort in Congress to block the deal.

"If it is what it appears to be, to me there's no need at this time to go forward" with emergency legislation, King said. "Obviously we have to hold it in reserve and see what happens."

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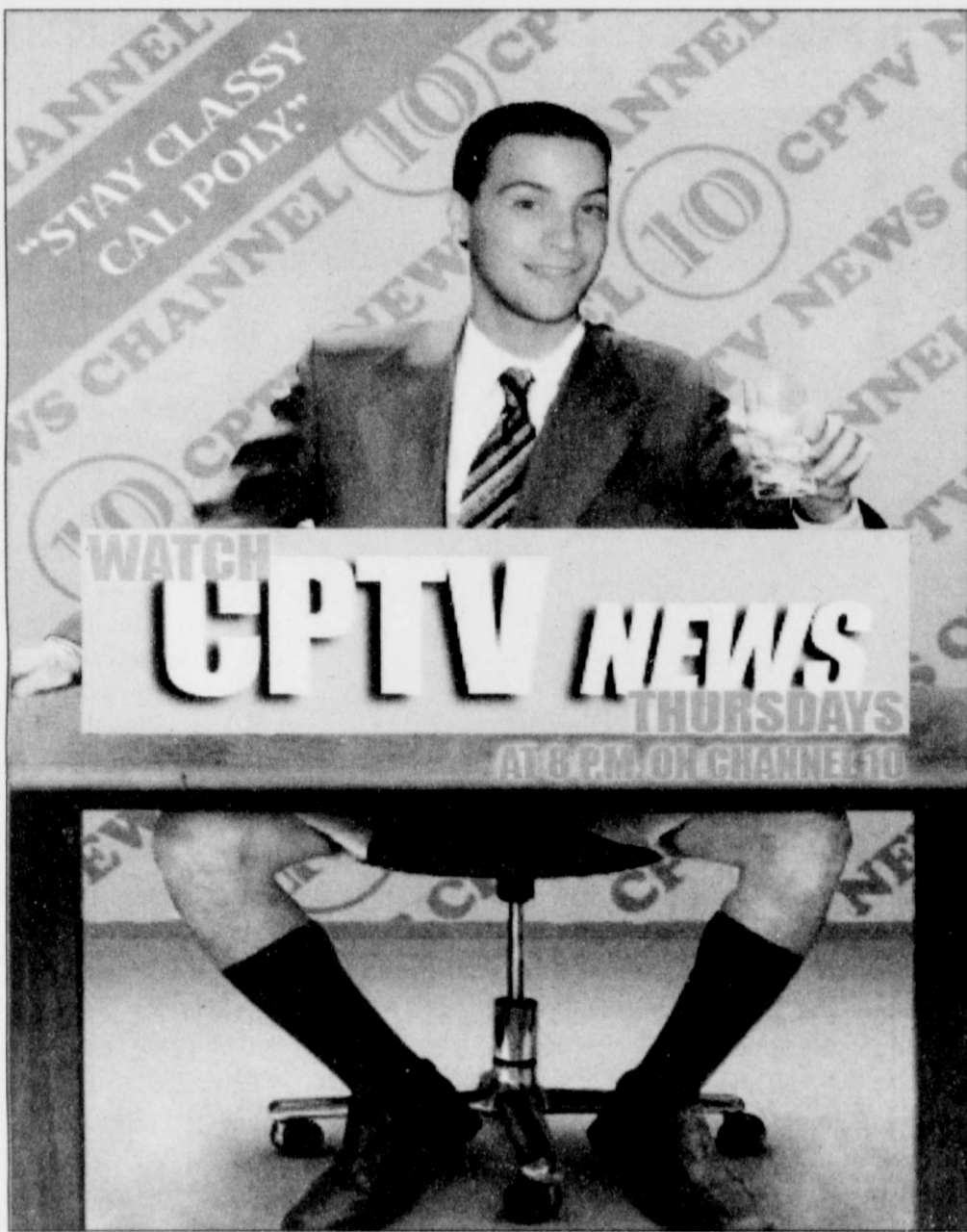
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2	LISTEN to "My Flame Burns Blue," the new split album by Elvis Costello and the Metropole Orkest. Available at Boo Boo Records on Tuesday, Feb. 28.	2/28
3	SING along with the Soweto Gospel Choir in the Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, March 1. They "are the most exciting vocal group to emerge from South Africa since Ladysmith Black Mambazo." Tickets are available through www.pacslo.org .	3/1
	MEANDER downtown and eat food at Farmers' Market on Higuera Street on Thursday night, between Osos and Nipomo streets.	3/2
5	CHILL OUT with "Another Type of Groove," spoken-word and poetry reading on Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Philips Halls in the Performing Arts Center.	3/2
6	SEE the suspenseful new Richard Donner film, "16 Blocks," opening in theatres Friday, March 3. The movie stars Mos Def and Bruce Willis.	3/3
7	RELAX and watch the Cal Poly Theatre Department perform "The Crucible" in the Alex & Fay Spanos theatre on Friday March 3. Tickets are available through www.pacslo.org .	3/3
8	PINE for Cal Poly's annual "Arts in the Arboretum" in the Leaning Pine Arboretum on campus on Saturday, March 4. The free event, celebrating the arts and horticulture, is located in the university's 5-acre arboretum - a collection of gardens and groves set on a hillside behind the Environmental Horticulture Science Unit on Via Carta.	3/4
9	SHAKE your bon-bon to swing music on Saturday night at the Madonna Inn beginning at 8 p.m.	3/4
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'Running' out of excuses for poor acting

Ryan Chartrand
 MUSTANG DAILY

Forget the cute Hollywood sled dogs from "Eight Below," leave the kids at home and tell the Disney Channel to interview someone else because it's time for classic F-word bombing, fast car driving and shotgun blasting Paul Walker fun. "Running Scared," Walker's foray into closer-to-serious acting, will take you for a ride that you'll probably forget. Walker and friends are certainly able to make some suspenseful and satisfying moments, but its rhythm is too fast and too furious to ultimately give the film any value or fulfillment after two hours of poor storytelling.

