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## City and regional planning professor wins ACSP award

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Cal Poly's city and regional planning department head, Hemalata Dandekar, received the Margarita McCoy Award from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP).

Dandekar received the award, which is given semi-annually to educators who work toward advancing women in the field of planning, on Oct. 9 and said she was happy to have made a lasting difference in her field.

Dandekar said her book "Shelter, Women and Development," which she wrote with some of her graduate students at the University of Michigan, was one of the most important factors in her award.

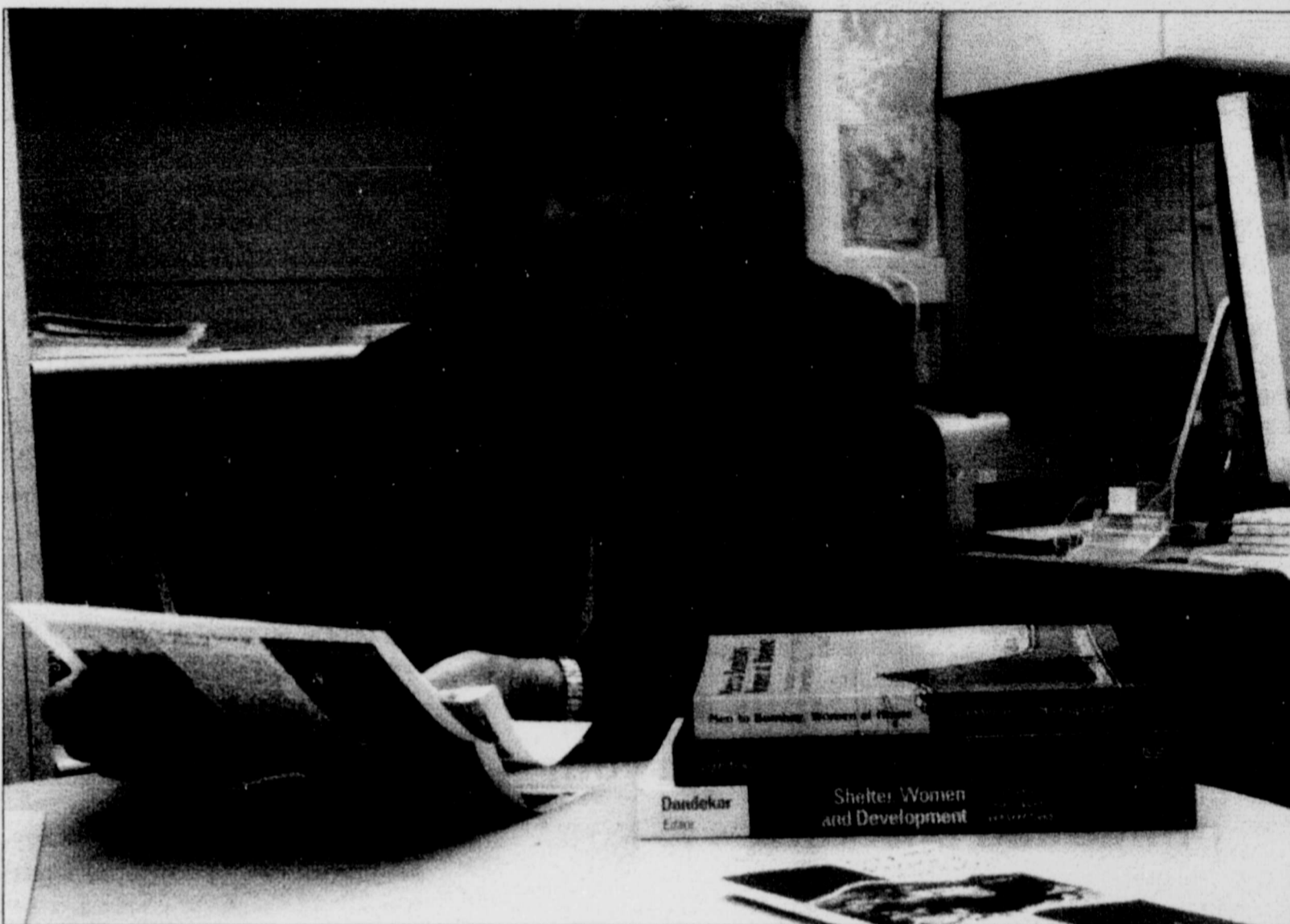
"The book is a prime example of considering women as a special part of society," she said. "It focuses on how important access to housing is in women's lives."

Dandekar said work in planning wasn't easy for women in the '70s

and '80s. She said her colleagues inspired her, and the associates who helped her during the time made her realize the importance of incorporating women into planning communities.

Ann Forsyth, a city and regional planning professor at Cornell University and Margarita McCoy Award chair, said Dandekar was recognized because of her mentorship of female students and faculty. Forsyth also noted her impressive research records which revolved around women and equity.

Dandekar studied architecture at the University of Bombay in 1967 and went on to receive a master's from the University of Michigan in 1969. She received her Ph.D in city and regional planning from University of California, Los Angeles in 1978. She has taught at University of Michigan, MIT, Arizona State University and joined Cal Poly's faculty in Fall of 2009, according to her Cal Poly profile Web page.



Hemalata Dandekar, Cal Poly's city and regional planning department head, received an award from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning for helping to advance women in the field with her book "Shelter, Women and Development."

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## Black bear sighting gives SLOPD big 'paws'

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Two bear sightings, one near Marsh Street and a second near Spring and Flora streets, occurred late on Oct. 27 and in the morning hours on early Oct. 28, according to a press release by the San Luis Obispo Police Department (SLOPD).

The first sighting was at 11 p.m. on

Oct. 27 and the second was at 6 a.m. Lieutenant Steve Tolley said the police department assumes the same 200 to 250-pound black bear was spotted twice.

Both times the bear appeared to be "looking for food," Tolley said.

After the first sighting, officers scared the bear back to a rural area along the creek northeast of downtown. The bear was then spotted near residences.

Officers were put in charge of the bear because rangers don't typically work at night, Tolley said. However, the Department of Fish and Game is ultimately responsible for the bear.

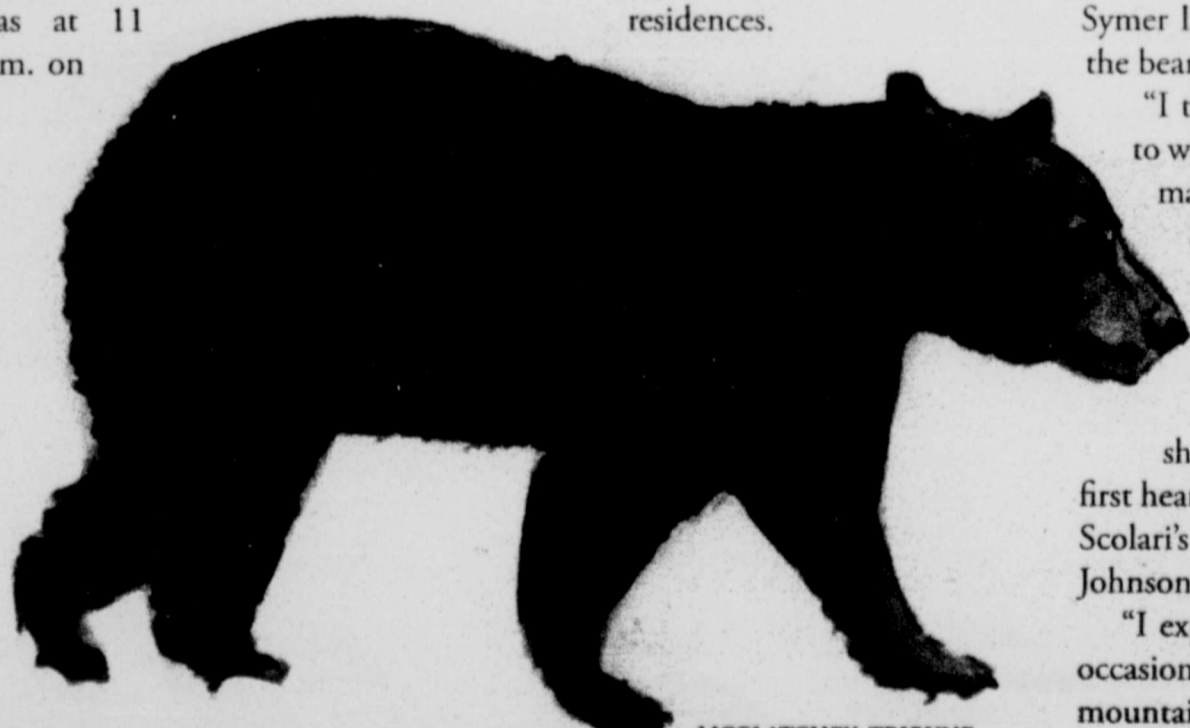
Tolley said bear sightings don't happen often, but they are known to come into town once every few years.

Mathematics junior Kristin Symer lives around the area where the bear was spotted in.

"I think it's unusual for a bear to want to be around a lot of humans, but it isn't very scary," Symer said.

Symer said she has always camped and been in rural areas known to host bear populations, so she wasn't scared when she first heard about a hungry bear near Scolari's Food and Drug Co. on Johnson Avenue.

"I expect we will always see the occasional bear since we live by the mountains," Symer said.



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## Cal Poly wind turbines to begin turning out energy

**Aryn Sanderson**

SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Three years of senior projects, graduate school projects and faculty research will come to life when the blades of the Cal Poly Wind Power Research Center wind turbine start spinning by the end of this quarter.

Associate professor of mechanical engineering Patrick Lemieux directed the creation of the Cal Poly Wind Power Research Center, a 70-foot-tall wind turbine.

"The wind turbine is a very practical development that matches well with what we do here at Cal Poly," Lemieux said. "It is constructional, learn-by-doing wind power."

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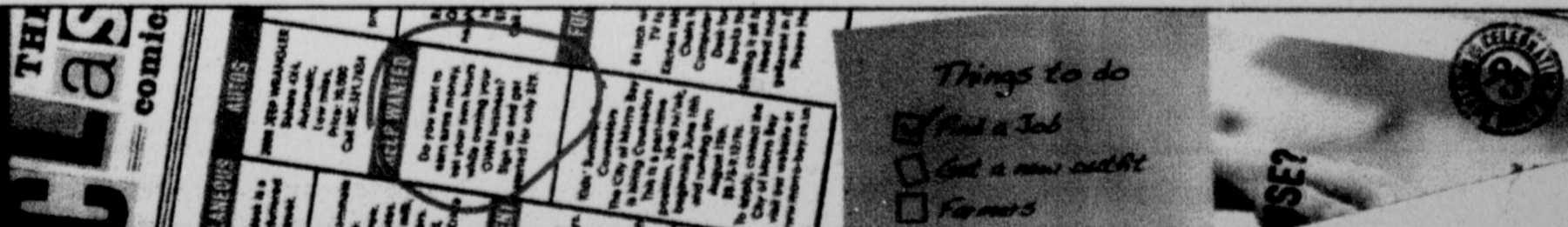
— Patrick Lemieux  
Associate professor of mechanical engineering

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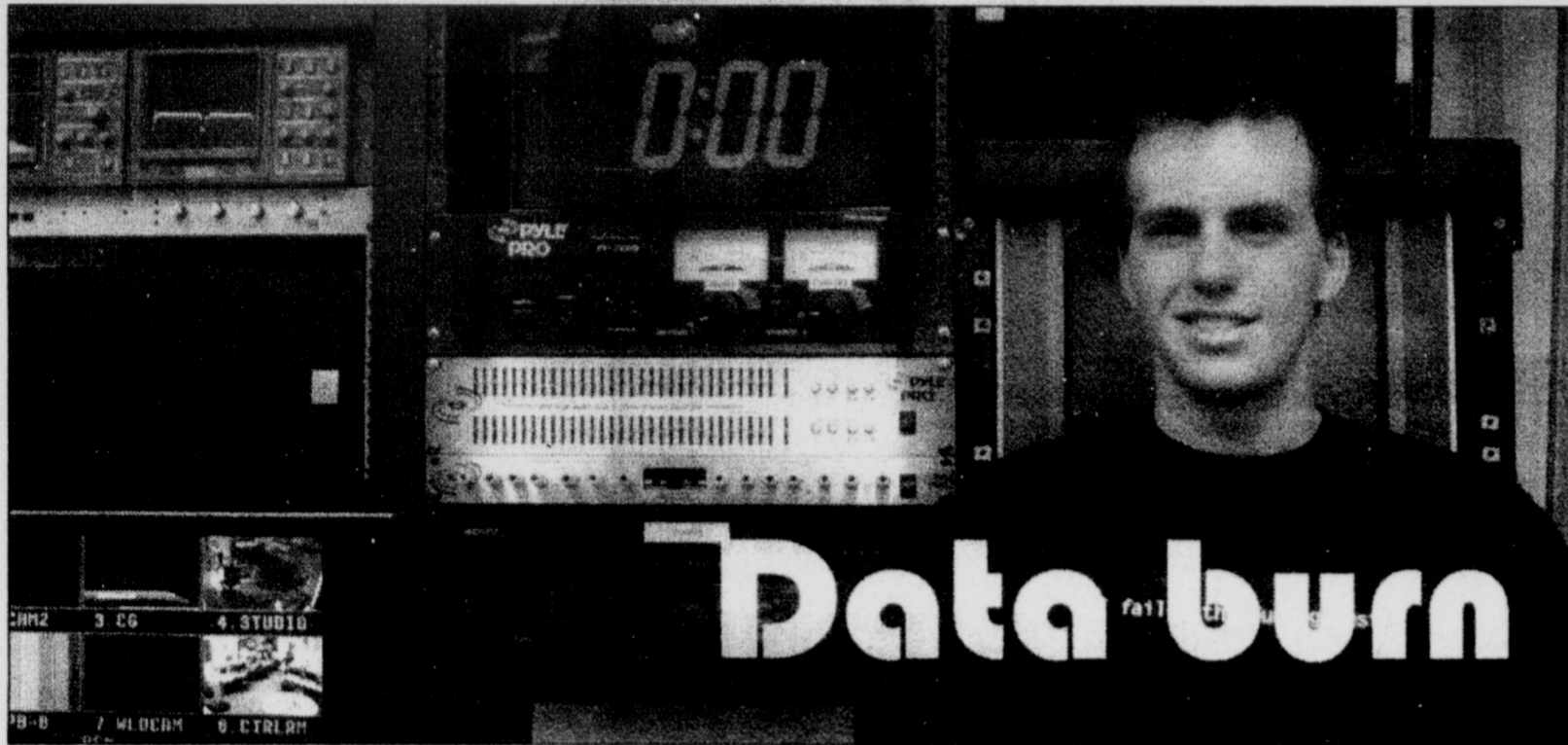
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Technology Column

# Privacy matters on the Internet



David Dynes is a computer engineering freshman and the Mustang Daily technology columnist.

