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Christie Stelly is headed back to junior high — she's 'in like'

**Agricultural engineering sophomore Shane Carpenter stretches in the ROTC hallway in Daxter Building. Cal Poly's division is heading to 'Ranger Challenge,' a regional competition in Washington this week which will test several of the cadet's tactical skills. Daily photo by Carl LaZosky / SEE PHOTOS, PAGE 3**

**In Oakland, a drug-related death prompts one woman's crusade**

Oakland, CA — The day Teresa Williams heard a crack addict had been chased down and stabbed as a crowd of toughs cheered, she thought how easily it could have been her troubled sister dying in the street.

That was the day Williams, 36, of Pacific Grove, was dragged from his flaming blue 1971 Ford van by Cal Poly students. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Williams heard a crack addict had been murdered and open a center for drug-addicted women.

"I've just had enough," she says simply. It was all supposed to be very different for Deborah Lesson Williams.

Child of a politically active family, a trombone player so talented the school gave her a trombone, she was the first graduate of the East Oakland Community Learning Center, a Black Panther elementary school.

On graduation day 1974, tall and proud in a long, white dress, she declared, "One of the most important things I have learned ... is what freedom means.

The moment is captured on the front page of a yellowing, much-thumbed copy of the Black Panther newspaper, a remnant of the past — carefully wrapped in plastic — that Deborah Williams hung on to for nearly two decades.

"When she was homeless and on the street, she carried that newspaper with her," said Williams, 36, of Pacific Grove. "She always had something for me to read."
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**CRASH:** Sat. night wreck near Poly kills 2 as van careens into northbound traffic

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explosion that shook windows throughout the high-den sity student neighborhood off Boyden Avenue.

Many Cal Poly students returning from Thanksgiving holiday were witness to the crash. Some, scrambling to the scene, attempted to pull Maat from the wreckage.

"Everybody was just sitting there watching, but we tried to get closer to pull him out," said Joel Hermosillo, a construction management junior. "But it was just too hot. You'd feel like your head was going to singe. By the time we got him out, everything from his chest up was just black."

After others used fire extinguishers to calm the blaze, Hermosillo and materials engineering junior Ian Widlow dragged the charred body from the van.

"I was afraid I was going to get burned by touching his body," Widlow said.

Business graduate students Steve Schrepferman and Brett Eldridge were sitting down to work on accounting homework when the explosion rocked their Boyden Street apartment.

"There was a crash, then a two-second delay and then it all lit up," Schrepferman said. "Our windows were seriously rocking over."

Perla Smith was taken to Sierra Vista Regional Medical Hospital, where she later died. Michael Smith was treated for minor injuries at French Hospital, and was later released. Burton was treated at French Hospital for a ligament tear.

Debris from the three demolished vans littered the roadway for yards, and Maat's body lay covered in a yel low sheet for hours as police photographed the accident. The roadway was shut until early Sunday morning as police, California Highway Patrol and Cal Poly Public Safety officers rerouted traffic.

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Members of Cal Poly ROTC have been training for the regional championships in the "Ranger Challenge," to be held Dec. 3-5 at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The Cal Poly team beat 13 others from California and Nevada to earn a place as one of ten schools remaining in a national field of 102 schools.

This is the first year Cal Poly has made it to the championship, which tests competitors in ten areas of physical and tactical prowess, including weapons assembly, grenade throwing, M-16 marksmanship, orienteering, team rope-bridge building and a 10-kilometer road march.

- Top left: Aeronautical engineering senior Lewis Guevarra performs sit-ups at the ROTC 6 a.m. daily workout / Daily photo by Cari LaZansky
- Center: Agricultural engineering sophomore Shane Carpenter practices to construct a standard military M-16 rifle. Teammates expect Carpenter to score well in the upcoming competition / Daily photo by Steve McCrank
- Bottom left: (From left to right) Guevarra, political science junior Bill Edmonds and industrial technology major Scott Wright out for a run / Daily photo by Cari LaZansky
- Bottom right: Chemistry freshman Colette Toomer repels down a canyon / Daily photo by Steve McCrank
What's the best pet you ever had?

