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HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK



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Matt Kelly, a local homeless man, begins to set up for the sleep-out in the University Union Tuesday night with Suzy Becker, a math senior, and Paul Sittig, a city and regional planning senior.

Looking 'Beyond Shelter' at homelessness

Jemma Wilson
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"Soup and Substance" were served for lunch as part of Beyond Shelter's Homeless Awareness Week Tuesday where about a dozen students gathered for a meal — consisting of soup and bread — and watched a short documentary on homelessness in San Luis Obispo.

"Homeless people are by and large not seen," Eric Parkinson said, "people don't want to see them."

Parkinson is president of VeAhavta, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing assistance

for people in need, and created the film "Will We See Them?," which focused on local statistics of homelessness in San Luis Obispo.

There are about 2,500 homeless people in the county and only 7 percent were staying in shelters, according to a 2005 survey from the San Luis Obispo County Homeless Services.

Parkinson said he made the documentary because people need to see how homeless people are living.

"You go to a shelter and you

wouldn't find a bunch of drunks or drug addicts, you would find a soul," Parkinson said.

The San Luis Obispo County Homeless Services conducted a survey on Oct. 25, 2005 and concluded that there are about 2,500 homeless people in the county with 42 percent, or 1,015, being women and girls. Only 7 percent of the homeless were staying in shelters and that is because the shelters were at maximum capacity.

"Our first goal is to raise awareness," Parkinson said. "It's not about the money, it's about making

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ASI expects larger voter turnout for 2006 elections

Jennifer Hall
MUSTANG DAILY

With ASI elections fast approaching on May 3 and 4, the current ASI representatives are pushing for an increase in voter turnout for the 2006-2007 ASI president and board of directors election.

ASI has set a goal of 25 percent voter turnout for next week's election, a 10 percent increase from 2005. Turnout in 2004 was 18.6 percent and 20.6 percent in 2003.

"We created the goal because we think it's incredibly important that students vote," Tylor Middlestadt, the current ASI president said. "We thought it was a challenging goal, but it is achievable."

A statement about why students should vote written by Middlestadt appears on the ASI Web site along with the slogan, "One Voice, 17,000 strong." The slogan was chosen from a number of student

ideas on how to promote voter turnout.

"Every student is a shareholder in student government," Middlestadt said.

The Web site also includes a list of candidates for president and the board of directors and includes statements from Anne Giapapas and Todd

Maki, the two presidential candidates.

This year is the largest ballot ASI has ever experienced. There are over 50 candidates for 25 seats on the board of directors. Each college is represented on the board with three to five delegates. The number of seats is decided by the population of students in the

college. "We're also counting on the record number of candidates to bring in voters," Middlestadt said.

ASI will be handing out additional candidate statements, voting and polling information to students in order to increase voter turnout.

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Poly opens doors for students in forestry and natural resources

Lauren Zahner
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's admittance to a natural and cultural resources management network that partners with federal agencies will provide students with more senior projects, senior theses and hands-on opportunities.

Cal Poly was one of three California State Universities (CSU) to join the California Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CCESU),

which already includes all nine University of California campuses and three other CSU campuses. The CCESU's goal is to promote education and research in the management of natural and cultural resources.

The head of Cal Poly's Natural Resources Management Department, Doug Piirto, anticipates cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service. For example, if the

National Park Service had a research project, Piirto said, they would call Cal Poly looking for faculty to collaborate with because of its strong forest science and natural resources management department. The faculty would then open involvement to students, who often are wondering what they will do for their senior projects, Piirto said.

"How many times has a Cal Poly student asked another student 'I wonder what I'm going to do for

my senior project?'" Piirto said.

Membership in the CESU will open more doors to work with other UC and CSU campuses and will benefit programs all across Cal Poly.

"It increases visibility of the university. It enhances our reputation if we come through on we promise to do," Piirto said.

Other federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management, Natural Resources Conservation

Service and NASA partner with the CESU consortium. They provide funding for the projects and programs.

One of the current opportunities at the CESU is the "Experimental Manipulation of Artificial Water Developments in Mojave National Preserve." Another project is the "Communication strategy for the San Francisco Bay Area Networking Inventory and Monitoring Program

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people feel like they are a human being."

Later that night at Backstage Pizza, Beyond Shelter hosted Slam Poetry for students followed by a sleep-out in the University Union to recognize homelessness.

"We wanted to give students an experience of what it would be like to be homeless in San Luis Obispo," said Suzy Becker, a mathematics senior and member of Student Community Services.

She said that Student Community Services added a twist to the sleep-out this year by bringing cardboard boxes for students to attempt to create a shelter with.

"We are attempting to build something you have to sleep on, and it isn't going good so far," Becker

said.

Matt Kelly, a 50-year-old homeless man who lives on the streets of San Luis Obispo, commented that he had brought his house with him as he began to set up his tent for the

I'm really, truly happy. I'm content," Kelly said.

As for the situation of being homeless in San Luis Obispo, he said situations needed to improve and "we all need to be treated better."

Other events scheduled for the week include a resource fair at the San Luis Obispo library from 1 to 4 p.m. today in addition to the movie "Out in the Cold," which focuses on the life of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth living on the streets.

The movie will be shown at Phillips Hall at 7 p.m. On Thursday, Beyond Shelter will have a booth at the Farmers' Market and there will be a homeless art display in the Epicenter from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday will feature the main event, the Walk to Fight Homelessness, at Santa Rosa Park at 10 a.m.

You go to a shelter and you wouldn't find a bunch of drunks or drug addicts, you would find a soul.

—Eric Parkinson

president of VeAhavta nonprofit organization

night.

Kelly has been living in San Luis Obispo for two years and after meeting Janice Stone, a homeless shelter organizer, Kelly has since become clean and sober and is looking forward to a better life.

"I've been clean for four months and this is the first time in my life

names of the candidates for ASI president, as well as a blank space for write-in candidates. The candidates for the ASI board of directors will correspond to the voter's college. Students may only vote for the candidates from their specific college.

"We just want more students to vote on campus; period," Middlestat said.

For more information about the ASI elections visit the Web site at www.asi.calpoly.edu/elections.

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of the National Park Service."

The California CESU base is at UC Berkeley. The CESU academic coordinator David Diaz, of the Berkeley College of Natural Resources, said the California CESU needs to continue to offer the federal agencies knowledge.

"What Cal Poly brings is additional faculty and expertise that is unique to Cal Poly," Diaz said. "Each of the California schools has unique expertise that could be useful to federal agencies."

He added that California CESU membership growth would be beneficial.

"Hopefully the program is exciting enough that federal agencies will promote it," he said.

Voting

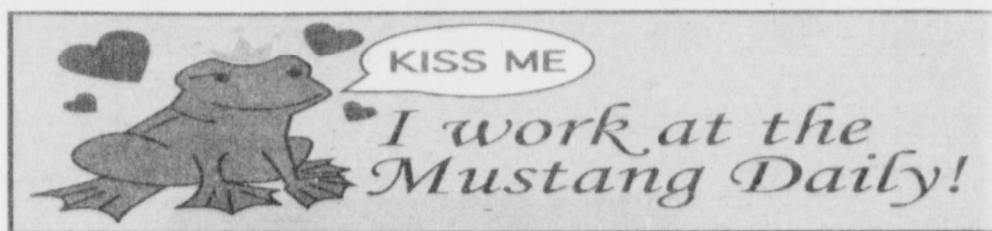
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"Voting is one of the most important rights in our society," Middlestat said. "Voting on campus is a bridge to voting in life."

On voting day, representatives from the League of Women Voters will be manning the six voting stations around campus. Students will need their student I.D. in order to receive a ballot.

The ballot will contain the

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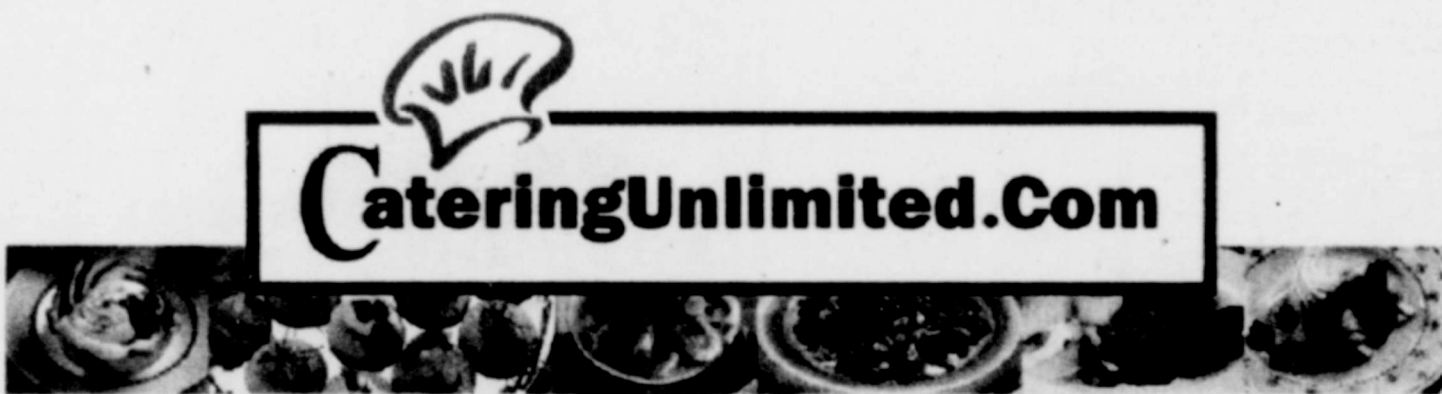


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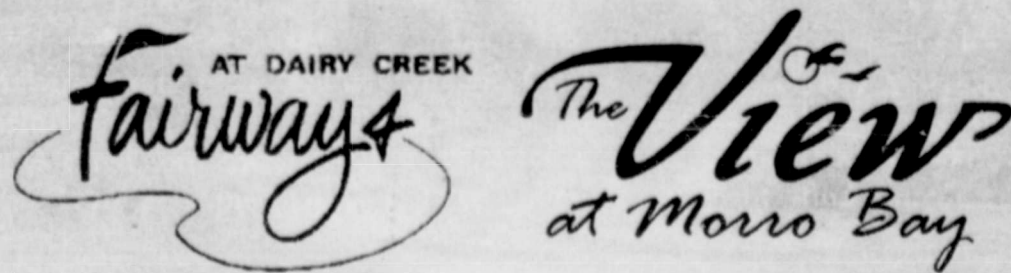
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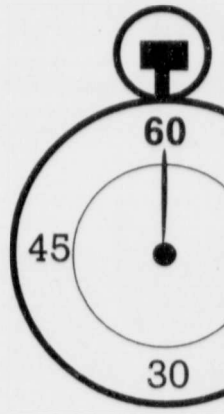
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WHO SAID THAT?

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.

— Dale Carnegie

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress.

— John Adams

Wordly Wise

Machination: A crafty scheme intended to accomplish some usually evil end.

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The Face of



Cal Poly

Name: Emma Chow • **Year:** sophomore
Hometown: Menlo Park
Major: environmental management protection

Favorites

Book: "Count of Monte Cristo"

Movie: "The Goonies"

Drink: Milk

Place in SLO: The top of Perfumo Canyon Road, because there's such a pretty view. But, Morro Bay is pretty cool too.

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Meet my grandpa that I never met.

— have any job what would it be?
A racecar driver.

Either/or

— Chocolate or vanilla?
Chocolate

— Hearing or seeing?
Hearing, I cannot live without music.

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Computer

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State briefs

SAN FRANCISCO — Two men who claim they were beaten by the son of a former top-ranking San Francisco police official cannot sue the police department for allegedly allowing the excessive use of force, a federal judge ruled.