In today's technology rich world, there are many opportunities to access others' data you shouldn't necessarily be able to see. Personal facts like interests, gender, jobs and sexual orientation can all be discovered fairly easily and sold to those who care to know. Even information which is supposedly

Well, each time you do that, there are companies that track this information and sell it to advertisers who can target you specifically. That's right, they can tailor their websites' advertisements specifically to your tastes. I don't know about you, but this is a little creepy to me.

But so what? Big deal, right? Well actually, it is. This is only part of what can be done.

It is possible to hack someone's Fa-

riends to get infected.

Now that I have your attention (I hope), let me tell you some ways to be more secure.

First and foremost, use your common sense. If you see something suspicious, be suspicious about it. Don't blindly click on every link your friend posts on their Facebook wall. At least take a look at it first. Adobe Flash Player is a huge vulnerability for more malicious activities. I recommend blocking it if you can. Restricting cookie access is another way to help keep your computer a bit more private. All you have to do is disable cookies in your browser.

A little bit of statistics about operating systems can help here as well. If you are running Windows (of any kind), then you are a constant target because Microsoft Windows has by far the highest market share and is a standard target.

Not to burst your bubble Mac users, but you can get infections too. While it is less common on the computer itself, Safari still uses cookies and Wi-Fi so it can still have these issues.

I am hoping Cal Poly students and staff can be a little more aware about online privacy. Nowadays, everyone is on Facebook and with its track record on privacy, I don't trust anything.

**“Would you want some stranger being able to go through your profile and post things as you?”**

— David Dynes  
Technology columnist

more secure, like banking and medical information, can be accessed, though that is much more difficult.

Unfortunately, many people are not necessarily aware of the personal privacy violations directed at them every day. Have you logged onto Facebook recently? Maybe you clicked on an ad which looked interesting.

cebook account and steal their password by simply being on the same Wi-Fi connection as well as through other websites which are not encrypted.

Would you want some stranger to be able to go through your profile and post things as you? Nobody would, but the real danger lies with posting malware links as you, causing your

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“I love San Luis Obispo,” she said. “I’m so glad to be back in California.”

Of the architecture and city and regional planning departments at Cal Poly, Dandekar said the female to male ratio is almost balanced.

“When I started college, there would be maybe 10 women in a class of 100,” she said. “Now some classes here are one-third, sometimes two-thirds women.”

tor for the female staff as well as students.

“She is a great mentor,” he said. “She’s very strong.”

Siembieda also said Dandekar has taken on a very active role within the department.

“She’s put in a proposal for federal funding which will support student tuition, fellowships and professional meetings,” he said.

Siembieda said Dandekar is a “big deal,” the epitome of the teacher-scholar model and the most highly regarded of Cal Poly’s faculty.

“She represents exactly what Cal

**“She represents exactly what Cal Poly wants to see. She’s widely read and a very high scholar.”**

— Bill Siembieda

Former department chair of city and regional planning

Dandekar said there are various opportunities for women in planning.

“Attitudes have changed a lot,” she said. “There are many things that are newly possible for women.”

She is an advocate for female leaders and said more women need to accept their leadership roles.

“That’s why we need mentors and support in the department” she said.

Bill Siembieda, former chair of the city and regional planning department, said Dandekar has acted as a role model and men-

Poly wants to see,” he said. “She’s widely read and a very high scholar.”

Dandekar has also worked closely with Cal Poly alumni to create a newsletter displaying the accomplishments from the city and regional planning department.

“I want to give them credit,” she said. “They really do deserve it.”

For now, Dandekar is taking a breather after finishing a book called “Michigan Family Farms and Farm Buildings” about the subsistence farm towns of Michigan.

“I’m thinking of what to do next,” she said. “And I’m going to relax.”

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# FLASH program to evaluate Cal Poly student health over time

Erica Derrico

SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's statistics department is helping the kinesiology department's FLASH program analyze and interpret data which will show the overall health of thousands of Cal Poly students over a period of four years.

Statistics assistant professor Soma Roy is running the statistics side of the study.

"We are trying to follow the same group of students and then compare their experiences in college to what it was in high school," Roy said.

FLASH is worked on by Science through Translational Research in Diet and Exercise (STRIDE). Associate professor and director of STRIDE Anne McDermott is heading the study.

The kinesiology department conducts testing and the statistics department retrieves the data to analyze and form statistics. McDermott said she hopes to create the nation's largest health study.

Students involved in this study are in the classes of 2013 and 2014 and are monitored for a four-year period to see the changes in their health over time.

"We want to know something about demographics, the factors that influence health," McDermott

said.

The study came about when McDermott came to Cal Poly in 2007 to create an obesity prevention center. She began studying gaps in the data within the community to see what her department's aim should be.

trial with 911 students, the study officially began Fall 2009.

First, students are asked to fill out a questionnaire asking questions about their diet, activities and hobbies.

"(We) want to know how habits affect you through time and how

statisticians first clean the data. This is time consuming because they have to make sure all of the data can be used, statistics senior Emily Conklin and Lee said. They also have to ensure any audience can read and interpret the answers the students give.

"Some people have no responses and some responded more than others," Lee said. "If people decided to type things in and we can't interpret things they say like 'hella,' then we fix it."

Another problem the statisticians said they were having is students only taking the questionnaire portion and not going in for the physical assessment. If only half the study is done, the data become useless, Conklin said.

After the data is thoroughly cleaned up, it has to be double key entered. Double key entering is when two people enter the same data to make sure all of the information is double-checked and put in accurately. Then, with all of the data in front of them, the students can find trends.

No one from either statistics or kinesiology can identify the students due to the number each responder is given. FLASH hired California State University of Fullerton to generate its survey and give each student a number instead of a name. Then all of the data goes

to the statisticians.

"They only give (us) numbers," McDermott said. "I don't see who wrote or put what. I just know that student 470 said this and that."

Although the statisticians are still cleaning the data and have not completely finished, they said they have still found a few interesting things.

Conklin and Lee both said it has been reported that women have a harder time falling asleep, staying asleep and getting enough hours of sleep.

Another fact revealed by McDermott was 30 percent of men have normal blood pressure so 70 percent have high blood pressure.

Conklin said she hopes the study will positively affect the students at Cal Poly.

"Hopefully it will give them more information on how college life affects their health and if we can get facts out then it's interesting to know," Conklin said.

Data shows many college students don't realize what their health is really like, the student statisticians said.

Both departments are still looking for more students to participate in this study from the class of 2014.

**(We) want to know how habits affect you through time and how college affects these things.**

— Jewels Lee  
Statistics senior

"As we were developing the literature it was clear two areas that were missing were middle school kids and health info on college students," McDermott said.

Because one of the gaps was with college students, McDermott set out to try and create a beneficial study for Cal Poly. Through the Winter 2008 and Spring 2009 quarters, she tried different factors for the study such as which questions should be asked on a survey and how to get students to participate, she said. After doing a pilot

college affects these things," statistics senior Jewels Lee said.

Second, students are asked to go to the kinesiology building where their height, weight and body mass are measured.

Third, students aren't required but are encouraged to volunteer for a blood test that measures glucose levels and cholesterol. It involves a prick on the finger and is done by appointment only.

After the data has been taken, the student statisticians work to create and develop trends. The stat-

## Wind

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The wind turbine's three kilowatts of power could light 30 100-watt bulbs, said Joseph Mello, associate professor of mechanical engineering. Mello said he focused on the development of the carbon epoxy blades.

"This little research turbine could easily take care of power needs for the off-the-grid cabin I have been building near Shaver Lake, if I only could export some Central Coast wind," Mello said.

The components of the wind turbine, excluding the electrical generator, are entirely Cal Poly-designed, Lemieux said.

Faculty and students engineered the complete package, from the 4,000 pound steel tower to the three, six-foot blades and each part in between.

The wind turbine blades will spin at 210 revolutions per minute in winds that reach average speeds of eight to 10 miles per hour, Lemieux said.

There were all kinds of technical troubles to be solved. The 70-foot tower was too large for transportation, so they created a discontinuity, splitting the tower into two 35-foot sections connected by a bolted flanged joint, Mello said.

"How are we going to get a 70-foot tower from Wisconsin, or maybe it was Minnesota, to here?" Mello said. "Well, we had to put a joint in it. And then that joint becomes another question."

John Ridgely, associate professor of mechanical engineering, contributed to the development of computerized sensors which measure the strength of wind and the perfor-

mance of the turbine.

The coastal fog caused corrosion, cows chewed on wiring and bird droppings landed all over the gear, Ridgely said.

"You design and build something, then you put it out in the field and give Mother Nature a chance to break it — and she usually does," Ridgely said. "So you improve it and try again and again until it works reliably."

Several countries in Europe get 10 percent of its energy from wind power, while the United States gets approximately 2.5 percent, he said.

Lemieux said the United States has the potential for growth in the wind power industry.

"The United States has been described as the Saudi Arabia of wind," Lemieux said.

But for the United States to regain a leadership position in the wind power industry, a highly competent workforce is needed, Ridgely said.

"That's where Cal Poly excels — in educating the people who will get the job done," he said.

The Cal Poly Wind Power Research Center was funded by the California Central Coast Research Partnership grant from the Office of Naval Research, Lemieux said.

The wind turbine will benefit future students of wind power, Mello said.

"The tower is designed so that we can tilt it up and down," Mello said. "So, we can try different aerodynamic shapes, so we can redesign this blade or that joint, so that we can give students this hands-on advantage."

Although the Cal Poly Wind Power Research Center is intended primarily as a hands-on teaching device, the wind turbine's secondary goal is to power water wells at

Escuela Ranch for the department of animal science.

The 1,820-acre Escuela Ranch, operated by the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science, is located about eight miles north of the Cal Poly campus off of Highway 1.

The wells are powered by electricity purchased from Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), but the wind turbine is expected to begin powering the wells in a couple of years, assistant director of energy, utilities and sustainability Dennis Elliot said.

Harnessing the potential energy of wind is a step toward a more energy efficient university, Lemieux said.

Cal Poly reported that 16 percent of the university's total energy is renewable in the "Sustainability Third Biennial Progress Report 2010."

About 1 percent of that renewable energy is produced on campus through solar paneling on the roof of the Engineering West building. The solar paneling generates 135 kilowatts of renewable energy.

The other 15 percent of renewable energy is purchased from PG&E.

The facilities department is currently planning to build another solar panel system and minimize Cal Poly's reliance on PG&E. This addition will generate 1 megawatt of power, about 5 percent of the university's needs, Elliot said.

The Cal Poly Wind Power Research Center inspired facilities to also look into wind power. The current Escuela Ranch site and Poly Canyon Village are being tested as possible locations for a future wind farm, Elliot said.

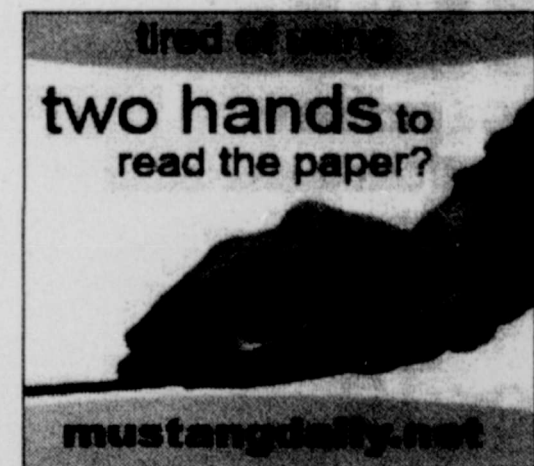
Another factor taken into consideration when making the wind turbine was bird-turbine deaths. Birds die in collision with turbine blades

at a median rate of approximately 2.2 birds per megawatt per year, the American Bird Conservancy website said. Since the Cal Poly Wind Power Research Center turbine will produce 3 kilowatts, or .003 of a megawatt of power, the American Bird Conservancy estimates an average .0066 of a bird killed yearly.

Although the possible impact on bird and bug migrations has not been looked into, bird fatalities are not expected for this class of wind turbine, the American Bird Conservancy said.

Lemieux said he is optimistic about the future of the Cal Poly Wind Power Research Center.

"The greatest success of this is knowing it will be complete," Lemieux said. "The greatest success is right now, that it's all coming together."



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Briefs

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LOS ANGELES (MCT) —

The Los Angeles Zoo is on the verge not only of opening its controversial \$42-million new elephant exhibit but of getting what the exhibit needs: new elephants.

Tina and Jewel are female Asian elephants who between them have endured foot problems and dental surgery.

They will be on indefinite loan from the San Diego Zoo, both zoos announced on Friday.