Walker ("The Fast and the Furious") plays a mobster whose partner shoots a cop during a busted mob deal. Eventually, the gun used to kill the cop ends up in the hands of Walker's 10-year-old neighbor (Cameron Bright), thus beginning an episode of "Walker: Mobster Ranger" to find the "running scared" kid. The gun changes hands multiple times throughout the film, which consequently brings in far too many characters and one too many scenes that should have been used to develop the over-used "backstabbing mob world" storyline that was apparently the bigger picture. But who needs plot development when the main theme song is reminiscent of the ballad from "Top Gun"?

Below the surface, writer and director Wayne Kramer ("The Cooler") tried to embed a dark,



Paul Walker (above) stars as a mobster in 'Running Scared,' which hit the big screen Feb. 24. The film made more than \$3 million in its first weekend.

nightmarish world of fear with the paralleling story involving Bright and his disturbing adventures. But when the mob world and the delirious child world finally clash to form the climax and Kramer gives his "Ha! How do ya like that?!" moment, the crowd reaction is only a smirk at the unappetizing

icing atop the poorly-baked layers of the plot.

Although some will argue that the gun does a better performance than Walker, the cast really just does their job. Walker gratuitously throws his F-bombs, threatens everyone he sees and pulls off his Mark Wahlberg impression nicely;

Vera Farmiga ("Touching Evil") plays the easily lovable and empowering mother and wife of Walker; and Bright shows he can be both a cute and creepy kid stuck in a never-ending nightmare. Although the rest of the cast is a disaster, Kramer couldn't have asked for more from his cast; it's

the cast that should be asking more from Kramer.

Kramer does, however, try to do what all dark and gritty mob movies have been competing to be the best in for years: the best original direction style. Fast and confusing rewind effects in the middle of bloody action, perspectives ranging from bullet holes to toilet bowls and cinematography that blends colors so beautifully it's almost soothing to watch. Overall, Kramer and his editing team portrayed both the mob and child nightmare worlds brilliantly in a fast-paced environment that makes for some intense sequences.

"Running Scared" feeds off of its reckless violence, vigorous pace and stylish visuals. Unfortunately, the film tries to run like it's being chased by a pack of Alsations and is eventually caught and torn apart. The plot is always dragging the audience along and never leaving any time to make the plot clear. Some of the suspenseful action sequences are certainly memorable (it's hard to forget seeing Paul Walker get a slap-shot to the face with a glowing puck), but Kramer's final attempt at a knock-out punch is too weak and predictable to make any of it meaningful or worthwhile. If you like the intensity and exhaustion of running combined with the feeling of fear breathing down your neck, I'd suggest having someone chase you with a copy of "Timeline" instead of sitting through this week's edition of "I'm Paul Walker and I can play any role. Seriously."

Sex Pistols stay true to punk roots, flips off Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

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NEW YORK — For years, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame didn't deem the Sex Pistols, the revolutionary punk rock band, worthy of inclusion into its ranks. Now that the Sex Pistols have gained entry into the club, they've decided the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame isn't worthy of their presence.

The group was finally picked late last year to join the hall, along with Black Sabbath, Miles Davis, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Blondie, and induction ceremonies are scheduled March 13 in New York City.

However, in a crude letter posted on their Web site Friday morning, the group made it clear they would not be attending.

Comparing the rock hall to "urine in wine," the handwritten letter said: "We're not coming. We're not your monkeys and so what?"

"Fame at \$25,000 if we paid for a table, or \$15,000 to squeak up in the gallery, goes to a nonprofit organization selling us a load of old famous," the letter said, apparently referring to the cost of attending the dinner, although a representative for the hall said each inductee gets two free tickets, and other tickets are \$2,500.

When informed of the group's statement, Susan

Evans, the executive director of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation, said: "They are being the outrageous punksters they are, and that's rock and roll."

The Sex Pistols had been eligible for the Rock Hall since 2001, but voters

snubbed the groundbreaking punk rock band in favor of contemporaries such as Clash, Police and Talking Heads.

They broke up after just one album but left a lasting legacy in rock, as Johnny Rotten and Sid Vicious shocked the rock establishment with songs such as "God Save the Queen" and "Pretty Vacant."

“They are being the outrageous punksters they are, and that’s rock and roll.”

—Susan Evans
 Executive director of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame



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Study: gene link in mothers of multiple gay sons

Danielle Novy
DAILY TOREADOR (TEXAS TECH)

LUBBOCK, Texas — Recent research has traced a link between mothers of multiple gay sons and specific genetic characteristics there by marking the latest milestone in the nature versus nurture debate.

Nearly one-quarter of women who mothered more than one gay son processed X chromosomes in their bodies in distinctly the same way, said the study's co-author Sven Bocklandt, a researcher at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"We didn't expect to see such a big result," Bocklandt said. "What we can conclude is that there is a genetic basis that has to do with sexual orientation."

Since females have two X chromosomes in every cell but only require one, they often inactivate one of the pair, he said. Through the study, scientists examined the patterns involving which of the two X chromosomes were routinely inactivated.

Bocklandt said the female body typically inactivates one of the X chromosomes at random, meaning that roughly half of the cells would have one X chromosome inactivated and second half would have the other X chromosome inactivated.

He said when the researchers looked at women with more than one gay son, they observed that

one-fourth of the mothers had inactivated the same X chromosome in every cell that was observed.

"That is unusual because we don't see it in the control group," he said.

The study's pool of participants was composed of 97 mothers of gay sons, 44 of which had more than one gay son, and 103 mothers without gay sons to compare how the two groups handled with X chromosomes.

While one-fourth of the mothers with more than one gay son inactivated the same X chromosome in every observed cell, 13 percent of those with one gay son did the same, and only four percent of mothers with no gay sons inactivated the same X.

"The next step is to hone in on the actual gene," Bocklandt said of his future research.

Lane H. Powell, a faculty member with the Texas Tech University department of human development and family studies, said although the research concerning sexual orientation is multi-dimensional, it points toward sexuality as a genetic characteristic rather than one molded by society.

"Most research points toward sexuality being inborn rather than cultural," she said. "The more we know and the more we ask questions the more we are seeing that it does seem to be genetic."