"My dog Lyndsay — she's a great dog. She seems like she's ferocious but she just whines. She knows who people are just by the way they open the door."

Brian Scholl, landscape architecture freshman

"A snake. Max. I'm not really sure what kind it was, but it was green. My brother gave it to me."

Judith Montemeyer, social science sophomore

"My goat Mandy. She was fun to talk to. She'd say 'Ma-a-a-a-andy.' One time she climbed into our tree house."

Maureen Hidahl, human development freshman

"The dog we have now, Zaza. At her prime she weighed 100 pounds. She's like a sophisticated lady, the way she walks. There's a certain presence about her."

Jason Hanchett, soil science senior

"Benjamin, he's a yellow lab, 13 years old. We got him a week after we were married. He's the rock of our life — he has a living soul that helps us remember what's important in life."

Paul Zieg, dean, college of liberal arts

I have a confession to make: I am 19 years old and I have fallen in 'like.'

I know I've stolen that term straight from some dictionary or junior high school lingo. But it's appropriate because I feel as if I have reverted back to those squeamish dating years.

Those years when I would confess my interest to one of my friends, so she would tell her friend, she could find out from her friend if he liked me back.

The memory almost makes me nauseous. I might have an excuse. I can say I am still in the last leg of my teen years — I only have a few months left to act like a fool for "love."

These feelings have made me look back on the progress of my views on romance. So much has changed since I envisioned the day Prince Charming would arrive at my door, ready to place a ring on my finger. The brothers Grimm and Disney kept me religiously attached to the dream that a passive girl need only wait patiently before she finds him. Yet, here I am, at relative maturity, and I am still a mess of boy-hunting at malls and holding hands on the way to the fifth period. Through it all, I looked forward to when I would "grow up" and no longer experience such giddy infatuation; I don't drive by his house just to make sure he's home. I don't sit around and pine for him. But when I see him — and when I try to think of an alternative courtship — I guess confusion adds a little bit of the fairy dust.

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"It wasn't too many years before I came to accept that my prince wasn't too many years before I came to accept that my prince had lost his script somewhere along the way, and that relationships take a lot more than a pinch of fairy dust."

Thus, I struggled to overcome a childhood Cinderella complex, and tried to become the ideal woman of the 90's — one who doesn't need to waste her time looking for a husband.

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Yet I still get caught up in my emotions. You can call it nature, society or immaturity. I don't know what it is. But I do know that I have to confront the little girl inside of me before my carriage turns back into a pumpkin.
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WOMAN: Oakland resident declares her own private war on drugs after her sister's brutal murder

From page 1 with her, "says Teresa Williams. On Aug. 11, Deborah Williams' top-sided battle against drugs ended when she was chased out of her apartment building by a knife-wielding neighbor who told police she was angry at Williams for smoking crack in the hall.

At a street corner Williams was surrounded by a crowd of youths, many suspected drug dealers, who tripped her, stomped her and egged on her attacker with cries of "Kill her! Kill her!" witnesses said.

It was a case that shocked citizens and veteran homicide cops alike, a vicious death while neighbors did nothing.

Williams said. "I looked for my sister's name. I said, 'Thank God, it's not Deborah," Teresa Williams recalls how her sister died alone in the home where she is bringing up her 8-year-old daughter. She shares custody with her mother of two of her sister's children.

What Williams has in mind is a free clinic offering classes on budgeting, health, family counseling and motivation. Sponsor churches would ask parishioners to "adopt" one woman, spending an hour a week with her to reinforce the message that the community cares.

For the Williams' family, the murder was a slow-motion nightmare. When Deborah Williams died, she was using the alias of Dione Wells, the name Lee used in court. "Lee's giving chase, with knife in hand is a sign of premeditation," Deputy District Attorney Therese Drabec, who maintains that Lee's giving chase is a cop-out, countered. "That's such a cop-out," countered Deputy District Attorney Therese Drabec, who maintains that Lee's giving chase is a cop-out.

Arnold Perkins, assistant health director for Alameda County, says the center is "one of the things that the community sorely needs."

