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Ballet Hispanico Dances tonight in Spanos Theatre

Cal Poly Arts presents Ballet Hispanico **Wednesday, April 25, at 8 p.m.** in the Spanos Theatre. The troupe combines ballet, modern and jazz, and generous servings of mambo, cha- cha, rhumba, and conga to arrive at its distinctive flavor. Tickets for the "Ballet Hispanico" performance are $38 and $44, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call ext. 6-2787. Order on-line at *www.pacslo.org*.

Ahoy! 'Pirates of Penzance' sails on Saturday

Cal Poly Arts presents the Royal Carl Opera company and "The Pirates of Penzance" **Saturday, April 28, at 8 p.m**. in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center. With a full chorus and an 18-piece live orchestra, the comic operetta tells the mocking story of an earnest young pirate lad forced to choose between a life of love or of duty on the day of his 21st birthday. Tickets for the performance are $42 to $54, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call ext. 6-2787.To order by fax, ext. 6-6088. Order on-line at *www.pacslo.org*.

Time to submit textbook orders for summer session

Faculty members are urged to submit textbook orders (books and course packs) and supply lists for summer classes to El Corral Bookstore by **May 4**. On-time requisitions help ensure student success because books will arrive on-time, more used books will be available, and students will receive more money at buyback. There are three ways to use the online faculty adoptions site:

- Access the Web site *http://www.elcorralbookstore.com*. Click on "Faculty & Staff." Click on "On-line Faculty Adoptions."
- Use direct access, *http://www.elcorralbookstore.com/misc/faculty/adoptions.aspx*
- Access Cal Poly's Web site, *http://www.calpoly.edu*. Click on "Information for Faculty." Click on "Quick Links: Textbook Orders."

For more information or help after viewing the on-line tutorial, contact the bookstore's courseware office at ext. 6-1171 or visit *http://www.elcorralbookstore.com* and use the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of the page.

Former Rolling Stone rock 'n roll critic to speak Friday

Former Rolling Stone writer and editor Greil Marcus will be the final speaker in Cal Poly's WriterSpeak series on **Friday, April 27**. Marcus, considered one of today's most influential cultural critics, will speak on "American Popular Culture" at **7 p.m.** in a free lecture in the Fischer Science Building, Room 286. Since his first book, "Mystery Train," appeared print in 1975, Marcus has published several additional books and collections focusing on the influence of rock and roll music. They include "Dead Elvis," a collection of writings about Elvis Presley published in 1991, and "Invisible Republic: Bob Dylan's Basement Tapes," which connected the American subconscious with Bob Dylan's bootlegs, in 1997.

Tickets still available for Cal Poly Wine Festival

The Cal Poly Wine Festival benefit wine tasting is set for **Saturday, April 28**, **1 to 4 p.m.** at the historic Santa Margarita Ranch. The event features wine, food and music. More than 100 wineries from across California, as well as Central Coast restaurants and caterers, will share tastes. The event open to the public, only those age 21 and older. Admission is $30 for students and staff, $50 for the general public. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit *www.calpolywinefestival.com*.

Entertainment and media industry career day is Saturday

Faculty and staff are urged to invite students to a day-long entertainment and media industry career day on **Saturday, April 28**, **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** in Spanos Theatre. Students will have opportunities to interact with leading industry experts, including professionals from SyncCast, Telestream, Ascent Media Group, Microsoft Zune, Microsoft Xbox, Avid, and Motorola. The entertainment experts include art directors, screenwriters, directors, producers, actors, voiceover actors, set designers, and editors. The event is co-sponsored by the Theatre and Dance Department, College of Liberal Arts, FANS (Friends and Alumni Network of Supporters of the Cal Poly Theatre Program) and Career Services. The event is open to all students and is free. For more information, contact Tim Dugan, Theatre and Dance Department, at ext. 6-1465.

Employment

State: The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on *www.calpolyjobs.org.* To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#101245-Temporary on-call Custodian, Pool Position, Student Affairs, Housing and Business Services. Up to 25 positions available $12.63-$18.95/hour. Temporary intermittent on-call from June 1 through Sept. 30. Open until filled. Review begins: April 9.

#101291-Administrative Analyst/Specialist, Non-Exempt, College of Engineering, Electrical Engineering, $3,106-4,969/month. Closes: May 7.

Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter gives free lecture April 30

Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Hector Tobar will talk about the "new Latino identity" in the United States at **4 p.m. on Monday, April 30**, in UU, Room 204. Tobar's talk is titled "If Tocqueville Knew Zapata: Defining a New American Identity in Latino United States." Tobar is the Mexico City bureau chief for the Los Angeles Times and an award-winning journalist. His latest book is "Translation Nation: Defining a New American Identity in the Spanish-Speaking United States."

2003 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Shirin Ebadi to speak May 1

The Persian Students of Cal Poly will host a talk by Nobel Peace Prize recipient Shirin Ebadi on **Tuesday, May 1, at 7 p.m.** in Harmon Hall in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center. During her talk, "Iran Awakening: A Story of Revolution and Hope," Ebadi will discuss her experiences as a woman in Iran – from her childhood in a loving family before the 1979 revolution, to her life as a mother and lawyer battling an oppressive regime while raising her daughters. An advocate for refugee rights, as well as those of women and children, she is the founder and leader of the Association for Support of Children's Rights in Iran.

Colloquium to honor Dan Biezad and Andrew Morris May 2

Faculty and staff are invited to attend an interdisciplinary colloquium **Wednesday, May 2, 3 to 5 p.m.** in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion. President Baker and Provost William Durgin, in association with the Academic Senate Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee, will host the colloquium to honor the professional and creative work of Professor Dan Biezad, Aerospace Engineering Department, and Associate Professor Andrew Morris, History Department. Biezad and Morris were the recipients of the 2006 Distinguished Scholarship Award. Biezad will present "Making Teapots Fly!" Morris will present "Baseball and National Identity in Taiwan." A social hour will follow the presentations. Reservations are encouraged due to limited seating. Call ext. 6-2186 or email *academicaffairs@calpoly.edu* by **Thursday, April 26**, to reserve a seat.

CalPERS retirement planning fair May 4-5

The California Public Employees' Retirement System will host a retirement planning fair at the San Luis Obispo City/County Library on **Friday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.** and **Saturday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** This year's fair, "It's Never too Early … It's Never too Late," will offer a variety of retirement program exhibits and seminars. For a complete schedule of seminars, visit the Cal Poly Human Resources Web site at *http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits/whatsnew.html*. For more information on this and other retirement seminars and workshops available to all CalPERS members, contact CalPERS 877-720-7377 or visit *http://www.calpers.ca.gov/.*

Retirement reception for Scott Cooke May 7

After 27 years of service to Cal Poly, Scott Cooke, assistant director for Fiscal Services-General Accounting and Financial Reporting, is retiring. Scott began his career at Cal Poly in 1980 in what was then Fiscal Operations. The Fiscal Services Department is hosting a celebration in Scott's honor **Monday, May 7, 1 to 4 p.m.** in the main lobby of the Performing Arts Center. Those who wish to say farewell but cannot attend the reception may contact Scott at ext. 6-5924.

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