The elephants spent years with a Texas outfitter that sent them off to circuses and was cited by the U.S. Agriculture Department for bad conditions and mistreatment. When the San Diego Zoo acquired them 14 months ago, they had to be nursed back to health.

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FRESNO (MCT) —

Hundreds of thousands of ballots printed in Fresno County use an incorrect ballot label to describe Prop. 23, a proposition to suspend the state's greenhouse gas emissions law, according to election officials.

The language was thrown out by a Sacramento Superior Court judge, who ordered several edits to the original language drafted by the attorney general's office, including changing "major polluters" to "major sources of emissions."

An attorney demanded that remaining ballots be reprinted, saying the error "could call into question the state results and possibly give rise to an election contest and require a new statewide election on Proposition 23."

Fresno appears to be the only county that used the wrong language.

National

MICHIGAN (MCT) —

On Friday, Chris Armstrong, a University of Michigan Student Assembly leader, took a step deeper into the controversy surrounding the attacks on him by a Michigan assistant attorney general.

Armstrong said he had to take the action against Andrew Shirvell to keep him from bullying.

Armstrong is the first openly gay president of the U-M Student Assembly. Shirvell has been on a voluntary leave from the Attorney General's Office in the wake of a national uproar over attacks he made on Armstrong, mostly on Shirvell's blog.

He posted a picture of Armstrong with a swastika across his face and said he promoted a "radical homosexual agenda" as president.

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FLORIDA (MCT) —

Despite concerns over the effects of the BP oil spill, fish from the Gulf of Mexico are now safe to eat, a panel of Texas A&M University experts agreed on Oct. 28.

Changing the minds of consumers still refusing to eat Gulf seafood is one of the challenges lingering after the spill, said Logan Respass of the Texas Sea Grant College Program.

"Gulf seafood is safe. Its been really sampled extensively but there is that persistent thought in people's minds that it isn't," one of the scientists and researchers from the university and the A&M System who participated in a discussion on their work evaluating the impact of the spill said.

International

IRAQ (MCT) —

Insurgents seized control of a church in central Baghdad Sunday, taking hostages during evening mass after attacking a checkpoint at the Baghdad Stock Exchange.

The hostages were freed after a four-hour long standoff at Our Lady of Salvation Catholic Church, but two Iraqi security officers were killed and at least four wounded in the stock-exchange attack, Iraqi officials said.

Officials said the attack began with a grenade tossed at the checkpoint at the stock exchange after it had closed for the day.

After exchanging fire with security forces, the gunmen apparently fled into the nearby church in the Karrada, where worshippers were celebrating evening Sunday Mass.

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JAPAN (MCT) —

Japan is close to winning contracts for a project designed by the Vietnamese government to build nuclear power plants in Vietnam, government sources said.

The Vietnamese government is to announce it will make a high priority of negotiations with Japan on the project during planned talks between Prime Minister Naoto Kan and his Vietnamese counterpart, Nguyen Tan Dung, in Hanoi on Sunday, according to the sources.

The scheduled meeting also likely will confirm bilateral cooperation in building nuclear power facilities in Vietnam.

Beginning construction in 2014, the power plants are expected to begin operating in 2020.

California teen recounts horror of two-year capture

Cynthia Hubert  
THE SACRAMENTO BEE

The starved, emaciated youth who leapt a wall to escape a Tracy home where he said he suffered horrific abuse emerged from the shadows Friday and faced one of his alleged tormentors.

Two years after fleeing a neatly decorated tract home on Tennis Lane with a shackle attached to his ankle, he is 18 years old and an imposing 6 feet, 2 inches tall and 250 pounds. But he was soft-spoken and poised as he answered questions for more than five hours on the witness stand in San Joaquin Superior Court.

The youth is the star witness in the criminal trial of Anthony Waiters, one of four people charged with burning, slashing, chaining and beating him over a period of about a year ending in December 2008. Michael Schumacher, his wife, Kelly Lau and their friend Caren Ramirez pleaded guilty last month to various charges in the case and each received a sentence of at least 30 years.

Waiters declined a plea offer. His lawyer, Allan Jose, is trying to convince the jury that the former youth sports coach was a relatively minor participant in abuses that left the teenager malnourished and dehydrated, in fear of his life and bearing physical scars that remain visible today.

Identified in court only by his first name, Kyle, the teenager said he had not regularly attended school for years until he escaped the Schumacher and Lau home. He now is enrolled in the 11th grade, he said. The youth, dimpled with short dark hair, smiled and chatted with Deputy District Attorney Angela Hayes during breaks in testimony.

Under questioning by Hayes, he said he lived a vagabond lifestyle with Ramirez, who started raising him in Sacramento after his mother handed him over to her when he was about 8 years old. His mother has since died and his father has been mostly absent from his life.

Ramirez moved him from place to place, he said, and he ended up in Tracy in January 2008. Lau and Schumacher were strangers to him, but they seemed at first like "fine people," he said. They lived with their four young children and the house seemed "normal" at first, he said.

But soon it became what police later described as a "prison camp," where Kyle was subjected to beatings he said were so severe that he once passed out, chokings with a belt and burns that left him with wounds that required skin grafts.

"Sometimes I got hit so hard I couldn't use my body parts," he said matter-of-factly. He never got treatment for his injuries, he said.

Kyle said he was regularly chained at the ankle to a heavy table and slept, without blankets or pillows, in a sooty fireplace. He rarely was allowed to bathe or brush his teeth, he testified, was fed infrequently and had to relieve himself

outside because he was not allowed to use the bathroom.

Jurors blanched at photographs of the youth after he left the Tracy home. He looks gaunt and emaciated, his face covered with black ashes from the fireplace where he spent most of his time.

He testified Friday that Ramirez began abusing him when he was younger and introduced such treatment into the Lau and Schumacher home after they moved in. The couple and their neighbor, Waiters, later joined in, he said.

Jose tried to show contradictions in the teen's testimony Friday with information he gave police and doctors after he freed himself, and before a grand jury in March. Kyle admitted some confusion about when he was shackled, for example, and who committed certain abuses. "But I know it happened," he said several times.

The defense lawyer asked Kyle if it was possible that he ever "embellished or exaggerated" what had happened, or anyone's role in the alleged abuses.

"There was no need to exaggerate," he said.

Kyle testified that he was unsure why the foursome committed such atrocities. But he said they "didn't trust me," wanted to punish him for failing to do chores properly and blamed him for their financial problems.

"Supposedly I was a problem child, even though I never did anything wrong," he said.

He admitted that he passed up opportunities to escape, but as the abuse worsened over time he made up his mind "to just get out of there."

While his captors were briefly distracted one early December day in 2008, he said, he unchained himself from the table using a key that one of the younger children had given him. With Lau in pursuit, he rushed into the backyard, bounced on a trampoline and cleared a wall.

He ran into a nearby health club, the shackle still on his ankle, and asked for help.

Later, he said, he told police a false story about being abducted by two men.

He lied, he said, because his abusers repeatedly told him that "if I said anything about what was going on they would kill me."

"I believed them," Kyle said. "Because I was in a position where I was defenseless."

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# Word on the Street

What are you reminded of when you think about the month of November?



"I think of how we have a break from school for Thanksgiving."

— Scott Merrick,  
electrical engineering  
sophomore

"I'm reminded that this is my birthday month."

— Emily Cary,  
animal science freshman



"I think of how my guy friends are all doing no-shave November."

— Michelle Keplinger,  
environmental management  
junior

"I'm reminded of Thanksgiving and eating lots of food."

— Derek Chan,  
mechanical engineering  
senior



"I'm reminded of growing up in New England, when the leaves change and the weather gets colder."

— Jack Lamont,  
environmental  
horticultural science senior

"I think of Thanksgiving and spending time with my family."

— Natasha Ortega,  
mathematics senior

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## Heavy political campaign spending expected to continue into 2012 presidential election

Tom Hamburger  
Kim Geiger  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The 2010 congressional campaign ending Tuesday has been marked by a flood of unregulated, often secret campaign money that has transformed the political process, challenged the role of political parties and sharply increased the power of wealthy individuals and groups on both the right and left.

And those trends are expected to grow as the 2012 presidential campaign begins.

Accepted wisdom holds that money alone seldom determines the outcome of an election.

But when a political tide is turning — as it is against Democrats this year with voters angry over the troubled economy — heavy campaign spending can leverage or magnify the favored party's advantage. This year, that means the GOP is mounting effective challenges in more races — even in districts that would otherwise be considered out of reach.

Overall congressional campaign spending is expected to approach \$4 billion, compared with \$2.85 billion in the last midterm election.

The sluice gates of election money were opened this year after the Supreme Court ruled that corporations and unions have a free-speech right to make unlimited contributions to influence elections. The ruling encouraged wealthy corporate and conservative donors, already inclined towards Republicans, to give generous amounts to groups like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, active in battleground races.

The outpouring of political money was not one-sided. Spending by business groups and wealthy individuals was often matched — sometimes exceeded — by labor unions, liberal advocacy groups and wealthy individuals.

At the outset of the 2010 campaign, Democrats raised far more money than Republicans, giving primarily to candidates and to traditional party committees. The Democrat's effort was augmented, as always, by labor unions and liberal advocacy groups.

But in many races, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and similar groups more than made up for the early Democratic advantage. As a result, overall spending is roughly equal on behalf of candidates for the two major parties.

Looking ahead, some Democrats say they will adapt to the new game, in which large and sudden influxes of money from outside groups are a constant possibility.

"This is the new normal," said Joan Fitz-Gerald, president of America Votes, a little-known but influential organization that coordinates interest groups sympathetic to Democrats. "Whether we will have to do it in just the way they did, perhaps not. But we do need to squarely face reality," she said, looking ahead to 2012.

Fitz-Gerald noted that independent, pro-Republican groups were able to underwrite powerful challenges in congressional districts previously considered securely Democratic.

Democratic Rep. James L. Oberstar, for instance, represents the heavily unionized Mesabi Iron Range in northern Minnesota. He won his seat

36 years ago with 62 percent of the vote and enjoyed greater victory margins in all but one of the next 17 elections.

When the 2010 cycle started, Oberstar was confident. His opponent, former airline pilot Chip Cravaack, a political novice, raised only a fraction of Oberstar's \$1.6 million war chest.

But recently, American Crossroads, an independent group affiliated with GOP strategist Karl Rove, started running spots on the Duluth stations that blanket the area. A group formed by Democrat-turned-Republican Dick Morris also launched a spot against Oberstar.

Then a third group called 60 Plus, which bills itself as a conservative alternative to the AARP, began broadcasting \$100,000 worth of ads saying it was time for the 76-year-old incumbent to retire.

Now, Oberstar's seat is in play. While still favored, he has ramped up his fundraising and launched the first negative ad of his long career.

Peter A. DeFazio, a 12-term Democrat, faces a tight race in his Oregon congressional district because of ads from the newly-formed Concerned Taxpayers of America, which has only two donors: New York hedge fund executive Robert Mercer and Maryland construction company owner Daniel G. Schuster.

CTA has spent nearly \$800,000, most of it against DeFazio.

DeFazio doesn't know why he's been

targeted, but he is an outspoken critic of Wall Street.

DeFazio's opponent, Art Robinson, who is making his first run for public office, said he was "delighted" to have the help, saying DeFazio "has \$600,000 from corporate PACs, union PACs, lawyers, lobbyists — all of the people he does favors for in Washington."

Alarms went off for DeFazio earlier last summer when he learned that Roberson was spending much of his small war chest on lawn signs.

To DeFazio's staff, that seemed like a foolish way to allocate limited funds.

"I said, 'Well, it's not crazy if someone else is going to buy your television for you,'" DeFazio recalled. "So far, (Mercer has) bought \$534,000 worth of television, which in my district is one heck of a lot of television."

DeFazio knows the identity of his attackers because the two businessmen chose to create a so-called super-PAC, a new type of organization that, unlike a traditional political action committee, is not subject to the \$5,000 limit on donations by individuals.

Joe Ricketts, the former Ameritrade chief executive and owner of the Chicago Cubs, has personally funded a \$1.2 million super-PAC to run ads against leading Democrats, including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

With so many wealthy people emerging as political donors, some members of Congress are worried about the future.

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# Female suspect in package bomb plot released by Yemeni authorities

Jeffrey Fleishman  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Yemen authorities on Sunday released a 23-year-old engineering student who had been arrested a day earlier for her alleged connection to al-Qaida and the foiled plot to mail packages of concealed explosives into the U.S., according to her lawyer.

The Yemen government did not issue a statement on why Hanan Samawi, who was detained Saturday after her cell phone number was traced to shipping orders, was freed. The student's release could be a political embarrassment for President Ali Abdullah Saleh, who had announced her arrest in a high-profile news conference apparently designed to show that his government was moving aggressively against al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

Samawi's lawyer, Abdulrahman Barman, said he was told by Samawi's father Sunday evening that she was no longer in custody. Barman did not elaborate.

A Yemen official in Washington, who asked not to be named, said authorities released Samawi on conditional bail and believed it was a case of stolen identity. The official said "they brought in several people from the shipping company where the package was dropped off. They had them look at the woman and see if they could identify her. All of them said it was not her."

The official added that the woman who did drop off the package "used a passport and an ID that had the full name of Hanan Samawi, and her address and phone number. ... We believe it was some-

one who knew Hanan Samawi or somehow their paths crossed."

Hours before the young woman's release, her classmates at Sana University College of Engineering protested against the treatment she received from police in her neighborhood in north Sana, the Yemen capital. Students were angry that police had surrounded her house and drove away with her and her mother, a scene many Yemenis found culturally reprehensible. They protested under the sign: "Is this how you treat women in Ye-

of our hair. The president has the support of the Yemeni people to handle our own affairs," said Abdul-Ghani Iryani, a political analyst.