One change Teresa Williams would like to make is the way government assistance is doled out. Too many times, she says, welfare checks and food stamps went straight into the hands of her sister's suppliers. She is suggesting that agreements be worked out with the women under which the money would be deposited directly into bank accounts and bills paid automatically.

Most of all, she wants to find a way to reach the women who, like her sister, "stop dreaming of something better."

"Let's try to listen to those people. Let's ask them what they need. What my sister needed most of all was she needed a recovery center and when she really real-

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WOMEN'S HOOPS: Plagued by injuries, Mustangs off to an even start with win over Mesa State, loss to West Texas A&M

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tangs then put in another 10-2 run to take the lead permanently for the first half which ended 38-31 in Poly's favor.

Mesa State charged out to take over the lead in the second half, 42-41. Rodness then connected on a 12-point rebound rebuff to give the Mustangs back the lead. The second half ended until becoming deadlocked at 47-47.

At this time, Rodness picked up her fourth personal foul and had to leave the game. Forced to go on without her star, Rod- ness, forwards Kristie McCall and Keturah Robinson could not stay healthy. Col- lege Hoffman stepped up to make key baskets on a 1-3 Poly run for a 60-56 lead.

Poly nearly lost the lead as Stites led an 8-0 run to cut the score to 60-58.

However, Rodness came back into the game to hit another three-pointer that would keep the Mustangs ahead for the remainder of the game.

In the end, despite a good off-ensive and defensive showing, it was rebounding and free throws that made the difference for the Mustangs.

After getting outworked on the boards in the first half, Poly had 29 second-half rebounds and seven players with at least five rebounds for the game.

The Mustangs could have used a few more moments if they had converted more free throws early in the game. For the first 39 minutes of the game, they successfully completed 6 of 12 from the charity stripe. In the final 0:05, with Mesa State fouling them, Poly converted all six free throws to preserve the victory.

"Our defense was real good," Orrock said. "We got good use out of our zone." Stites had 30 points and 12 rebounds in the losing effort. She had help from Cindy Buckhanan (17 points, 11 rebounds) and Christen Carder (11 points), but a lack of depth hurt the Mavericks as they shot only 34 percent in the game.

McCall made a successful return to the floor with 14 points after sitting out a year with knee problems.

"I'm really happy with my progress," McCall said. "I'm still a step behind in terms of rebounds and getting side to side on defense."

Bauer and Hoffman each had 10 points. Junior center Nicole Taylor came off the bench to lead the team with seven rebounds. The West Texas A&M Buffs were off to an 18-8 year and will be one of the top teams Cal Poly will face, Orrock said.

Turnovers, lack of sustained offense and defensive mistakes all contributed to Poly's loss. The first two faults helped the Buffs to an early 20-lead. Poly would close within 27-21.

West Texas guard Lori DeShields connected on four three-pointers in a span of 1:18 to give the Buffs a 45-47 halftime lead.

"That really changed the com-pulsion of the game," said West Texas Coach Bob Schmiede. "We shot well and played fairly good defense."

An 11-4 West Texas run rendered the game almost point-less. The Buffs streaked to a 29- point lead before a late Poly comeback brought it down to 19.

For the game, Cal Poly had a whopping 21 turnovers.

"We put too much pressure on ourselves," said Rodness. "We just couldn't get things going.

Junior forward Susanne Carey, plagued by foul trouble in the first game, came back to score 16 points and eight rebounds against the Buffs. Hof.

WOMAN: Death of Oakland drug addict prompts sister to mend the tattered lives of others

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At 28, four years younger than Deborah Williams, she recalls that things started to fall apart in her life.

"She started hanging out with this huge crowd, being cool," she said. Once, she remembers Deborah "came in the house and said, 'Mom, we need money for cigarettes.'" Watching her leave, penniless and hysteric, the young adult vowed, "I'll never smoke cigarettes. I'll never smoke cigarettes."

As an adult, she looked back and it looked like it was more than she could handle. "I think that's probably when she started on the streets."

