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Unruly gathering ordinances passes without protest 4:1

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There was no sign of a protest as the unruly gathering ordinance was passed 4 to 1 at Tuesday night's San Luis Obispo City Council meeting.

Though a Facebook event created in response to the ordinance had 1,814 confirmed guests, only five peo-

ple spoke against the ordinance during the open comment period. Two of the five were members of the community and two others included Cal Poly Associated Students Inc. member Jacob Alvarez and the person who started the Facebook group, Cuesta student Laura Kiani.

With no appearance of picket signs or a crowd before the meeting, Kiani and Cal Poly art and design sopho-

more Sabina Miklowitz said they had to call off the march that was supposed to take place from Mission Plaza to city hall for fear of being fined as an unruly gathering.

"We would have had to get a parade license that would cost \$70 and then insurance for possibly 200 people. Also, the permits would take two weeks to be approved so it would never work," Kiani said.

She also said she made sure to ask students who planned to celebrate 4/20, a holiday associated with marijuana consumption, not to attend because it would take away from the force of the group.

"The type of student that would celebrate 4/20 is the type of student this ordinance was made for," Kiani said.

Though the meeting was about to begin and no participants had arrived, Miklowitz seemed unshaken.

"To be honest, I am not expecting that many people. A lot of people talk and grumble about it, but I doubt they'll show," she said.

Kiani and Miklowitz said they first heard about the unruly gathering ordinance after the council voted in favor of it on April 5. By creating the Facebook event, Kiani said she hoped to see people be-

Clergymen discuss faith and health care

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A reverend and a rabbi discussed how their religious views agreed or clashed with health care reform before a small crowd in Philips Hall of the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center on April 14.

Faith and Health Care Reform was the second discussion in a three-part series produced by Cal Poly biological sciences senior Rachel Hornstein as part of her senior project, which researches how current hot topics in health care are shaped by people's religious morals.

"I wanted to know what religions say about health care issues like abortion, death panel and physician-assisted suicide," she said.

Rev. Dr. Curt Miner from the United Church of Christ (UCC) began his speech with a story from the Bible: the parable of the Good Samaritan, in which a priest and a Levite walk by without caring for a robbed and wounded Jewish man, but a Samaritan, though the Samaritans and Jews typically despised each other, helps him out.

"It's about doing the right thing because it's the right thing to do," he said. "Offering or accepting help from someone, even an enemy."

Miner then spoke about the historical background of the UCC and how the church has supported and helped Africans-Americans, homosexuals and disabled people get rights since America's beginning.

In the discussion of the overhaul of the nation's health care system and passage, the church sided with the adoption of the health care reform, and so did Obama, he said.

"We are supposed to be talking about faith and health care reform, but I need to stick my toe in politics," he said. "Before he resigned from his church for political reasons, Obama

attended Trinity UCC."

The health care reform will make health care more affordable and accessible for millions who need it, Miner said, though "It will be years before we know if it accomplishes that or not."

Rabbi Scott Corngold, from the reform sect of Judaism, quoted passages from the Bible, the Torah and other Hebrew scriptures like the Talmud and the Shulchan Aruch.

"Doctors are required to reduce their fees for the poor. Where that is still not sufficient, the community should subsidize the patient," he said.

It's the Judaism responsibility to see the overall well being of the larger community, he said.

"Humanity is in partnership with God," he said. "Do not stand idly by if someone is in need."

Reform Judaism sees public tradition in the health care reform, he said.

After the speakers had finished, audience members asked the clergymen questions about different health care issues. Both said their religious communities are pro-choice, supporting women's right to choose whether to have an abortion.

Miner said his church also allows people to choose their end-of-life care when asked about death panels.

"UCC says end of life decisions are personal," he said. "My mother went through an assisted suicide."

Corngold said the reform in Judaism tried to come up with a consensus, but it's a delicate line, and reform Jews don't have a unified stance either for or against the panels.

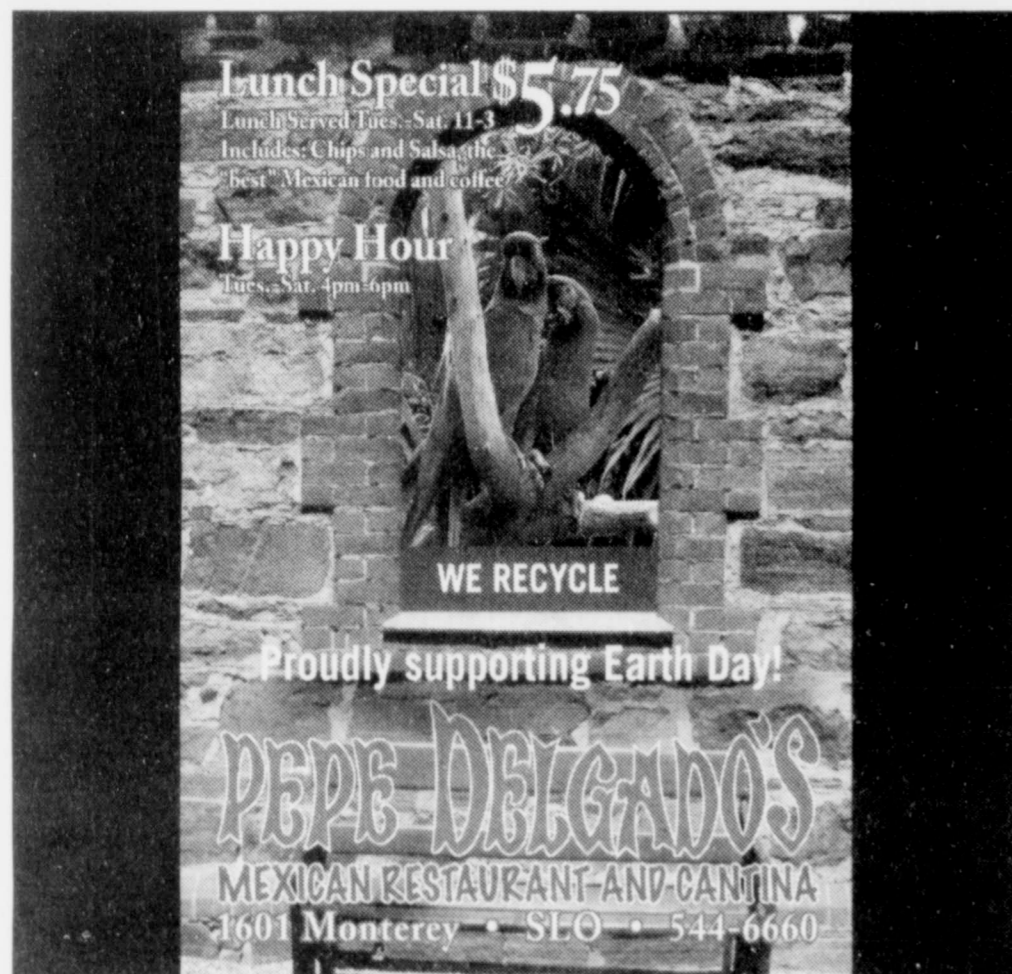
Biological sciences senior Mitch Bunnell attended the discussion to find out more about the policy behind the health care reform.

"I wish they would have addressed more policy issues, but I was glad to see they had similar views with their faiths," he said.

Biological sciences sophomore Misty Moyle said she didn't know much about the faith perspective or why religions would oppose or support the reform.

"It wasn't what I expected, but in a good way," she said. "I was relieved to hear people of different faith supporting the health care reform."

Hornstein said the final discussion in the series will focus on current politics.



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Researchers further findings on “The Great Pacific Ocean Garbage Patch”

Expedition participants speak at Cal Poly about the trash accumulating in the Pacific Ocean

By Katie O. Grady

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The Great Garbage Patch sounds like a child's triumphant attempt at making a garden out of garbage in their back yard. In reality, it's a long name for miles of debris causing a massive plastic soup that's taking on a life of its own in the middle of the North Pacific Ocean.

The North Pacific Ocean Gyre is home to one of the largest ecosystems on earth. A gyre is simply the rotation of currents. The west winds blow toward the east and the trade winds blow toward the west, making a clockwise swirl with a calm spot in the center, said Miriam Goldstein, a graduate student at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. It's here that tiny pieces of plastic and larger pieces of debris are accumulating.

Many media outlets have presented the garbage patch as a Texas-size pile of trash floating mysteriously in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. In reality, the great garbage patch can't be seen from satellites, let alone the naked eye in many cases, but it's ecological effects are a fearful wonder to researchers around the world.

“The major misconception is that it's the eighth continent or an island,” Goldstein said. “Over 90 percent is less than the size of your pinky fingernail.”

The Garbage Patch was sought after by a research vessel of nearly 20 individuals last summer, two of which spoke at Cal Poly last weekend. In August, this mix of doctoral students, led by Goldstein and research volunteers from Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego, hopped aboard the Scripps research vessel, the New Horizon, and headed West, 1,000 miles off the coast of California. For two weeks, they gathered samples and data that is still being analyzed six months later.

The Scripps Environmental



PHOTO COURTESY OF SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY, UCSD
Researchers Matt Durham and Miriam Goldstein dig through a large ghost net with tangled rope, net, plastic and various biological organisms while deployed in a small boat on SEAPLEX.

Accumulation of Plastic Expedition (SEAPLEX) set out to measure how much trash is there, what it's composed of and its impact on ocean life. The passengers ranged from students studying the plastics' effects on marine mammals to observers counting whole pieces of trash passing by (a couple pieces per minute according to Goldstein).

“There certainly are larger pieces too,” Goldstein said. “We found a toy stuffed-animal dog that we named Lucky. It took a lot of dish soap to clean him, but he was actually in pretty good shape.”

Lucky is now on exhibit at the Birch Aquarium in La Jolla. Goldstein explained that there is no easy way to tell how long the trash has been out there. They could only estimate that Lucky was a new addition to the Garbage Patch, because he was in such good shape.

Goldstein explains that all of the trash that falls off of North America will eventually end up there.

“It's a dead end,” she said. “Once in the Gyre, there's no place for them to go, unless they sink.”

Goldstein's research focussed on

the abundance of the tiny plastic particles and the plankton communities growing on the plastic. She says it takes her six or seven hours with a specialized scanner to count and measure one jar. This is why most of the research from the expedition is still in progress and will not be published for months.

Jesse Powel, a doctoral student at Scripps and Lara Dickens, a high school science teacher in San Diego came to the Central Coast for three days to discuss the effects of the Garbage Patch and their experiences with SEAPLEX. They made stops at Cal Poly, Downtown Brewing Co., Grover Beach Exploration Station and the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum. They discussed topics like the volume of plastic produced, why it accumulates in the Gyre, particle distribution and the ocean physics of the Gyre.

Dickens was chosen to join the researchers on SEAPLEX through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Teacher at Sea Program. She is a Cal Poly alumna in environmental engineering.

Dickens talked about the broad range of research done at sea with someone constantly working on their data.

“It was a 24-hour lab every day,” she said. “It was crazy fascinating. There were so many different perspectives studying the Gyre.”