Porn star clashes with feminist at U. Missouri

Meg Walsh
THE MANEATER (U. MISSOURI)

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Ron Jeremy, one of pornography's most recognizable stars, and Susan Cole, one of pornography's most outspoken foes, faced off in a debate at the University of Missouri's Jesse Auditorium in front of more than 1,000 people on Thursday night. The debate focused on how porn affects its viewers, especially how it affects the way its viewers perceive violence against women.

Students lined up at the Brady Commons box office Thursday afternoon to purchase last-minute tickets for the event, which had been widely promoted by organizers.

The Missouri Students Association's Department of Student Activities sponsored the event and paid \$9,000 total to bring the two to campus.

"I'm a fan of Ron Jeremy," said freshman Tyler Klein, who was waiting to buy tickets. "I'm looking forward to hearing his point of view."

Sophomore Marcus Vincent said he was excited to see something different at MU.

"I don't have a stance on the issue, but I think it will be funny," he said.

Jeremy, star of more than 1,800 pornographic films, and Cole, a veteran anti-pornography activist and author of "Pornography and the Sex Crisis," have been touring college campuses.

As the lights dimmed, the auditorium's seats were full and students filed into the balcony. The audience began to chant Jeremy's name.

"I want to see how Cole will defend herself against Ron," junior

Laura Kraft said.

Davie Holt, the MSA Senate speaker, moderated the debate.

Jeremy and Cole each had 12 minutes to speak. They then took questions from the audience.

Cole was the first to present her points.

"Susan has to go before me, or else I have nothing to say if I can't just argue against her points," Jeremy said.

Cole explained to the audience that she was neither against sex, nor was she against censorship. She went on to explain her support of masturbation, especially for women.

Cole then spoke about how she thought the pornography industry objectifies women.

"Viewers do not care about the woman, they don't notice the influences," she said.

She referenced a film in which Jeremy smothered a woman with a pillow in a joking manner. She said porn makes it harder to do anything about sex crimes.

"Porn suggests violence is OK and we shouldn't do very much about it," Cole said.

She also spoke on women's sexual roles, saying they were offered a choice of being perceived as either overly sexual or too conservative.

"Virgin, whore; give me an alternative!" she shouted rhetorically.

Cole said she hopes MU students will look at porn differently and will change their part in the perpetual exploitation of women in the industry.

"Consider seizing back your own sexuality," Cole said.

She also said criminal law should

not get rid of porn, but consumers should wipe out the market.

Jeremy's rebuttal was more comical in nature, saying porn was about "fun, happy films." He said he did not stand for ultra-violent porn, or any illegal types of pornography, such as pornography depicting children or sex acts with animals.

Jeremy said the porn industry glorifies its female stars, because viewers are paying attention to them. He said men make roughly \$100 to \$600 per movie, but women can make \$1,000 to \$10,000 per film.

The actor said he hopes students see that there are two sides to every argument.

"Anyone over the age of 18 has the right to create and view porn," Jeremy said. "We are trying to bring films to satisfy fantasies of the wide public, with fetishes and niches. America doesn't need a mom, we can make the choices ourselves."

He also said he likes what Susan does, and said "she keeps us in check."

After the debate, students lined up across the lobby in Jesse Hall to meet the debaters, and discussed the highlights of the evening.

"I think women are objectified more," said freshman Andi Gutierrez. "I was sort of indifferent because I don't see the correlation between porn and violence."

Junior Joe Tyra said he thought the most interesting point was how the two speakers agreed on masturbation, which he said he didn't expect Cole to advocate.

"Cole was horrible at debating. She generalized when Ron used specifics," he said.

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Study: Alcohol ads target youth

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DAILY EVERGREEN (WASHINGTON STATE U.)

PULLMAN, Wash. — Though they don't use techniques like Joe Camel cartoons, alcohol advertisers routinely target young adults and underage adolescents, a recent study has found. Researchers analyzed six months of beverage advertising in magazines and on television, and found that one in six magazine ads and one in 14 television ads target teenagers. The findings were published in December in the Journal of Health Communication.

"There are a lot of ads targeting young, very young kids," said Erica Austin, a Washington State University communication professor and lead author of the journal article.

Austin and her researchers saw similarities among soda and alcohol ads in using themes of humor, relaxation and outdoor adventure to sell products, Austin said. Much soda advertising explicitly targets teenagers and children.

"The fact that they're similar indicates that they're targeting people of the same age," said Stacey Hust, a communication assistant professor and co-author of the article.

Captain Morgan advertisements used a "childish" activity — drawing mustaches on people — which appeals to adolescents, Austin said. Budweiser regularly used humor and camaraderie. One Jack Daniel's ad featured a puppy.

However, many alcohol ads employ the additional tactic of sex appeal. Though young children don't gener-

ally pick up on themes of sex, adolescents notice the ads just at the time they're becoming more aware of a new sexual world, Austin said.

"There's a smooth transition from a child-oriented appeal to an adolescent-oriented appeal," she said, "because everything's the same except, ooh, there's sex."

Sex was just one motif for which researchers looked. They analyzed four major TV networks and the most popular magazines for ages 12 to 20. Half the alcohol magazine ads they found were in Sports Illustrated,

"Essentially these messages are about 'have fun and be stupid,'" Austin said. "They just need a more well-balanced message."

Coupling alcohol advertisements to sports- and sex-themed media relates drinking with risky behavior, Hust said. Associating alcohol with fun and sex encourages underage drinking, and promotes all as risk-free activities. Social situations depicted in alcohol advertisements are not realistic, Hust said.

The ads promise all the good without the bad.

Underage drinking continues to be one of our major social problems.

Tom Brigham
psychology professor at WSU

Rolling Stone and Playboy, magazines Austin described as promoting "risky behavior."

The researchers also looked for moderation messages, such as the commonly-used "Please drink responsibly" memorandum. Most they found were under-emphasized or in small print.

The majority of alcohol ads featured themes of male dominance, Austin said. Gender stereotyping was common.

Austin is concerned advertisers are not acting responsibly. Children tend to learn more about alcohol from the media than anyone else, she said.

"Underage drinking continues to be one of our major social problems," said Tom Brigham, a psychology professor and an executive assistant to the WSU president.