"The military option will not work in dealing with a small group of bandits. You need police work, not bombs and missiles."

While pundits and columnists parsed the global politics of terrorism, Yemeni investigators hunted for suspects and details in a plot that spanned several countries.

Security forces were trying to determine how two packages containing explosives and bound for Jewish centers in Chicago slipped through detectors at the Yemen airport and wound up on planes in Britain and the United Arab Emirates.

Al-Qaida has not claimed responsibility for the plot, but intelligence officials say it bears the earmarks of Ibrahim Hassan Asiri, the group's chief bomb maker.

The explosive in the packages was PETN, which was also used in a suicide bombing carried out by Asiri's brother in 2009 in a failed attempt to assassinate Prince Muhammad bin Nayef, the head of Saudi Arabia's intelligence agency.

Few on the Sana University campus believed that Samawi, a liberal thinker and the daughter of a water engineer, was connected to a terrorist network, even though a copy of her identification card also appeared on shipping papers.

Her female classmates, most of whom wore veils covering their faces, described Samawi as an apolitical conscientious computer engineering student awaiting graduation in July.

**"I think it's an orchestration to draw more attention to Yemen."**

— Abdulrahman Barman

Human rights lawyer, defense for Samawi

men?"

In a country woven with deception and conspiracy, the president's involvement in the case suggested the increasing pressure Saleh faces inside and outside of Yemen.

Was he taking charge to keep Washington from pressing him for increased U.S. military intervention, or was it a sign that after years of keeping the Americans at bay he was signaling closer cooperation with the Obama administration?

"I think it's an orchestration to draw more attention to Yemen," Barman, a human-rights lawyer, said earlier in the day.

"The U.S. wants to be more active here and this plot is a fabrication to justify coming military strikes against al-Qaida."

Others viewed the president's quick action as a pointed message to Washington: "We'll deal with it to your liking, but just keep out

# Former Pakistani president seeks support in Florida

Jeff Weiner  
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

Pervez Musharraf, the president of Pakistan for almost nine years before he resigned in 2008, made a stop in Central Florida on Saturday as part of his effort to stage a political comeback.

Musharraf spoke at The Westin Lake Mary on Saturday night, the latest stop in a tour of U.S. cities in which the controversial leader has sought international support for his recently launched political party and election bid in the country he once led.

The event was hosted by the Florida chapter of the group Friends of Pakistan First and was billed by the group as "an exclusive banquet dinner at the Westin Lake Mary to help rile up popularity as (Pakistan) faces increasing terrorism and violence in (Musharraf's) absence."

Musharraf recently announced the creation of a new political party and a bid to return to prominence in Pakistani politics. The All Pakistan Muslim League launched in June, and Musharraf is targeting a presidential run in the 2013 elections.

His stated purpose in Orlando on Saturday: To make inroads into the international community of Pakistani expatriates and recruit them to his fledgling party.

Musharraf asked the audience of more than 300 to help him "to create a system for the people of Pakistan and the world to see that this is a party that, if it does govern Pakistan, it will salvage Pakistan."

Before his introduction, supporters played a video highlighting Musharraf's achievements from his previous term as president. Set to music, the video highlighted infrastructure, economic and health-care projects spearheaded during Musharraf's time in office.

Musharraf said, if elected, he would bring Pakistan the type of economic recovery he said he had fostered in his previous term.

"Our memories can be very short, unfortunately," Musharraf said. "We don't remember what was going on in 1999 (when he took office)."

Musharraf described the nation before he took power as near bankrupt — "technically a defaulted state," he said. He claimed the current regime had demonstrated a "leadership vacuum" that had squandered the progress he made

as president.

Musharraf was greeted warmly by the crowd, which gave him a standing ovation as he entered. He was interrupted on at least one occasion by people shouting "long live Musharraf" in Urdu, the language in which he delivered much of his speech.

However, before the event, some in the crowd questioned whether the new party could become a legitimate contender before the elections in 2013.

It was only just more than two years ago that the former general resigned as president of Pakistan, under intense scrutiny and facing possible impeachment.

Since leaving his post, he's spent much of his time in self-imposed exile. Musharraf has not announced when he'll make his return to the county he once led, but he told supporters Saturday that he would like it to be soon.

However, indications are that Musharraf may not be met with a warm welcome. As he has been campaigning in the United States, Pakistani media have reported new threats against the former president from rivals to his new party.

Leadership of the Jamhoori Watan Party recently announced a billion-rupee bounty — about \$11.7 million — for Musharraf, accusing him of "crimes against humanity" during his time as president, according to a report in the Pakistan-based The Express Tribune.

Musharraf on Saturday addressed specific accusations against him from his time as president, including accusations of brutality during the so-called "Siege of Lal Masjid," a 2007 assault on a mosque thought to be operated by militants, during which more than 100 people died.

He accused his detractors of exaggerating or spreading lies in an effort to play politics. He said if elected, he would create a government that would preserve freedom for people of "any color, religion, creed or caste."

"All minorities will be given equal status," he said, eliciting some of the loudest applause heard at the rally.

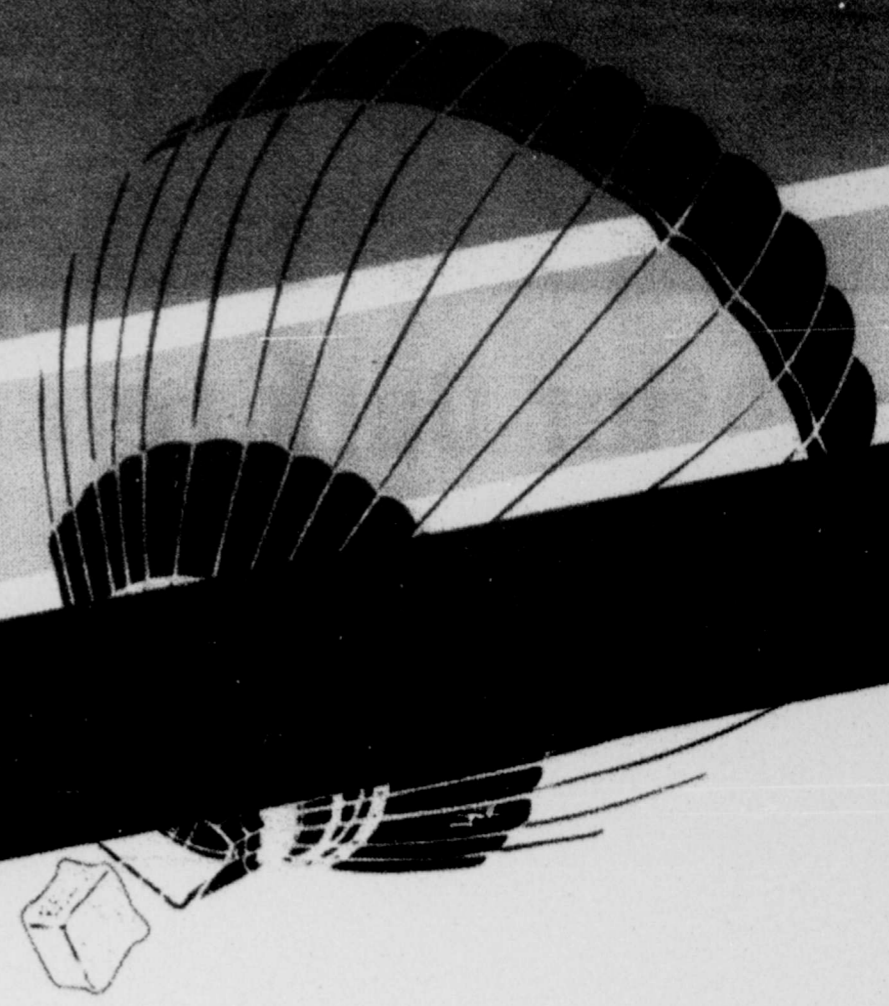
Although the All Pakistan Muslim League party is still young, supporters said it has already formed 11 U.S. and two Canadian chapters.

"Give me your support," he said. "Join the party, and we know the way forward for Pakistan."

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## Art After Dark returns to downtown SLO this Friday

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The first Friday of every month, San Luis Obispo hosts its very own art walk — Art After Dark.

Organized by ARTS Obispo, San Luis Obispo County's nonprofit art council, the nine-year-long tradition involves local art galleries and businesses staying open from 6 to 9 p.m. to feature new monthly artists.

Peter Steynberg, owner of Steynberg Gallery on Monterey Street, recalled when Art After Dark first started. The Johnson Gallery, which is no longer open, was the original pioneer of the art walk, Steynberg said.

"I was part of the first group of galleries that started hanging artists' work," Steynberg said. "We organized all the galleries that would be open the first Friday of every month. But there's been several galleries that have come and gone."

After some time, ARTS Obispo took the reins and put Art After Dark under their title. Program director and artist Jenna Hartzell said Art After Dark has since become one of the largest programs ARTS Obispo hosts.

"ARTS Obispo took it on because it needed more organization," Hartzell said.

Art After Dark has both annual and monthly participants, totaling about 29 participants this month. Some regulars among businesses and galleries are the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art (SLOMA), ARTS Obispo's headquarters and Linnaea's Café, Hartzell said.

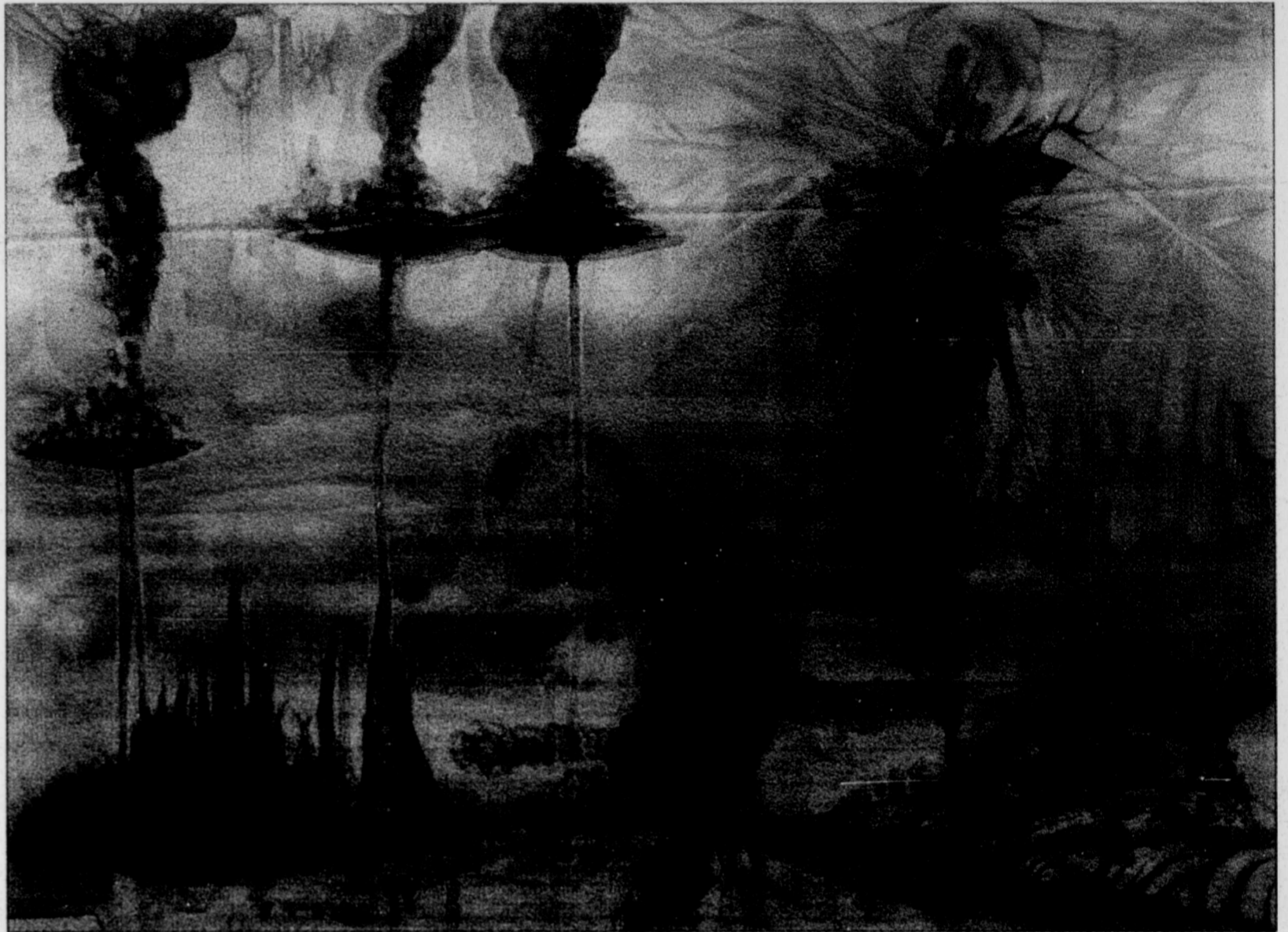
Hartzell said the businesses who participate semi-regularly have some of the most interesting exhibits.

"You get people who are monthly like Coalition Skate Shop," Hartzell said. "They always have something really fun and urban which is something that I think the Central Coast lacks as far as the art scene goes."

As someone who has attended and volunteered at Art After Dark, Hartzell also said she noticed a rise in younger art connoisseurs.

"This year I've seen a younger crowd starting to emerge," she said. "Maybe it's because they're finally realizing this is a really cool event to do before they go out on Friday."

Perhaps the most heavily-trafficked gallery for all ages is SLOMA which, because of the size of the venue, usually hosts two to three new exhibits every month. Assistant director of the museum Maura Johnston said they usually get between 250 and 400 people passing



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Art After Dark will feature artistic representations including sculptures, photography and Narrative Animal Imagery.

through the gallery on Art After Dark nights.

