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Staged Reading of Cal Poly Professor's Play Set for Oct. 20-21

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly faculty and staff will give a staged reading of a new play, "Mayhem, America," written by Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Professor Al Schnupp, on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 20-21.

The reading will be at 8 p.m. on Oct. 20 and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 21 in the Performing Arts Center's Philips Hall.

The play takes place in the small town of Mayhem in 2012. A committee of 10 eccentric people meet at City Hall. In celebration of their town's anniversary, they are to design a time capsule, select items to be placed in it, and plan the internment ceremony.

As they deliberate, secrets are revealed, repressed rage is expressed, prejudices are exposed and quirky relationships are redefined. There are also moments of kindness, generosity and goodness as they try to identify what makes their town unique in the mad, mad world of America.

Actors include Ginny Anderson in the Theatre and Dance Department; Jnan Blau, Communication Studies; Sarah Bridger, History; Karen Christian, Modern Languages and Literatures, Steve Luber, Theatre and Dance; Al Nunez, Admissions; Vladimir Prodanov; Electrical Engineering; Erma Stauffer, Communication Studies; Denise Leader Stoeber, Cal Poly Arts; and Nina Truch, Communication Studies.

The $2 entry fee will be donated to ArtsObispo. For more information, contact Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Department head Al Schnupp at aschnupp@calpoly.edu.

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