Powel and Dickens were brought to campus via the Science Café, an international movement that found its way to the Kennedy Library during January of last year. Cynthia Perrine, coordinator of the Science Café on campus says the movement started five years ago and is typically held in bars and cafes. They are events at which the public has the opportunity to sit and converse in

Powel and Dickens. They dumped green Kool-Aid as sewage into a treatment plant and Hershey's Syrup into the streets as oil, Perrine explained. They were then given a water bottle to squirt as rain. The water would move through the water ways and end up in the ocean, taking everything with it.

“The younger crowds really got it,” Perrine said. “They did the watershed model over and over again.”

That night at Downtown Brew, a group of nearly 70 people discussed topics on the Garbage Patch in a casual environment with Powel and Dickens.

“People have a beer and can ask questions in a different environment,” Perrine said.

On Friday, the two held a presentation at Kennedy Library on the SEAPLEX trip and more activities on Saturday at the Grover Beach Exploration Station. Their goal was to reach the San Luis Obispo community and the broader science community and create awareness on the trash build-up in the oceans while aspiring to change the amount of plastic waste produced, Dickens said.

“The best thing is to prevent more trash from getting out there,” Perrine said.



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William Moses, Shannon Perrine and Gabby Glick test the watershed model illustrating that sewage pollutants (green cool-aid), garbage (styrofoam pellets), auto oil (chocolate syrup) and pesticides and soil (cocoa powder) flow to the ocean when it rains.

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tween the ages of 18 and 25 take more of an interest in local government.

At the beginning of the meeting, San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deborah Linden distributed fliers about the unruly gathering ordinance and asked Mayor Dave Romero to read

charging of the property owner should be reconsidered.

When Romero was asked about the bill, he said it was only in response to the high number of complaints.

"I don't think it's against students. I just think it is meant to keep peace and quiet in the area," he said.

After the meeting, Kiani said while she was pleased with the speeches regarding the ordinance,

It is an attempt at creating this veneer of advancing the public's interest.

— Jono Kinkade
San Luis Obispo resident

one aloud.

San Luis Obispo resident Jono Kinkade said the council is comfortable making strict legislation because the five members are trying to be reelected. But by the time the unruly ordinance is passed, he said, many of the current opponents will have graduated and left town, no longer making it difficult if they choose to run for office again.

"It is an attempt at creating this veneer of advancing the public's interest," he said.

Later, when the council deliberated on the ordinance, council member John Ashbough voted against it; he said the fine of \$700 should be reduced to \$500 and

the overall turnout was pathetic. She and Miklowitz waited after the meeting to speak with each member of the council individually about their standpoint on the bill.

"Go Ashbaugh! I am glad he is thinking about half the population," Kiani said.

When Ashbough was asked about the four members who supported the smoking and unruly gathering ordinances, he compared them to a scene in the book "Don Quixote" where Quixote attempts to fight imaginary giants.

"I am used to tilting at windmills," he said.

Sustainability advocates prep for Be the Change conference

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Planet. People. Power.

Alliterate the words in any order and discover the essence of a sustainability advocate on campus: Cal Poly's Be the Change 2010.

On Saturday, April 24, day six of Empower Poly Coalition's week-long festival, the Be the Change student leadership training conference will be hosted on campus to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day.

"The goal is to unite students to create a future that is economically viable, socially just and environmentally responsible," said Be the Change 2010 director Jorge Montezuma.

Montezuma said the strength of a community is in its sustainable numbers, and Saturday's leadership gala presents an opportunity to share wisdom among fellow students and members of the populace.

"We want to bring a new wave of leaders together so everybody can learn from everybody," Montezuma said, while drums and a guitar echoed in the background and wind tried to ruin a day of activism when it nearly blew over

the white pop-up tent overhead.

Organizers are expecting nearly 100 guests at this year's sustainable leadership workshop; the festival has doubled each year since 2007.

Montezuma said social roots must be allowed to flourish.

"Grass roots sustain the soil and provide food for microorganisms; so, in essence, roots are people in the community and sustain us. And since we live in a bigger community, we must learn to live with those around," he said. "In order to do this, we have to invest time and money into the community."

While money presents itself as a necessity, Empower Poly Coalition director Sam Gross said money should be used as a tool and not seen as just an end product.

"Sustainability is living in a way which provides the future with ways to survive," he said.

This year, Be The Change is action-based, Montezuma said, and Saturday's free festivities include yoga, workshops, networking and free food.

The all-day fête kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with a one-hour yoga session, then breakfast, followed by keynote speaker Jan Spencer, who travels the country sharing insight and experience relevant to creating sustainable communities.

After lunch, workshops running 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. present activists-in-training with basic skills to evoke change. Each workshop features presenters who will teach skill-building concepts applicable in any issue-related forum. For example, Chad Worth, a

2009 Cal Poly industrial engineering graduate, said he will aim to keep his workshop interactive and video-based, giving the theme-name "interactive brainstorming."

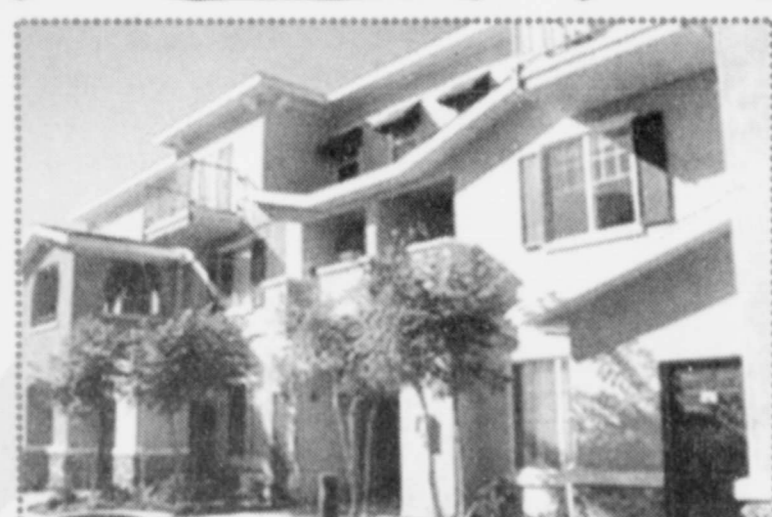
Worth said the core to his 25-minute session revolves around examples of activism, highlighting a group he founded last year called the Carrot Mob, which is like a reverse boycott. The Mob recently instilled "green" change in a quick mart on Broad Street and increased the store's revenue in the process.


"People advocate every day and may not know what it is they are fighting for. Protests aren't limited to chaining yourself to a tree, although they have their place and time," Worth said. His workshop is titled, "Activism in the 21st Century: This Ain't Your Parent's Protest."

Another workshop headed by Cal Poly graduate and One Cool Earth employee Greg Ellis will deal with internal conflict and its resolution. Titled "Deep Democracy," Ellis said he hopes to discuss theories of decision-making and conflict resolution, especially in groups.




There are 12 workshops dealing with organization and leadership. Each runs approximately 20 to 25 minutes. All activities take place within the Science and Math Building, 52.

According to Gross and Montezuma, the festival wouldn't have happened without help from sponsors and Cal Poly clubs such as SLO Food, Fair Trade, Zero Waste and Net Impact.



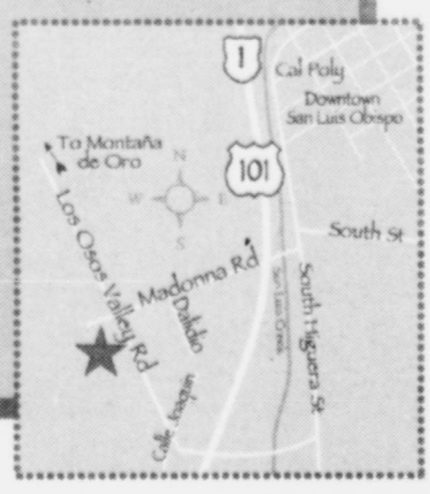


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What do you plan to do for Earth Week?



"Recycle more."

-Jay Wyatt, computer engineering sophomore



"Plant a tree."

-Shannon Diaz, environmental management and protection junior



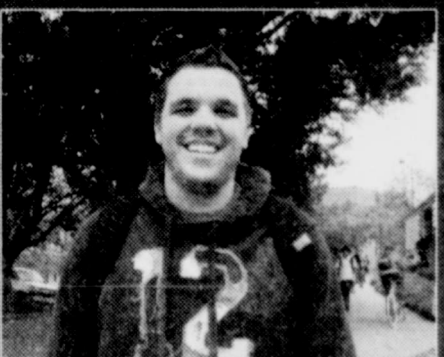
"Ride my bike."

-Neil Redeker, biological sciences senior



"I want to do yoga on Thursday."

-Jamie Lawrence, biochemistry senior



"Continue to recycle."

-Kameron Wash, biochemistry sophomore



"I haven't heard of it."

-Eric Stanton, electrical engineering sophomore

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Obama discusses Supreme Court options

Christi Parsons and James Oliphant

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WASHINGTON — President Obama is casting a wide net in his search for a Supreme Court nominee, adding a federal judge from Chicago to his working list and soliciting suggestions from lawmakers in a closed-door session on Wednesday.

Judge Ann Claire Williams, the first African-American appointed to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, joins a list of about 10 other candidates to replace the retiring Justice John Paul Stevens, the White House confirmed.

Obama said Wednesday that he will announce a nominee before the end of May, but aides to the president — a former constitutional law lecturer himself — is nowhere near winnowing his list of candidates. Senior administration officials say Obama has the luxury of time to look off the beaten path for candidates.

Obama wants to look outside the so-called judicial monastery — the domain of federal appeals court judges and top-tier law professors — for candidates, they say.

And in a bipartisan meeting with Senate leaders and Judiciary Committee members on Wednesday, Obama told lawmakers they should "feel free to submit" the names of judges they

wanted considered, according to one administration official.

Even so, the president and the lawmakers did not discuss any potential nominees by name.

As he sat down with congressional leaders to discuss the Supreme Court vacancy on Wednesday, Obama said he was interested in hearing their "thoughts and concerns" before he makes any final decisions. After the meeting, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said they had recommended candidates to the president but would not elaborate.

The gulf between the president and the Republicans in the room was evident at the White House, even as Obama promised he would not rule out candidates based on their views on abortion rights or any other particular issue.

"I don't have litmus tests around any of these issues," Obama said in response to a reporter's question. "But I will say that I want somebody who is going to be interpreting our Constitution in a way that takes into account individual rights, and that includes women's rights, and that is going to be something that is very important to me."

White House aides said earlier in the week that Obama was searching for a nominee who could build a consen-

sus on the court — much like Stevens has done over this 35-year career — and was less interested in a judge who would simply dissent from the left. That seems to be an indication that the president is more inclined to choose a moderate judge, who also may face less of a fight from Senate Republicans in an election year when the White House wants to focus on its domestic legislative agenda.

