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things were under control.
"It was like organized chaos," Gideon said of the unusual party atmosphere of Mustang Village.

About 400 people gathered at what was rumored to be a "riot," but the crowd was fairly well behaved, Wielkie said.

There was a lot of testosterone, but everybody kept their cool for the most part," Wielkie said.

John Wielkie business sophomore

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diers are among them," he said. "It is their blood that is spilled on the battlefield, not civilians!"

Anyone with information about this incident can contact UPD at 756-2281.

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Hendricks said Miller was an outstanding representative for the first award.

"She is a high-quality individual who is reliable, dependable and does fantastic work," she said.

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Music in the Plaza

Saturday, March 8 Mission Plaza, SLO 11am-2pm Performances by Children of Light of Bakersfield and Lifeway Praise of the Santa Maria Church in the Mall with Don Wilkerson as the Master of Ceremonies. Booths from community businesses and organizations, children's inflatable bounce-booth by the Foothill Church and Princhool, and entertainers by local magician and balloonist Professor Brown.

Praise Fest

Saturday, March 8 Foothill Baptist Church, 7pm
Guest speaker Don Wilkerson of Central Baptist Church Bakersfield. Children of Light will again lead the evening's praise music.

Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 9 Foothill Baptist Church, 11am
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Supreme Court to hear challenge to Internet filters in public libraries

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court considered Wednesday how the government can protect the public from the seamy side of the Internet without muzzle free speech in public libraries.

Justices will decide before July if Congress can require public libraries to install software to filter out pornography as a condition of receiving federal money.

Paul Smith, an attorney for the American Library Association, told justices that the filters block tens of thousands of non-pornographic Web sites that include important information.

Justice Stephen Breyer said that Web surfers can ask librarians to disable filters to get to a particular site. "You can have it, you just have to go up to the front desk to get it," he said.

But Smith countered that it stifles a person doing legitimate research. "You've got to go up and say 'Please turn off the porn filter.'"

The Bush administration argued that just as libraries decline to collect X-rated movies and pornographic magazines, they shouldn't have to offer access to pornography on their computers.

Opening days of war in Iraq to see 10 times the bombing of Pentagon officials are calling "shock and awe." U.S. front lines are dropping bombs at an alarming rate.

In the Rafah refugee camp in Gaza, meanwhile, troops knocked down a neighborhood mosque that had been seriously damaged in previous strikes. "This is not fair, your honor," Khalid al-Shimmiri, who had pleaded insanity, shouted from the dock when the verdict and sentence were read. His lawyer said he would appeal.

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According to a Foreign Ministry statement, Palestinian officials have agreed to synchronize ratification.
A different take on office hours

David Lee Roth is a tool. I know I frequently mention celebrities, but I don’t think anyone can disagree on his bad taste. I mean, seriously, this man, with his lion mane hair and vacant eyes, was leading a respected band like Van Halen. His backup singer, Debbie and Tiffanies of 1987 found him attractive, but his songs made no sense whatsoever. For example, his line “Think of it this way: We make out with people all the time and practice any religion you choose. Except please, show some tolerance for other people’s choices.”

Audrey Starn is a mathematics junior. Saddam is evil, but not an Islamic Fundamentalist. This is in response to Paul Mason’s letter (“War serves to protect American lives,” Feb. 27). Mr. Mason makes the statement that Saddam supports terrorism, the target of which is America. This is completely not true. Terrorism, such as the acts of Sept. 11, was carried out by Islamic Fundamentalists. Saddam, while no doubt a terrible and evil man, is not an Islamic Fundamentalist (note his lack of a beard and the legality of beer and other fermented beverages in Iraq). In fact Saddam has been fighting Islamic Fundamentalists for the past 20 years. Part of the reason he went to war with Iran was because they were fundamentalist. He has been struggling with the Kurds, another Islamic Fundamentalist group, for years. He is in fact so hated by fundamentalists that O’Callahan has declared that he wants him dead.

Mason has a point. ThoseKhaleeji outlines represent not only the loss of innocence life but also my friends in the army and who could possibly lose their lives. That is why I do not support our president. So Mason, before you blindly go throwing statements around as if they were true, do some research and check the facts.