It's a hot topic at WSU. College culture supports behavior typically considered inappropriate, Brigham said, and it may be indirectly fueled by advertisements that encourage irresponsible drinking.

However, between 2002 and 2004, alcohol arrests on campus dropped by more than 50 percent, according to WSU Police statistics.

Hust has also noticed a recent promising trend. Several alcohol companies now run advertisements that focus on responsible drinking and designated driving, she said. Such "moderation messages" suggest alcohol advertisers are taking on more social responsibility.

"I think we're headed in the right direction," she said. "But we have a long way to go."

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) Hundreds of Afghan soldiers with tanks and grenade-launchers surrounded Kabul's main prison Sunday after rioting inmates seized control of much of the facility in an uprising that officials blamed on al-Qaida and Taliban militants.

Local media reported several people were killed and dozens injured. But it appeared security forces had yet to gain access to parts of the jail under prisoners' control, so officials could not confirm reports of casualties. One official said at least four inmates were injured.

MOSCOW (AP) — Iran's nuclear chief said Sunday that Moscow and Tehran had agreed in principle to set up a joint uranium enrichment venture, Russian news reports said.

Gholamreza Aghazadeh, who heads Iran's Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, said the two nations had agreed in principle on Moscow's proposal to enrich Iranian uranium in Russia, the ITAR-Tass and Interfax news agencies reported.

Previous talks on the Moscow offer, backed by the United States and the European Union, brought no visible breakthrough.

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A marine colonel urged Filipinos on Sunday to protest the removal of the marines commander in the wake of a failed coup plot that prompted the government to declare a state of emergency.

Several leftist protest leaders rushed to the marine camp in suburban Manila in response to Col. Ariel Querubin's appeal. Three armored personnel carriers, a tank and some 300 marines also arrived, but it was unclear where their loyalties lay.

It was a sign that efforts to oust President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo were alive two days after she imposed a state of emergency, saying a coup plot had been quashed but "treasonous" elements remained dedicated to forcing her out.

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) President Yoweri Museveni overwhelmingly won re-election in Uganda's first multiparty election in 25 years, the nation's electoral commission declared Saturday, but the leading opposition party said its independent tally showed the incumbent trailing.

Within an hour of the announcement, police used tear gas and live ammunition to disperse a crowd blocking the road and throwing stones near the headquarters of Museveni's main opponent, Kizza Besigye. Young men attacked a man who appeared to be a Museveni supporter, but there were no reports of other injuries or arrests.

Museveni supporters drove through downtown Kampala, honking horns, cheering and giving the thumbs-up salute of the ruling party.

IRA supporters attack police, thwart Protestant march through central Dublin

Shawn Pogatchnik
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBLIN, Ireland — Several hundred Irish Republican Army supporters attacked police in Dublin on Saturday to protest an unprecedented parade through the capital by Protestants from Northern Ireland.

In scenes rare for the Republic of Ireland, protesters hurled bottles, bricks, concrete blocks and fireworks at police officers trying to clear the hostile crowd from Dublin's most famous boulevard, O'Connell Street.

Even though the Protestants abandoned their parade, the battles spread to streets near the national parliament and museums, as well as a shopping center and the major tourist district, Temple Bar.

Ireland's national police force said 14 people — six officers and eight civilians, including rioters and a journalist — were hospitalized, mostly with head wounds. More than a dozen other people suffered less serious injuries.

The police advised shoppers and tourists to avoid the entire city center, which is normally packed with pedestrians on Saturdays.

Officers in full riot gear — helmets, shields, clubs and flame-retardant suits — arrested at least 37 protesters as a police surveillance plane circled overhead.

The protesters, mostly young men covering their faces with scarves, chanted pro-IRA slogans as they waged running battles with riot police and other officers on horse-



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A man hurls a wheelbarrow at riot police as more than 200 Irish Republican Army supporters clashed with police on Dublin's central boulevard on Saturday.

back for more than an hour, forcing shops on Ireland's most famous street to close.

Afterward, O'Connell Street was littered with broken paving stones and glass from shattered shop windows.

Near Leinster House, Ireland's parliament building, at least three cars were flipped over and set on fire, while windows on scores of cars and businesses were smashed.

The rioters' mayhem forced Protestant hard-liners to abandon their plan to parade through Dublin. It would have been the first parade in Dublin by pro-British Protestants since Ireland's partition into a mostly Protestant north and mostly Roman Catholic south in 1921.

However, the would-be marchers, who came accompanied by traditional bands of fife and drum, instead traveled by bus to the besieged parliamentary building.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said Protestant "unionists," who favor Northern Ireland's union with Britain, should have enjoyed freedom to demonstrate their views, and he condemned the rioters as anti-democratic.

"There is absolutely no excuse for the disgraceful scenes in Dublin today," Ahern said. "It is the essence of Irish democracy and republicanism that people are allowed to express their views freely and in a peaceful manner. People who want only attack

gardai (police) and property have no respect for their fellow citizens."

The central boulevard, O'Connell Street, was littered with broken paving stones, knocked-down crowd control barriers, toppled traffic cones, and glass from shattered shop windows.

Leaders of the aborted parade praised police efforts to protect them, but nonetheless handed a letter of protest to Justice Minister Michael McDowell during a meeting inside Leinster House as the trouble continued.

A Protestant politician said the rioters had mostly traveled to Dublin from Catholic areas of Northern Ireland.

"We have received a warm welcome from ordinary Dubliners," Democratic Unionist Party lawmaker Jeffrey Donaldson said. "But it's clear these republicans have come from north of the border and other areas intent only on causing trouble."

McDowell blamed the violence on "an organized mob who came to Dublin with the intention of deliberately creating mayhem in a peaceful and prosperous city."

"The only message these people have managed to convey to the people of Dublin and of Ireland is that sectarian violence is, once again, being unleashed against all of the principles of the Good Friday agreement and the overwhelming wishes of the Irish people," McDowell said, referring to the 1998 peace accord for Northern Ireland.

No word on Jill Carroll as mortars slam into Baghdad

Alexandra Zavis
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The deadline set by kidnapers of American journalist Jill Carroll for U.S. authorities to meet their demands passed Sunday with no word on her fate and with no sign that American or Iraqi authorities are close to finding her.