The favorites for the nomination appear to remain U.S. Solicitor General Elena Kagan and federal appeals court judges Merrick Garland and Diane Wood, but the White House has also been considering other candidates, including Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and former Georgia state court judge Leah Ward Sears.

Before she became a lawyer, Williams was a music and third-grade teacher in the inner-city public schools of Detroit. She spent nine years as an assistant U.S. attorney in Chicago, trying major felony cases and ultimately becoming chief of the Organized Drug Enforcement Task Force for a five-state region.

President Ronald Reagan first appointed Williams to the federal bench in 1985, making her the first African-American woman to serve as a district judge in the Seventh Circuit. President Bill Clinton elevated her to the appellate court.

Portraits of the 'green generation'

Rocky Barker

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

BOISE, Idaho — A cadre of mostly young activists who organized the first Earth Day formed the nexus of an environmental movement that continues to influence society. Meet a few who were present at the creation.

Denis Hayes

The Wisconsin native grew up in Camas, Wash., and dropped out of college in 1964 to travel the world. He later graduated from Stanford, where he was president of the student body and an anti-Vietnam War activist. In 1969, Sen. Gaylord Nelson hired him as the national coordinator of Earth Day. President Jimmy Carter later named him director of the Solar Energy Research Institute.

After Ronald Reagan was elected

in 1980, Hayes returned to Stanford, finished law school and went into practice. In 1988, Hayes left the law firm and began raising money and organizing a worldwide Earth Day event for 1990. Today he heads Seattle's Bullitt Foundation for environmental sustainability and chairs the Earth Day Network.

Sen. Gaylord Nelson

Gaylord Nelson served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army in World War II. He came home to Clear Lake, Wis., where he was elected to the state Senate and then Wisconsin governor. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1963.

In September 1969, Nelson proposed a nationwide grassroots demonstration — "a teach-in" — for the environment. He set up a national office in Washington, D.C., and hired Denis Hayes to be national coordinator. After Earth Day's big success, Nel-

son led efforts in Congress to pass the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act and the other landmark legislation that is the foundation for U.S. environmental protection.

He left the Senate in 1981, continuing his environmental leadership as counselor for The Wilderness Society. He died in 2005 at 89.

Marilyn Laurie

Marilyn Laurie was an unemployed mother of two when she became one of the five organizers of Earth Day in New York in 1969. When it was over, she took a job as AT&T's first environmental program director. In her roles with AT&T, she convinced AT&T executives to recycle, conserve energy and to become a national leader in environmental management. She rose to vice

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In deportation uptick, questions over who should go

Ken Dilanian
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WASHINGTON — When the Obama administration went before California's 9th Circuit Court last year seeking to deport a middle class couple from Nevada, one judge criticized the government's case as "horrific." Another labeled it the "most senseless result possible." A third complained of "an extraordinarily bad use of government resources."

"These people have worked hard. They have paid their taxes," Judge William Fletcher said. "Why don't you go after the bad guys?"

The case against the carpenter and the clerk is one of many examples, immigrant rights advocates and la-

bor activists say, of how the Obama administration has continued a policy of tough immigration enforcement against people who are no threat to the United States, even as it calls for a new immigration law designed to legalize many of them.

Obama promised to "target enforcement efforts at criminals and bad actor employers," said Eliseo Medina, international vice president of the Services Employees International Union, a major Obama backer. "And that would have been the right thing to do. But they have not done that."

After being asked about the case by Tribune Washington Bureau, the Department of Homeland Security said this week it would indefinitely suspend action against the couple.

DHS spokesman Matthew Chandler said the decision reflected "current enforcement priorities" of pursuing criminals.

But immigrant rights activists point to climbing deportation levels and say the government is pursuing hundreds if not thousands of equally disturbing cases.

In one, two Chicago college students, brought to the U.S. by their parents at 13, are facing deportation after being arrested last month on an Amtrak train in Buffalo.

Unrelated to that case, Sens. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., and Richard Lugar, R-Ind., sent a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano Wednesday, asking her to halt deportations of immigrant students who came here as children, are long-term U.S. residents, have good moral character, and attend college or enlist in the military for at least two years. The two have sponsored a bill, known as the DREAM Act, which would legalize such people.

The government is continuing to carry out an unforgiving enforcement policy, advocates say, which results in the arrest and deportation of students, nannies and janitors.

"How is that making the country better?" asked Medina, whose union spent millions to help elect Obama.

"People feel betrayed," said Deepak Bhargava, executive director of Center for Community Change, a pro-immigrant group. "The president never said he was going to end immigration enforcement, but he sent a

clear signal that he would redirect it to a focus on people with criminal records who are a threat to the country. That hasn't happened."

In an interview, John T. Morton, the former Justice Department prosecutor who runs DHS's Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, or ICE, disputed the criticism. His agency has indeed prioritized deporting criminals, he said, noting that removals of criminal aliens are slated to increase 40 percent this year.

"We took an oath to uphold the law," he said, "and we are doing so in a way that prioritizes making our communities safer."

Morton expressed frustration over what he considers exaggerated and unfair charges from immigrant rights activists. The agency frequently allows immigrants to remain even when the law says they should be removed, he said. "We exercise discretion all of the time," Morton said.

Still, some of the most ardent immigration opponents — including Mark Krikorian of the Center for Immigration Studies, a group that favors stricter immigration curbs, — say they have been pleasantly surprised by some of the Obama administration's enforcement measures.

"It's not as bad as I expected it to be," Krikorian said. "This administration understands that you can't make any progress politically on amnesty if you're seen as weak on enforcement."

As a presidential candidate, Obama spelled out his immigration policy in a June 2008 speech at the National Council of La Raza, a Latino civil rights organization, saying: "When communities are terrorized by ICE immigration raids, when nursing mothers are torn from their babies, when children come home from school to find their parents missing, when people are detained without access to legal counsel, when all that is happening, the system just isn't working, and we need to change it."

Bhargava, who along with Medina attended a March White House immigration meeting with the president, concluded that Obama "was genuinely surprised that everybody in the room was united and vociferous that his enforcement policies are destroying families and communities."

An analysis by the nonpartisan Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University shows that the proportion of criminal aliens in detention rose from 27 percent in 2009 to 43 percent in 2010. However, many of those ICE con-

siders criminals were guilty of traffic violations or disorderly conduct, the analysis noted.

President George W. Bush and Congress tried and failed to pass an immigration bill in 2007 that would have provided a path to citizenship for the estimated 12 million living here illegally. Obama promised to make overhauling the immigration system a top priority in his first year, but the effort stalled.

Napolitano, former Arizona governor, stopped the workplace raids that were common during the Bush administration. But ICE has continued to arrest and deport hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants per year.

A February memo by James M. Chaparro, ICE's head of detention and removals, disclosed that ICE has a goal of deporting 400,000 people a year, up from about 349,000 deported in 2008 and 197,000 in 2005.

DHS has begun implementing reforms to its much-criticized immigrant detention system, but continues to jail immigrants, sometimes indefinitely and without access to lawyers, advocates say. Morton said a major overhaul is under way to provide non-violent immigrants with alternatives to jail.

Ulises Martinez-Silver and Saturnina Martinez, the Las Vegas couple at issue in the 9th Circuit case, have no criminal records, court records say. They were brought here from Mexico as children, and now have American children of their own, ages 12 and 8.

The couple came to the attention of immigration authorities in 2001, after they were conned into filing a political asylum claim in search of U.S. citizenship. They had paid \$3,000 apiece to a "notario," a bogus immigration consultant, who filed the claim. They later withdrew their asylum claim, but it was too late: They had come to the attention of federal officials, and DHS initiated deportation proceedings.

The national law firm Akin Gump took their case, pro bono, into the federal courts.

In a telephone interview, Saturnina Martinez wept as she talked about the prospect of being expelled from the only country she has ever known.

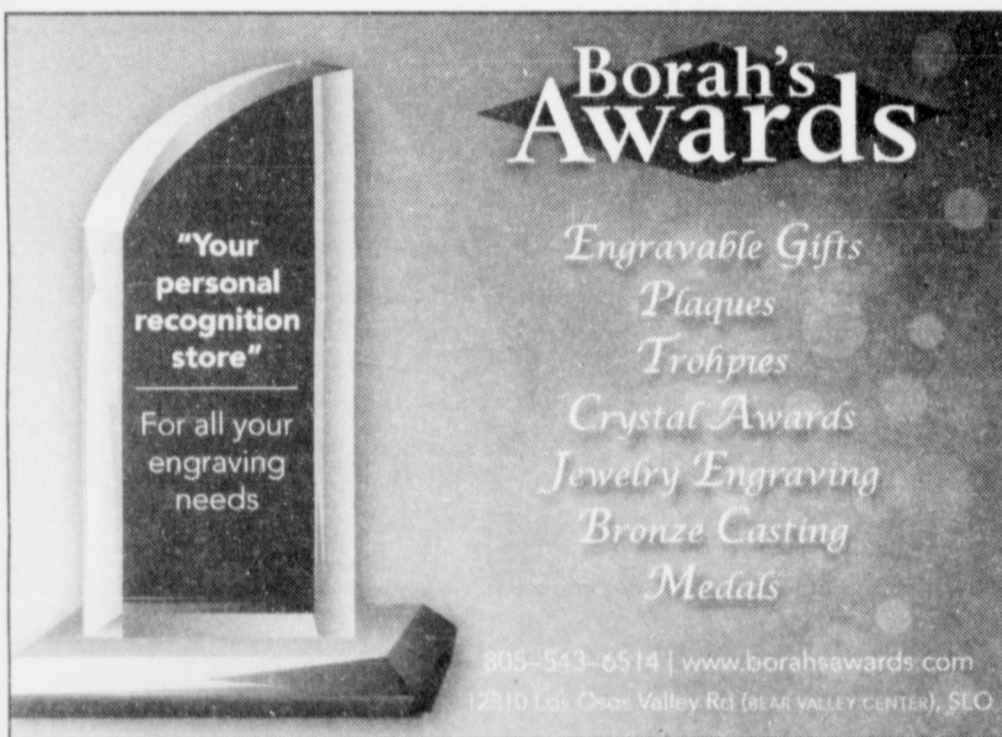
"I paid my taxes. I worked," said Martinez, who came here as an infant. "I don't know why they want to send me to a country I've never even visited."

The three-judge panel concluded it had to grant the government's request to expel the couple. Yet, the panel's two Republicans and one Democrat each urged immigration authorities to drop the case.

"It's hard for me to understand how the government or how DHS believes the interests of the United States are served by proceeding with this matter," Judge Richard R. Clifton, an appointee of former President George W. Bush, said at last year's hearing.

The case had been going forward until this week, when a reporter emailed a transcript of the judges' remarks to senior officials at ICE and DHS. However, immigrant rights advocates say thousands of cases like it haven't been subject to reprieves.

"There is one horror story after the next," said Craig Shagin, an immigration attorney in Harrisburg, Pa. who represents several longtime U.S. residents facing deportation, despite having American children and no criminal records. "If you're in this business, you see it up close and personal, and it tears you apart."



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president of public relations by 1987. Today she's a consultant and still active in the environmental movement.