"It was a big shock to us to see the kids try to get money. (She'd say) 'Can I borrow $20 to get the kids some diapers and you know if you gave her $20 she wouldn't spend it on diapers.'" Sometimes there would be periods when Deborah Williams would get into a recovery program, then go back to the same disease. But then would come the inev-i-t-able relapse.

Things came to a head 11 years ago when Teresa and her mother, Mary Williams, tried to get custody of Deborah's children and her, in a recovery program.

"Deborah finally broke down, she said, 'I have a drug problem, I'm out of control, but I want to keep my kids.'" Mary Williams had to send Deborah to a rehab program. "I'll do whatever it takes," Teresa Williams said. But there was no program.

Teresa Williams, notwithstanding, had her own battles to fight. Like her sister, she became pregnant as a young woman and her first three efforts to go to college ended dismally.

But she always knew she wanted something more.

Now a graduate student in geophysics at the University of California at Berkeley, she credits friends and faculty there with helping her efforts to open the Deborah Leann Rehabilitation Center.

While the center is targeted at seniors, Teresa says she put a crimp in the designer's style by en-couraging people in the neigh-borhood to report criminal ac-tivity to police.

"If a power in numbers," she says, her face glowing with pride, "I put a lot of power in the community, they just don't know it."
Every column before the Bürgermeister smashes all the toys in the Santa Claus story television special, Claus and I sit down on the couch with a bowl of Doritos and watch "Miracle on 34th Street." So I thought I would like the poor old woman I threw up on to have a Merry Christmas.

June. However, Joe Montana playing an entire game has great. Even if we are not one of the 25 out of 27 teams season with one more win than losses.

Bradley of the 76ers knocking Charles Barkley on his tail with a ninja-roundhouse kick to the head as he reverse

American West Conference officials selected seven Cal Poly football players.

Five Mustangs earned second team honors and three snagged honorable mentions, despite the team finishing in the AWC cellar alongside Cal State Northridge.

Conference officials were impressed with the Cal Poly combin-ation of sophomore quarterback Mike Fisher and senior wide receiver Joe Wade — both named first team members.

Fisher's stats paled in comparison only to AWC's Offensive Player of the Year, junior quarterback Khuri Jones. Jones led his UC-Davis teammates to an 10-2 season, ending Saturday in a 51-28 NCAA Tournament quarterfinal loss to Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Jones finished with a quarterback rating of 148 — three higher than Fisher, Jones out-threw Fisher 2,696 yards to 2,298 and 27 touchdowns to 22.

Fisher's 22 touchdowns set a season record at Cal Poly.

Wade hauled in nine of those touchdown passes, tying a school record. His nine touchdowns tied him for top honors in the AWC with Sacramento State's senior receiver Eric Harrington.

Wade topped the AWC with 743 yards and 16.9 average yards per catch and finished with one shy of top honors. The AWC liked the way junior of-fensive lineman Lloyd Tiffany, protected Fisher, by blocking him for the first time. He was also praised for keeping defenders from reaching fel-low first-teamer, senior kicker Bob Thomas.

Defensive second-teamers for the Mustangs include offensive linemen Smith Fisher and senior linebacker Eric Coley and senior punter Chris Aftarian.

Offensive second-team honors went to senior defensive lineman John Steen and senior defensive lineman Mike Brody were voted to the first team.

Smith led the conference with seven interceptions, which tied him for fourth in the top 10 all-time list.

Atkinson and guard Brian Camper did most of the teaching. The court professors put in 23 and 20 points respectively.

The Mustang victories in the PAC-10 dual match came from seniors Ramon Macias (142) and Junior offensive lineman Andy Binn, sophomore linbacker Alex Garwood and freshman defensive back Tylkon Cook received honorable men.-tion.

The Golden Eagles received a pair of losses, 85-63 to West Texas A&M and 84-66 to Mesa State, despite an outstanding performance from center Stacy Washington.

The Mesa State Mavericks were no pushovers. They were a tooth-and-nail分 of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

The Mustangs came out pounding the floor for their game against Cal Poly. However, it was the Mustangs who jumped out to a 9-2 lead before Mesa State tied it at 13-13.

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The Mesa State Mavericks came out ahead in the AWC cellar alongside Cal State Northridge.

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