"We're always one of those places

people visit," Johnston said. "Some-times they start here and go to other galleries."

Johnston said SLOMA also hosts

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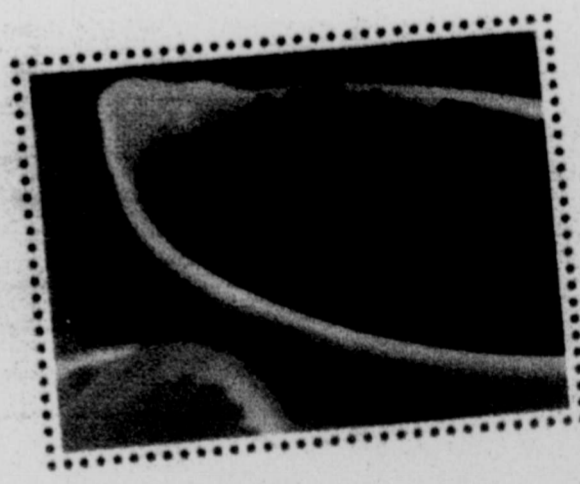


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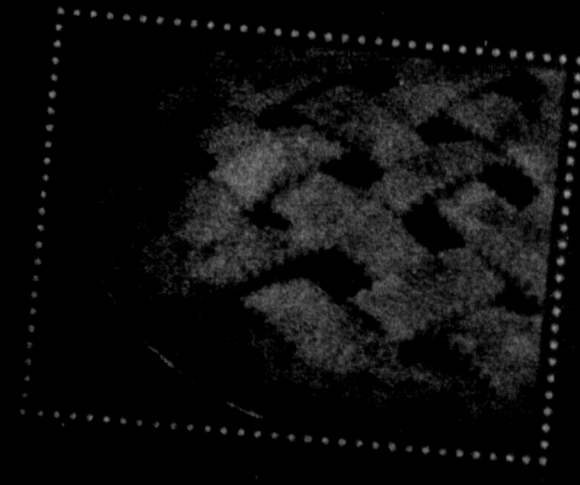
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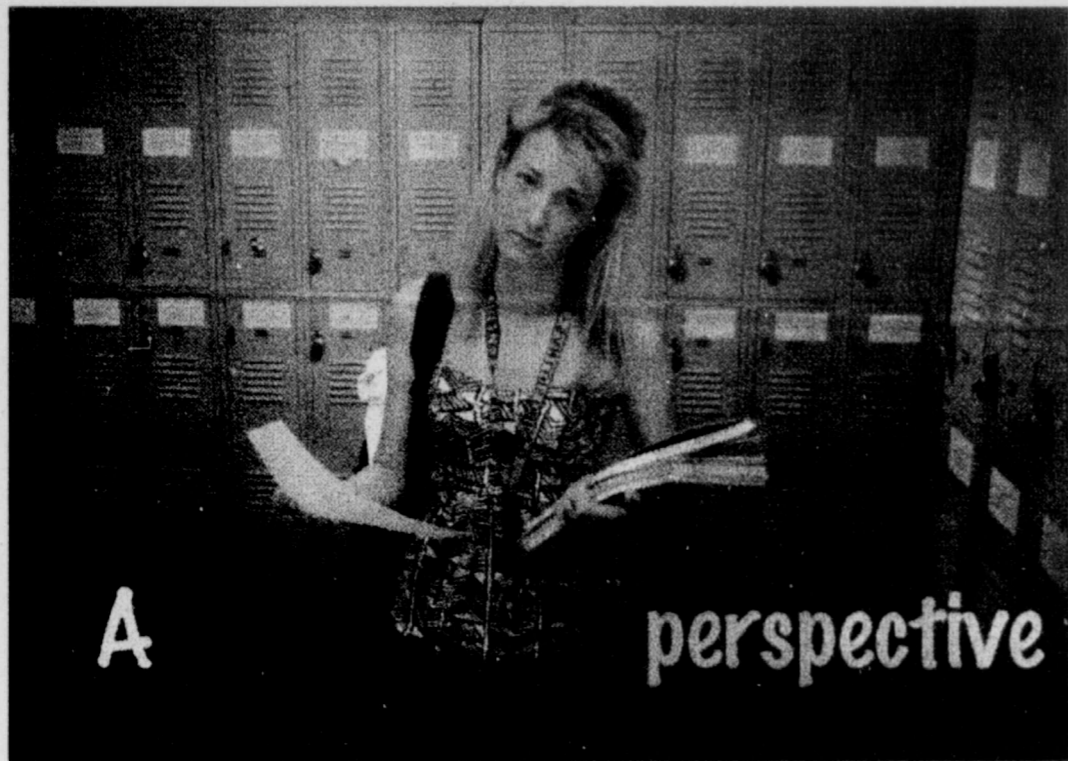
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# Freshman loses mind after losing key



**A** Losing things is never a good feeling; especially not when it is something important. Apparently adjusting to college isn't as easy as I had thought.

"I've done it again," I think, kicking myself with frustration.

I'm in my room and have lost the key to my Cerro Vista apartment yet again. This is the third time in the last month I've misplaced the pesky key, and my parents are going to be very angry if they have to pay to have it replaced again.

I begin a sad attempt to hone my frustration into positive energy to find the credit-card sized key, although I feel like I've checked everywhere. I head into my bedroom

and begin rifling through my clean clothes checking pockets. No luck.

My waiting friends are getting antsy and my frustration is increasing. Where in the world could the key be?

I decide to slow down and take a more methodical approach. I retrace my steps back to the kitchen where I check the pantry shelves, freezer, microwave and refrigerator before throwing my hands down to my sides in annoyance.

Repeating every step I have taken in the last hour in an attempt to find the key is easier said than done.

I head back to the bedroom and tear apart all of the nooks and cran-

nies. As it turns out, there are a lot more tucked-away hiding places for small objects than I had anticipated.

After several more minutes of searching, I become frantic. I wrack my brain trying to remember where I could have put the ridiculously important piece of plastic.

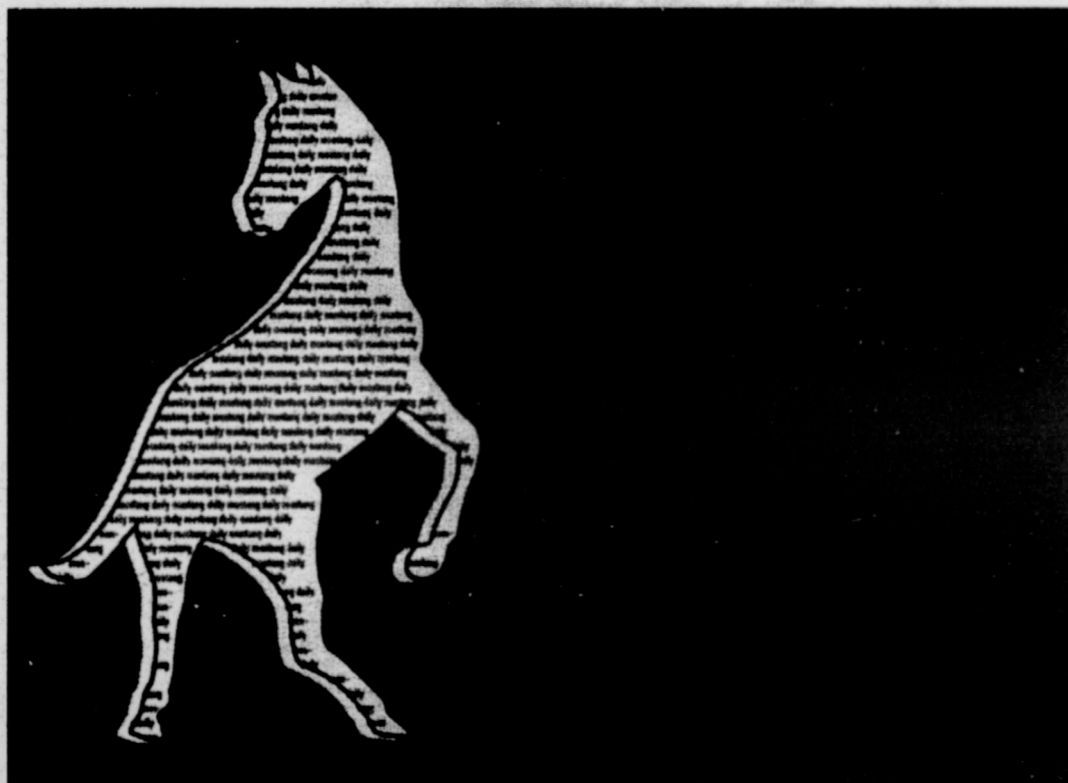
As I stand there on the verge of tears, my friend comes in to assist me. She suggests I rummage through my candy drawer. I tell her the key is not there, I'm positively sure, but I'll check anyway.

Sure enough, my key is in the candy drawer. Evidently I had grabbed the key and a tube of lip gloss from my jacket pocket and absentmindedly put them in the drawer I use to store my snack stash before closing it and forgetting about the items altogether.

I immediately began making excuses for my stupidity as my friends giggle, and I tried not to feel embarrassed for my mistake.

I remembered back to other times when I'd lost my car keys, clothes and — worst of all — a homework assignment. Those times were stressful, but I usually ended up finding whatever the lost item was, even if it wasn't in as timely of a manner as I would have liked. I'm learning college is jam-packed with life's little lessons — I guess it's time to start working on my organizational skills.

*Sydney Ray is a journalism freshman.*



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# Third Dark Knight 'rises' to the occasion

Geoff Boucher  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

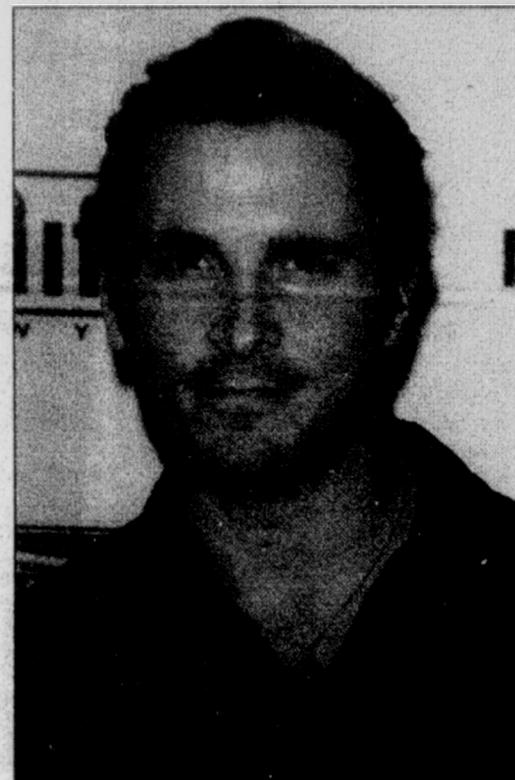
Christopher Nolan's third Batman film will be called "The Dark Knight Rises" and though the Gotham City auteur isn't ready to reveal the villain of his 2012 film, he did eliminate one of the big contenders: "It won't be the Riddler," Nolan said in an exclusive interview.

Nolan was most eager to talk about the fact that Warner Bros. had agreed with his argument that the film should resist the current 3-D craze and instead use high-definition approaches and IMAX cameras to strike out on a different cinematic path than the stereoscopic technology that, for better or worse, has become the dominant conversation in the blockbuster sector.

As for the title, it shows the writer-director's intention to keep his Bruce Wayne trilogy tightly stitched together. "We'll use many of the same characters as we have all along, and we'll be introducing some new ones," Nolan said cryptically. I had an odd thought: What if Nolan somehow brings back Harvey Dent? The only reason I even mention it is because, back during post-production on the second film, Nolan told me that the title "The Dark Knight" was just as much about Dent and his fall from the status of shining-knight civic crusader. Dent was plainly dead at the end of the last film, though, and Nolan has been intent on keeping his Gotham City film firmly rooted in a gritty gangland realism — this isn't a franchise that has veered off into the supernatural or even much super-

science.

Nolan plays things close to the vest — he's one of the few filmmakers of his generation who actually does wear a vest — and he chuckled when I tried to get a few more details out of him. "Oh, you know me, I don't talk." He began our conversation by comparing it with a visit to the den-



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Actor Christian Bale played the lead role of Batman in the first two films.

trist's office. Well, if so, he's a patient who never opens wide. I asked if he could imagine a time when Warner Bros. would let a filmmaker shoot a Batman script where the villain isn't one of the signature creations from the comic books. "Ah, Geoff Boucher, master of the leading question," he said with a chuckle.

That's when he did agree, however, to eliminate a villain candidate, namely Edward Nigma, the green-suited Riddler, who many people assumed was the next natural choice. That character could be taken in a lot of directions — think of Kevin Spacey's character in "Seven" as a compass point for one of those dark paths — but Nolan and his team are going a different way.

As with "Dark Knight," the new film has a script written by Nolan and his brother, Jonah, and it's based on a story by the director and David Goyer. Earlier, I got Nolan to take Mr. Freeze off the list and, yes, this is like pulling teeth but don't think for a minute that I mind. Nolan makes sublime films, and any secrets he wants to keep in place are done so to protect the final product.

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a student-run "salon" after 9 p.m. on the night of Art After Dark where students have the freedom to show anything from punk bands to experimental art displays.

"It's really the best-kept secret in town," Johnston said. "We do not promote it. We do not advertise it. We do nothing. It's kind of an underground thing. We want it to be something that students do on their own."

Johnston said SLOMA's November exhibits will be experimental as well. The first of the three exhibits, entitled Narrative Animal Imagery, is a national juried show of artists who have employed the use of animals to express literary commentary, ranging from story book animals to political statements.