Arturo Sandoval

Arturo Sandoval was already a Hispanic leader when he joined Hayes to work on Earth Day. After Earth Day, Sandoval continued his civil rights and peace activism. He was drafted, refused induction and was sentenced to three years in prison in the early 1970s. His sentence was suspended for public service work.

After a career in journalism, he began consulting, and set up the Center of Southwest Culture to help indigenous and Latino communities in the Southwest and Mexico become stronger and more sustainable. The center has raised more than \$14 million toward this effort. More recently, he worked with The Wilderness Society to bring Hispanic communities and environmentalists together to protect places they both love.

Randal O'Toole

Randal O'Toole was invited to help organize Earth Day as a high school senior in Portland, Ore. It was a defining moment. Instead of becoming an architect, O'Toole decided that he wanted to be a forester. In forestry school at Oregon State University, O'Toole took an economics class and went on to get his graduate degree in economics.

As a member of the Ralph Nader-inspired Oregon State Public Interest Group in the 1980s, O'Toole used economics to help stop the harvest of old-growth timber in national forests. Armed with O'Toole's forest-by-forest analyses, environmentalists showed many timber sales cost the government more than they made. O'Toole's free-market values led him away from other environmentalists: He opposes "smart growth," efforts to fight sprawl with top-down government land-use planning, preferring to empower communities to protect their own values. He is a fellow with the conservative Cato Institute.

Richard Cizik

Richard Cizik was a sophomore at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., when he led a campus campaign to save trees the school administration wanted to cut down. In 1973, his senior year, he became a Christian. He joined the staff of the National Association of Evangelicals in 1980 to become a lobbyist for the Moral Majority as it was gaining power in Washington, D.C. He rose to become vice president for governmental affairs and one of the most powerful Christian lobbyists in the Capitol. He stepped down from the association in 2008 and today is forming a new organization to address environmental issues and global poverty.

Sen. Kent Conrad

Kent Conrad knew Denis Hayes at Stanford; when Hayes became coordinator of Earth Day, he hired Conrad to help. Conrad became the expert on the ancient addressograph machine, which before computers was used to send mass mailings. After Earth Day he returned to North Dakota; he served as tax commissioner before he was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986. Today, he chairs the Senate Budget Committee.

Bill Mauk

Bill Mauk grew up in Pocatello, Idaho, and attended the University of Southern California. As student body president, he met Denis Hayes, who was Stanford's student body president. He joined Hayes' idealistic young Washington staff organizing the first Earth Day.

Afterward, Mauk finished graduate school, got a law degree and came to Boise to practice law. He served on the board of the Idaho Conservation League in the mid-1970s, but didn't stay involved in environmental issues. He ran for the U.S. Senate in 1998 as a Democrat and later chaired the Idaho Democratic Party.

Tia Nelson

Sen. Gaylord Nelson's daughter worked 17 years for the Nature Conservancy on climate-change issues. In 2004, she returned to Wisconsin to serve as executive secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, managing 78,000 acres of forests and trust funds worth more than \$600 million.

Briefs

State

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT)

— Whale sightings are down this year, according to conservationists. According to The Associated Press, anecdotal information says gray whale sightings have dropped to five a day this season from 25 a day in good years.

But a small team of official counters says this spring's tally of grays from a rocky Piedras Blancas promontory is about normal.

By April 12, after the first two weeks of visually scouring the sea, team members counted 13 calves heading north to Alaska from Baja. That's about "average over the 16 years we've been counting," according to Wayne Perryman, who oversees gray whale counts for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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LOS ANGELES (MCT)

— Heather Locklear was arrested Saturday after she allegedly fled the scene of a car accident near her home in Ventura County, north of Los Angeles, according to the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

Capt. Ross Bonifiglio said the actress veered off the road and crashed into a no-parking sign early Saturday morning and then drove away without notifying authorities. She was cited with a misdemeanor traffic ticket and was not taken into custody, Bonifiglio said.

National

SEATTLE (MCT) — A federal air marshal is being held in jail on \$250,000 bail on a charge he raped an escort at gunpoint in a Seattle-area hotel while wearing his badge.

According to documents charging Lecheton "Omar" Settles, 30, of Herndon, Va., with first-degree rape, he threatened to use his position as a law enforcement officer and his government-issued firearm to commit the rape.

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TEXAS (MCT) — A 27-year-old Plano, Texas, man was indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury for threatening to use deadly force to prevent an abortion at a Dallas women's clinic.

Erlyndon Joseph Lo is accused of transmitting a threatening communication, and interfering with access to reproductive health services. If convicted, he faces up to six years in prison. He is in federal custody at the Collin County jail.

FBI agents arrested Lo on April 3 at his Plano home. The day before, he went to the Plano federal courthouse and filed court papers requesting a temporary restraining order seeking to keep police from harming him if he had to "use deadly force to defend the innocent life of another human being" at the Southwestern Women's Surgery Center in Dallas. Lo is not accused of physically harming anyone.

International

AFGHANISTAN (MCT)

— Western military officials on Wednesday acknowledged a case of mistaken identity in the killings of four Afghan civilians in eastern Afghanistan, the second such lethal episode in just over a week.

NATO had initially described two of the four occupants of a car that was fired on Monday night by troops in Khowst province as "known insurgents." The soldiers, whose nationality was not disclosed, unleashed a fusillade of bullets after the vehicle accelerated toward a military convoy, according to alliance officials' account.

Family members and local officials had insisted that the group, which included three teenage boys, was returning home from a sporting event.

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PAKISTAN (MCT) — Amid fears that severe energy shortages could touch off riots, Pakistan will announce drastic measures this week to save electricity, including a shorter workweek and restrictions on nighttime wedding celebrations, government officials said Wednesday.

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Pilipino Cultural Exchange brings culture to Cal Poly

Kelly Cooper

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Traditional folk dancing, hip-hop and a capella choir pieces are just some of the performances to be featured in the 21st annual Pilipino Cultural Night (PCN). Held on April 24 and 25 at Spanos Theater by Pilipino Cultural

Exchange (PCE), the production promotes the Filipino culture through singing, dancing and acting.

The production itself is a musical drama, following a story about a detective's work on a mystery case. Yet the play also infuses the three performance groups in PCE — Kasayahan, the cultural dance group, Ating Himig, the

capella choir, and Modern, the hip-hop dance troupe. The three groups perform several pieces that are incorporated throughout the play.

Andreleto Bascos, a construction management senior, who is the lead role in the production, said the dances are incorporated to add a cultural flare.

"PCN is basically a script, and what they do is add in little inserts to

incorporate the different performance groups. It could be a stand-alone play just by itself, but we like to have more diversity," Bascos said.

Bascos, who participated in a minor role in last year's PCN, wanted to take on a bigger role this year. And, with past acting experience going only as far as a high school drama class, Bascos said he is excited to take on the challenge and get a better understanding of

the entire musical.

"Last year, I really felt left out of the entire script — I had no idea what was going on. I was always busy just going from one performance practice to another, so I didn't really get to know what the whole script was about," Bascos said.

Bascos confesses that the biggest

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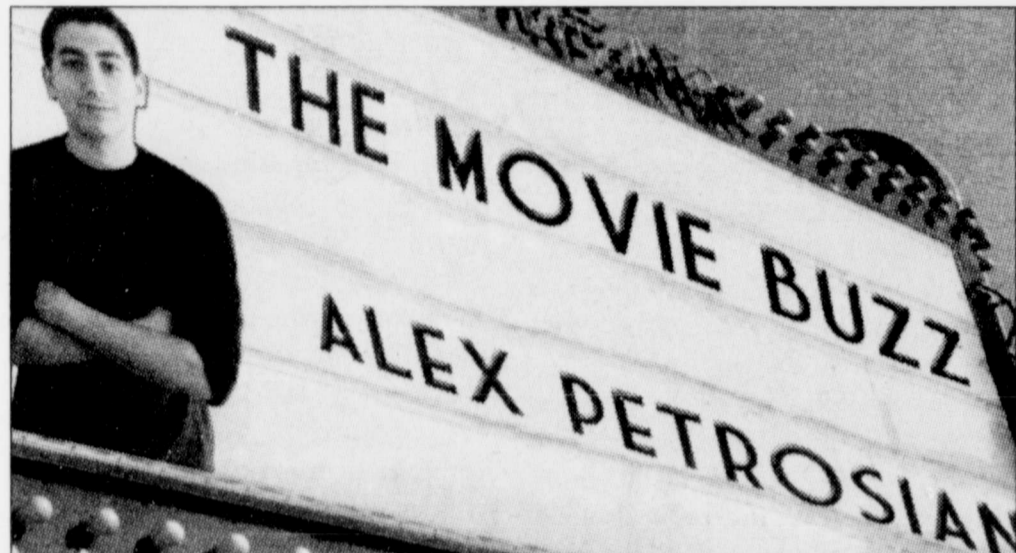
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movie column

“Kick-Ass” punches out the competition



Kick-Ass (2010)



Director: Matthew Vaughn

Starring: Aaron Johnson, Nicolas Cage, Chloe Grace Moretz, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Mark Strong

Comic book movies have seen a resurgence of success in recent years. First, Sam Raimi's "Spider-Man" (2002) redefined the meaning of the word "blockbuster." Then, Christopher Nolan's "Batman Begins" (2005) and even bigger "The Dark Knight" (2008) reintroduced the dark and realistic elements of superhero stories that many fans of our generation had been unfamiliar with. Soon after, it seemed as if studios were pumping out successful projects without hesitation, whether it be Jon Favreau's "Iron Man" (2008) or Leterrier's "The Incredible Hulk" (2008).

The latest film to join the club, albeit a different type of superhero film, is Matthew Vaughn's "Kick-Ass." Vaughn is known for his work on British gangster movies like Guy Ritchie's "Snatch" and "Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels," as well as his own directorial effort "Layer Cake." His latest is an adaptation of Mark Millar's comic book of the same name.

When I first saw the previews for "Kick-Ass," I didn't know what to think. I was excited about casting notes like Nicolas Cage, Mark Strong and Christopher Mintz-Plasse, but I wasn't sure how entertaining the film would be. Lucky for me, and anyone else who has seen the film, I enjoyed every minute of it, and while it is not the best, it is in my opinion the most entertaining movie of 2010 thus far.

The story follows everyday people, including a nerdy teenager, a foul-mouthed 11-year-old girl and her awkward father, all of whom wish to find out what it would be like to emulate what so many superheroes do in the pages of comics. Their mission has an ordinary but respectable goal: punish bad guys. It is the methods they use in order to accomplish their goal that truly makes the film worth watching.

If you are not a fan of violence, and by violence I mean some acts that have probably never been put on screen before, this film is not for you. Vaughn really did an unbelievable job choreographing the action sequences, and if this film wasn't listed as a comedy, there are some scenes that would make me think this is Tarantino's latest picture.