A district judge in San Francisco dismissed all claims against the city on Friday after finding no evidence that police knew of Officer Alex Fagan Jr.'s alleged tendency to use excessive force.

— *The Associated Press*

SAN DIEGO — Lifeguards called off the search Tuesday for an unidentified swimmer who was reported missing in the waters off the coast of San Diego's La Jolla neighborhood.

The search began Monday when lifeguards received a report from a woman who said she saw someone being pulled out to sea by a rip current, said Maurice Luque, a spokesman for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, which comprises the city's lifeguards.

Divers searched for about an hour before dark on Monday and for two hours Tuesday morning. Luque said the divers focused on an area about 100 yards offshore where a person getting swept out to sea might be taken — but there was no evidence of a drowning.

— *The Associated Press*

Assembly panel approves bill for universal health care coverage

Samantha Young
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — An Assembly committee approved a bill Tuesday that would mandate Californians buy health insurance coverage much like drivers are required to purchase auto insurance.

Although California voters and politicians repeatedly have rejected forcing individuals and employers to pay for a universal insurance program, lawmakers are seeking to capitalize on the momentum from a new Massachusetts law that will make that state the first in the country to establish mandatory health insurance.

"We have a choice about whether we're going to stay stuck in the mud," said Assemblyman Joe Nation, D-San Rafael. "We have a situation where we have 20 percent of the population without health insurance."

The Assembly Health Committee on Tuesday held the first hearings on two proposals from Nation and Assemblyman Keith Richman, R-Chatsworth, that both lawmakers said would insure the estimated 6.5 million Californians who lack health insurance. The committee approved Nation's bill 9-3 but rejected Richman's bill 10-1.

At the center of both bills is a mandate that individuals be responsible for getting themselves health insurance a controversial proposal

that taxpayer and consumer groups warned could lead to higher premiums, more uninsured people and increased medical bankruptcies.

"The problem with the health care system is that health insurance is unaffordable or unavailable," said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access, a statewide health care consumer advocacy coalition of more than 200 groups. "It's not that there's people who don't want coverage."

Both bills would require that health insurance companies offer an essential benefit plan, which would cover medically necessary services to the country's largest population of uninsured. But that's where similarities appear to end.

Nation's bill would create a benefits fund that would be financed by employers that do not offer health insurance to their workers, individual premiums and state-appropriated dollars.

Meanwhile, Richman said individuals alone should be asked to pay for their health insurance. Aside from low-income families who would qualify for assistance, Richman's bill would mandate Californians buy coverage that carries at least a \$5,000 deductible.

Critics said both bills fail to address the problem — skyrocketing health care costs and barriers that preclude individuals with pre-existing medical conditions from buying affordable coverage.

"Requiring something people cannot afford is not a solution to solving the health care crisis," said Jerry Flanagan, health care advocate at The Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights.

Committee chair Wilma Chan endorsed Nation's bill, crediting him for amending his bill to exempt individuals who cannot afford health insurance. Nevertheless, she cautioned the bill needs more work.

California voters have been opposed to forcing private employers from paying health insurance costs.

In 2004, voters narrowly nullified a state law that would have required large and midsize employers to help pay for health insurance for their workers.

Meanwhile, state lawmakers have blocked legislation in the past that would have created a state-run health care program.

MINUTEMAN PROJECT



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Robin Hvidston of Upland, a member of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, protests President Bush's immigration policy outside the Hyatt hotel in Irvine, where the President spoke on Monday.

Minuteman Project gains mainstream appeal amid immigration debate

Gillian Flaccus
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVINE — Laurie Lisonbee worried about illegal immigration but figured it was somebody else's issue — until she saw hundreds of thousands of immigrants and their supporters marching across her TV screen.

Soon, Lisonbee had recruited several friends to attend a demonstration by the Minuteman Project, a volunteer group that patrols the border to keep out illegal immigrants. Now, the 51-year-old art professor checks the group's Web site daily and plans a summer trip to the Mexican border to help build a fence.

Minuteman organizers say this spring's marches have proved to be an unexpected recruitment tool for Americans who feel uneasy about the burgeoning immigration movement but may have considered the organization a pack of gun-toting vigilantes.

"We're not trying to be more mainstream — mainstream has found us," said Stephen Eichler, the group's executive director. "They're saying, 'These guys actually have teeth, they don't all chew tobacco, they don't all have a gun rack in the back of their truck.' They're saying, 'They believe what I believe,' and they're joining us."

Lisonbee, a registered Republican, said only one issue

matters to her now.

"My vote will go to the candidate who's the toughest on immigration, whether they're Democrat or Republican," she said from her home in Orem, Utah. "Before, we were pretty much the types of people who would call our congressmen and not take to the streets. But that's all changed now."

The Minuteman Project first gained attention last year when Orange County resident and former tax accountant Jim Gilchrist helped lead its first 30-day patrol of the border in Arizona. The group has added mainstream political tools, including a network of local chapters and e-mail lobbying campaigns.

In December, Gilchrist, a former Republican, ran as a third-party candidate in a special House election in Orange County finished a respectable third with 25 percent of the vote.

Since this spring's huge pro-immigrant rallies, 300 people nationwide have applied to start local chapters, according to Eichler. The group's goal is 500 chapters by December and a membership of 1 million within 1 1/2 years, Eichler said.

Eichler claimed the organization's membership has climbed to more than 200,000.

But Heidi Beirich, deputy director of the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project, which monitors the Minuteman Project for racist rhetoric, said that estimate appears to be ridiculously high. She offered no estimate of her own.

"At the border during this last outing, they had maybe 50 people. If they have 200,000 people, it doesn't seem right," she said.

Beirich also questioned the premise that pro-immigrant rallies will help the Minuteman Project. She said many recruits may attend one or two rallies, but leave after they discover what she called the group's extremist attitudes.

"They get in there and they're like, 'My God, I didn't sign on for this,'" she said.

In the coming weeks, the Minuteman Project plans to set out in a caravan from Los Angeles to Washington, with stops in 13 cities, including President Bush's vacation haven of Crawford, Texas. It is also raising money to build a private fence along parts of the California-Mexico border.

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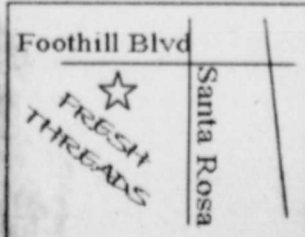
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National briefs

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Wednesday to divert some of the money President Bush requested for the war in Iraq to instead increase security on the nation's borders and give the Coast Guard new boats and helicopters.

Senators also ignored a White House veto threat and overwhelmingly voted against cutting a \$106.5 billion measure funding Iraq, further hurricane relief for the Gulf Coast and a slew of additions opposed by fiscal conservatives and Bush.

— *The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — A Senate committee Wednesday announced an investigation into taxes paid by major oil companies and asked the Internal Revenue Service for the companies' tax returns.

The Senate Finance Committee promised "a comprehensive review of the federal taxes paid" by the oil companies on their record profits last year.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the committee's chairman, said the panel was concerned about high profits and executive compensation at oil companies.

"I want to make sure the oil companies aren't taking a speed pass by the tax man," said Grassley in a statement.

— *The Associated Press*

HOUSTON — Chevron Corp. has "beefed up" preparations at its Gulf Coast oil refineries and production facilities as the hurricane season approaches, the company's CEO said Wednesday at the annual stockholders meeting.

San Ramon, Calif.-based Chevron, the country's second-largest petroleum producer, has backup computer systems, some spare inland offices and procedures for evacuating 2,500 employees who work on offshore platforms and drilling rigs.

He said Chevron is still producing about 100,000 barrels a day less than it had been — down about a third of its oil and gas production in the Gulf, a fraction of Chevron's worldwide production.

— *The Associated Press*

Study: Many want to work in retirement, but for the money

Eileen Alt Powell
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Many people around the globe want to work in retirement, but money isn't necessarily the most important reason, according to a study released Wednesday.

"The Future of Retirement" survey, conducted on behalf of the London-based HSBC banking group, found that 25 percent of those surveyed in 20 countries and territories said that money would be their main objective for working in retirement.

But others sought different rewards, from giving them something meaningful to do with their time to keeping them physically active and providing mental stimulation.

The results come as the world's population is aging fast, and the survey results indicate there's a disconnect between what individuals and companies are planning for the future. The survey covered more than 21,000 individuals and 6,000 employers.

The survey found, for example, that about two-thirds of the people interviewed would like some form of flexible working schedule as they near and enter retirement — perhaps working fewer hours or taking extended breaks between projects.

But just 30 percent of employers offer older workers the opportunity to work fewer hours, and only 37 percent say they offer older workers the opportunity to pursue "new kinds of work."

"When it comes to retirement, are we hearing one another?" asked

Martin Glynn, chief executive of HSBC US.

Ken Dychtwald, a San Francisco-based specialist on aging who was an adviser on the survey, said that employers were "beginning to realize that pushing everybody out the door may not be the wisest thing to do" because they risked losing highly skilled workers that could prove difficult to replace.

Instead, he said, employers needed to consider the "wants" of future retirees to balance work and leisure. This, he said, would require more programs allowing phased retirement, part-time work, sabbaticals and opportunities to mentor younger workers.

Asked who should pay for retirement, 43 percent of respondents said individuals should bear the cost. About 30 percent said it should be

the responsibility of the government; 20 percent, families; and 5 percent, an employer.

One surprising finding was the role individuals believe the government should play in financing aging populations.

Some 37 percent said they favored some form of "enforced" additional private savings, while just 13 percent supported increased taxes. Seven percent favored reduced pensions, 24 percent supported raising the retirement age and the rest said they were unsure.

"Their message to the governments is, 'Help me to save,'" the report concluded.

The survey was conducted by Harris Interactive between October and December. Countries in the study ranged from the United States, Canada and Japan to China and India.

Supreme Court debates the way that states execute killers

Gina Holland
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices clashed on Wednesday over how states execute killers, with one court member saying current lethal-injection drugs would not be used on cats and dogs and a second arguing that executions do not have to be pain-free.

The court blocked Florida, at the last minute, from executing Clarence Hill in January, as Hill lay on a gurney with IV lines in his arms.

The justices took up his case with a lively and sometimes contentious discussion about the way states carry out capital punishment. The court's ruling will determine whether inmates can file last-minute civil rights challenges claiming their deaths would be cruel and unusual punishment.

"Your procedure would be prohibited if applied to dogs and cats," Justice John Paul Stevens told Florida's assistant deputy attorney general, Carolyn Snurkowski.

On the other side, Justice Antonin Scalia said the Constitution does not require painless deaths. "Hanging was not a quick and easy way to go," he told Hill's lawyer, referring to one of the country's oldest execution methods.

States gradually have stopped using hangings, firing squads, gas chambers and electric chairs. Now the federal government and every capital punishment state but one uses lethal injection

because it is considered more humane. Nebraska still has the electric chair, but its use is being challenged in court.

Critics of lethal injection have been bolstered by a 2005 study published in the *Lancet* medical journal indicating that a painkiller administered at the start of an execution can wear off before a prisoner dies.

Hill's lawyer, D. Todd Doss, said Hill accepts that he can be executed for slaying police officer Stephen Taylor in the coastal town of Pensacola 24 years ago. Hill just does not want to suffer, Doss said.

Florida argues that it is too late for Hill to contest the plans for his death. Snurkowski said the only way Hill could file a challenge to lethal injection is if Hill comes up with an alternative proposal. That argument angered several court members.

Justice David H. Souter said "why does he have an obligation ... to tell the state how to execute people?"

"Doesn't the state have a minimal obligation on its own" to investigate

whether its executions cause gratuitous pain, asked Justice Anthony M. Kennedy.

Later, Kennedy reprimanded his colleagues for laughing as several justices joked about the mischief that defense lawyers could cause if forced to propose ways to execute their clients.