An Iraqi Interior Ministry official said an extensive search was under way for the 28-year-old freelancer for the Christian Science Monitor, who was seized by gunmen in Baghdad on Jan. 7. Her Iraqi translator was killed.

"Our forces raided some suspected places, but she was not there," Maj. Falah al-Mohammedawi said. "We are watching the situation closely."

Carroll was last seen in a videotape broadcast Feb. 9 by the private Kuwaiti television station Al-Rai. The station owner, Jassem Boudai, said then that the kidnapers had set Feb. 26 as the deadline for U.S. and Iraqi authorities to meet their demands or they would kill her.

The kidnapers, a formerly

unknown group calling themselves the Revenge Brigades, have publicly demanded the release of all women detainees in Iraq, but Boudai indicated the group provided more specific conditions that he refused to reveal.

The deadline could not have come at a worse time, with Iraqi security forces facing a major challenge because of the sectarian crisis that erupted after bombers destroyed the golden dome of the Shiite Askariya shrine, triggering a wave of reprisal attacks on Sunni mosques in Baghdad and other cities.

The violence has pushed this country to the brink of civil war and threatened to sabotage American plans to establish a government of national unity capable of calming the Sunni-led insurgency so U.S. troops can begin to go home.

On the day of the deadline, at least 29 people, including three American soldiers, were killed in violence across the country. Mortar fire rumbled through the heart of Baghdad.

A ban on driving in Baghdad and

its suburbs helped prevent major attacks during daylight, but after nightfall explosions thundered through the city as mortar shells slammed into a Shiite quarter in southwestern Baghdad, killing 16 people and wounding 53, police said.

Mortar fire also hit a Shiite area on the capital's east side, killing three people and injuring six, police reported.

Nevertheless, officials announced they would let vehicles back on the streets at 6 a.m. Monday — in part because shops were running out of food and other basics. Gasoline sta-

tions were closed, and people were unable to go to work Sunday, a work day in this Muslim country.

Although mosque attacks have declined sharply, sectarian violence went unabated.

A bomb exploded at a Shiite mosque in the southern city of Basra, injuring at least two people, police said.

More than 60 Shiite families fled their homes in predominantly Sunni areas west and north of Baghdad after receiving threats, said Shiite legislator Jalaladin al-Saghir and Iraqi army Brig. Gen. Jalil Khallaf.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

A view from the front of the room

Student X in the back of the room is nodding off while I'm lecturing on the difference between writing for print media and writing for broadcast, telling my 18 students in Writing for the Media that people read differently than they watch or listen, that sentences have to be written differently and thoughts arranged differently and how to do that.

And Student X is falling asleep. My fault, I tell myself. I am, after all, only an adjunct lecturer (fancy word for part-time teacher), not trained to teach what I know.

I know what I teach. I've written for the media longer than these students have been alive, longer than their parents have been alive. I still write for the media; I'm writing for one now — Mustang Daily. I've taught almost as many years as I've been a journalist.

Welcome to the anxieties of being a teacher. Didn't think teachers have them? Think students are the only ones who sweat about the process of education, of learning and teaching, of getting the message out and in — out of my intellect and into yours, intact and without slippage?

Then here's news: From before the first class each quarter, right through and beyond the final exam, there's plenty of sweat to go around. I may not look like it up there at the lectern, but I'm often uncertain,

what I'm telling them in their career goals? If I tell a joke, will they laugh; better not, they won't.

Hey, Student X! Listen, at least listen. Oh — he got the mind-to-mind message, he's stirred to an alert posi-

cope with the disappointment in their faces when they get a grade lower than they worked harder to get.

I did something about that this quarter. I scheduled five minutes with each student after the mid-term, just us, student and teacher, going over the exam, focusing on the student's class work and exam results. Maybe it helped them.

It helped me. Student X told me he isn't asleep when his eyes close. It's just that his work day starts at 1 a.m., he gets to my class at 3 p.m., and even four cups of Julian's coffee can't completely overcome 15 hours, much less three more in my class.

Another student told me she's carrying 20 units this quarter. No wonder she's not talking to me; she's taking notes in her head.

I just thought someone ought to tell you how it sometimes is at the head of the class.

Maybe that will help you, too.

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Another student told me she's carrying 20 units this quarter. No wonder she's not talking to me; she's taking notes in her head.

unsure and unconvinced about the process.

For me, it begins with the roster. I look at the names and the year; fifth-year people are going to need the grade, sophomores are just beginning, they're all in my class. I have to bridge that gap, reach them both.

What do they want to know, need to know? How much can I push, how abstract dare I get in dealing with theories, what's the value of

tion. Then the eyelids flutter again.

The other 17 students are with me. I think they are; can't tell for sure because they don't say. They take notes, some follow me with their eyes. Are they following with their brains?

We have our ways of finding out. Tests, quizzes, essays — all artificial, all one-second snapshots. The student could have learned everything except half of what was on the quiz. No way to know that, no way to

COMMENTARY

Of Denmark and Mohammad

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MEDFORD, Mass. — Recently I've heard a lot about Danish cartoonists and Muslim extremists, and it seems that they're not the best of friends right now. Danes are lambasting Muslims are brandishing and Danish Muslims, well, who knows what Danish Muslims are doing about anything?

As Tufts prides itself on its strength in international relations, we should see if we can shed some light on this most concrete example of IR in action.

Cultural battles, like cultures themselves, often start with bedtime stories. For those of you who haven't been paying attention to the Danish press recently, this particular skirmish all began with K're Bluitgen, a Danish journalist and sometime Islamic scholar who wanted to publish a seemingly-anodyne children's book telling the story of Mohammad.

Trouble is, he couldn't find an illustrator. The first three candidates he approached feared reprisals from the militant Islamic community and outright refused, citing the murder of Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh (yes, related to the van Gogh) and the assault of a lecturer teaching the Qur'an in Danish at the University of Copenhagen.

A story about Bluitgen's difficulty set off a subdiscussion about Islam in the general discussion of 'self-censorship' in the Danish media, Denmark being liberal and peaceful enough to fret about such things. It was in the context of this debate that the cultural editor for

the big daily newspaper in Denmark, Jyllands-Posten — which has a definite right-wing (for Denmark) spin — commissioned and printed the 12 infamous cartoons, in the typically slow Friday edition, Sept. 30, 2005.