The scene-stealer of the film is without a doubt the young girl, Mindy, played marvelously by Chloe Grace Moretz ("(500) Days of Summer"). You can't ask for a better, more funny or shocking performance by someone of Moretz's age. She adopts the persona of Hit Girl, a crime fighter trained vigorously by her father, Big Daddy, played with perfection by Cage. Simply put, Big Daddy in costume looks like a cheaper but more vicious version of Batman.

Big Daddy and Hit Girl have been prepping up in order to attempt to take down local mob boss Frank Damico, played by Mark Strong ("Rock N' Rolla," "Sherlock Holmes"), a British actor who is quickly becoming a favorite of both myself and some of the most respected directors in the business. Hit Girl's training sequences provide some of the best points in this movie, including her own father shooting her in the chest and presenting her with a butterfly knife and acting as if it is a normal father-daughter present.

Hit Girl teams up with Kick-Ass (Aaron Johnson), the film's narrator and main protagonist. His character is your typical high school kid who is easy to laugh and poke fun at. Fed up with witnessing people being bullied almost everywhere he looks, he decides to order a rather ugly costume and scour the streets for an opportunity to take down criminals. His first

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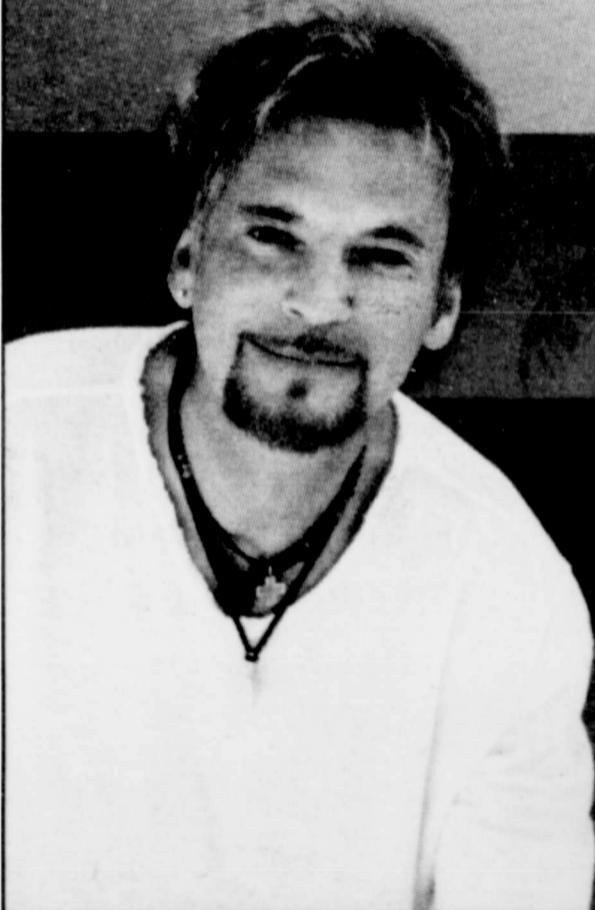
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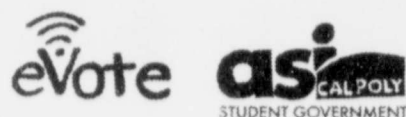
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hardship throughout the preparation has been the time commitment. Perhaps the most time put into the production can be attributed to this year's PCN coordinators, architecture senior Simone Eve Bundang, computer science junior Patrick Casao and aerospace engineering junior Noel Las Pinas.

Together, the three have prepared almost everything for the show, from booking the venue to script writing. Head coordinator Bundang said the preparation began over summer with creating the story line. Although it took the most time, she said she found it the most exciting part.

"In the beginning of the summer, we were just discussing ideas, and one of my friends suggested something about a detective. And I was also taking a class in Contemporary Film Noir at the same time, and I thought that was really interesting. So we kind of just played off of that and started to build and build," Bundang said.

The script calls for about 30 different speaking parts. Many of the actors are also participating in the performance groups. Civil engineering freshman Bryan Igarta, who has a minor role in the play with a few speaking parts and is also performing with Kasayahan, said he likes that the production encompasses all aspects of Pilipino Cultural Exchange, or PCE.

"I thought it would be pretty fun to be part of the show. It kind of ties everything that PCE has all together, like our different performing groups," Igarta said. "I definitely wanted to be a part of something big early on in my college years."

Pilipino Cultural Exchange is a large group on campus, with around 150 Filipino and non-Filipino members. The club's mission is to not only spread and celebrate Filipino culture, but also provide a close family of friends on campus. President Andrew Austin, an electrical engineering senior, joined the club his sophomore year hoping to find people to connect with.

"When I came in, I still couldn't find that core group of friends that I always liked hanging out with," Austin said. "So when I joined, there were just a few people that took me in. They didn't really know me, but they

thought they'd give me a chance. And that became the group of friends that I hang out with every day now."

Being half-Japanese, half-Caucasian, Austin knew that race wasn't a factor that affected his entry into the club. He said he hopes any student of any race will join and find the same group of friends he did.

"The reason why I became president was to make sure that the younger people get the same experience that I got — the same kind of respect or the same kind of acceptance that I got," Austin said.

Austin as well as about 50 other members of the club are participating in PCN. Lorena Hernandez, an architecture sophomore, said PCN is an opportunity to participate in something that she wouldn't necessarily do outside the club.

"I wanted to be more involved with the action portion because every day, you play the role of a college student — going to class and working on homework. But it's not every day that you can be outside of yourself and perform for other people," Hernandez said.

As the opening night approaches, Bundang is excited for the production to not only entertain the audience, but also to shed light on the Filipino culture, he said.

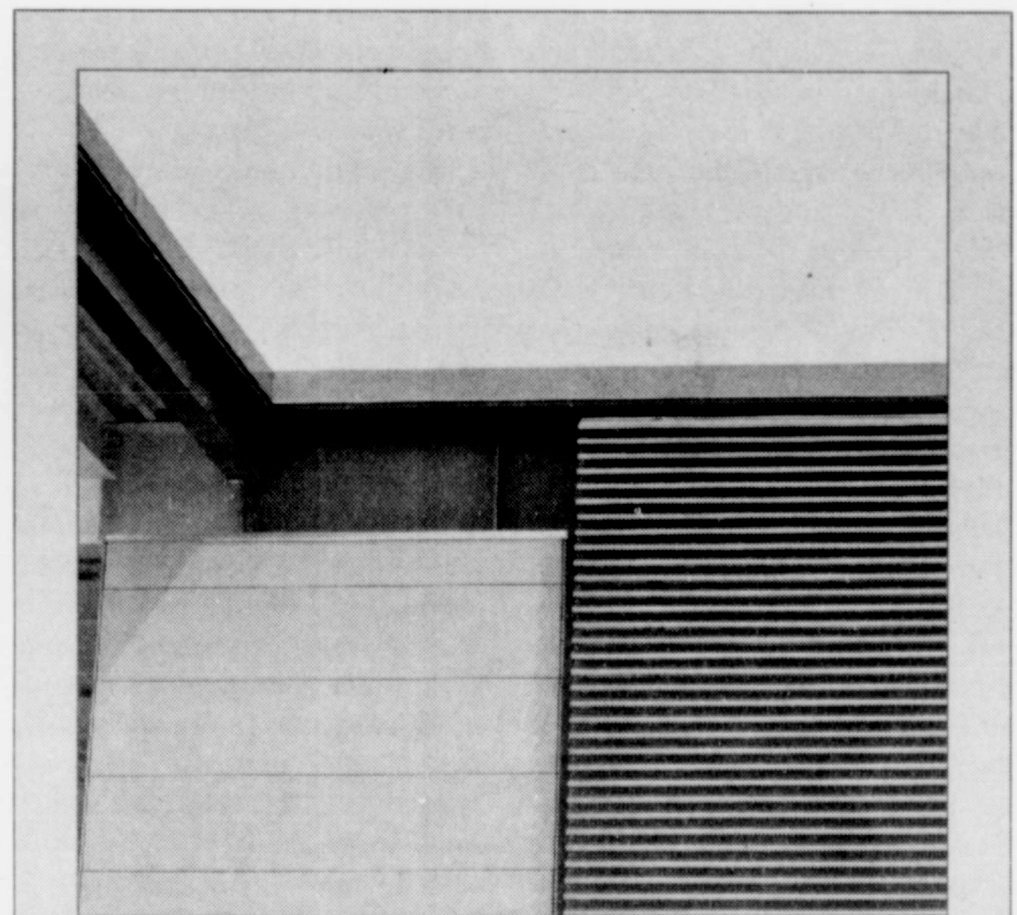
"It expresses what the club has to offer; it's a testament to our culture. A lot of people don't know about Filipino culture. We're a fairly large group of people and we're still relatively unknown in terms of media and theater, so it's a just great way to get ourselves out there and show what we are," Bundang said.

Hoping for a sold-out show, Bundang wants to open the event to everyone, not just Filipinos, he said.

"It's going to be entertaining. It's not just for Filipinos; it's for everyone. We really don't want to separate ourselves. We want to open up to other groups of people," Bundang said.

Tickets are available at the door. Prices are \$12 for students, children and seniors and \$15 for general admission. The Saturday show begins at 6:30 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m., and the Sunday show begins at 2 p.m. with doors opening at 1:30 p.m.

**Editor's note: 'Pilipino' is an alternate spelling of 'Filipino' used by the event organizers.*



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Cal Poly bowling club more than just a recreational activity

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Normally known as a recreational sport, the Cal Poly bowling club takes its game to another level.

The bowling club competes on the West Coast against teams from California, Utah and Nevada. In collegiate club bowling, schools are broken up into four sections based on geographic region. Teams then compete starting at the beginning of fall quarter to try to advance to sectionals, which is comprised of 16 teams from each section. In order to advance to sectionals, the team must be ranked as one of the top 64 teams throughout the country. The top four teams from each section then compete at nationals.

Junior Kaylene Folks, president and team captain, said she enjoys the atmosphere in representing Cal Poly.

"Collegiate competition is amazing, since everyone is always cheering for one another and in some cases we bowl for nine hours straight," Folks said. "It's that focus which makes it different than recreation."

Despite little exposure, the bowling club still enjoys competing against teams primarily from the West Coast. Vice president Dave Hodson said it was an eye-opening experience to see the improvement that he needs to

make in order to be successful. He said his favorite part of the club is traveling to places such as Las Vegas and meeting people from all over the country.

"The tournaments are actually pretty intense," Hodson said. "People get in the zone and it's definitely not like anything that you will see at Mustang Lanes where everyone is laughing at how they're throwing gutter balls. People really get into it."

This past season was a tough one for the club. It had to replace three members who graduated. It added four new members but many of them were inexperienced at collegiate-style bowling.

"We were just trying to get them in the hang of competition," Folks said. "Most of them have been bowling for a while at the youth level, but it's much more competitive at the collegiate level."

Hodson said this past season was used as a building year, since many of the players had never been coached before. He said the team tries to remain competitive while also enjoying the experience without getting too serious.

"There's definitely a balance to keep the competitive side and want to do well and get better," Hodson said. "At the same time, you still have to enjoy it because then you are working so hard for no reason."