"This is a death case," snapped Kennedy, who is expected to be a key vote in the case.

Chief Justice John Roberts said that death row lawyers, if allowed to pursue last-minute challenges, could drag out appeals.

Florida's three-drug combination is similar to that used in other states. The painkiller sodium pentothal is followed by a chemical, pancuronium bromide, that paralyzes the inmate. The final drug is potassium chloride, which causes a fatal heart attack.

Florida is one of 30 states that restrict the use of an agent such as pancuronium bromide in euthanizing animals, justices were told in a brief by three veterinarians. The veterinarians

said "its only effect is to mask any suffering endured by the patient." They said that the Florida protocol does not meet standards for animals.

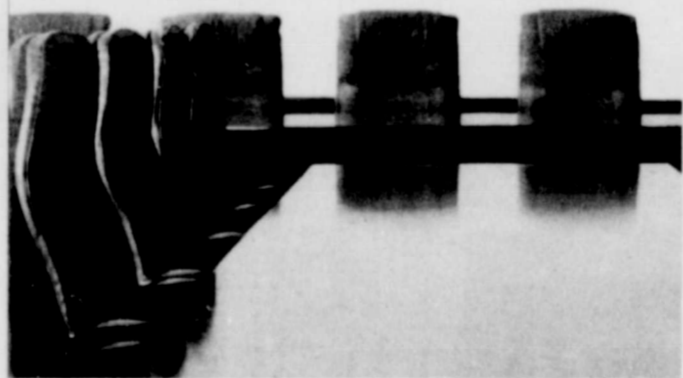
Several justices appeared surprised that the state has laws that spell out how animals should be euthanized, but that there are no guidelines for how prison officials should execute people.

Snurkowski said the protocol was devised by prison officials six years ago after the state stopped using its electric chair, nicknamed "Old Sparky," unless an inmate specifically requests death by electrocution.

Breyer said it "doesn't seem too difficult" to alter the drugs because of concerns and that the state should not "have any interest in causing pain."

The court's ruling, which will be announced before July, will deal with a limited part of the subject: whether inmates can file special last-minute civil right challenges to the chemicals used in lethal injection even if inmates have exhausted all their regular appeals.

ASI Elections



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Rove makes fifth grand jury appearance

Pete Yost
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WASHINGTON — White House aide Karl Rove spent almost four hours at the federal courthouse Wednesday, during which he made his fifth grand jury appearance in the Valerie Plame affair.

Escorted by his lawyer, Robert D. Luskin, Rove left the building after undergoing questioning by Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald, who is investigating the leak of Plame's status as a CIA officer to the news media in 2003.

Fitzgerald declined to comment at the conclusion of the grand jury session. Rove appeared at ease after being questioned, joking to reporters to "move to the back" as the White House aide, his lawyers and several

reporters climbed on the elevator to leave the building.

Rove's lawyer issued a statement saying Rove's appearance was scheduled at Fitzgerald's request. "In connection with this appearance, the Special Counsel has advised Mr. Rove that he is not a target of the investigation" and that no decision had been made concerning charges, Luskin said.

The defense lawyer said Rove had been called back to answer questions about evidence that has emerged in the case since his previous grand jury appearance last fall.

That new evidence includes information that Rove's attorney had conversations with Time magazine reporter Viveca Novak during a critical time in the case.

Months before Rove acknowl-

ed speaking to Time magazine reporter Matt Cooper about the CIA status of Plame, Novak told Rove's lawyer the White House aide might have disclosed Plame's CIA work to Cooper.

Among other things Fitzgerald is investigating is why Rove originally failed to disclose to prosecutors that he had talked to Cooper about the CIA status of Plame.

The undercover CIA officer was outed days after her husband, former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson, accused the Bush administration of twisting prewar intelligence on Iraq and weapons of mass destruction. No such weapons have been found in Iraq.

Fitzgerald has told Rove's legal team recently that he has not made any decision on whether to charge the presidential aide and Rove hasn't received a target notification that would indicate he is likely to be indicted, said people familiar with the case, who spoke only on condition of anonymity because of grand jury secrecy.

His grand jury appearance comes a week after Rove, the architect of Bush's election victories, gave up his policy duties at the White House as part of an administration remake to return to a full-time focus on politics.

Wednesday's session is believed to be only the second time Fitzgerald has met with the grand jury examining questions left unanswered in the Plame affair. The only other day Fitzgerald was seen going before the new panel was Dec. 7.

An earlier grand jury expired Oct. 28, the day it handed up an indictment against Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, on five counts of perjury, obstruction of justice and lying to the FBI. Libby is scheduled to go on trial next January.

Rove's legal problems stem from the fact that it was not until more than a year into Fitzgerald's criminal investigation that the White House adviser told the prosecutor about his contact with Cooper regarding Plame.

Rove says he had forgotten the Cooper conversation, which occurred several days before Plame's identity was revealed by conservative columnist Robert Novak.

Rove and Novak, who is not related to Viveca Novak, also had discussed the CIA status of Wilson's wife.

Other unfinished business in the probe focuses on the source who provided Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward information about Plame, whose CIA identity was leaked to Novak in July 2003.

WHITE HOUSE SHAKEUP



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Tony Snow, right, speaks after President Bush announced Snow's appointment as his new press secretary, replacing Scott McClellan, in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House on Wednesday.

Fox host Tony Snow named White House spokesman

Jennifer Loven
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush gave his presidency a facelift Wednesday, tapping a smooth-talking, telegenic conservative commentator as the new White House press secretary.

The appointment of Fox News pundit Tony Snow as Bush's third chief spokesman was intended in part to help improve the White House's frayed relationship with the press corps. Bush paired the announcement of his choice with some friendly jabs at reporters, and a serving of respect for their craft.

"Tony already knows most of you, and he's agreed to take the job anyway," the president said, Snow laughing at his side in the briefing room where he will start holding court in about two weeks. "He understands like I understand that the press is vital to our democracy."

Snow, a 50-year-old Ohio native, plans to take over from current press secretary Scott McClellan the week of May 8. He will hold off conducting the daily press briefings for several days while the two overlap.

The choice of Snow was also part of a White House effort — under the leadership of new chief of staff Joshua Bolten and with Bush at his lowest-ever approval ratings — to reach out to conservatives who made up the base of support for Bush's two presidential victories but have been disaffected by government spending and other issues.

Democrats, though, seized on

remarks and writings Snow has produced in nearly 25 years in the media that have been critical of Bush, and often provocative. Snow held several print journalism positions, mostly working for newspaper opinion pages, and lately has been the host of the "Tony Snow Show" on Fox News Radio and "Weekend Live with Tony Snow" on the Fox News Channel.

Though usually aggressively supportive of the president as a GOP pundit, Snow has also shown a confrontational side. In a syndicated column, for instance, Snow has called the president "something of an embarrassment," a leader who has "lost control of the federal budget," the architect of a "listless domestic policy" and a man who has "a habit of singing from the political correctness hymnal."

The Democratic National Committee said Snow's appointment means "truth still snowed in" in the Bush administration.

The White House — led by Bush — said Snow's candor and colorful talk will be an asset, not a liability.

"I asked him about those comments, and he said, 'You should have heard what I said about the other guy,'" the president said. "I like his perspective, I like the perspective he brings to this job, and I think you're going to like it, too."

Snow, who took a hiatus from the media in the late 1990s to work in the White House under Bush's father as a speechwriting director and spokesman for regional issues, spoke only briefly. Neither he nor Bush took questions.

"Believe it or not, I want to work with you," Snow told reporters. "We've got a lot of big issues ahead and we've got a lot of important things that all of us are going to be covering together."

Snow had delayed a decision about taking the job to consult with his family — he and his wife have three young children — and his doctors — he had his colon removed last year and underwent six months of chemotherapy after being diagnosed with cancer.

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Filipinos are 'Righting My Goodbye'



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The Filipino Cultural Exchange will celebrate its annual cultural night in the Clark Center in Arroyo Grande.

Filipino students will gather for a night of live music and a film

Liz Soteris-McNamara
MUSTANG DAILY

The Filipino Cultural Exchange (PCE) presents "Righting My Goodbye," an original production by Cal Poly students Friday and Saturday at the Clark Center in Arroyo Grande.

"Righting My Goodbye" centers its story around the character of Isabelle (Lisa Aguirre) who returns to the Philippines after the death of a loved one. With the help of her best friend and others, she uncovers corruption and in turn questions her loyalties.

The feature also includes a line-up of different bands each night. Friday night the show opens with performances from Gabe Bondoc, Take It SLO and the Chinese Student Association.

The Saturday night performers include Cathy Galvez of "Leave It to Chance", US Crew and Next Phase.

Performances are a part of PCE's cultural night, which they have hosted every year for the

last 17 years.

PCE members began writing the play last summer under the instruction of Bernard Badiou, the author of "Leave it to Chance."

"None of us had writing experience," co-author Melanie Rubia said. "We (the authors) are four engineers and a music major."

Rubia said that one of the greatest obstacles in writing the play was the distance between the authors over the summer months.

"We would be on AIM and be like, maybe the characters should do this?"

The play features several actors involved with the PCE.

Actor Raniel Camacho, a mechanical engineering junior called the show "a showcase of what our club is about to Cal Poly and our

**When I came to Cal Poly,
I was looking for a family,
I found that in PCE.**

—Raniel Camacho
mechanical engineering junior

culture."

"When I came to Cal Poly, I was looking for a family, I found that in PCE," Camacho said.

The authors completed the play with a "good collaboration" Rubia said.

PCE has more than 100 members at Cal Poly.

Shows run Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Clark Center in Arroyo Grande. Student tickets are \$12 and general admission is \$15.

Musty the Mustang takes on the Red Bull Flugtag

Kristen Marschall
MUSTANG DAILY

On Saturday Musty the Mustang will soar off a platform, plummet 30 feet into water and only to be decapitated in front of a crowd of thousands.

Red Bull Flugtag is the name of the game and five Cal Poly students will head to Tempe, Ariz. to compete against 30 other teams with contraptions that include a toilet, a trailer home, Pac Man, a taco, Elvis and the Shaggin' Waggin' from "Dumb and Dumber."

"My roommate is a Red Bull rep for the campus and he kept encouraging us (to apply)," said Josh Crane, a Cal Poly team member and materials engineering senior. In addition to Crane, the team is comprised of

mechanical engineering senior Blake West, mechanical engineering sophomore Ian Journey, crop science and agriculture business senior Anthony Jaques and recreation administration senior Lindsay Simpson.

The team sent in five applications, which included ideas for a giant Frisbee; a Mary Poppins theme, complete with a giant chimney and even the backside of a bull that a team member would ride a bike out of. But out of a total of 200 applications, only 31 were selected and the Musty design was one of them.

Perhaps it was the idea to convert Musty into a Trojan horse, but Crane believes that Red Bull Flugtag Arizona is going for a college theme this year. Cal Poly is one of many university teams competing, while others hail from Oregon, Texas, Washington

and New Mexico.

Liz Ordenstein, a communications coordinator for Red Bull, said the competition is open to anyone and everyone but there generally are a lot of college entries.

"College students are great," she said. "They're creative, they have a sense of humor, they know how to amp up the crowd. ... They (the Cal Poly team) were one of the teams that had the perfect mix."

The main competition, however, will be between local universities such as the University of Arizona and Arizona State, which each have a couple of teams.

It is a rivalry that Crane's team incorporated into their skit, which is mandatory for all teams to perform before launching their contraptions. Crane said two Cal Poly students will dress up as a wildcat and a sun devil (to mock the Arizona mascots) only to be lassoed and hogtied by two other team members dressed as a cowboy and a cowgirl. All the while, "Cotton Eyed Joe" will be playing and will change over to "California Love" at the end to show the team's pride for their state.