The rest, as they say, is that annoying kid from your Intro to IR class's wet dream. In the process, not only Denmark, but also hyperborean Scandinavia and, ultimately, 'the West' as a whole, has been vilified in many Muslim countries.

Rather than go through the details of further developments here, I'd prefer to take the space to suggest that Denmark and Mohammad are not such natural enemies as some people seem to think.

It may be helpful to point out that Islam was a state before it was much of a religion, and so just because at the present moment one group tends to have feelings about cellular phones similar to those the other has for the hajj is no reason for warfare, cultural or otherwise.

Both groups also can't seem to help but be a little bit xenophobic domestically, despite what many from the inside would describe as their best efforts. They both have to deal with a dwindling territorial legacy as well: Just ask Sweden and India. Many people like to identify with the oppressed nowadays, but the inheritors of a diminished empire have their own psycho-cultural burdens.

Muslim countries also seem to be in the midst of trying to figure out how they fit into larger political structures, just like Denmark

with the E.U., although the clerical headaches in each case do take very different forms.

These basic similarities may do much to suggest that these two don't have any really good reasons to distemper each other, but this doesn't say much about the political realities on the ground. Rational justification has rarely enjoyed a breakout role in IR's little dramas, much oftener being relegated to makeup and costumes.

If, as students are so often instructed, we let the idealist scales drop from our eyes, several things indeed become immediately clear. One is that non-Muslims who concern themselves with Muhammad or his religion are often uniquely attacked, literally or figuratively.

For the most part such attacks are targeted at critics of Islam, but there are exceptions, as the October 2004 attack at the University of Copenhagen sharply illustrates. They certainly have little to do with any supposed an-iconism or iconoclasm in either mainstream Islam or any of its Islamicist splinters, as historically such doctrines have rarely been enforced outside of the religious sphere.

This newfound clarity also allows us a measure of sardonic amusement that a cartoon linking Islam to violence has caused such a stir as to bring some Muslims to, well, blow some s-t up.

Given the unprincipled nature of such attacks, three courses of action suggest themselves: total capitulation, total warfare or economic salve, all of which have been publicly advocated in recent

weeks.

All three of these seem to have something going for them, but perhaps the most novel is the one taken by the "Support Denmark" campaign: economic salve. As currently formulated, this is a stopgap effort to make up for the economic stress imposed by the boycott of Danish products. The one-sidedness of this approach is explained not only by the fact that we find Denmark's actions apropos of the controversy understandable and the reaction in the Arab world extremely messed up, but also by the fact that the only economic harm inflicted so far has been on Denmark.

Certainly there's still a lot of Afghani opium consumed in Copenhagen's Vesterbro district, despite the interregional tensions, so it's not clear why Danish dairy products are such a problem on the other end.)

Since the other alternatives are so bleak, I suggest that we push this option as far as possible and bathe both regions in money until they forget what they were worried about. Never mind that neither theocracies nor heavily socialized democracies seem particularly sensitive to economic pressures; Americans need to drastically up their consumption of products from both regions in order to still the tensions produced by boycotting.

Let's all just smoke, eat some of those little cookies from the blue tin and set an example of harmony for the rest of the world.

Basketball

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final games and the Gauchos would need a pair of wins, then comes a tie-breaker to decide which team gets the bye.

Long Beach State is tied with Cal Poly at 7-5 and is in a similar situation.

Cal Poly led Fullerton 39-37 at halftime and scored the first eight points of the second half for a 49-39 advantage with 18:06 to play. Thomas scored a layup to cap the run.

Cal State Fullerton battled back, surging ahead 64-62 with 6:10 to go on a pair of free throws by Brown. Cal Poly regained the lead, this time for good, on a jumper by Titus Shelton with 3:34 to play, giving the Mustangs a 70-68 lead.

Trae Clark and Thomas each hit a pair of free throws for a 74-68 Mustang advantage with 31 seconds left.

Cal Poly topped Cal State Fullerton on the glass 33-31 and turned the ball over just 11 times, three fewer than the Titans. The Mustangs made 50.9 percent of their floor shots compared to 50 percent for the Titans. Cal Poly connected on 10 of 26 3-pointers while Cal State Fullerton was just nine-for-32.

Center Gabe Stephenson and senior guard R.J. Socci were honored in a pregame ceremony honoring Cal Poly's two seniors playing their final home game.

Cal Poly concludes the regular season on the road, visiting Cal State Northridge on Thursday night and University of the Pacific on Saturday afternoon.

Loss

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more than the Titans, and committed 24 personal fouls, four more than the hosts.

Cal State Fullerton led most of the first half, but the Mustangs went on a 9-1 run late and wound up with a 30-29 halftime lead. Cal Poly's last lead was at 42-41 with 13:17 to play on a jumper by freshman Megan Harrison.

Cal State Fullerton scored the next eight points for a 49-42 advantage and never looked back, leading by as many as 12 points.

Cal Poly concludes the regular season with home games against Cal State Northridge on Thursday at 7 p.m. and University of the Pacific on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Baseball

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Kepner, a junior from Whittier and a transfer from Cerritos College pinch-hitting for senior shortstop Gilbert Gil, hit a 2-1 pitch from Jeff Lombard into left field for the game-winning hit.

Senior right-hander Rocky Roquet (1-0) pitched 2.1 scoreless innings for the win, striking out three while allowing no hits. Although he did not get the decision, starter Evan Reed pitched six solid innings, allowing one run and eight hits with one walk and three strikeouts.

"The performance of Reed is what we needed," fourth-year Mustang coach Larry Lee said. "He gave us six solid innings and had good command of both his fastball and curveball."

The loss went to Lombard (0-1). Santa Clara starter Matt Wickswat allowed two runs and three hits in 6.1 innings with two walks and four strikeouts.

Santa Clara collected nine hits, including a double by second baseman Eric Newton and two singles

each by designated hitter Kevin Drever and first baseman Gabe Alcantar.

Cal Poly grabbed its first lead of the series with a run in the third inning. Buschini doubled, moved to third on Gil's sacrifice bunt and came home on Brent Walker's sacrifice fly to left.