Skeletor Edwards is a liberal studies freshman who thinks that everyone needs to think more. The Golden Rule still holds true.

Letters to the editor

All-American props to Toni Smith

Editor,

It is wonderful to be in a nation where Toni Smith’s actions are allowed. Recently, Dan Patrick of ESPN stated that Toni Smith’s actions (turning her back on the flag during the national anthem) are “rejecting everything the flag and this country represents.” If the flag is to be “THE” symbol of our country, and all of the great things our nation stands for – how can that symbol not be taken to reject the flag in protest? Perhaps the most basic right of any American is to protest the government. That is illustrated by the First Amendment freedom of speech. Is it not the Second Amendment freedom of arms? As a matter of fact, the First Amendment Smith is engaging in the most basic, non-invasive and peaceful protest that one could conjure up being “protected.” As a member of the press, Patrick should understand that Smith’s protest is far less repulsive and invasive than, say, an article on the most visited Internet site in the world, burning a young American for using her constitutionally protected right to protest. A simple “flag” cannot be the symbol of our entire nation – the symbol of our nation should be the picture of a personsequencing that flag in protest. Print that in your newspapers – teach that in your classrooms – then you will know what it really means to be American.

Anthony Gaeta is a political science alum. Condemnation for exercising free will?

Editor,

This is in response to Mike Benaglio’s letter (“Christians have freedom of speech too,” Feb. 28), which seems to be full of contradictions. If we all have the “God-given right” of free will, then why is it a sin for a person to be homosexual? You say that people who call Christians “Bible-thumpers” are childish, but believe it is childish to call you to call a sexual lifestyle “sin against God.” Does this imply that homosexuals are sinners and are going to “hell”? I hope not, since it wouldn’t make much sense to be given the right of free will and then go to heaven for exercising it. Do you really believe that living a lie constitutes the way the Bible says is right is the same as having freedom of speech too?” (Feb. 28), which seems to be full of contradictions.

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Dlent infotamn is a historian. Sex and San Luis

San Luis has gone sour! Also, you might not like the suspicious looks of your classmates when word gets out, and trust me, in this small town it will. If you’re looking up in hopes of raising your grade, it’s slippery slope. Using flirtation and sex to appeal to your professors for good grades is not the way to go. Women put on tight skirts because they are confident, not because they are trying to attract men. Men put on brown slacks every day. They put on combs and ties because they are confident, not because they are trying to attract women. So what is the line between being confident and being confident? Our professor is an unconscious part of human behavior for both men and women.

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Mustang Daily reporter brings you the scoop on psychic readers, pet talkers, telephone advice and, yes, a university

By Carly Haselhuhn

San Luis Obispo doesn’t have drive-through restaurants. It doesn’t have any clubs. It doesn’t have a shopping mall. It barely has Main Gras. It’s downright conservative. So much so that families wouldn’t cater to the “jumbo.”

“Gimme your hand,” the lady said as she led me to a table she said keeps her “aura” in check. “Now think of two wishes and tell me one,” she calmly instructed.

I contemplated my hopeful love thoughts grounded in the corner, right, with all that crystal ball, palm reading, tarot card reading, pet talking, pen communicating “mumbo jumbo.”

Wrong.

So my curious inner journalist ventured out to dig up the goods on psychic culture. I investigated phone psychics, pet psychics and psychic universities, which are a national phenomenon, while locally I found several sites who do “readings.” They don’t work out of the stereotypical dark tents, wear huge, jeweled rings or have a black cat scurrying across the table.

**Visiting a psychic**

“Give me your hand,” the lady with blushed eyebrows and a nearly expressionless face told me as she led me into a wide sitting area with hexagonal carpet and carnival-style fortune-teller in the corner, reminiscent of the movie “Bug.”

“Now think of two wishes and tell me one,” she calmly instructed. I contemplated my hopeful love interests, my general education failings and my sister back home with a baby, and finally blurted out what I thought would be the least vital topic.

She looked at my hand for a good 10 seconds. Then…they were supposed to feel your hand, trace the “life line,” tap into your energy. All of my assumptions were blown.