Also making things difficult for the club is the fact that they have to practice at Ran-

cho Bowl in Santa Maria, since the lanes at Cal Poly are not the synthetic lanes that are used in competition.

Head coach Joe Barket, who has competed on the PBA tour for 15 years, said it's hard for the club members to stay sharp since they must travel 45 minutes to practice and only get to do so on weekends. He said he wants his players to focus on repetition every time they bowl.

"The biggest thing in bowling is repeating what you do," Barket said. "You have to be out there every day to get it down, otherwise you lose your fundamentals and develop bad habits."

Barket said bowling is similar to golf, where players must develop their game through individual practice and be able to have a variety of different shots at their disposal. He also said bowling is similar to any other sport that you will see at the college level.

"At first, they don't realize that at the collegiate level, bowling is as tough as any of the other sports," Barket said. "It takes the same amount of practice, preparation and dedication. You can't just pick up a ball and bowl."

Even with all the difficulties in getting together for practices, Hodson said he enjoys practicing for bowling because it is less-tiring than other sports.

"It's pretty nice since some sports have practices where you go and kill yourself for a few hours running around outside

whereas for us we just get to bowl," Hodson said.

Despite being inexperienced this year, Folks said the team will be better next year due to the experience they gained this year. She said the club needs more members but that she is confident the team can make sectionals next year.

The team should make sectionals if everyone dedicates themselves to the system and keeps trying to improve their game. He said his favorite part of coaching is watching the kids develop and is excited for the chances the team has next year.

"The kids are like sponges, and everybody wants to get better," Barket said. "As long as they keep pushing themselves to get better, then we will be successful next year."

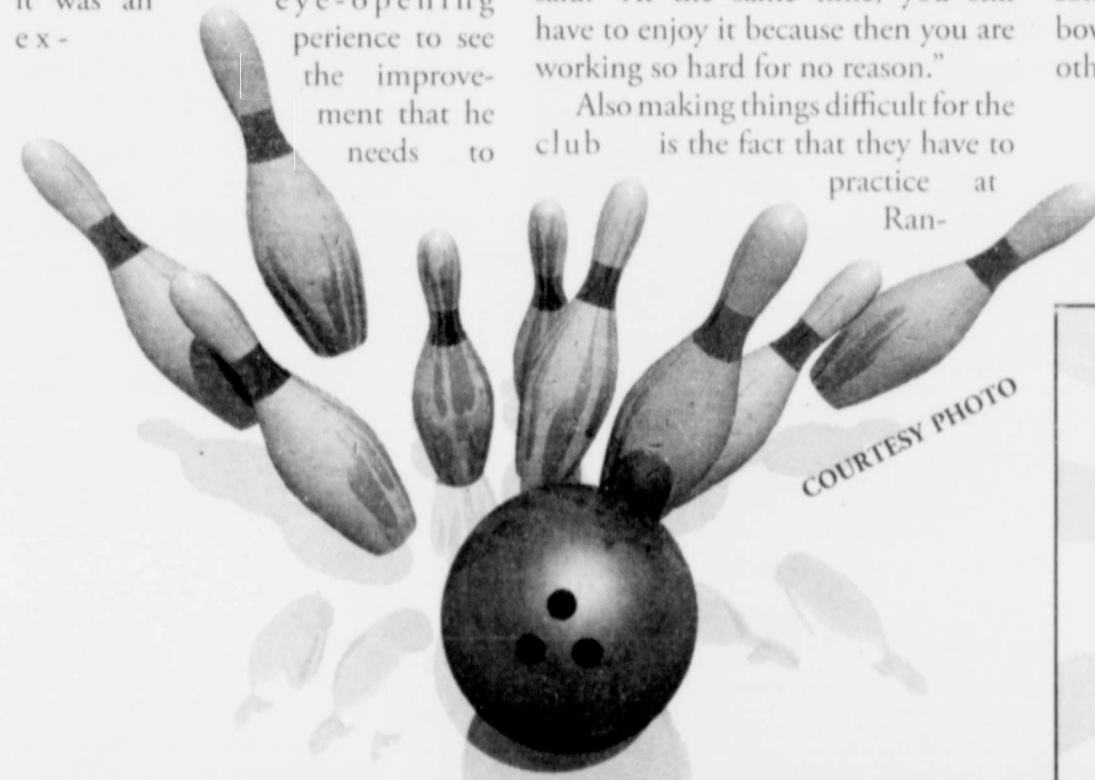
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attempt at glory doesn't work out so well, to say the least. It is only after he begins fighting side-by-side with his trained companions that he starts to succeed.

Aaron Johnson has a certain witty charm about him that fits his role well. However, as mentioned before, the main character of this story is far from the most interesting, or lovable. Nicolas Cage is one of the only actors who could have pulled off Big Daddy the way he does. After all, how many people can comfortably shoot a child in the chest multiple times and convincingly laugh it off? And as for the before-mentioned star of "Kick-Ass," it is easy to imagine this film being much worse if not for Moretz.

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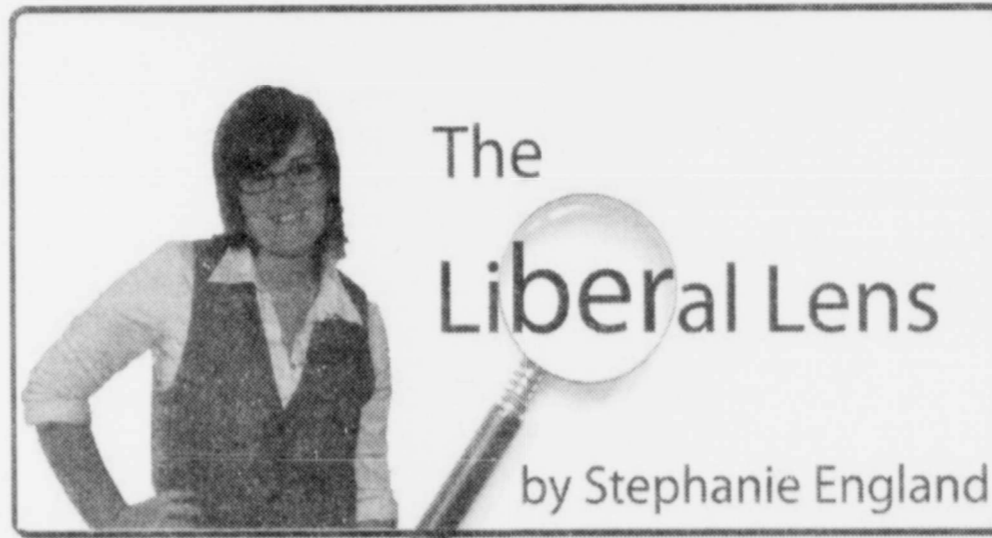
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Government regulation could end the long era of greed on Wall Street



In one of the decade's most important and complicated legal battles, the United States has charged Goldman Sachs, one of the foremost investment firms in the country, of civil fraud. Related allegations involve the firm's actions engendering the recession that has adversely affected so many Americans' lives.

What Goldman Sachs is accused of sounds like betting on the outcome of a baseball game — but with devastating effects on the U. S. economy. Robert Samuelson's Newsweek article, "Goldman Sachs' Questionable Profit Motive," summarizes the allegations well, when he writes, "In early 2007, at the request of a hedge fund run by John Paulson — not related to the former Treasury secretary — Goldman created a synthetic CDO (collateralized debt obligation), Abacus 2007-AC1. By its nature, this was not an investment security; it was an instrument for betting on the housing market. The synthetic CDO's value was tied to a series of mortgage bonds. If the mortgage bonds declined, one set of investors (the "shorts") would win; if the mortgage bonds strengthened, another set (the "longs") would win.

Samuelson writes that the United States alleges that Goldman Sachs committed fraud when it failed to disclose "to ACA or investors that Paulson would go short, the SEC says. That, alleges the SEC, represented the 'material' omission that defrauded investors. The mortgage bonds quickly lost value. Paulson made about \$1 billion, the SEC said; other investors lost \$1 billion."

Their actions are complicated and there are more underlying business law and practices related to this issue, but the serious problem is that their ultimate motivations were to make a profit by trading risky assets, which runs contrary to sound practices of trading. What allowed this degradation to occur? Among other things, it was a lack of regulation.

And it is this perversion of their role on Wall Street from arbiters of capital that Samuelson defines

as firms that "allocate society's savings to productive uses" to a company that is motivated solely by profit — a perversion invading the business sector elsewhere, as well, not just in the failures of Goldman Sachs. And Goldman Sachs has not learned its lesson. MSNBC reports that "Goldman's trading of risky assets once again generated the bulk of its profits. Revenue from trading of bonds, currencies and commodities rose 13 percent in the quarter to \$7.39 billion."

While Goldman Sachs is defending itself before Congress against the civil charges

brought against them, the political side of this issue of regulating the business sector is brewing on Capitol Hill. The White House has proposed that there should be more regulation in Wall Street, in part to prevent the deception committed by Goldman Sachs and business decisions from crippling the world economy again.

"The SEC lawsuit represents an aggressive expansion of regulatory efforts to hold people and com-

panies responsible for the nation's financial crises. It could help the regulator rehabilitate its reputation after missing other high-profile cases, including Bernard Madoff's



Ponzi scheme," Reuters reports.

However, the lawsuit itself seems to be a symbol of the change that is already occurring in the role of government and a sign that the government is feeling the weight of responsibility regarding the health of the economy. Over the years, the economy has become an increasingly politicized entity. After all, politicians — whether or not it is deserved — answer to the American people for the economy each election cycle.

Just as bringing charges of fraud against Goldman Sachs has not checked their motivations to make profit their bottom line, which is easily seen in their recent profits gained through the continuation of their practice of trading risky assets, it will take more than a reform bill or a lawsuit to change the moral fiber of Wall Street. This change must either occur through rigorous oversight and heavy regulation or through a change of values within those who have made profit their ultimate objective, even if it means ripping off their fellow Americans.

The proper role of government in the business sector has been a contentious subject since the early 1900s, with the rise of the progressives. The debate has continued 100 years, opinions oscillating based on the change in political power and political affairs on a worldwide platform — such as the fear of communism during the Cold War spanning the greater part of the 20th Century. But the lawsuit and the ideas within the reform bill are good places to start. My one hope is that the bill and the lawsuit are not corrupted by the obfuscation of facts, which only serves to dilute powerful legislation.

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Earth Day is about recovering the environment

Jane Lubchenco
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Forty years ago, the late Sen. Gaylord Nelson gave birth to Earth Day when he stood up for the environment, calling upon the American people to come together for a simple teach-in on the environment. The first Earth Day was a catalyst for change. It accelerated passage of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, as well as creation that same year of my agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sen. Nelson knew that the environment and the economy are inseparable. Speaking about Earth Day, he said: "Increasingly, we have come to understand that the wealth of the nation is in its air, water, soil, forests, minerals, lakes, oceans, scenic beauty, wildlife habitats, and biodiversity. ... That's the whole economy. That's where all the economic activity and all the jobs come from."