"It ranges from very sweet things to radical political statements," Johnston said.

The second exhibit features sculptures from award-winning local artist Bart Kerwin which involves shapes and geometric progression. And the third exhibit, "Moons of Other Days," features photography by David Stroup.

"He is a fascinating guy," Johnston said. "He has a nude model and puts her in the landscape. His stuff is amazing."

SLOMA will also serve snacks and wine to visitors, which is common for most artist receptions at the art walk.

Another reception which will pair

art with wine is artist Michael Ackerman's "Bare Naked Anima" held at Sustenance Cooking Studio on Santa Barbara Avenue. Ackerman said his selected pieces for the show are abstract portraits of different people and life experiences.

"My art is about the energetic flow or the subconscious or the shadow and those kinds of things," Ackerman said. "All of those things about how we are exploring and informing ourselves in art."

Ackerman said he appreciates the space available at Sustenance because it has room for his larger paintings — one of which is six by seven feet.

"The beauty of Sustenance is it's a pretty large facility," Ackerman said. "So I have fairly large canvases up."

A veteran of Art After Dark, Ackerman said he believes art reflects the health and direction of the community.

"The broader and more diverse the art is, the broader and more diverse the community is," he said. "(Art After Dark) creates an arena for all forms of art to have existence."

Hartzell agrees and said art represents who we are as a community.

"It affects people in such a great way that having Art After Dark can only be a good thing," Hartzell said. "And the more people get involved and make it more of a frequent thing, it can only benefit society."

## Gorillaz return with real-life members

August Brown

LOS ANGELES TIMES

When the sprawling, British ensemble Gorillaz reunited to close out the final night of Coachella in April, anyone familiar with the band might have been shocked at what they saw.

Gorillaz, co-founded a decade ago by Blur frontman and U.K. rock maverick Damon Albarn and the comic artist Jamie Hewlett, was conceived as a kind of wry Pop Art comment. So many chart-toppers felt vapid and cartoonish, the duo's thinking went, that they conceived a quartet of actual cartoons visualized by Hewlett in animated projections, and created dub- and rap-influenced electropop tunes performed by Albarn and collaborators. The project was a many-times-platinum success, and smoldering singles such as "Clint Eastwood" and "Feel Good Inc." are forever in the pop troposphere.

After a five-year lull, Coachella fans had little hint as to what the return of Gorillaz might entail. Animatronic versions of "band members" Murdoc, Noodle, Russel Hobbs and 2D? A movie-length narrative set in the cryptic world of its new album, "Plastic Beach"?

Nope. Instead, Gorillaz arrived on Coachella's main stage with its most exotic creatures yet — real, live musicians, including Albarn up front and a huge cast of boldface cohorts at his side.

Why'd they lose much of the animated veneer?

"The answer was simple — you don't have Paul Simonon and Mick Jones in your band and obscure them in any way," Albarn said of the two founding Clash members who now play alongside him in Gorillaz. "That said, at Coachella, there wasn't a lot of time from when we got the show to when we played, so there were lots of bits missing."

Since then, Albarn, Hewlett and the massive ensemble that counts pioneering rappers De La Soul, crooner Bobby Womack and half the Clash among it, have bent a little more to their cartoonish impulses. Hewlett penned a slew of new narrative animations for their current tour. But this latest incarnation underscores something new and exciting in this Gorillaz return — the fact that they're human, after all.

Whereas 2001's "Gorillaz" and 2005's "Demon Days" relied on Albarn working in concert with a small stable of producers (Del the Funky Homosapien and Dan the Automator for the former, Danger Mouse on the latter), "Plastic Beach" found Albarn tapping everyone from canonical curmudgeons such as Lou Reed and the Fall's Mark E. Smith to Snoop Dogg, avant-electro singer Little Dragon and the National Or-



COURTESY PHOTO

British band Gorillaz amazed Coachella attendees when live musicians took the main stage during their set at the concert.

chestra for Arabic Music.

The results are both more eclectic and more extravagantly pop-centric than anything Gorillaz has done to date. "Stylo" benefits from the grand idea to have Mos Def and Womack swap butter-smooth flows atop a cold-wave synth bed; De La Soul turns in some exquisitely goofball verses on "Superfast Jellyfish," with Super Furry Animals lead Gruff Rhys on the psych-sunny hook. Reed's droll sing-speak on "Some Kind of Nature" thwacks against Little Dragon's wistful bliss pop on "Empire Ants."

As a collection of singles in the spirit of "Feel Good Inc.," the whole thing would be kind of a mess. But this singularly daft album has its roots in something far more highbrow — Albarn and Hewlett's collaboration on the 2007 opera "Monkey: Journey to the West."

Drawing from a 16th century Chinese novel, the two worked with director Chen Shi-zheng and more than 70 dancers, acrobats and martial artists for an extravagant piece following a group of mythological travelers who seek (and squander) enlightenment, slay foes, learn hubris and eventually meet Buddha in paradise.

The production met universal acclaim at its runs in Manchester, London, Paris and a U.S. debut in Charleston, S.C. The BBC used one of "Monkey's" animation sequences in its coverage of the Beijing Olympics. But the scope of it — and memories of a previously aborted Gorillaz tour involving a massive hologram rig — also helped put some practical boundaries around the duo's boundless aspirations for Gorillaz.

"('Monkey') absolutely influenced everything we did on this record," Albarn said. "It made me think more operatically in terms of songwriting, storytelling and character development. But it also taught us a lot

about what not to do in terms of the production."

Enter the humans, then. This tour's new animation buttresses the band-centric live performances with a wry trip through the surrealistic, manga-informed world of "Plastic Beach," one punctuated with the dryly enthused musings known to fans of "bassist" Murdoc's Twitter feed. Offstage, Hewlett helms the animation sequences in time with the band's live sets.

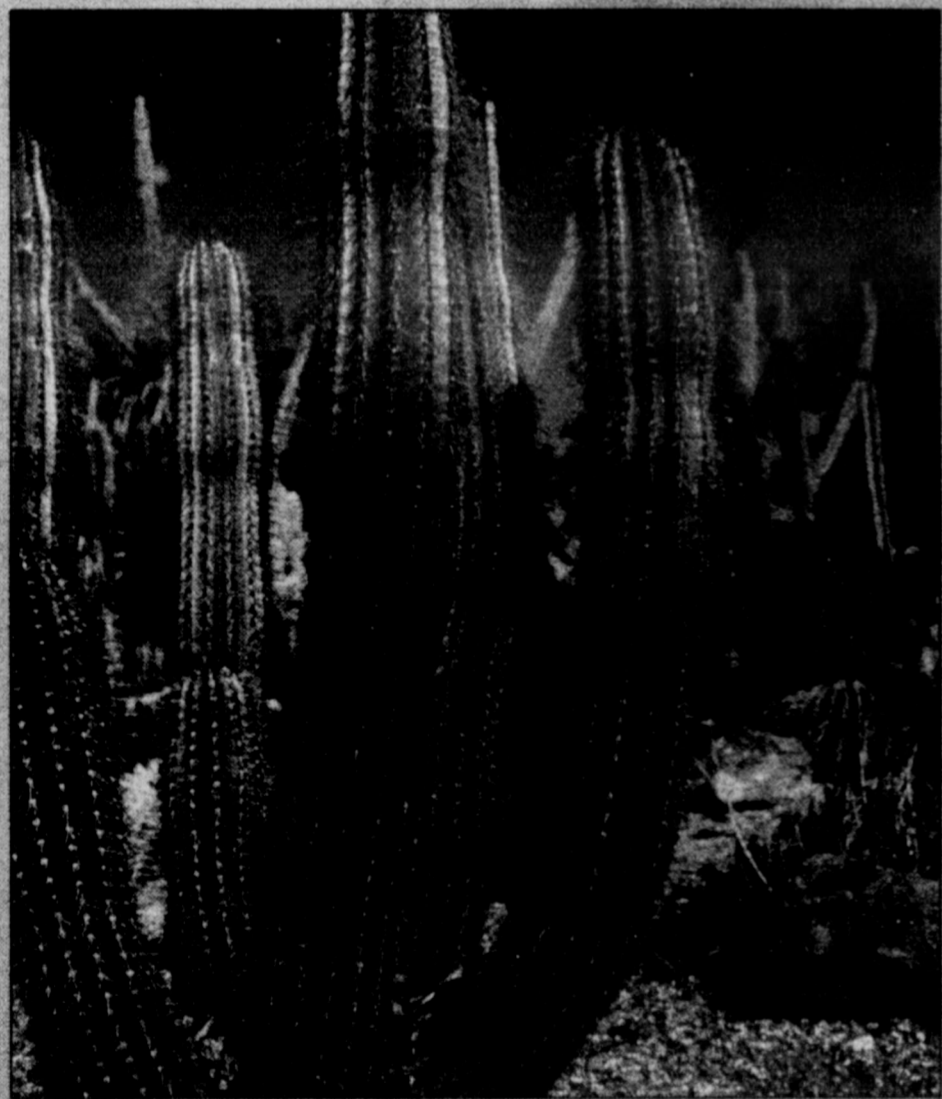
"We tried the smoke and mirrors, but never really came up with anything that could tour properly," Hewlett said. "What we have now is the show we've always wanted. It's taken 10 years, but we've finally grown these characters into pop stars in their own right — they get away with so many things we couldn't."

As pop stars go, Albarn and Hewlett are indeed pretty domesticated. They still live across the street from each other in London (they started Gorillaz while sharing a flat), where both are raising families, and Albarn has shepherded projects ranging from his world-music label Honest Jon's to a much-beloved Blur reunion in 2009.

Gorillaz seems to offer an opportunity for Albarn and company to maintain the madcap creativity of their early careers at a station in life where every idea seems possible — from commissioning Snoop Dogg to add a verse to hiring half the Clash to headlining the world's biggest stages as essentially the house band for a film screening.

For something that began as a big inside joke on celebrity, Gorillaz managed to make awfully real pop stars of its two-dimensional quartet — and of themselves.

"Everyone has their favorite cartoon characters. It's ageless, really," Hewlett said. "If you look at the modern pop charts, lots of artists are just playing characters anyway."



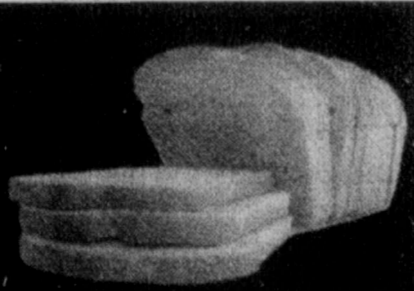
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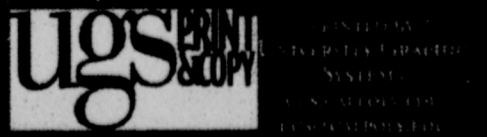
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Stewart, Colbert rally leading us to trust in irony

*Will Bunch is the senior writer for the Philadelphia Daily News. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.*

If you take them at their Facebook word, at least 223,609 people attended the Jon Stewart/Stephen Colbert "Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear" on the National Mall in Washington on Saturday. According to enthusiastic posters on the social network site, the rally is either a) "the start of a massive, powerful movement ... to turn back the vehement, reactionary discourse in this country" or b) "very much like a music festival."

The Comedy Central satire twins don't have an agenda exactly, although Stewart has a motto: "Take it down a notch, for America." That's enough for left-leaning pundit and new-media guru Arianna Huffington to pay a reported \$250,000 to bus at least 11,000 people from New York to D.C. for the festivities, while bosses at NPR have banned its off-duty journalists from attending because the rallies involve issues that NPR covers. (Apparently, NPR now reports on "sanity.")

But then, absurdity is certain to abound when thousands of Americans rally in the shadow of the Capitol dome — just four days before a hotly contested midterm election — to mostly make this grand political statement: In irony we trust.

Many in the legion of Stewart and Colbert fans say they see the event as an in-your-face response to the much-hyped gathering that launched the fall election season: August's "Restoring Honor" rally that conservative Fox News Channel and talk radio icon Glenn Beck held about a mile and a half to the far right (if you look south) of the Comedy Central stage.

But Saturday may prove less a rejoinder to Beck than an echo. By the time the last punch line reverberates off the Washington Monument, the similarities between Beck and Comedy Central's lampooners of self-important pundits and pols — and their quasi-political bookends to this year's election — will probably appear to be greater than any differences.

How would that be for irony?

The echo starts with the fact that both Beck and Stewart's "Daily Show" staff happen to be peddling fall book releases — "Broke: The Plan to Restore Our Trust, Truth and Treasure" and "Earth (The Book): A

Visitor's Guide to the Human Race," respectively. And, in both cases, you can buy cool rally stuff online — a "Restoring Honor" picture book at GlennBeck.com; an "I'm With Reasonable" T-shirt at shop.comedycentral.com.

The echo gets louder when you realize that in a time of grave national challenges, Americans are only coming out to march in the name of attitude over answers; they are parading their common bond to entertainment — whether it is Beck's God-tinged righteousness or the cool detachment of Colbert and Stewart — rather than making their

time of economic crisis much like our own — in 1894 — that the first large-scale protest march arrived at the capital's great space, and organizer Jacob Coxey and other leaders were promptly

ing the Vietnam War and the Watergate scandal, that created the national tide of cynicism that turned citizens away from straight-up politicians and activists and toward televised cultural totems such as Beck, Stewart and Colbert. There was palpably less excitement for an old-school Washington rally by remnants of the liberal coalition, including labor unions and civil rights activists such as the Rev. Al Sharpton, staged as a counterweight to anti-government Beck, focused on jobs and social justice.

But then how can a non-celebrity labor leader compete with the likes of Beck's weepy unpredictability or Colbert's biting satire — the inspiration for Postman-predicted mass movements built not around direct action but shared values?