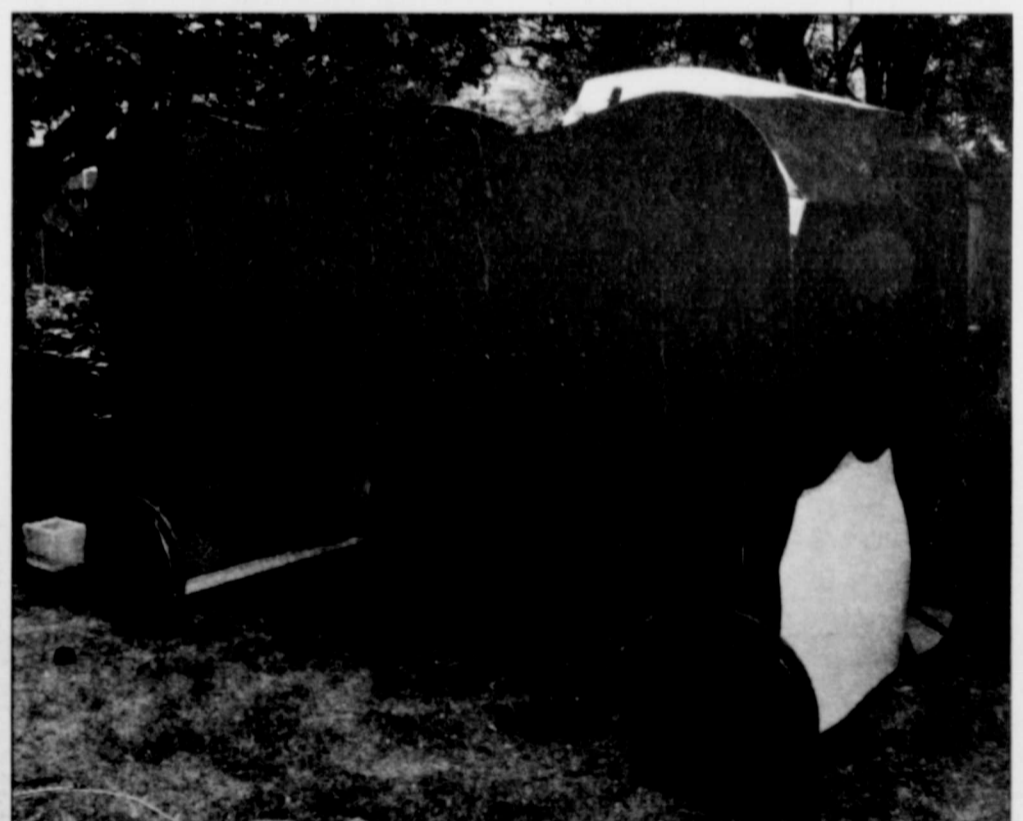
The team will then roll Musty off the platform into Tempe Town Lake when the head will come off and split in half to make wings for Crane to sail down.

Though the teams have had about two months to put their device together, Crane said his team only started within the last two weeks.

"We're college students you know, we procrastinated," he said.

The team is making Musty out of 2-by-4s and wheelchair wheels. The body is covered in cardboard and then painted. But there is one minor problem.

"We can't get it out of the back-



COURTESY PHOTO

Musty the Mustang, built by Cal Poly students, makes his debut at the Red Bull Flugtag event.

yard," Crane said. The craft is too big to get around the house, so they will have to transport it over the roof.

"It'll be an adventure to get it over," Crane said, laughing.

The five students will then load Musty onto a trailer and make the trip to Tempe where their performance will be judged on three criteria: creativity, showmanship and distance.

The goal is to not only be funny, but to also make it out as far as possible into the water. The Flugtag record in the United States is 78 feet in the 2004 Cleveland competition, but was 195 feet in a European Flugtag.

The machines must all weigh less than 450 lbs, including the pilot, and span no more than 30 feet wide. Additionally, all devices must be human-powered and prefabricated machines are not allowed.

The Flugtag teams will compete for a variety of prizes: First place will receive a pilot's training course at a cash value of \$7,500, second-place winners will receive skydiving lessons at a cash value of \$3,000 and the third-place team will win paragliding lessons valued \$1,500 cash value. Other teams can also win awards for the "Most Creative" craft or the "People's Choice" award.

"Flugtag" is a German word meaning "flying day" – and that's just what it is. It started in 1991 in Vienna, Austria as an idea by Red Bull founder Dietrich Mateschitz and has grown in popularity with the more than 30 Flugtags that have taken place worldwide.

The first Flugtag in the U.S. took place in San Francisco in October see Flugtag, page 8

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A 'Silent' new awakening



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Ryan Chartrand
MUSTANG DAILY

"Doom," "Resident Evil," "Super Mario Bros." These are only a few of the disappointing films that have stained theaters for the past decade, an era that many gamers and moviegoers have tried to forget. The words "Silent Hill," however, mark a new era.

If there has ever been a more dire need for worthwhile video game adaptations, it would be now; a time when most of society has given up on taking the video game industry and its adaptations seriously. "Silent Hill," which is based off of a popular and twisted video game series, could be the savior that puts future adaptations on the right track. While it's a far cry from perfection, "Silent Hill" is a pleasing experience for anyone in love with Japanese-inspired horror films (i.e. "The Ring" or "The Grudge").

The plot is similar to the original "Silent Hill" video game in that a woman (originally a man in the game), played by Radha Mitchell ("Man on Fire") and the only cast member worth mentioning, loses her creepy daughter when they arrive in the foggy, ash-ridden town of Silent Hill. As the woman begins searching for her daughter, her life becomes a cross between Pee Wee Herman, Barney and Lucifer. In other words, a bit

disturbing. The town sporadically converts into the worst hell imaginable and makes finding lost daughters rather challenging. Nevertheless, the audience is invited to help find the missing girl in a world where people with flesh are just asking to be skinned alive.

As the story unfolds, the residents of Silent Hill are found to be jolly witch hunters that love to burn little girls who sin. If you like complex Japanese horror films that leave you completely befuddled, take a trip to "Silent Hill."

If it isn't obvious that "Silent Hill" is much like a stroll down "WTF Lane," then perhaps the crazy Japanese idea that a guy with a pyramid as a head swinging a 10-foot sword will help drive the point home. Surprisingly however, nothing in "Silent Hill" is all that scary; it's more fun than terrifying to watch what bizarre creature will come around the corner next. Although the CGI is usually spot-on in creating these inconceivable monsters that only the Japanese could conjure up, there are others that are flat-out disappointing.

But what makes "Silent Hill" an uncanny experience has nothing to do with its complex story or blood-splattering visuals; the secret lies in its audio. The sound alone creates the foggy and chilling atmosphere that millions of gamers have come to instantly love and

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The Velvet Rope

MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ENTER

More than just 'that single girl'

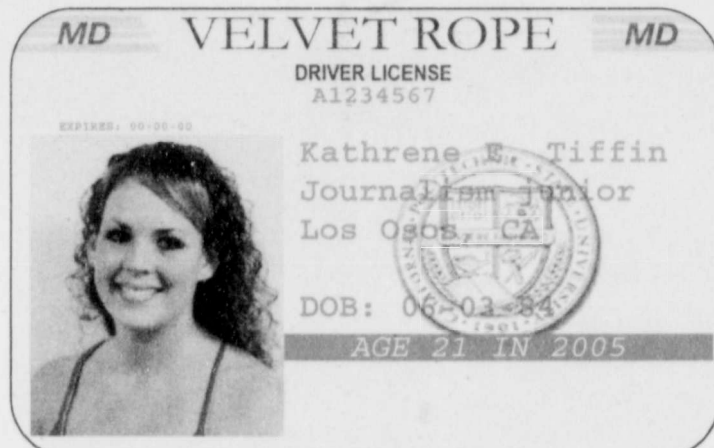
When I transferred to Cal Poly last September, not only did I enter a new era in my college life, but my relationship status changed as well.

Having been 21 for less than a year, the only bar scene I knew was that of a "taken" girl. When guys would ask me to dance or ask for my number, I would tell them that I had a boyfriend and that was that.

But, "that" was then and for the past six months I have been experiencing the bar scene in a completely different "single" light.

For more than two years I was in a solid relationship and nothing seemed to change when I turned 21. I was finally allowed to go to the bars on the weekends instead of "hump night," and even though my boyfriend at the time rarely went with me, I was content to just dance and hang out with my group of friends and stay out of the single crowd; single meaning no commitment to anyone but myself.

In my group of relationship-struck friends I became "that single girl," the one friend everyone has. It seemed almost automatic the first time I went out after the relationship ended. I noticed guys standing around everywhere waiting to swarm in on their female prey, buy them a drink, talk, get their number and if they were lucky, a date for the night. I know not all men are there for this purpose, but I noticed it happening to a lot of people and I wasn't ready or prepared for it to happen to me.



decided to give my number to. So, we devised a plan.

While I could still be single at the bars if I wanted to, other times my phone number, and sometimes my name, became confidential. It was like a game for us — who do we want to be tonight?

Once, a guy that had been hitting on some of us was escorted out of the bar by the police 15 minutes later for harassing some other girls.

There must have been a sign on me somewhere that said "I'm single, buy me a drink and I'll give you my number," because I definitely got more than one offer in my newly single state.

While few men were lucky enough to get my number, I will admit that the free drinks were nice, but I didn't want to be in that crowd, at least not yet.

The last place I wanted to meet a guy was at the bars and I hated feeling obligated to talk to them or give them my phone number when I hadn't completely conformed to my single status quite yet. I would leave the bars upset because I missed being in a relationship and I hated that I had just talked to guys or given out my phone number when I had no intentions of ever talking to them again. I knew I was not being fair to them or to myself.

When a random number would call my cell phone I blamed myself for not wanting to answer it. I didn't know if it would be someone from the weekend or even better if it was someone my intoxicated friends

Jessica, Kayla, Mandy? Sure, confusion happens and we've been found out on more than one occasion when an accidental real name or the wrong fake name slips out, but it works. I finally began to realize that even though I was single I didn't always have to play the single role.

I still go out sometimes on the weekends and get wild and crazy and make a complete fool out of myself, but that is my role amongst my friends since I am "that single girl." I don't have to worry about the men unless I want to, although I am sure the majority of them are nice guys.

It can be difficult to fall back into the groove of single life after being away from it for so long, but it is exciting to know that I can meet people and be single or I can say I'm in a relationship and still have a good time on the weekends without the stress of wondering if I'm leading someone on.

It's OK to be single and pretend you're in a relationship but it's not OK to be in a relationship and pretend you're single. I just wish it hadn't taken me so long to realize that being single didn't mean I had to act upon or admit to my singleness, at least not all the time.

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2002 and seven more U.S. locations followed. Later this year, Red Bull Flugtag will visit Baltimore, Md.

This will mark Ordenstein's third Flugtag and it is an event she encourages everyone to go to.

"It is so much fun and so hilarious," she said. "It's a good time for everyone to share laughs."

She said most U.S. crowds range from 35,000 to 70,000 people "we're hoping in Arizona to have something like that." The largest crowd to-date was in London in 2003 when over 300,000 people attended and Hyde Park had to be shut down — which had only happened once previously at a Rolling Stones concert.

Though Crane's team hopes to walk away from the competition with a prize, he said the main reason to participate is to have fun.

"We have tons of midterms next week but it's worth it," Crane said. "I'll probably never get the chance to do this again, so I might as well do it."

Hang out 'On the Streets of SLO'

Jennifer Boudevin
MUSTANG DAILY

Kids at the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter have been up to something crafty lately.

Wielding crayons, markers and active imaginations, the youngsters have spent a couple of hours each week creatively expressing themselves and preparing pieces to be displayed as part of "On the Streets of SLO."