Today, as we face the global challenges of climate change and an uncertain economy, this is as true as it was then. This Earth Day, NOAA is joining with Americans nationwide to celebrate how the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is helping make immediate and long-term investments in the environmental and economic health and resiliency of our nation's coastal and Great Lakes communities.

A year ago, NOAA received \$167 million from the Recovery Act to invest in coastal habitat restoration. We selected 50 shovel-ready projects from 814 proposals worth \$3 billion. The message coastal communities sent to us was loud and clear: Our coastal wetlands and lake shores cannot wait. Our citizens are in need of work, and can do the job.

A year later, I can report that the Recovery Act is working from North Carolina to Seattle, from New England to Hawaii. We've broken ground on 30 projects and 20 will take off within the next three to eight months.

The projects are creating and supporting jobs for Americans who are building oyster reefs, restoring coral reefs and wetlands, taking down obsolete dams to restore fish passage and removing abandoned fishing gear that harms fish and mammals in our coastal waters.

Simon Rich, a contractor working on a project to restore oysters along the North Carolina coast, said the Recovery Act project allowed him to hire back many laid-off workers to build 49 acres of oyster reefs in Pamlico Sound.

Recovery Act projects that restore habitat make other long-term investments in a community's environmental and economic well-being. An oyster reef being built off the coast of Grand Isle, La. will serve as a natural breakwater to protect wetlands that buffer the effects of storms, sea-level rise and climate change. Dams re-

moved to open fish passage on both the east and west coasts will provide better protection from floods because they remove barriers that can cause flood waters to pile up and threaten communities. Salmon, migratory birds and turtles are among a wide variety of threatened and endangered species that will be better off because of restoration work.

Americans and their families will also be better off. Restored saltmarshes, river bays and lakes increase opportunities for the public to enjoy walking, hiking, canoeing, fishing, bird watching and spending time with families.

This Earth Day, I encourage all Americans to go outdoors to see the habitat restoration taking place in your community. Habitat restoration is helping us recover our environment, recover our economy and recover our important connection to the Earth.



Thank you SLO government for keeping regulations tight and having conflicts of interest at mind over small business. Goldenberg is just trying to make a living, and in the process provide a service that is much needed in this college community. I have seen Jerry Lenthal bumper stickers (Republican Sheriff candidate) on several of his cars and can't help but think political affiliation may have something to do with this issue.

—Eric
In response to "Businesses, students harmed by government's far reach"

While it's important to remember the Holocaust, it's equally important to remember that the Holocaust extended well beyond Jews.

For example, for those that have visited the camps, whole wings were assigned to Christian clergy who are rarely if ever mentioned for fighting back and then paying the ultimate price. Further, Gays, Gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses and the mentally retarded were also targeted and exterminated.

Americans of Jewish descent have done an excellent and neces-

sary job of keeping the crimes of the Holocaust in the forefront of people's minds, however, as a result many of the less informed consider the Holocaust to be exclusively Jewish. Therefore, it's extremely important to also mention at every opportunity that 7,000,000 people of non-Jewish heritage were also slaughtered.

They too should not be forgotten but frequently are.

—Robert
In response to "Holocaust Remembrance day offers opportunity for reflection"

Merely "remembering" those lost during the Holocaust is meaningless — i.e. they're already dead. Rather, we should focus on what exactly it was that triggered the Holocaust in the first place in hopes of staving off current and future atrocities. Though this proposition seems obvious, we still live in a world where hundreds, if not thousands, are butchered each and every day for reasons similar to those which effected the murders mentioned in the article above.

—Anonymous
In response to "Holocaust Remembrance day offers opportunity for reflection"

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0318

When this puzzle is done, the answers will include a familiar series of 38-Across (minus the middle square). Connect the squares of this series in order with a line, starting with the circled square. The resulting image will be a pair of 38-Across (with the middle square). In addition, the clues all share a feature that provides an additional hint to the puzzle's theme.

- Across**
- 1 Tijuana dishes
 - 8 Relegated to a state of oblivion
 - 15 Middle name of Sen. Joe Lieberman
 - 16 Resting place for the deceased
 - 17 False start's result, in football
 - 19 Red (sushi order)
 - 20 "Do me ___ and ___"
 - 21 Reference abbr.
 - 22 Ming's 76" and Bryant's 66". e.g.: Abbr.
 - 24 "Resolved: that ___" for debaters
 - 26 D.O.E. part: Abbr.
 - 28 "'Tis a pity"
 - 30 Tiberius' "to be"
 - 32 Last test before starting some advanced deg. programs
 - 33 Request of a frog in a fairy tale
 - 36 Missions, for short
 - 37 Laptop key
 - 38 [Refer to blurp]
 - 40 Last name in ice cream
 - 42 Laborer's suffix
 - 43 Lance
 - 44 Reversible preposition
 - 45 Double-bladed ___ II razor
 - 47 Fated for ruin
 - 51 Doily material
 - 53 Rent down the center
 - 56 Milk: Prefix
 - 57 Time-share unit
 - 59 Latin motto "Ars ___ artis"
 - 61 Tilly of Tinseltown
 - 62 Doughbags
 - 65 Renaissance cradle city
 - 66 Resident of the Winter Palace before 1917
 - 67 Last-column element on the periodic table
 - 68 Relatively piquant
- Down**
- 1 Remy Martin units
 - 2 Lasagna cheese, sometimes
 - 3 Late New York senator Jacob
 - 4 Lanthan- suffix
 - 5 Michael's sister La ___
 - 6 Mideast peace conference attendee, 1993
 - 7 Regulator mechanism, for short
 - 8 Doesn't let go?
 - 9 Refusal for Rob Roy
 - 10 Millet's moon
 - 11 Reverse of "bring together"
 - 12 Mishmashes
 - 13 Mister Belvedere and others
 - 14 Record of 1947 "Peg ___ Heart"
 - 18 Lamebrain
 - 23 "Reginald" writer
 - 25 Large bill, slangily
 - 27 Remote button
 - 29 "Far out, man!"
 - 41 Fanged villain
 - 46 Laptop key
 - 48 "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" was published in this year
 - 49 Timeless, old-style
 - 50 Reader's place marker
 - 52 Restaurant order
 - 54 Repeat New York City Marathon winner Grete ___
 - 55 Lazy
 - 58 Solving, as a puzzle
 - 60 Miscellanies
 - 62 Dow Chemical, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 63 Mineral in sheets
 - 64 Michelangelo's field

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- 31 Michigan, e.g., to a Spaniard
 - 34 Fashionista ___ Moon Zombie
 - 35 Does in with a rope
 - 38 Factual info on a dating service questionnaire
 - 39 Fatal virus
 - 40 Sole alternative?
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Baseball

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listed as day-to-day. Freshman outfielder Mitch Haniger, who leads the team in batting average (.337), is suffering from lower back spasms that doctors are having difficulty diagnosing. Senior catcher Ross Brayton, who has been a valuable offensive asset, is out with soft tissue damage around the knee.

"I know it's killing Mitch (not to be in) ... You definitely see it in his eyes," Crocker said.

Fischback, Matt Leonard and Frankie Reed all underwent major shoulder surgery within the past four years. Lee doesn't attribute it to over-pitching.

"We don't over-pitch our guys," he said. "We are very cautious about pitch totals and about having enough rest between outings."

Lee is worried about injuries to his staff because it lacks depth.

"It's very difficult to recruit the quality and depth of pitching staff at Cal Poly," Lee said. "You're not getting the blue chip guys; the majority of pitchers and position players are guys that need to develop, need to get stronger (and) develop their

entire game. The standards of academics at Cal Poly also make it difficult — the list of players we can go after is a lot smaller than some of the other schools we're playing against."

The Mustangs will need quality pitching against the Titans. Big West leading, No. 16 Fullerton (21-13, 7-2) is coming off a victorious weekend series against UC Santa Barbara, in which it outscored the Gauchos, 28-7. The Titans have taken 46 of 55 games from the Mustangs over the years.

"It's an uncomfortable position to know you're not a full strength," Lee said. "There is no reason to think about what if ... You are the team of the moment and you go to each game with the players available and don't think what could've been."

Cal Poly is coming off another series loss to Cal State Northridge. The Mustangs were able to salvage one win in the series finale after a solid performance from pitcher Eugene Wright (1-2). Cal Poly had little trouble producing runs but couldn't close out the first two games of the series, 10-9 and 12-8 respectively.

First pitch is slated for 7 p.m. Friday in Fullerton.

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If his plan had gone the way he envisioned, Baalke would have walked away from football long ago. In fact, he quit the game once. He gave up his job as a college assistant to become a high school administrator in the late 1990s. Baalke became the athletic director at Shanley High, a small but mighty sports powerhouse in Fargo, N.D.

Leo Ringey, who helped hire him, recalled that Baalke's predecessor was still too much of a coach at heart to spend any time in an office. Baalke, in contrast, could push paper as if it were a tackling sled.

"He came in and got the coaches coordinated, did a nice job with the budget, upgraded the weight room, improved the training and medical facilities and was very organized," Ringey said.

Baalke had a wife, Beth, and two young daughters. He was content.

But a funny thing happened on his way to settling down. Baalke had been a liaison to pro scouts at South Dakota State, and a New York Jets representative liked his eye for talent for so much that he recommended Baalke for a job.

The Jets called with an offer so out of the blue that Baalke thought it was a friend pulling a prank.

"I never even contemplated getting into the NFL," he recalled.

Working for the Jets gave him a chance to learn from some of football's most famous minds. The 1998 Jets coaching staff featured head coach Bill Parcells and assistant head coach Bill Belichick.

Baalke also learned from Dick Haley, the Jets director of player personnel who had the same role for the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1971-90. Haley is best remembered for a fairly decent 1974 draft: Lynn Swann, Jack Lambert, John Stallworth and Mike Webster, four future Hall of Famers.

But with the Jets and later the Redskins (2001-03), Baalke learned that even the sharpest scouting eyes have blind spots and that humility can be a valuable asset. Asked to name a few of his favorite scouting discoveries, Baalke declined.

"I'd love to tell you all the ones I was right on, but then I'd have to tell you all the guys I was wrong on, and there have been many," he said. "I don't think there's anybody in this business that can say they hit on every player they've ever evaluated."

A Wisconsin native, Baalke attended Bemidji (Minn.), arriving at the school in 1982, just as its football

program drooped to an all-time low.

Bemidji had lost 20 in a row and was threatening make it 21 by blowing a fourth-quarter lead. That's when Baalke, a 215-pound freshman outside linebacker, sniffed out a screen pass in the final minute and made the most important tackle of the game. The 14-10 victory over Minnesota-Morris turned around the fortunes of the program.

"Trent was always on top of the situation, always had a sense of what might happen," recalled John Peterson, who in '82 was in his first season as Bemidji's coach. Peterson is now an area scout for the Carolina Panthers.

Baalke was a two-time all-conference player. Peterson kept him around for an extra season as an assistant coach. Baalke then headed for North Dakota State (1989) and South Dakota State (1990-95), where his duties included strength-and-conditioning coach.