Beck and some of his followers depicted the "Restoring Honor" rally as a conservative Woodstock that was not a protest — indeed; there was virtually no mention of President Obama or the jobs crisis — but a celebration of turning away from politics, at Beck's urging, and toward God and family.

The dynamic duo of Comedy Central seem to have a similar Woodstocky vibe in mind — with fun and music — but they are also entering uncharted territory by seeming to elevate ironic detachment to the level of a political manifesto. One danger is that a rally that doesn't meet the sky-high expectations of 200,000 attendees could undercut the hard-won reputations of both Stewart and Colbert for using comedy to speak truth to power in a way that traditional journalism has failed to do over the last decade. But a bigger issue is treating the challenges of 2010 — from rising poverty to unending war in Afghanistan to global warming, which are every bit as serious as those confronted on the National Mall in 1894 or 1963 or 1969 — with little more than humor and intellectual distance.

When King and his fellow marchers returned home from the Mall to the Deep South 47 years ago, they knew they faced nightsticks or worse on the rocky road toward the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Today, the challenge facing rallygoers is, as Stewart suggests, asking "the sitter if she can stay a few extra hours, just this once."

Ultimately, it will be those kids at home who learn the history of whether 2010 was just an autumn of harmless entertainment or the throes of a nation amusing itself to death.



JENNIFER KOHNKE NEWSART

positions clear on specific policies or, heaven forbid, lobbying for them.

This was predicted a quarter of a century ago by a remarkably prescient pundit, Neil Postman. In 1985, the year after George Orwell's dystopia did not exactly happen, the late New York University academic and media critic published "Amusing Ourselves to Death," which argued that the greater threat to serious democratic discourse would not come from Orwellian censorship but from TV entertainment "values" that would act as a mind-numbing drug. "Western democracies," Postman wrote, "will dance and dream themselves into oblivion."

If so, the National Mall in Washington is an especially ironic scene for that last tango. It was during a

the Mall increasingly where Americans rallied with clear and concrete demands of their leaders — against poverty and segregation at the March on Washington in 1963 and against the Vietnam War in 1969, and later both for and against abortion rights. There were charismatic leaders then, too, none more so than the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963 near where Beck spoke this year. But those who made overtly political statements on the national stage faced far greater risks — from Coxey to King, who would be assassinated for his views in 1968 — than today's rewards of a raised profile and higher Nielsen ratings.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In your newspaper on Oct. 27, 2010 there was an entire page dedicated to listing the candidates for governor, Congress and others with a brief caption on their positions. I think it is

great that you have dedicated some pages of the newspaper to the candidates and propositions but it is sad to see that, just as others in our media, the third parties are completely ignored.

People in this country always talk about wanting real change in government but how can we get real change if we keep voting in the same two parties? How can we get real change if

viable third parties are always ignored by our media? When is the last time this country has seen a change for the greater good? I would say probably not since the time of President Kennedy.

This election, there are some pretty good candidates in other parties, such as the Green Party, Peace and Freedom Party and the Libertarian Party. I urge others to look into the candidates of

third parties and actually vote for third parties if you want real change in this country. Republicans and Democrats stand for the same things with only minor differences. This two party system is a joke, both parties are pretty much the same thing: just two sides of the same coin.

Walter Salguero, aerospace engineering senior

# It's not justice when the punishment doesn't fit the crime

Lawrence Korb, a former assistant secretary of Defense in the Reagan administration, wrote this for the *Los Angeles Times*.

About 25 years ago, Jonathan Jay Pollard, a U.S. naval intelligence analyst, betrayed his country by providing highly classified information to Israel. Even though Israel was and still is a U.S. ally and is routinely supplied with U.S. intelligence, Pollard deserved to be severely punished for his actions. However, the punishment should fit the crime. In his case, it does not.

After his arrest and indictment by a grand jury, Pollard agreed to plead guilty to one count of giving classified information to a U.S. ally. In return for his guilty plea — which spared the government the embarrassment of conducting a trial involving highly sensitive information — and his cooperation with the U.S. government, the U.S. attorney pledged not to seek a life sentence for Pollard.

This seemed like a reasonable resolution. The average sentence meted out to individuals convicted of giving classified information to an ally is seven years, with average time served about four years.

Despite the terms of the plea bargain, in 1987 Pollard was sentenced to life, a sentence generally reserved for spies such as Aldrich Ames, who pleaded guilty to giving classified information to the Soviet Union during the Cold War, information that led to the loss of many lives.

The question is why Pollard received such a harsh sentence and why he still

linguishes in prison despite the pleas of hundreds of U.S. legislators, a former CIA director, a former chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee and several Israeli leaders.

There are at least three reasons for this state of affairs.

First is the victim impact statement of my former boss, Caspar Weinberger,

claiming that he was part of a rogue operation. The Israelis also refused to return the documents that Pollard had delivered to them or debrief the U.S. about their contents. This added fuel to the notion that Pollard was working for the Soviets or another U.S. enemy.

Third, Pollard was an unsympathetic character. He not only took about

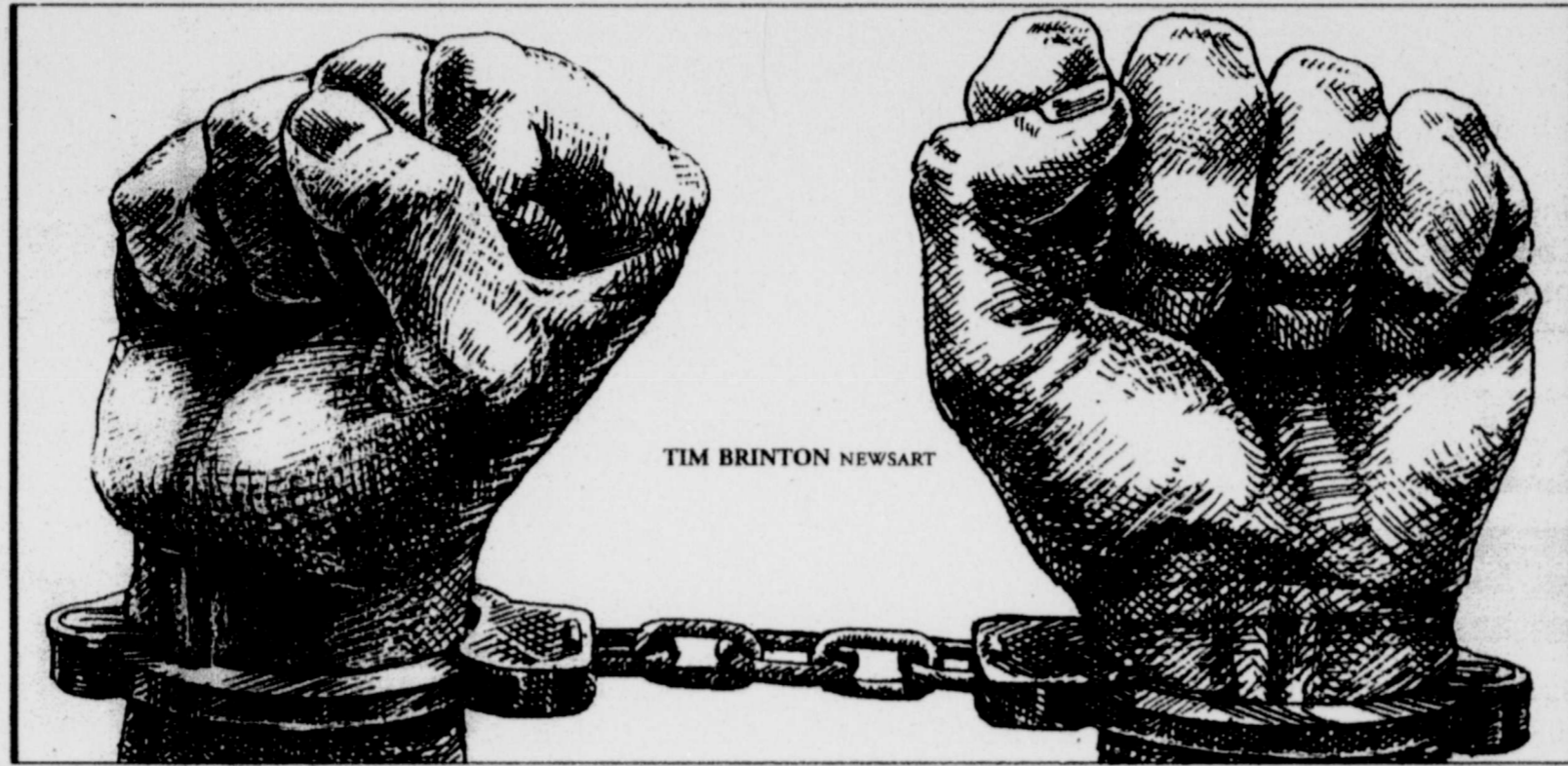
debunked. Information that Pollard gave to Israel did not make its way to the U.S.S.R. Instead, the information that the Soviets received during the 18 months Pollard was spying for Israel most likely came from Ames and Robert Hanssen, a onetime FBI agent who spied for the U.S.S.R. and Russia from 1979 to 2001.

memoirs.

In 1998, the Israeli government finally admitted that Pollard was one of its agents, granted him Israeli citizenship and has sought clemency for him from three U.S. presidents. Finally, Pollard himself not only expressed remorse before the sentencing judge but has done so several times publicly over the past 25 years (and the government has conceded that the jailhouse interviews had to have been authorized).

One president actually agreed to grant clemency to Pollard. In October 1998, President Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu worked out an agreement to release Pollard as a way of facilitating an Arab-Israeli peace agreement. However, the deal was scuttled when George Tenet, the CIA director at the time, threatened to resign. Tenet was apparently concerned about the signal Pollard's release would send to the intelligence community and believed he still had information that could jeopardize national security.

Some now argue that Pollard should be released because it would improve U.S.-Israeli relations and enhance the prospects of success of the Obama administration's Middle East peace process. Although that may be true, it is not the reason I and many others have recently written to the president requesting that he grant Pollard clemency. The reason is that Pollard has already served far too long for the crime for which he was convicted, and by now, whatever facts he might know would have little effect on national security.



the secretary of Defense at the time of Pollard's arrest. Weinberger's statement, much of which remains classified, implied that some of the information that Pollard had supplied to Israel made its way to the Soviet Union. Weinberger argued that Pollard was guilty of treason.

Second, at the time of his arrest, the Israeli government refused to acknowledge that Pollard was one of its agents,

\$45,000 from the Israelis in exchange for the information he handed over, he gave two highly publicized interviews from jail before his sentencing, one with Wolf Blitzer and another with Mike Wallace. In these interviews, which the government claimed were not authorized, he attempted to rationalize his behavior.

But none of these conditions exists now. Weinberger's contention has been

R. James Woolsey, the CIA director from 1993 to 1995, stated after examining the Pollard case file that none of Pollard's information went to the Soviet Union. Moreover, Woolsey now believes that Pollard has served long enough and should be released. In a 2004 interview, Weinberger himself admitted that in retrospect, the Pollard matter was comparatively minor. In fact, he does not even mention it in his



As a fellow Californian this article approaches a topic that will ultimately affect me as a citizen and I find that the author does a very good job approaching the topic; however, his work is full of logical fallacies. The author fills some of his argument with red herrings when he talks of Jerry Brown's living habits and how little money he spends on his campaign compared to Meg Whitman. However, all that does is feed the reader information that really has no bearing on our voting unless you vote based on their living conditions. He then approaches Meg Whitman by saying she cut jobs and costs with eBay, while cutting public jobs and spending if she is governor. This straw man takes Whitman and singles her out and distorts her views in a way that the writer wants the reader to think. Then the author tries to argue the morals of a CEO with that of a politician stating that politicians care about people and lives while all CEO's live for is the money. This is a clear polarization stating that if Meg Whitman receives office she will simply be in it for the money and not the needs of the people.

— Micah

In response to "Whitman's spending can't buy my vote"

In theory, this article is a great explanation of the "Freshman Fifteen," yet

a great many facts have been left out of this oversimplified explanation.

"Considering the Recreation Center on campus is open all day and late into the evenings and is included in tuition for students, there is no reason exercise and burning off those burger calories should not be a part of one's weekly life."

No reason? This is a major assumption and oversimplification of a much bigger issue. Does the fact that Cal Poly is a top public university with extremely competitive academics (which are still rising, according to a recent article by *The Wall Street Journal*) suffice as an excuse for not exercising? After quoting an architecture major at this university's nationally respected architecture program, the author should have a better grasp on other, more important, reasons for not exercising. Even as freshmen, Cal Poly students enroll in major classes in their first quarters. Therefore, a valid explanation for lack of exercise/weight gain is NOT a result of making excuses or eating too much (as the author also implies), but in fact, is a result of re-prioritizing academics after a lax high school study routine.

Also, basing statistics and suggestions for improvement off of an interview with only ONE student does not provide substantial data, and instead led to making very hasty generalizations.

— Sarah

In response to "How to escape the freshman fifteen"

John F. Kennedy is still loved. Primarily for his leadership in the space race, his oratory skills and his (and Jackie's) physical beauty. It was an example of

leadership at its finest, and was rarely equalled in the 20th century.

The reputation of the Jack Kennedy political machine, the ballot-fixing in Chicago which ensured the JFK victory, the disaster of the Bay of Pigs and the CIA in French Vietnam were all issues which were public at the time, to some degree, but he was still revered.

I feel that your reasoning in this case would better fit his brother Robert Kennedy, who largely kept under the radar but whose dealings with the Mafia would have created serious political fallout in time.

Either way, the line of thought of the article is seriously cynical. I would postulate that the growth of individual cynicism is the primary factor in citizen lack of commitment to fostering good leadership and governmental accountability. The reasons for this are many, not least of which is the bombardment of shallow media and pointless entertainment, leading to a culture of self-gratification.