The unique art exhibit opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at the University Union Gallery — located in the Epicenter on the second floor of the union. There will be complimentary refreshments and live music by Andrew Heringer.

The display is part of Homelessness Awareness Week 2006 and aims to create an opportunity for the community to come together with the homeless in San Luis Obispo. It will include a short film, drawings, collages, constructed butterflies and more art by the children (and adults) of the shelter and Prado Day Center.

All proceeds received as donations on opening night will be given to the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless to be distributed to support children's artwork programs at the local shelters.

The event stems from a program called "Developing Through Art," the brainchild of co-coordinators graphic communication senior Amy Whittaker and political science senior Caroline Thompson.

With volunteers in tow, they visit the Maxine Lewis shelter once a week during the families' free time to spend time with the kids and teach them about art.

A similar program, "Express Yourself," is put on at the Prado Day Center by Cal Poly architecture senior Casey Cramer.



COURTESY PHOTO

Kids from the Maxine Lewis Shelter show off their art in the University Union beginning today.

Both programs are funded and made possible by the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless.

Whittaker explained how the exhibit came to fruition:

"I am the student supervisor of fine arts for the UU Gallery, so I thought that teaming up with Student Community Services (SCS) during Homelessness Awareness Week to display the artwork created during

("Developing Through Art") would be a great opportunity to not only spread awareness of homelessness in San Luis Obispo, but to also give these kids the opportunity to express themselves and share their personal experiences with the community through art," she said.

"The kids get so excited when we arrive and seem to love the art projects. I have really seen an improvement over time in both their confidence and artistic abilities."

Volunteering at the shelter, program co-coordinator Caroline Thompson noticed there was a need for kid's activities during the families' free evening time to give the parents a chance to relax.

"The program helps give parents a break. Many aren't able to afford day care, and they have long days," she said. "This really gives them a little time off."

The children benefit from the art break, too. "It is so rewarding to see them develop," Thompson said, "to see that they are happy and doing something constructive."

Students, faculty and community members are invited to attend the opening, and Whittaker feels everyone has something to gain from "On the Streets of SLO."

"I would really encourage people to attend this event because there are so few opportunities for the community to come together and support the homeless population," she said.

"By simply coming and appreciating the talents and personalities of the people involved with these art programs, (we) are supporting both the programs and the homeless community," Whittaker said.

The exhibit runs through May 19 at the UU Gallery.

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recognize. The predictable Japanese video game soundtrack seems a bit out of place for Hollywood, but I think most will be able to fall in love with its beautiful and childlike piano theme. Without the time and effort that went into the sound effects and music, the unnerving feeling from the video game would not have existed. Thankfully,

"Silent Hill" is the first video game adaptation to transpose most of its spirit and interactivity onto the big screen.

While "Silent Hill" certainly fails to ever be frightening, it knows how to keep you interested and entertains despite its barely passable cast. "Silent Hill" has a set a bar for its genre and the abundance of video game adaptations coming in 2007 finally have something to look up to.

COMMENTARY

Anim-azing music

Ryan Chartrand
MUSTANG DAILY

When I first heard about "Tribute," a concert that will feature music from Japanese animation and video games, I was very doubtful. "It's just going to be three or four disorganized nerds without talent," I thought to myself. A recent preview of the group, put together by the Japanese Cultural Exchange, however, convinced me to buy a front-row seat.

I didn't find three or four nerds. I found nearly 50 extremely talented performers from Cal Poly, Cuesta and all around the community performing some of the most creative and emotional songs to come out of Japan. This isn't a little get-together; it's a truly groundbreaking concert that has been in production for the past seven months.

"Where did these people come from?" I kept thinking to myself. It makes you wonder how many other people in this little town are so talented. A Cal Poly English professor, a harpist, an accordion player, a string quartet, several vocalists and a dozen other instrumentalists make up this "motley crew" of passionate individuals," said "Tribute" producer Angelo Alcid.

"Tribute" also features an impressive assortment of music such as: jazz, folk, blues, opera, rock, classical and multiple ballads from shows like "Cowboy Bebop" that could bring you to tears. Songs from video games such as the "Final Fantasy" series are so

diverse and compelling that the composer, Nubou Uematsu, has become a global icon in the music industry. While "Tribute" doesn't cover any of the popular heavy metal renditions of the "Final Fantasy" series, there are plenty of other styles to enjoy.

The music is so diverse and appealing to all crowds that even the "Tribute" vocal coach, a nun from a local Catholic church, is in love with it. I can't remember the last time I saw a nun watching anime or playing a video game, so don't let the source of the music scare you away; "Tribute"

really is for anyone in love with music.

Fans of this rapidly growing genre of music will certainly be overjoyed to hear the finale, which will feature over two dozen musicians playing a 15-minute medley of battle

themes from "Final Fantasy." It's quite a risk and a challenge, but from what I've seen, they are somehow pulling it off.

More importantly, however, those who have never heard this genre of music, especially performed live, better be prepared to become addicted. This isn't a show of bubbly tones and annoying repetition like you might expect; "Tribute" contains brilliant and original composition, performed by surprisingly talented musicians.

"Tribute" will come to the Performing Arts Center as a one-time deal on Saturday at 8 p.m. The tickets range from \$12 to \$22, which is a low price for what is sure to be an incredible experience.



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"You should make a shirt that says STET."

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SEX COLUMN

Relationships: Long and hard

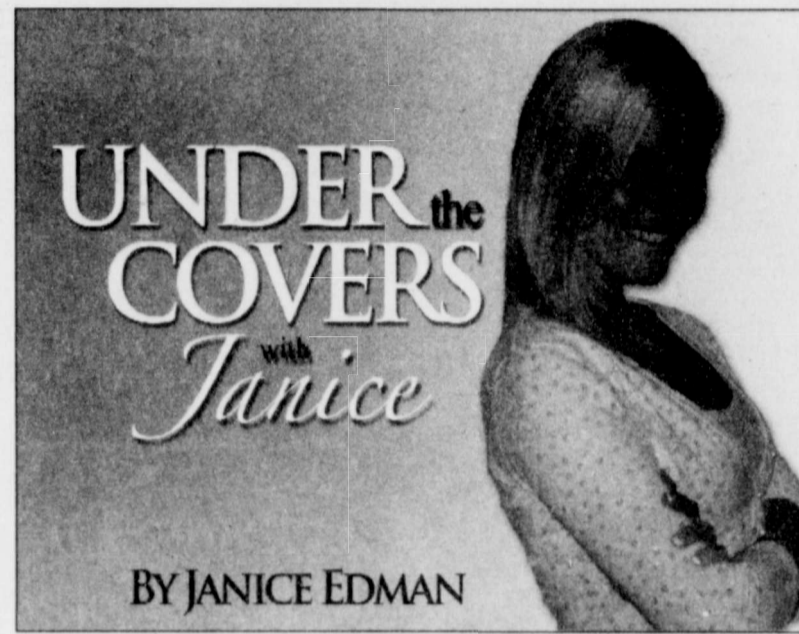
With the end of the term upon us (Yes, it is week five), I've been reflecting a lot on all of the changes that are about to take place. For those of us graduating, gone will be the days of sleeping in until noon and the drunken nights in the middle of the week. We will soon be entering the job force, where I'm told they frown on that sort of thing. And with summer coming for all of us, another change might soon be occurring inside your very own relationship. It's that ever-feared, ever loathed... long distance relationship.

My own personal studmuffin will be moving out this very weekend, off to the greener pastures (and gasp-worthy paychecks) that the Bay Area has to offer. Don't worry about me — I have 21 units to keep me satisfied — but I obviously sympathize with anyone out there who is performing the long distance dance right now. I've been in the situation before, with disastrous consequences, but from which I learned many excellent lessons to take into consideration when your happy little nest expands from the 10 feet between your dorm rooms to hundreds, maybe thousands of miles.

Lesson No. 1: Talk once every day. Sounds obvious, right? But note: I said once. Don't turn into a person whose cell phone becomes his or her best friend. I knew a girl who proudly boasted spending roughly four hours on the phone (at international calling rates) with her boyfriend, who was overseas and definitely too broke to pay for the calls. Check in with each other once a day, and in the event of exciting news or important info, make another quick call or send a text. There is still a life to be led in said person's absence.

Lesson No. 2: Don't, at all costs, pick a fight. The tiny little quarrels you might have had over dinner options or where to sleep could be easily fixed by a quickie under the sheets. But nitpicking over the phone isn't so easily remedied, because the kiss-and-make-up has been rendered impossible. Make an honest effort to be positive and cheery, even if you're miserable and miss him or her more than light brown M&Ms.

Lesson No. 3: Avoid jealousy at all costs. So he's been working with a really friendly girl you suspect is gorgeous? So she seems awfully close to Chad, her neighbor across the hall? Get over it. Painful as it sounds, if something's happening, you'll find out even-



tually. There's no reason to unleash the green monster unless you have actual proof (I won't go into details, but foreign hairs in the sheets is never a good sign). Jealousy is quite possibly the most unattractive

quality a person can have — so give your one the benefit of the doubt.

Lesson No. 4: Enjoy the new freedom you have. We're all guilty of holing up with that special someone and forgetting the rest of the world exists

when in a happy relationship. But now that all that time is now empty, fill it with something you wanted to do before but couldn't fit into your schedule. Grab the friends you've been shamelessly neglecting and go out for a big meal or start going to that yoga class again. Good times can definitely still be had.

I recommend against trying long distance for long periods — it's just rough on everyone. But there's no reason a strong relationship can't withstand or even benefit from, some time apart. As for me, I'll be in the library willing myself to not break any of those rules, while sorting through books on medieval lit if you need me.

Janice Edman is an English senior and a Mustang Daily columnist.

I've been in the situation before, with disastrous consequences, but from which I learned many excellent lessons to take into consideration when your happy little nest expands from the 10 feet between your dorm rooms to hundreds, maybe thousands of miles.

What does the other sex have to say?



The technology of communication has transformed miles into milliseconds; long distance has become more of an idiotic trend and less of a true test of love.

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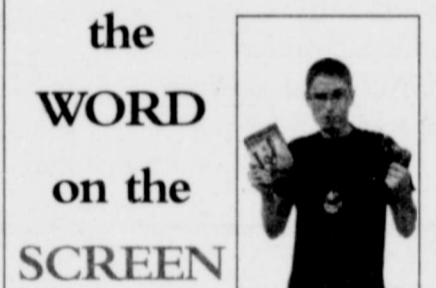
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Professors can solve the textbook problem

It seems that every year Jay Devore writes to the paper to comment on expensive textbooks. As always, Devore puts the blame on used copies of books driving the prices of new books up. What Devore fails to mention is that professors have every option to assign inexpensive alternatives to "required" books that many students may never crack open except to do homework problems each week. Do 100 and 200-level classes really require a \$100 textbook on simple subjects (e.g., statistics) when one can purchase \$10 to \$20 books that teach the same concepts just as clearly for one-fifth of the price? Not to mention, said textbooks are likely not written by the professor teaching the course (negating the potential conflict-of-interests), offering students a different approach to a subject so that they might better understand the problems they face.

Consider this a call to arms for students fed up with textbook prices: Keep buying used textbooks. Do what you can to obtain books from the Library Reserve Room or copy the essentials of problems out of a peer's textbook. Figure out if the textbook is really providing you with novel information not covered in lecture or if you're being charged additional course fees to do required homework assignments to fill some professor's coffers. Textbooks should be a useful resource, not a second tuition to supplement professor salaries.

Shane Lile
Computer science senior

The Hamas' charter: A reality check

Recently, Humza Chowdhry wrote a guest commentary in the Mustang Daily lambasting Zionism. Before enumerating some of the good things that Hamas does, he assured his readers that "Jewish people aren't the problem; Zionism is." I would like to invite Mustang Daily readers to read what Hamas actually stands for by reading their charter. You can find it on the Web at www.mideastweb.org/hamas.htm. There is an introduction and 36 articles.