Baalke was known to prowl the weight room and berate any player giving less than a full effort. "He was a perfectionist. He took the performance of his players to a personal level," said South Dakota State coach John Stiegelmeier, who was defensive coordinator during Baalke's time.

Told that Baalke now has the buttoned-up demeanor of a front-office executive, Stiegelmeier joked: "Then he's hiding it. He's Dr. Jekyll."

It was during his South Dakota

stop that Baalke impressed NFL scouts with his player evaluations. Notably, he campaigned on behalf of kicker Adam Vinatieri and offensive lineman Adam Timmerman.

Baalke once persuaded a Green Bay scout that Timmerman was a diamond in the rough. The Packers listened, took Timmerman as a seventh-round pick, and landed a player who lasted 12 NFL seasons and made two Pro Bowls.

That Packers scout remained forever grateful and, years later, repaid him with a job: Scot McCloughan was that scout, and upon becoming general manager he hired Baalke as the 49ers' Western region scout.

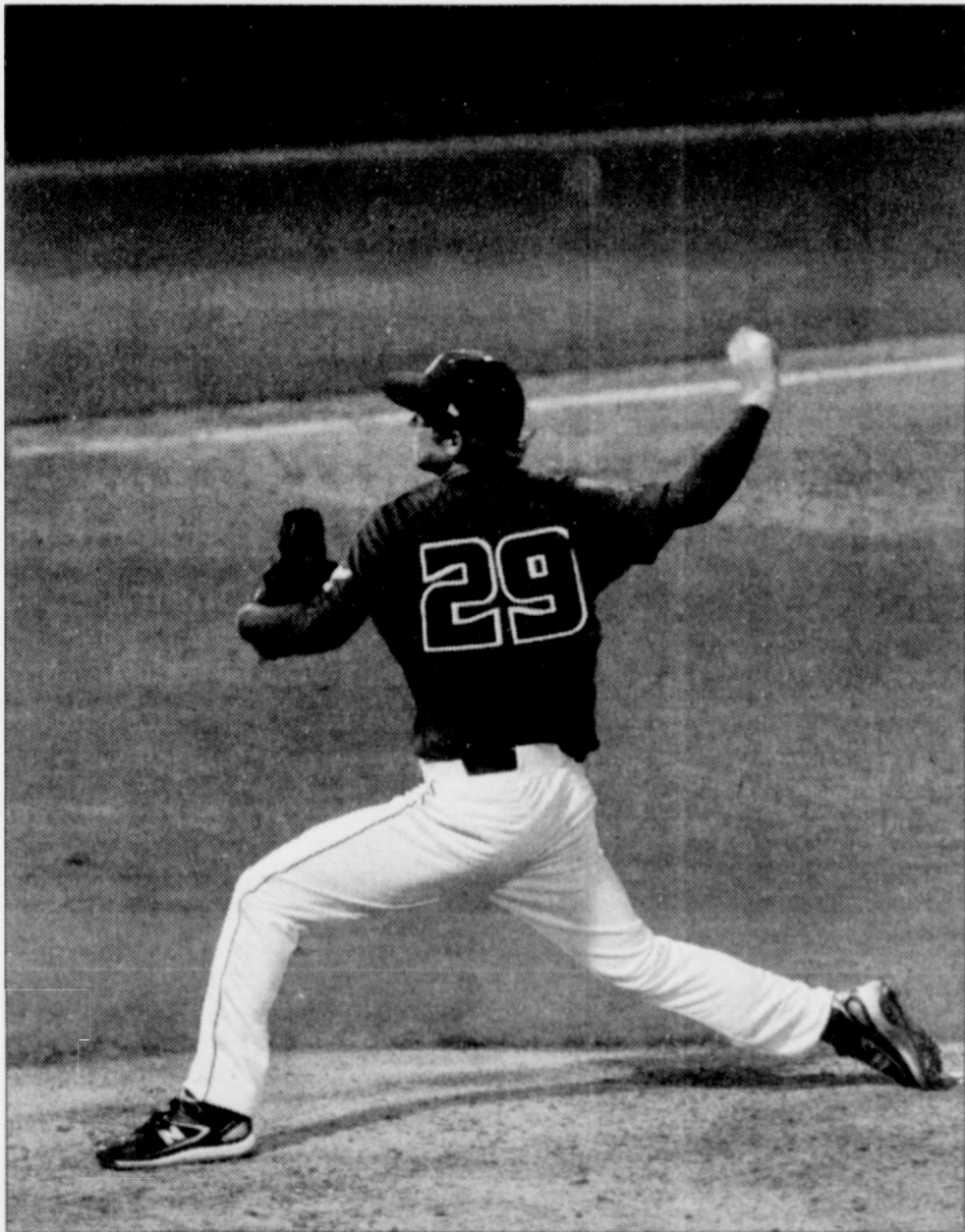
"That's really when Scot and my friendship started," Baalke said, looking back to the Timmerman recommendation. "This business is all about relationships."

Target: The playoffs

The 49ers don't have a 20-game losing streak, as Bemidji did, but they'll be counting on Baalke to bring a skid to an end. The 49ers haven't had a winning season or a playoff appearance since 2002.

Who the heck is Trent Baalke? With two first-round picks on Thursday, the 49ers are about to get their answer.

"We're not going to sit back and say, 'Everyone else, go pick the players,'" Baalke said. "We're going to get the players we have targeted, I promise you that."



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Baseball travels to Cal State Fullerton this weekend

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Historically, Cal Poly baseball has its sights on regional competition and a conference championship as it heads into May. This year, the Mustangs only have one thing left to play for — pride.

"It's a play for pride kinda thing now," outfielder Bobby Crocker said. "We'll never accept losing, but we got to stop worrying (about our record) — it's just a matter of winning."

Fellow sophomore Elliot Stewart, who saw last year's team climb to a 37-21 record en route to its first NCAA tournament berth, echoed his teammates' thoughts.

"That's what we just talked about as a team — playing for pride," he said. "Even if we are not going to make regionals, we might as well break someone else's heart. We might as well knock (Fullerton) out."

Sore arms and shoulder strains will compound Cal Poly's "heart breaking." The injury bug couldn't bite at a worse time. Heading into possibly the toughest conference stretch of the season (Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State and UC Irvine), the Mustangs (10-23, 3-6 Big West) learned they would be without the services of two key starting pitchers for the remainder of the year. Undoubtedly, the team will feel the impact. The staff has a confer-



Matt Jensen (above) was arguably one of the best Mustangs at the plate last season. Helping his team with .375 average and nine home runs, he led Cal Poly to a 37-21 season. This season is a bit different, Jensen is hitting .272 with two home runs.

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ence-worst 6.50 ERA.

"It's difficult, especially when you lose your higher-end players; a lot of times there's a drop-off in whoever is

next in line," head coach Larry Lee said. "When we have someone get an injury, it's very noticeable. We're not able to withstand injuries be-

cause most years we don't have that depth."

Arguably the staff's ace, sophomore Mason Radeke, led the pitch-

ing staff with a 2.96 ERA, with three wins in four starts and 23 strikeouts. Radeke is sidelined due to a seemingly benign injury — an elbow strain. Lee said there was a chance he could pitch toward the end of the season, but it's not worth it. Radeke pitched more than 110 pitches in two games (110, 126).

"It's a tough season to push (his return) when we're not getting as many wins as we should," Crocker said.

The Mustangs will also be without junior righty Steven Fischback for the second straight year. He is still about a year removed from labrum's surgery, which repairs torn cartilage in the shoulder and takes about a year to recover from, Lee said. Sometimes injuries are caused by an increased number of pitches thrown or mechanical flaws, Lee added. He couldn't put his finger on Fischback's "out-of-the-blue" injury.

"Coming in, I never saw Fisch play; I heard he was dominant," Stewart said. "We had high hopes for him; we could use him right now — we need a dominant pitcher right now."

How badly do they need a dominant pitcher? In 19 of their 33 games, the Mustangs have been trailing after six innings. They have won two of those 19.

Cal Poly has two position players

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Brittany Blalock named Athlete of the Week

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly women's tennis player Brittany Blalock was named Big West Conference Athlete of the Week for the second time this season on Wednesday afternoon after prevailing during both of her singles matches and a pair of doubles victories last week.

During Cal Poly's 4-3 loss at then-No. 39 Saint Mary's on April 16, Blalock partnered with Suzie Matzenauer at the No. 1 position to edge Claire Soper and Alex Poorta. Blalock then returned at the No. 2 singles position to sweep Catherine Isp.

Blalock, Cal Poly's career leader for singles victories, returned the following morning to help the Mustangs close both the home and Big West portions of their spring sched-

ule with a 7-0 win against UC Riverside. Blalock and Matzenauer opened Cal Poly's doubles effort with a win against Angelique Corpuz and Roxanne Plata. The victory helped Cal Poly clinch the doubles point for the 16th time in 20 spring matches, an 80 percent win rate unequalled among Big West programs.

In singles play against the Highlanders, Blalock closed her collegiate tenure on Mustang Courts with a triumph at the No. 1 position versus Nadia Sakhakorn.

The four victories allowed Blalock to improve to 14-5 this spring in singles play and 17-2 in doubles action. Wednesday's accolade was the fifth career honor for Blalock and third by a Mustang this season, following Matzenauer's Feb. 24 honor.

No. 61 Cal Poly (14-6) concludes its regular season schedule at Fresno State on Saturday, April 24 at 12 noon. Up nine positions from last week, Blalock and Matzenauer will enter the match ranked No. 32 among Division-I doubles pairings.

Despite finishing with a 6-2 mark in Big West duals and in a three-way tie for second place in the conference standings, Cal Poly held none of the seeding tiebreaker advantages for the Big West Championships. Seeded fourth, the Mustangs will open the tournament against No. 5 Cal State Northridge on Friday.

Baalke will supervise 49ers' NFL draft



MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

The San Francisco 49ers could be eyeing Florida cornerback Joe Haden (5) with their first round pick in this year's NFL draft. He could be a piece that would help aid San Francisco's 21st-ranked passing defense in 2009.

Daniel Brown
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

About this time a year ago, Trent Baalke and Scot McCloughan had a daily ritual. They would meet for morning walks to rack up some miles and kick around 49ers draft scenarios.

It was on one such stroll that Baalke and McCloughan deduced, a week ahead of time, that receiver Michael Crabtree would still be on the

board at No. 10 and that they should be ready to pounce.

And this year?

"It's a lonely walk," Baalke joked.

With McCloughan out as the 49ers general manager, Baalke will call the draft-day shots. He was quick to note that he's not really lonely: Coach Mike Singletary accompanied him on recent scouting missions, and the 49ers' pre-draft meetings solicit the input of everyone from the team's top brass to the assistant coaches.

But in the end, Baalke walks alone.

"Trent is the point person," team president Jed York said. "It is his decision."

Baalke debuts with two picks, Nos. 13 and 17, when the first round begins Thursday. There is lots of speculation about who the heck Trent Baalke will take. But first, there's another question.

Who the heck is Trent Baalke?

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