Santa Clara scored in the top of the fourth to tie the game, but a Matt Cooper sacrifice fly put the Mustangs back ahead in the bottom half of the inning.

Santa Clara tied the game with a run in the seventh. Drever drew a leadoff walk and eventually scored on a throwing error.

That set the stage for Kepner's ninth-inning heroics. Cal Poly left two runners on base in scoring position in the seventh inning and one more in the eighth, stranding seven runners on the basepaths for the game. Santa Clara left 12 on base.

Cal Poly, which snapped a three-game losing streak with Sunday's win, will host the University of San Diego (7-6) for a three-game non-conference series next weekend in Baggett Stadium. The Toreros were ranked eighth in the nation by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper before getting swept by Georgia over the weekend.

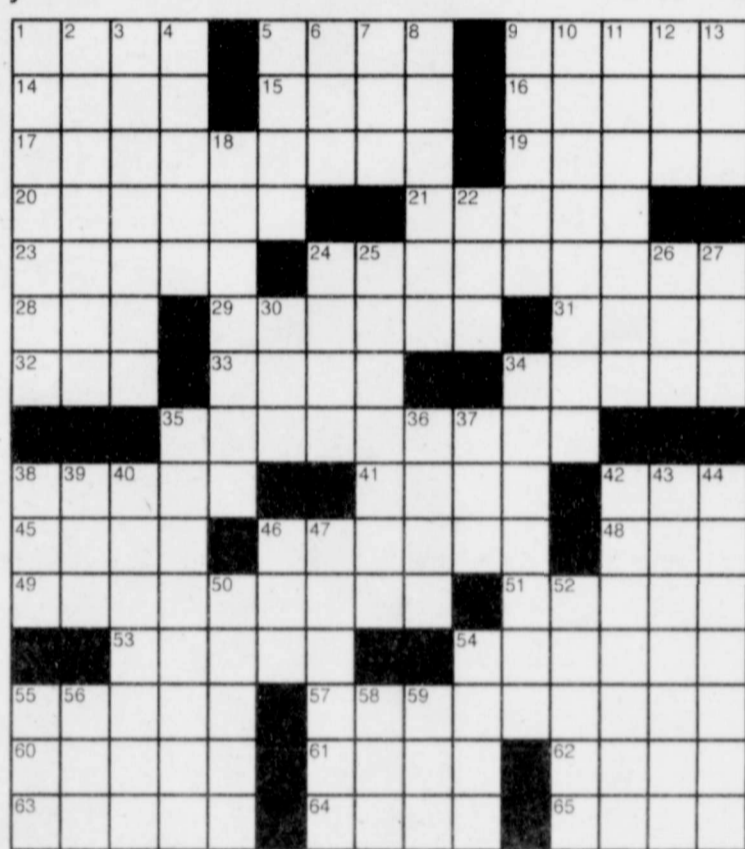
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 - 9 Monastery head
 - 14 Author Wiesel
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 - 16 Does a prelaundry chore
 - 17 Leader of an 1831 slave rebellion
 - 19 "___ or treat?"
 - 20 Rejects, as a lover
 - 21 "That's ___" (Dean Martin classic)
 - 23 1960's-'70's singer Hayes
 - 24 Bottom line, businesswise
 - 28 Dobbin's doc
 - 29 Actresses Graff and Kristen
 - 31 "___ number one!" (stadium chant)
 - 32 Suffix with Brooklyn
 - 33 Meat that's often served piccata
 - 34 Tête topper
 - 35 Faultfinder extraordinaire
 - 38 1988 Summer Olympics city
 - 41 It may be kicked in anger
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 - 45 Jai ___
 - 46 Duds
 - 48 Opposite WSW
 - 49 "Slow down!"
 - 51 Ban rival
 - 53 African language
 - 54 "Relax, soldier!"

- 55 Makes, as a salary
 - 57 Müeslix alternative
 - 60 "The final frontier"
 - 61 Meadowlands pace
 - 62 ___ fixe (obsession)
 - 63 Belief
 - 64 Trig function
 - 65 Boys
- DOWN**
- 1 Deep in thought
 - 2 Goes by, as time
 - 3 Put in place
 - 4 Prefix with -hedron
 - 5 Jail cell parts
 - 6 Vase
 - 7 Maiden name preceder
 - 8 Activity with chops and kicks
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 - 12 Stock page heading: Abbr.
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 - 18 Rude
 - 22 Brit. legislators
 - 24 Semimonthly tide
 - 25 Joins up



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- 26 Rage
- 27 Lunar New Year
- 30 Tennis court call
- 34 Under
- 35 Pain in the neck
- 36 IOU
- 37 White wine cocktail
- 38 ___ Juan, P.R.
- 39 "Roll Over Beethoven" grp.
- 40 Healthful cereal grain
- 42 Front porch
- 43 Liqueur flavoring
- 44 Overnight flights
- 46 Back, at sea
- 47 Teases
- 50 Beginning
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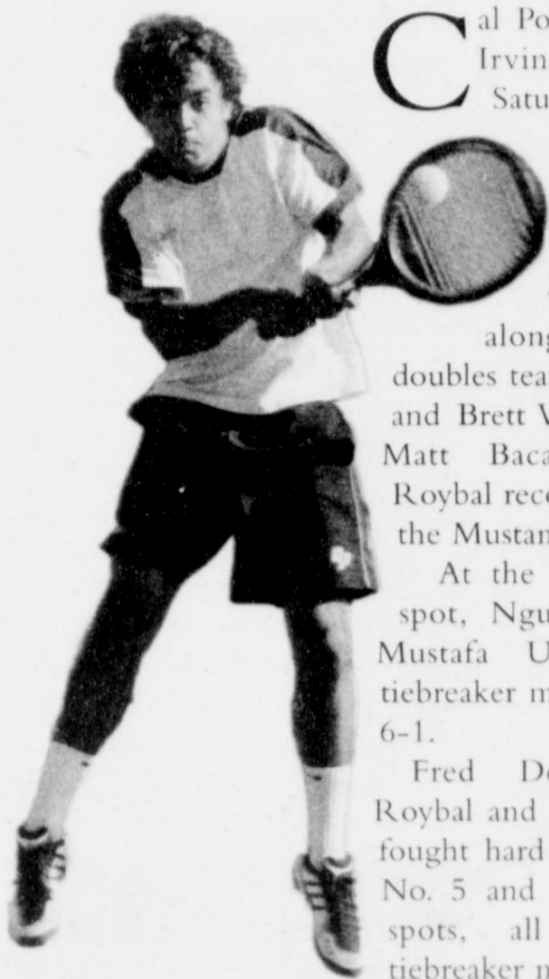
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MUSTANGS FALL TO UC IRVINE



Cal Poly fell to UC Irvine 5-2 on Saturday. Big West Player of the Week, John Nguyen continued his winning trend along with the doubles teams of Nguyen and Brett Van Linge and Matt Baca and Kyle Roybal recorded wins for the Mustangs.