In the introduction you will find: "Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it..."; "Our struggle against the Jews is very great and very serious."

In Article 7: "The Day of Judgement (sic) will not come about until Moslems fight the Jews (killing the Jews)..."; (Humza: Didn't you say the Jews are not the problem?).

In Article 13: "There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through Jihad. Initiatives, proposals, and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavors."

Article 17: "...their lackeys who are infiltrated through Zionist organizations under various names and shapes, such as Freemasons, Rotary Clubs ..."

Article 22: "With their money they formed secret societies, such as Freemasons, Rotary Clubs, the Lions, and others ... for the purpose of sabotaging societies and achieving Zionist interests." (Humza: How

come the Kiwanis are left out of this distinguished list? Please alert Hamas that I belong to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Nipomo!)

Articles 22 & 28 also blame the Jews for the French Revolution, the Communist Revolution, World War I, The League of Nations, World War II, The United Nations, the drug trade and alcoholism "in all its kinds."

In Article 32 it says, "Their plan is embodied in the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion'..." Humza, don't you know that this document is a fraud? Only ignorant or deluded people believe that this document is bonafide. Let me challenge you to find an instructor in Cal Poly's history department that will stand up and say that either the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" or the "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" is not a fraudulent document. Bet you can't do it.

Gary Epstein
Emeritus professor of mathematics

Disband UPD, SLOPD could perform the tasks

Every year we pay more money for our education, and every year they make more cutbacks; degrading the quality of education we receive. I think the next time we decide to make cutbacks, we should disband the University Police Department. It is possible that the revenue they bring in outweighs their costs, but that revenue is just more out of the students' pockets made from needless tickets. The services that the University Police Department provides are nothing that the SLOPD couldn't perform themselves. Why don't we shut down the University Police Department and take some of that extra money to pay SLO Police Department to drive on campus every once in a while to harass bike riders and give out tickets at the meters and up by the intramural soccer fields between the hours of 6 and 10 p.m.

The University Police Department does everything, but "Protect and Serve." They ignore rape or hate crimes, which are some of few forms of crime that actually exist on this campus. Especially since rich white people can get away with anything. When it comes to hate crimes, such as the egging of the GLBU booth a few years ago, we all know how useful the University Police Department was there. Apparently, at Cal Poly, if you are gay, then you don't deserve the same rights and protection as the rest of the campus. The University Police Department doesn't "Serve and Protect" anything but themselves. If we don't disband the UPD, we can at least change the slogans on their patrol cars to something more suitable such as "Spending lots of your money to give you parking tickets and making sure bike riders don't ride on the sidewalk."

Leonard Bessemer
Art and design junior

A not so gentle reminder

In the commentary Monday concerning the new movie about the heroic efforts of Americans to deter Islamic extremists from flying a plane into a building, Ms. Marschall made it seem that any American who wants to relive the "tragedy" is a bloodthirsty savage. What she did not tell you, unfortunately, is that many of the families whose loved ones died to defend their nation that day also had a large say as to how



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the movie was produced and greatly appreciated the retelling of the events.

Many Americans, particularly college students jaded by recent world events, withdraw themselves into fantasy worlds revolving around sports, music or anything else that can keep their minds off of World War III (face it, we're in it right now). Movies like "United 93" are needed to bring us all back into reality, to make us face the brutality of extremist, pseudo-religious ideologies and inspire us to take a stand and fight back. The Americans on flight 93 symbolize what all Americans should be, and unless we hear their story we may lose that part of our spirit, the American spirit, that should always be a part of us. "Let's roll" should be a phrase ever at the forefront of our minds for now and for the rest of our lives.

Ryan Hunter
Mechanical engineering senior

ASI elections around the corner

Finally an election is coming our way unlike the United States government, where individuals are not forced to vote between the lesser of two evils. Next week is the election for the ASI president and Board of Directors candidates — I know you're counting down the days like I am. Since I'm an old-timer about to leave this town I thought I'd throw my two cents into the ring about the candidate I think would benefit all of you next year and even those graduating.

There is one candidate on the ballot next week that rises to the top: Todd Maki. Maki is hard-working, experienced and passionate, yet also has fresh ideas and perspectives that would benefit the student body. His campaign slogan is simply "Todd because..." for a number of reasons; but the one I want to highlight to you is because he is the best candidate and will make your school year a little smoother. Maki has the experience necessary to get things done and also genuinely loves to serve the campus. His only personal agenda is to improve the campus through a number of different initiatives. Check out www.toddbecause.com for more details. Take a little time

out of your day next Wednesday and Thursday and vote for Maki for ASI president because, despite what other candidates may be confused about, he really is the man.

Blake Bolton
Industrial and technical studies graduate

Arabism and the on-going Palestinian terrorism

In his article, Mr. Chowdhry accuses anyone who supports Israel to be immoral. How dare he? How can he accuse Israel's supporter to be immoral while he supports Hamas, a recognized terrorist organization set on killing innocent Jews, Israeli or not, and is bent on destroying a country? And this, two days after a terrorist blew himself up at a falafel stand and killed nine and injured 60 during Passover.

With the same bias that has become commonplace everywhere, Israel's defense of its citizens is now equated with Nazism, with South African apartheid and with genocide, all the wrongs of the world, even if these accusations are as ridiculous as they are.

And from where does Mr. Chowdhry know that Israel has hundreds of nuclear weapons? And that it is funded by the U.S.? Whose spies does he talk to?

Just like in the movies, he is one of the many who demonize Israel and the Jews so that killing them is tolerated and legitimized.

He should be advocating peace between the two people, as even the Palestinian Authority supposedly is, not destroying Israel and blaming her for all that is wrong. He should be ashamed of himself for accusing Israel with this bias without placing any blame on her enemies.

And if the suicide bombings in Israel are a legitimate response to the faults of Israel, what are they for in Iraq and Afghanistan and other places?

Ben Goodman
SLO resident

Mr Eller only gives the patriotic argument

I once again gasped as I read "The Right Way," a piece of journalism so interesting I read it weekly. While the things he said were interesting, I

believe Mr. Eller may be illuminating one side of the story: The patriotic side. I never understood this argument, you are either with us or against us. I never realized that exposing someone breaking the law was such a shameful act. I never realized that when someone saw something wrong they should just forget about it because it would be "unpatriotic" to expose it. I may not speak for all Americans, because I am not a Bible-carrying Christian, but I don't want secret prisons abroad, I don't even want Guantanamo. Mr. Eller says that in order to "earn an award in journalism, one would have to do work ... that benefits society in a meaningful way." I didn't realize that reporting crimes people have committed didn't benefit society. If I ever see Mr. Eller get into a precarious situation I will be sure to do an about turn and forget everything I just saw. I don't see why Mr. Eller thinks that every attack against the Bush administration and their accomplices is an attack against America. Maybe people just want them to play by the rules, instead of making them up as they go. Last time I checked, certain people close to Bush are under investigation for leaking classified information, and I don't see Mr. Eller calling for prosecution to "the fullest extent of the law." It's odd how he leaves things out that counter his arguments that are just as current and just as relevant. But hey, that's unpatriotic. Bush is great.

David Hansen
Environmental horticultural sciences freshman

Anne Giapapas the better candidate

I just wanted to voice my opinion on the ASI presidential campaign. I think that Anne Giapapas would make a good president. She seems very well-rounded and she would get a lot accomplished as ASI president. She could bring some new ideas to Cal Poly which could really help. On the other hand, I don't think Maki's ideas are very feasible. Overall, Anne Giapapas is the much better candidate. Thank you for hearing my opinion.

Billy Ballas
Communication studies junior

Calif. judge clears way for stem-cell research

James Hohmann
THE STANFORD DAILY (STANFORD)

STANFORD — A California judge on Friday cleared the way for the state to fund a stem-cell research program approved by voters in 2004. Stanford University scientists at the School of Medicine welcomed the court decision, saying that it would boost their research efforts. In the November 2004 elections, California voters approved a ballot measure by a 59 percent margin that made \$3 billion of state money available for stem-cell research over the next decade, \$250 million annually over 12 years.

The measure, Proposition 71, laid the groundwork for the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine, which approves grants for researchers and organizations. In the initial grant process, the School of Medicine was chosen to be one of nine recipients of the money.

Pro-life and anti-tax groups filed legal challenges to hinder the research program that the voters had approved, arguing that the process was unconstitutional because two opposing measures were on the same ballot. These groups also tried to have the program thrown out on technical grounds, asserting that the 29-member Oversight Committee controlling CIRM could not be

accountable under state laws.

Judge Bonnie Lewman Sabraw said that CIRM could now begin raising money and writing grants. The Institute had issued bonds on April 10 as a short-term solution to get the ball rolling. But Friday's decision allows state officials to fund the stem-cell effort as originally planned.

Science-friendly groups heralded the decision as a step in the right direction.

"This lawsuit has not just been about a state ballot measure or a state agency in California," said Susan DeLaurentis, president of the Alliance for Stem Cell Research, in a statement. "It is also about the hopes of millions of Americans who suffer from disease and injuries that experts agree could greatly benefit from stem cell research."

University officials said that permanent approval by the judge was crucial, and that the short-term solution would not have sustained the program.

"The training grants, while they're in service of research by training people to work with stem cells, would not actually allow the research to go forward," said Irving Weissman, director of the Stanford Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, in an interview with the Pharmaceutical Business Review.

An appeal is expected. The

Associated Press reported Sunday that a final answer on the legality of the program may not be known for another year-and-a-half.

California took up funding stem-cell research after the federal government made working with certain kinds of cell lines illegal in 2001. This severely hindered research in a field that is still evolving.

Experts say that restrictive federal guidelines have put the United States at a competitive disadvantage. The state's measure was designed to keep California on the cutting edge of research and development. Sabraw wrote in her opinion that the CIRM model would help the state attract scientists from around the world.

The debate continues within the science community about whether privately, or publicly, funded stem cell research is best. Steve Peckman, associate director for UCLA's Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Medicine, told The Daily Bruin yesterday that private research maximizes public gain and ensures more oversight.

"If the research is done in the private sector, then you lose the ability to ensure adequate dissemination of the knowledge to benefit the most amount of people," he said. "By giving the money, (the government has) the obligation to then see how that money is spent and to ensure there is regulation and law."

Food allergies appear to be on the rise

Tersa Chobot
MASSACHUSETTS DAILY COLLEGIAN (U. MASSACHUSETTS)

AMHERST, Mass. — The Diner Restaurant in Amherst, Mass., has some of the most savory, delicate, mouthwatering desserts in the area. Visitors can't miss the dessert carousel as they walk in the front door. It has numerous desserts to choose from, including moist carrot cake, original New York style cheesecake, nutty chocolate brownies, whoopie pies, apple pie, french silk pie, apple crisp and chocolate chip cookies. If the guest wants it, they've got it.

The most appealing of all is the chocolate napoleon. Layer after layer of chocolate mousse and a buttery cream cheese rests between a soft, nutty and flaky pastry shell. This sounds delicious, doesn't it? Not to those who can't eat it.

"After only a few bites, my mouth began to tingle and my tongue became itchy in the back of my mouth. My throat began to close slowly. I chewed on ice and breadsticks to try and reverse the reaction. I lost the ability to speak with a clear voice, barely having one ... and proceeded to get blisters on the inside of my lips and cheeks," said senior Erica Lopez about her food allergies.

Food allergies are growing among Americans, and scientists can't figure out why. The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network estimated that the number of people with food allergies has increased from 6 million to 11 million in the past five years. Having a food allergy is not only dangerous, but it makes social situations difficult.