The growth of influence of Libertarian thought as largely exemplified by the tea party movement is a reflection of this cynicism. Cynicism breeds fatal distrust and creates a leadership dead-end: no leader can ever be fully trusted unless they are making decisions entirely in their own self-interest. By its nature, Libertarianism cannot produce a selfless leader. But selfless service is the essence of good leadership.

— R. Hodin

In response to "Mistrusting the government is mistrusting ourselves"

Seriously? Another garbage article! WTF would make anyone want to

carve "naughty pumpkins." This whole article is just so poorly written and immature it's hilarious.

Laffy Taffy as an "aphrodisiac"? Seriously? You obviously never took a science class, because Laffy Taffy does not contain real fruit! Therefore it cannot possibly work as you try to make it.

Also, for your information, I sincerely doubt anyone with half a brain would call trick or treating adults "pedophiles." You might want to actually look up the definition before you throw such a loaded word around freely like that.

I mean, obviously the journalism department sucks if they're letting articles that encourage people to buy porn. I'm really sure Cal Poly would love to know that their image is being tarnished in such a way. It's obvious that this department doesn't care about making sure what they publish reflects well on the school.

— Melissa

In response to "Ways to spice up your Halloween"

In this article, when questioned, each of the candidates addressed issues that the students of San Luis Obispo view as very important except for Jan Marx. Marx, in fact, avoided the issues of the students in SLO all together. All she said was that she "has nothing against the students" and enjoys living around them. However, later in the article she states that the city shouldn't neglect the students but that it proves difficult when the students don't care. I think that while some students truly don't care, the majority of them do to varying degrees. All in all, Marx exhibited a

clear red herring logical fallacy because she completely ignored the issues at hand and brought up irrelevant topics instead of addressing the issues.

— Sarah

In response to "Mayoral candidates speak about platforms to students"

Melissa —

I agree that this article isn't by any means a great piece of writing, and the author's use of the word "pedophile" to describe collegian trick-or-treaters is an exaggeration at best. However, the Mustang Daily and the journalism department as a whole are not the ones you should be blaming for these shortcomings. To become a columnist at the MD, you simply need to volunteer for the position, which is unpaid. You can even volunteer to write a column on a topic that is already being covered by someone else (two sex columns in one paper? Say it isn't so!). The Mustang Daily editors will change your writing for basic grammar and spelling mistakes, but generally leave the content alone because the newspaper tries to act as an open forum. If you want a better sex column for this paper, no one is stopping you from writing your own next quarter.

— H

In response to "Ways to spice up your Halloween"

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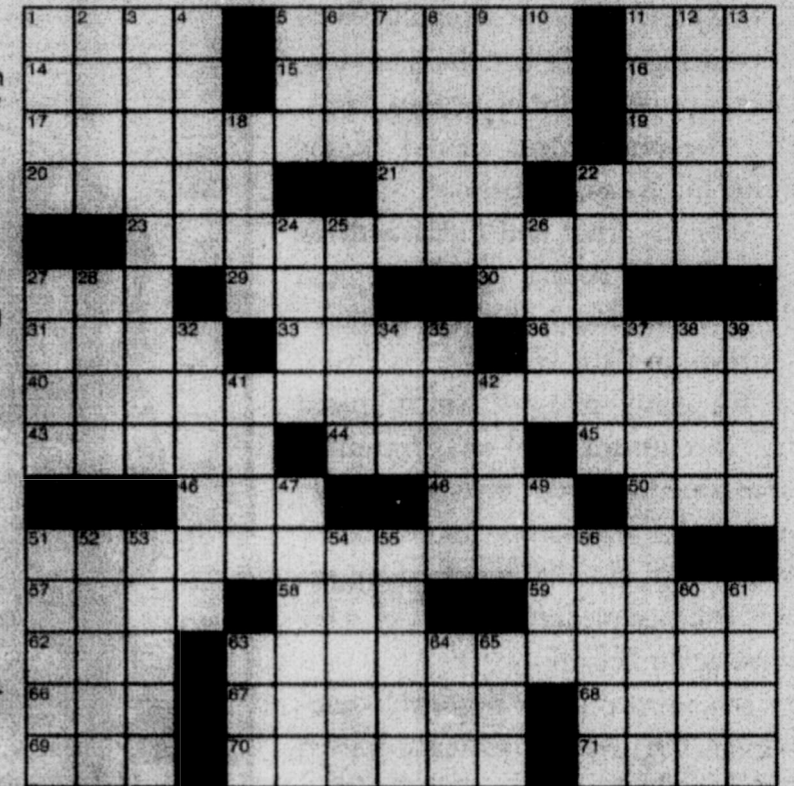
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## The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- Name repeated in the lyric "Whatever \_\_\_ wants, \_\_\_ gets"
  - Teeter-totter
  - \_\_\_ Moines
  - Apple computer
  - Hitting of a golf ball
  - Nothing's opposite
  - Shows petulant anger
  - "Fee, \_\_\_, foe, fum"
  - Cheri formerly of "S.N.L."
  - Exam for H.S. seniors
  - Seep
  - Gets lucky
  - Hot tar, e.g.
  - "Here \_\_\_ comes, Miss America"
  - Heir, but not an heirless
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  - "Lucky Jim" author Kingsley
  - Painter Picasso
  - Doesn't stonewall, say
  - Pro \_\_\_ (perfunctory)
  - Tiny time unit. Abbr.
  - Like an omelet
  - Toronto's prov.
  - \_\_\_ Pérignon
  - Lone Star State nickname
  - Reacts slightly
  - Run amok
  - Cheer for a matador
  - "Ave \_\_\_" (Latin prayer)
  - Fourth of July celebration inits.
  - Shows affection unexpectedly
  - They, in Marseille
- Down**
- Quick weight loss option, informally
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  - Couches
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  - Streamlined
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  - Highly decorative
  - Addams who created "The Addams Family"
  - Muscular fellow
  - Knocks on the noggin
  - Large iron hook
  - Medley
  - Not quite
  - 100 is average for them
  - Eight English kings
  - Fitzgerald known as the First Lady of Song
  - Volleyball court divider
  - How china may be sold
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  - Gov't securities
  - Papa's partner
  - Boston N.H.L.'er
  - Window or middle alternative
  - Raise a glass to
  - Justice Kagan
  - Senior, junior and sophomore
  - Rice wines
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 39 Gem with colored bands  
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## Cross country comes close to Big West Championship

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The Cal Poly men's cross country team's eight-consecutive Big West championships ended Saturday afternoon.

The team finished fifth and the Cal Poly women's cross country team finished second at the Big West Cross Country Championships at the UC Riverside Agriculture Course.

The Mustangs' women's team nearly finished first but fell short by two points to UC Santa Barbara.

Sophomore Kayleigh Tyerman led the team with a time of 20:37, finishing fourth overall. Sophomore Kelly Barmann finished right behind her in fifth place with a time of 20:37. Sophomore Jenny Bergren and senior Rebecca Paddock were the next Mustangs to finish, placing seventh and eighth. Bergren finished with a time of 20:46 and Paddock finished with a time of 20:51.

Juniors Vanessa Hancock and

Courtney Kostrikin both didn't score for the Mustangs. Hancock finished 24th (21:31) and Kostrikin finished 25th (21:37).

UC Santa Barbara's Amanda Moreno claimed the individual championship with a course-record time of 19:57.

For the men's team, Carl Dargitz led the Mustangs. He finished in fifth place with a time of 24:55.

Freshmen Chris Frias and Toby Villalva finished behind him. Frias placed 12th with a time of 24:42 and Villalva finished 22nd with a time of 24:55.

Sophomore Ryan Cosens and Blake Ahrold were the only other Mustangs to score. Cosens finished 23rd with a time of 24:59 and Ahrold finished 28th with a time of 25:13.

Freshman Sean Davidson and sophomore Michael Johnson didn't score. Davidson finished 29th and Johnson finished 37th.

## Football

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comes down to the offense answering back. Everything is not always going to be perfect."

The Mustangs' offense boasted 40 points or more for the third time this season Saturday night. Fullbacks Jake Romanelli and Jordan Yocum led the charge, combining for five total touchdowns. Yocum scored the three and Romanelli added the other two.

"We were definitely jawing back and forth to see who could score more," Romanelli said. "But it is all in good fun. I want to see Jordan excel and he wants to see me excel so we come off and help each other out."

All around, the Mustangs' offense was clicking on all cylinders.

With the success of the rushing game, the passing game chimed in with a few big plays as well. Quarterback Tony Smith led the team under center, throwing for a season-high 231 yards. Smith went 19 for 24 passing with a touchdown in his second-straight start since a shoulder injury sidelined quarterback Andre Broadous.

"I thought (Smith) played well tonight," Johnson said. "There were some plays where he made mistakes, I made mistakes, our offense made mistakes, but I felt he, along with our entire offense, kept bouncing back."

Johnson had a big day as well; he caught a season-high eight passes for 115 yards and a score. To date, he has caught a pass in every game he has played in a Mustang uniform.

"It felt great tonight," Johnson said. "It was fun. It felt good to

come out and throw the ball more than we usually do. For me, I think that is great."

But not even Johnson's or Smith's numbers could hide the fact the Mustangs surrendered as many points and yards that they did. To add to those problems, cornerback Asa Jackson left the game with a hip injury. It makes what Walsh said was already a young secondary even younger.

There wasn't a complicated formula to rallying his defense from its performance. At this point, no matter whether it's the offense or defense, the Mustangs just need to focus on one thing, Walsh said.

"We have to go to South Dakota and we have to win," Walsh said. "I have said all along we have to win each week. We have no room for error and we have to win each week. That is what we are going to try to do."

## Soccer

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Walker said.

The goal would be enough for Cal Poly to seal their ninth win of the season and third in a row. Cal Poly won its last two conference games with a 1-0 win over UC Santa Barbara and a 3-1 win over UC Davis.

But there wasn't a lot of celebration after the win since the team will not be advancing to the Big West Conference playoffs for the first

time since 2005. Before their last three wins, the team had lost four straight conference games where Cal Poly was unable to score one goal in the stretch.

Head coach Alex Crozier said he was disappointed they weren't able to advance to the playoffs but said injuries to leading scorers Bianca Burright and Sisler during that stretch contributed to the team's lack of offense.

"We finished our season strong. We found the rhythm and we actually found the lineup that was working for us," Crozier said. "We had

some injuries earlier on. We were trying to force the formation that we were playing and it became apparent we needed to change (the formation). It took us a couple games to adjust to that and when we started to figure it out we started to play well, but unfortunately it was too late."

In three of their last four Big West conference playoff appearances, Cal Poly advanced to the finals, but couldn't capture the title with a win. The last time Cal Poly won the Big West conference was back-to-back in 2003 and 2004.

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## WEEKEND ROUND-UP

# Women's soccer ends season with shutout win

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The Cal Poly women's soccer team (9-9-1) finished its season with a 1-0 victory over Cal State Bakersfield (4-8-5) Sunday, holding CSUB to zero shot attempts for the game.

Both teams were slow to start the game in the first half, with Bakersfield recording no shot attempts and Cal Poly only recording three. Cal Poly's closest scoring chance in the first half came in the 33rd minute off a corner kick from sophomore Cici Kobinski to senior forward Whitney Sisler who narrowly missed her shot off the goal post.

But in the second half the Mustangs were able to turn their offense on while still holding the Roadrunners at bay. Cal Poly had nine more shots in the second half while allowing Bakersfield no opportunities to score.

Sisler said Bakersfield's inability to even get a shot off was due to a

combination of both the back line and midfield locking down on defense.

"I think we finally had a back and middle that were solid and they got used to playing with each other. It just became a solid foundation for the lineup we were looking for," Sisler said.

Cal Poly managed to break through in the 75th minute with a goal from sophomore Haley Walker, her second goal of the year. With no teammates in range for a pass, Walker dribbled the ball by herself up the middle and through the Roadrunners' defense, before blasting a shot into the upper left corner of the net.

Walker said she was glad to have scored the goal and help give the seniors the win in their last game.

"It felt really great scoring the goal and I am happy for the seniors that we ended on a win because we love them and will miss them,"



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# Football holds off Red Flash for victory

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Head coach Tim Walsh walked around the field after his team's victory against St. Francis (Pa.) Saturday night with a straight look on his face. When asked about how his team performed against the Red Flash, his facial expression didn't change.

His team may have won, but he was extremely disappointed.

"Defensively, (this was) our worst performance of the year," Walsh said.

The Mustangs combined for 421 yards of total offense, but Cal Poly (6-3) escaped with 41-33 win over St. Francis (1-7) in Alex G. Spanos Stadium — partly because the Mustangs gave up 373 yards of total offense. The Red Flash — which have

tasted victory just once this season — was averaging 219 yards per game and 15 points per game, but scored on five of its 11 drives in the game against the Mustangs.

"I don't think we played with a tremendous amount of passion on the defensive side," Walsh said. "I think we were somewhat flat."

At times, defense was the Mustangs' strong point this year. What seemed to be the reason for that success was the depth of the defensive line. With names like James Chen, Gavin Cooper, Erich Klemme and Baylor transfer Matt Singletary in the trenches, the Mustangs were expected to be a force up front. But to this point, Walsh isn't convinced they have performed as well as the force some saw them to be, he said.

"Defensive line-wise, I think we got to live up to the (expectations) we are giving those guys," Walsh said.

Not everybody on the Cal Poly roster saw the defensive lapses as a fault. For wide receiver Dominique Johnson and the rest of the Cal Poly offense, struggles on defense just meant more chances to score — which it did often against St. Francis.

"We look at it more as an opportunity," Johnson said. "Things happen through the course of the game where sometimes other teams make good plays. Sometimes it

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