At the No. 1 singles spot, Nguyen defeated Mustafa Ulukan in a tiebreaker match 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Fred Dewitte, Kyle Roybal and Darryn Young fought hard at the No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6 singles spots, all falling in tiebreaker matches.

In doubles, Nguyen and Van Linge defeated Ulukan and Trevor Dobson 8-6 at the No. 1 spot. Baca and Roybal defeated Aaron Ellis and Andrei Radulescu 8-6 at the No. 2 spot.

Cal Poly also fell to UC Riverside 4-3 on Sunday. Nguyen, Van Linge and Dewitte each scored singles' victories while the tandem of Nguyen and Van Linge was the only successful doubles team for the Mustangs. Four of the six singles matches went to the third set.

With the losses, Cal Poly falls to 2-5 on the season and 0-2 in Big West play.

Cal Poly returns to action March 3 at the University of San Francisco. ~Sports Information Report

First round bye nearly locked up

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Junior forward Derek Stockalper scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds, two days after posting his fourth double-double of the season, to lead Cal Poly to a 76-72 victory over Cal State Fullerton in a Big West men's basketball game Saturday afternoon in Mott Gym.

Sophomore guard Dawin Whiten added 14 points, junior forward Tyler McGinn had 13 and freshman guard Chaz Thomas chipped in 12 as Cal Poly improved to 9-16 overall and 7-5 in the Big West.

Cal State Fullerton, led by Frank Robinson with 18 points and Jamaal Brown with 11 points and 12 rebounds, fell to 13-12 overall and 5-9 in the Big West. Jermaine Harper added 15 points and Vershon Cottrell had 11.

The loss ends the Titans' chances of a first round bye in the Big West Tournament next week, adding to what has already been a disappointing season for coach Bob Burton. The Titans were picked to win the conference in both the pre-season media and coaches polls.

For Cal Poly, the win all but solidifies a three or four seed at the conference tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena next week. With two games remaining, Cal Poly holds a two-game lead over UC Santa Barbara.

In order for Cal Poly to lose the three or four seed, which guarantees a first round bye at the tournament, the Mustangs would have to lose its



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Cal Poly's Gabe Stephenson, left, fights for a rebound with Cal State Fullerton guards Jermaine Harper, center, and Justin Burns during Saturday's game at Mott Gym.

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INDOOR TRACK

SEATTLE SUCCESS

Cal Poly indoor track athletes Deirdre Byrne and Danielle Ayers-Stamper competed in the second day of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championship at the University of Washington on Saturday. Byrne earned a sixth place finish in the one mile while Ayers-Stamper placed 11th in the pentathlon.

With a first place finish and a time of 4:46.50 in her preliminary heat for the one mile, Byrne knocked almost one second off her time for a sixth place finish in the finals with a time of 4:45.54

Ayers-Stamper competed in the pentathlon over a two day period, placing 11th with a total of 3,550 points. Her highest finish came with a seventh place finish in the shot put when she recorded a throw of 11.04 meters (36' 2 3/4"). A high jump of 1.63 meters (5' 4 1/4") earned her an eighth place finish as well as a time of 2:26.97 in the 800-meter run.

Indoor track continues competition March 4th for the University of Washington Last Chance Meet in Seattle, Wash. ~Sports Information Report

No. 22 no more

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly will undoubtedly drop out of the top 25 when the latest rankings come available after losing two of three to unranked Santa Clara over the weekend. Cal Poly lost its first two games by scores of 15-9 and 7-5, but did manage to win the final game of the series 3-2.

In Sunday's game, pinch-hitter Bryan Kepner singled through the left side of the Santa Clara infield with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, scoring pinch-runner Chad Pruett to give No. 22 Cal Poly the win at Baggett Stadium.

The Mustangs improved to 10-5 on the season while Santa Clara, which has won two of three games against Cal Poly each of the last three years, fall to 7-6, its four-game winning streak snapped Sunday. The Broncos won 15-9 and 7-5 on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Junior catcher Matt Canepa drew a leadoff walk on four pitches in the Mustang ninth and Pruett ran for Canepa. Senior outfielder Jimmy Gardiner's sacrifice bunt moved Pruett to second base and first baseman Adam Buschini's comebacker allowed Pruett to take third.

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Losing streak continues with loss to Fullerton

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Andrea Adams and Charlee Underwood combined for 39 points as Cal State Fullerton handed Cal Poly its sixth consecutive loss, defeating the Mustangs 76-67 in a Big West Conference women's basketball game Saturday afternoon in Titan Gym.



With the loss, Cal Poly falls to 10-13 overall and 5-7 in the Big West. Cal State Fullerton, which avenged an 81-74 loss to the Mustangs on Jan. 2 in Mott Gym, improved to 10-15 and 7-6.

Adams scored 20 points, sinking five of 10 floor shots and eight of 10 free throws, while Underwood added 19 points, hitting six of 16 field goals and four of seven free throws. Underwood also grabbed 10 rebounds for a double-double.

Cal Poly also produced a player with a double-double as junior forward Jessica Eggleston notched 17 points and 13 rebounds for her second career double-double. Sophomore guard Anthonia Newman added 12 points and six boards for the Mustangs.

Cal Poly shot better than Cal State Fullerton from the floor, 37.9 percent to 34.8 percent, and from the free-throw line, 68.2 percent to 66.7 percent, but turned the ball over 28 times, seven

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