University of Massachusetts dietitian Dianne Sutherland thinks it is important for students with allergies to contact her before coming to UMass, but dining services finds out mostly only after a student has a reaction. Sutherland also emphasizes that it is the student's responsibility with a food allergy.

Sutherland said, "I also work with students with food allergies as I can send them weekly detailed menus and also introduce them to the managers/chefs at the DCs they are working in so the student can communicate with the staff regarding the allergies to ensure there is no cross contamination."

Students with allergies need to be

careful in a college environment. Lopez has a list of many food allergies; she is severely allergic to walnuts and peanuts, soy and wheat. As a student, she found it difficult to eat at the Dining Commons.

"I would find it very scary when I would see meals prepared by the kitchens at the DC that had nut products in them that were not clearly labeled. These ranging from pasta dishes to desserts that would contain nuts," said Lopez. "Pesto sauce especially because the main ingredient is pine nuts. These would sometimes be labeled and sometimes not."

For Lopez, when eating at the DC she had to be more aware than eating at restaurants. Lopez said that restaurants usually do a good job of labeling ingredients in the menu.

Some of the most common food allergies are milk, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, soy and wheat. These eight foods cause 90 percent of all food allergies, according to the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network.

If someone with an allergy consumes their allergen, certain reactions could occur. The person with the allergy could become dizzy, stop breathing, get hives, body parts could swell, and even death is possible. This is called anaphylaxis — a sudden and severe allergic reaction.

When dining out, a person with a food allergy needs to be aware if certain products are used in the preparation of the meals. Bertucci's Brick Oven Restaurant kitchen and food manager Russ Wells said that all of their dishes are peanut-free and that they work with people with food allergies to specifically make dishes suitable to their needs.

"Some of our pizzas have scallops and shrimp on them, so we have utensils specifically for cutting the seafood pizzas and utensils for the non-seafood pizzas to ensure that there is no cross contamination," Wells said.

Bertucci's uses 100 percent pure olive oil, so diners don't need to worry that their dishes are cooked in peanut oil.

Food allergies can be very dangerous. People with friends and loved ones with food allergies should know what to do in case of a reaction. If a reaction does occur, an immediate EpiPen shot needs to be used and then either call 911 or be taken to the emergency room.

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uses a stare down to indicate that the next time that happens, Haywood will receive a haymaker to his head.

4:43 — We've gone from 23-8 and all the makings of a blowout to 23-21 as Gilbert Arenas makes a 3-pointer from just inside half court to end the first quarter. Just think Bay Area natives (myself being one), Arenas was once an Oakland Warrior, and wait, so was Antawn Jamison! Good to see that the Oakland farm system is turning potential prospects into perennial players for the Washington D.C. Wizards. Excuse me while I go play in traffic.

4:49 — The Wizards have now scored 18 unanswered points. There seems to be a revolution brewing under King James.

5:18 — Halftime: Cavaliers winning 38-37.

5:20 — Time for my favorite part of a basketball game on TNT: Charles Barkley. Less than 10 seconds into the halftime show, and Barkley is engaged in a silent battle of wills with fellow analyst Kenny Smith. He slides a pencil in front of Smith, who quickly pushes it back to Barkley. But Barkley slides it right back as Smith is looking the other way. Smith, noticing the pencil once again, "no-looks" the "pencil pick up" and slyly drops it on the floor, giving into Barkley and hoping no one watching is the wiser. Indisputable evidence as to why Barkley is a hall-of-famer,

and insider information only available right here on Sports Balk!

5:41 — Arenas shows his disrespect for the crown as he dunks over King James and gives the Wizards the lead, 40-39.

I'm all for any excuse to get Tom Cruise more face time on television. Really, I am. It was high time sports were eliminated as the only sanctuary on television where you didn't have to hear any references to 'TomKat.'

5:49 — Butler inadvertently steps on the train tracks as LeBron steamrolls him on his way to pounding the ball through the net... AND ONE! Beware of the third rail.

6:06 — Gooden has 14 rebounds and we're still in the third quarter. With LeBron playing inconsistent and in foul trouble after two straight charges, Gooden is single-handedly keeping them in this game.

6:15 — TNT and the producers of "Mission Impossible 3" have a cross promotion going on with the NBA playoffs. I'm all for any excuse to get Tom Cruise

more face time on television. Really, I am. It was high time sports were eliminated as the only sanctuary on television where you didn't have to hear any references to "TomKat." I'll just get back to playing real-life Frogger on campus

6:22 — With the score 68-68 and eight minutes left, this is the time for LeBron to show us just how much he's matured in three years in the NBA.

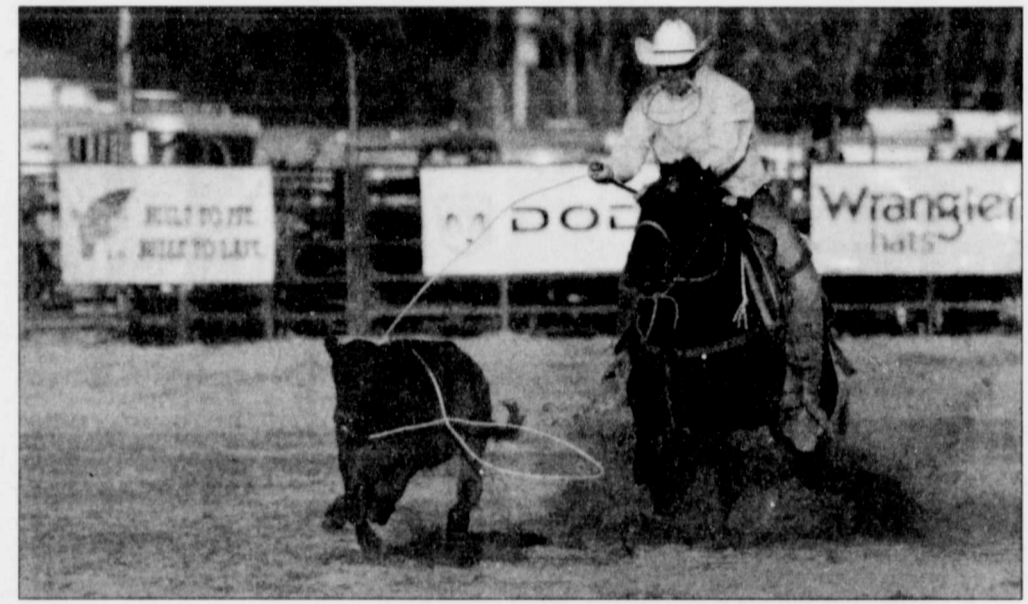
6:37 — LeBron turns it over on a behind the back pass, and the Cavaliers force a jump ball with 1:38 left to play — down by five — but still within striking distance. But in a microcosm of the whole game, the Cavaliers win the jump ball, LeBron and Ilgauskas run into each other, they do a one-footed flamingo dance on the sideline, LeBron makes another errant pass trying to save it and the ball flies right to Gilbert Arenas for easy bucket ... AND

ONE!

6:54 — Washington adds a little drama by failing to make key rebounds and free throws down the stretch, but hold on to win 89-84. So which was the real LeBron: the triple-double LeBron, or the one who struggled under physical defense tonight? Find out if King James will reclaim his throne in game three on Friday night.

Bradford Applin is a sophomore journalism major. Despite Tuesday night, he will fight for King James' army any day. E-mail him at applin@calpoly.edu.

Mustangs dominate at Poly Royal Rodeo



BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's top notch male and female rodeo squads won big in front of a hometown crowd at the Poly Royal Rodeo on Friday and Saturday.

Jandy Jones
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly rodeo team smoked its competition at the Poly Royal Rodeo over the weekend. The team clinched seven individual first-places and took first in the team championship.

Coach Frank Mello said that the team consists of 10 people. There are four women and six men and that only these designated people make points that go for the team standings, he said. Going into the rodeo, both the men's and women's teams were No. 1 in their region.

"We not only lead the region, but we also won the men's and women's all-around and team at our own rodeo," Mello said.

Dallas Osburn took the men's all-around title and Jodi Coppini took

the women's all-around title. Osburn, Milton French and Ben Londo, respectively, won first, second and third in the saddle bronc event.

Londo also placed second in the bareback riding. Joseph Clarot won second in the tie-down roping and Osburn also placed fifth in the event. Lacy Teague tied for sixth in steer wrestling.

Cal Poly swept the team roping header event taking first through seventh and tied in the third and fifth positions. Osburn placed first, Kelsey Johnson took second, Clarot and William Nicholson tied for third. Marcey Teixeira and Trevor Morgan tied for fifth and Candice Pope took seventh.

In the team roping heeler event

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tures. Meanwhile, pitcher John Smoltz pretended to whip Jones in the buttocks, Silas said.

Harassment and discrimination is inherent with women in sports journalism, Silas said, and job availability is at odds as well.

Joanne Gerstner, president for the Association for Women in Sports Media and sportswriter for The Detroit News, had a much different perspective from her coverage of the Detroit Pistons. She described the players' attitudes toward her presence in the locker room as respectful and courteous, some even opening doors for her.

Still, Gerstner knows not everybody has the same positive experience.

"It happens both by athletes and coaches and by colleagues in newsrooms," she said. "It's pathetic, it's sad. Unfortunately, a lot of this inexcusable behavior is alibied by, 'Oh well, boys will be boys.'"

The future

Most women sports reporters in

the television industry are destined for NFL sideline reporting, Silas said. While there are more female reporters covering professional sports, the opportunities remain narrow.

"There are a lot more female sideline reporters, unfortunately, because it's really the only job out there," Silas said.

She also cited the WNBA and Olympics as job opportunities for females in broadcast journalism.

Gerstner attributes the lack of females in the business to sociological traits inherent in society. There aren't nearly as many females pursu-

A larger issue is the lack of women in positions of power, Gerstner said. Precedence and time in the field are needed to advance to an executive position — an improbable task for women seeking a family life.

Paternal leave prevents women from achieving higher status positions and sometimes results in job loss.

"I feel sorry for Gayle Gardner, who was pretty much the first (female) ESPN anchor," Silas said. "She was really smart, good at what she did. She had a kid, gained a little weight and didn't have a job when she came back."

While women's participation in sports has increased immensely due to Title IX, progress for women in sports journalism remains stagnant.

While the start-up quarterback for her junior high football team, Silas faced little adversity from her teammates. However, her time as a sports journalist has been a reminder of the unequal treatment that still challenges women in the male-dominated workplace.

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—Joanne Gerstner
president of AWSM

ing careers in sports journalism as there are males, which can be traced back to the way children are raised, she said.

"We are probably the last institution outside of the Catholic Papacy that is male-dominated and won't change," Gerstner said.

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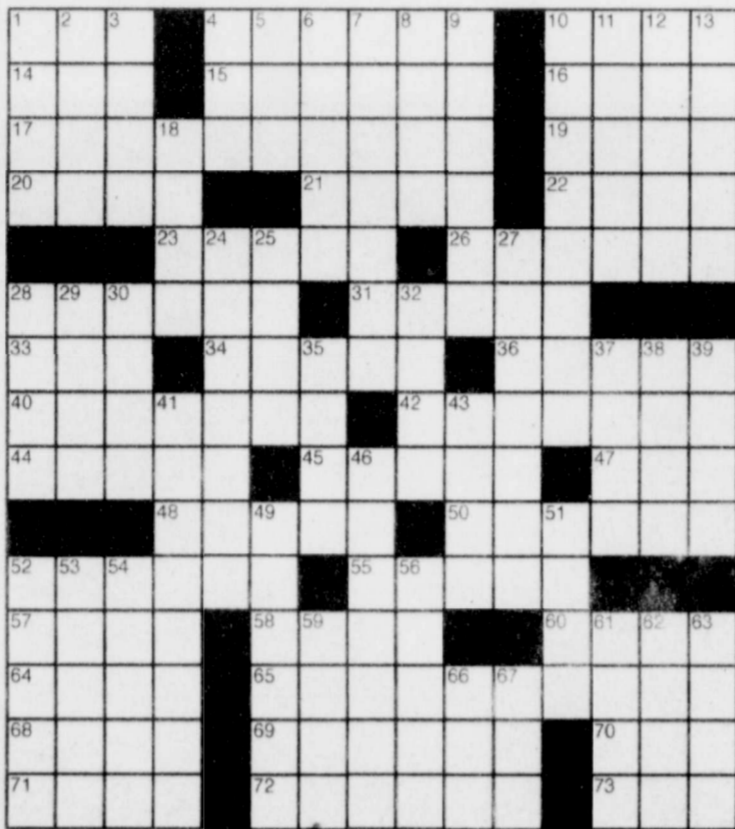


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 - 19 Parks of Alabama
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 - 23 They can carry a tune
 - 26 Thrown in the air
 - 28 Discrimination against a majority
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 - 33 Baloney
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 - 44 Kicking dance
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 - 55 New Zealand native
 - 57 Satisfy
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Rodeo

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Barrel racing and bull riding were the only events that the Cal Poly rodeo team did not place in.

Cal Poly still leads the men's team and women's team in the West Coast Region. The men's team leads with 4,840 points and the women's team has 3,562.16 points. The women's team has almost a 1,500 point lead over University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Cal Poly also leads the men's all-around, the bareback riding, team roping header, breakaway and goat tying.

Londo, a junior in construction management, said the team has a had a good year and that its goal is to go to the College National College Finals held in June.

Mello said it is times hard to get all the team members together for practice because of scheduling conflicts. The team goes out and practices on its own when it can, he said.

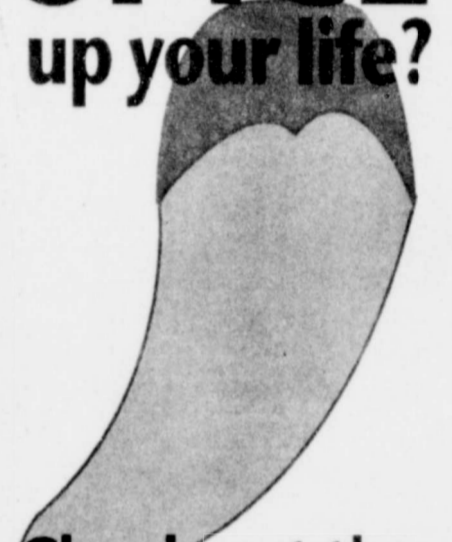
The team had practices up in the covered arena at the Mid State Fairgrounds in Paso Robles because

of all the rain, he said. He hauled cattle up to the fairgrounds and stayed all day so that the team members could practice when they could, Mello said.

Londo said that the team helps each other out when it comes to practice and is willing to work with one another. One of the nice parts of rodeo is that everyone helps out, he said.

The Cal Poly rodeo team has two rodeos left before the college finals in June.

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Frank Stranzl
MUSTANG DAILY

The quarterback of a junior high football team. A basketball and baseball player. Track and field at a prominent NCAA Division I school.

C.J. Silas has been a sports addict since grade school. She loved sports so much that she pursued a career in sports radio.

Fifteen years later, Silas has traversed the continent and seen many great moments in sports, but her career has been marred by numerous instances of gender-based discrimination.

"On a daily basis, it's a lot different for me in a room (at work) than it is for a guy," Silas said. "I walk in and it's like, 'Oh shoot, I wonder if she knows what she's talking about. There's no way she's going to know what she's talking about.'"

Silas, who currently has a one-hour segment Monday through Friday on the local ESPN Radio station and doubles as the Cal Poly baseball public-address announcer, is one of just a few females in the sports radio business.

The Los Angeles native and diehard Dodgers fan first entered the realm of sports journalism after enrolling at the University of Southern California and then at Syracuse University, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in communications in 1991.

If she could go back to the day



Carolyn-Jo Silas has worked in sports journalism for 15 years, her jobs ranging from a field producer and production assistant for ESPN/ESPN2 television to a talk show host for CBS SportsLine Radio.

she decided to take an internship at WAER-FM88, National Public Radio, she might have changed her course to avoid the discrimination, she said. However, a passion for sports kept her in the business and eventually led her to jobs with ESPN, CBS and FOX.

Discrimination at FOX

It was at FOX in 2004, doing a show with renowned NASCAR,

baseball and football personality Chris Myers, that Silas endured her most debilitating instances of harassment and discrimination. In the first broadcast, the opening trailer highlighted the accomplishments of Myers, but portrayed Silas as a stereotypical sports-ignorant woman.

"It's time for 'The Drive' on FOX. You know him from NASCAR on FOX, Major League

Baseball on FOX, N-F-L on FOX Chris Myers!," Silas said, describing the exuberant depiction of her co-host. "And C.J. Silas, she's a chick who kinda knows about sports and stuff."

Silas was silent for several seconds, on the air live and stunned. To make matters worse, the noise of chirping crickets broke her silence.

In future shows, her name was introduced as "C.J. (crickets chirping

noise). They didn't even say I was a chick who kinda knew sports and stuff, now they're just playing crickets and I'm on a national network. I'm talking about sports from noon to four every day, obviously I know something."

The sound bite wasn't an isolated incident.

Admittedly not a devout Jew, Silas still took holidays off to spend with family and friends. When Passover, a major Jewish holiday, came around, she took two nights off like many of the Jewish faith would. However, for the two days prior to and following the holiday, the song "Havah Nagilah" played anytime she spoke.

"Most of the time, I let it go," Silas said. "Like my time at FOX ... it was really hard, like nothing I've ever experienced anywhere else. And it was only because I was a woman."

These two examples hardly scratch the surface of her problems at FOX, but a pending lawsuit prevents her from talking about other occasions of discrimination.

The troubles didn't stop in the office for Silas.

It doesn't stop in the office

After some prodding, Silas got a one-on-one interview with then Atlanta Braves first baseman Fred McGriff in the early '90s. The interview took place inside the Braves' clubhouse following a home game and a young Andruw Jones did his best to interrupt any normalcy to

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Reality writing: LeBron's Encore

Introductions? Pssh, introductions are for columnists without word limits, so I'll preface my column with this: Reality writing is where you get to experience a sporting event, through my "unconventional" perspective.

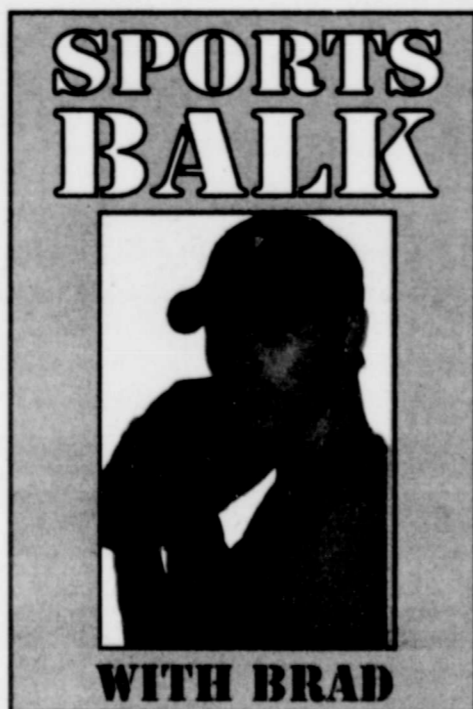
On Saturday, LeBron "King" James became only the third player ever to have a triple-double in his playoff debut with 32 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds against the Washington Wizards. I missed it, and as a professed follower of NBA basketball, it was inexcusable to miss this significant event in the career of the future (arguably current) face of the NBA. I wasn't about to miss his follow-up performance:

3:59 p.m. PST — I switch over to TNT just in time to catch the tail end of an episode of "Law and Order" before the game as Jack McCoy quips: "I hope he takes that image with him to prison." I couldn't think of a better way for TNT to transition into a NBA telecast. "Dun! Dun!"

4:15 — I present before you the lyrics to tonight's pre-game song: "This is 10 percent luck, 20 percent skill, 15 percent concentrated power of will, 5 percent pleasure, 50 percent pain, and 100 percent reason to remember the name."

I don't know what frustrates me

more, the fact that it added up to 200 percent or the fact that I just replayed that six times on my TiVo to share it with you. Consequently I'm now starting to like it. No one talks about the negative side effects of TiVo...



4:17 — Cleveland wins the tip and we are underway! I count that four of the Cavalier starters — LeBron, Drew Gooden, Larry Hughes and Zydrunas Ilgauskas (I do believe the spell check on my computer just had a nervous breakdown) — as all having playoff beards in various stages of development. It's now official: Every sport is ripping off the NHL playoff

beard. Nothing says I'm focused on winning a championship like blatantly disregarding your own personal hygiene.

4:18 — Just in case you were wondering if I would mention basketball in this week's column: LeBron strips Antawn Jamison as he tries to post-up, leading to a Hughes jumper as Cleveland strikes first.

4:23 — LeBron takes it to the rack on the fast break and easily makes the layup as well as the free throw. That brings their lead to 13-4, but the best part was how LeBron made the "blocking-foul-hands-smacked-against-hips-referee-signal" right in sync with the official. James made the basket, turned to the referee, and the two proceeded to make the physical sign for the call directly at each other. The proper call — but if having the official thrust his pelvis in your direction isn't having the referees in your pocket — I don't know what is.

4:31 — It's 17-4 and we get a shot of Wizards coach Eddie Jordan and his three musketeers mustache. Even the T.V. guys are trying to encourage Eddie to call a timeout and stop the bleeding.

4:33 — Brendan Haywood just forcibly corralled LeBron as he was driving down the lane. LeBron

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Bertoni leads Mustangs to Big West golf title

Ronnie Meehan
MUSTANG DAILY

In what was a dominating performance, the Cal Poly men's golf team won the Big West Championship Tournament.

Three mustangs finished in the top-10, including star Travis Bertoni who finished in second place behind Long Beach State's Ryan Panichpakdee.

Bertoni was also named Big West Men's Golf Athlete of the Year for the third time in his career. He finished with a final score of 207, including an impressive final round of 66. Panichpakdee was even better however, shooting a Tijeras Creek Golf Club record 62 on his final round and finishing with an overall score of 200.

Bertoni's teammates Kevin O'Brien finished in fourth with a score of 216 and Dave Lewinski finished in a four-way tie for fifth with a final score of 217. Fellow Mustangs JJ Scurich placed 11th, and Colin Peck finished in 16th in the field of 35 players.

After day one the Mustang's victory looked like a sure thing. Cal Poly led UC Irvine by 12 strokes after the first two rounds and ended up winning by 15 strokes. The Anteaters finished in second-place, followed by Long Beach State,

CSU Northridge, Pacific, UC Santa Barbara and UC Riverside rounding out the field.

Cal Poly coach Scott Cartwright shared Big West Coach of the Year honors with Long Beach State's Bob Livingstone and UC Irvine's Paul Smolinski.

The Cal Poly Women's golf team struggled at the Big West Championship, finishing in last place.

Freshman Allison Wing was a bright spot for the Mustangs as her solid performance led her to a 16th place finish at the tournament. She shot a 77 on her second round and finished with a final score of 236.

Wing's teammates Jilayne Lovejoy and Kelly McEachern tied for 22nd, while Hannah Brabb and Jessica Huss tied for 24th place.

The winner of the Big West Tournament was UC Irvine, led by Selanee' Henderson. Henderson finished in first place finishing with a score of 219. She was also named Big West Female Golfer of the Year. Her teammate Jane Chin followed behind in second.

Long Beach State finished in second, UC Riverside placed in third and CSU Northridge ended in fourth place.