“Your aura is very particular in your romantic relationships: you don’t settle,” she said in an inquiring tone.

Wow! I’ll attest to that completely accurate statement. I’ll pay you the $10. I thought, just for being dead on with that one simple little factoid.

“I let undetected, but more curious about your future and smiling at the prospect of meeting a new guy. But then again, I wasn’t looking for direction from the psychic; I went for fun.

Many people explore psychics for guidance in social and personal aspects of their lives.

In the clairvoyant training program, a student can learn techniques for reading an aura by running the soul essence through the body.

Psychic and Cal Poly alumnus Robin Berry explained that there are a lot of people who come to her with no direction whatsoever.

She practices the mystic arts in San Luis Obispo out of her small home, studying her craft at the circular wood table she said keeps her thoughts grounded. “I want to open people’s eyes to a new way of thinking,” she said.

Berry said she takes a very rational approach to her practice, encouraging clients to take action for themselves and not to exclude their intuitive mind.

“Most people have an intuitive sense; some are just stronger than others,” she said.

She tells people to trust those feelings because a lot of people act against them, then regret it.

“I tell you like it is whether the person wants to hear it or not,” she said.

But even if a psychic reading delivers the truth, it may not be taken accurately by those denying personal problems.

“People can hear what they want to hear,” George said.

**The couch-side psychic connection**

Many people are uncomfortable meeting with a psychic face to face, Berry explained, so some will opt to use another medium.

The “phone tube” offers various psychic talk shows that can satisfy a person’s curiosity about the paranormal, the current buzz being Animal Planet’s pet psychic, Sonya Fitzpatrick.

On her live program, this Dr. Doherty answers pet questions, features telepathic pets (like the ones that warn people about a fire in a building before the blue erups) and travels about the audience, telling owners what their pets are thinking.

Since Fitzpatrick had “a profound hearing loss in both of her ears (making it easier to communicate with animals than humans),” her Web site see PSYCHIC, page 9

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TV psychic Sonya Fitzpatrick tells the owner of an unhappy iguana that the pet's front legs were shocked by the electrical cord of a heat rock, then adds that the pet knows the owner is sorry about the incident.

"A little skepticism is a good thing," Berry said, admitting there are phone psychics out there, but "don't use it as a wall to ignore greater understanding of your own intuitive sense."

Shlomit Galperin said in a Seattle Times article that she's not too proud of what she did, becoming an at-home telephone oracle — $4.99 a minute, with no experience and no psychic abilities.

She was recruited to answer calls for the infamous soothsayer Miss Cleo, shown on television infomercials worldwide with her thick Jamaican accent, wide smile and family of "experienced" psychics.

A list of psychic don'ts from Access Resource Service, Cleo's network, included never putting callers on hold for any reason and never trying to extort money from a caller.

Several complaints about Access, reported on Consumer Affairs, seem to counter these "good psychic" requirements.

Mary of New Port Richey, Fla., wrote, "All I want to do is get on with my life. I called one time, and I will never call again, they put me on hold, told me I won a free prize and now I have a huge 1-900 bill."

When she called the company they said, "We are taking you to court for Christmas and are disconnecting your phone service. You are never going to be able to have another credit card."

Berry suggested trusting one's own intuitive sense in cases such as psychic hotline and steering clear of any medium or service that cause skeptical feelings.

"Educating your inner psychic"

The Berkeley Psychic Institute offers classes for those wanting to become psychics and learn more about their intuitive selves.

In the Claritypoint Training Program, a student can choose different levels of training that all teach techniques for reading an aura by running the soul essence or energy through the body and increasing the communication between the spirit and the body," the Web site reads.

Whether calling them seers or gypsies, qualifying their practice or labeling it a hocus pocus nonsense, psychics exist as a pervasive part of alternative culture even in our small community.
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Sports

On Friday, Cal Poly's Travis Crawford defeated Northern Arizona’s Franciscolando 6-1, 6-4. On Friday, Cal Poly captured a 6-1 win over Northern Arizona in Stokton at the University of the Pacific.

The Mustangs swept the doubles competition to gain the double points. At No.1 doubles, Brent Van Ling and Greg Levy defeated Fredrick Jeppson and Thibault Schram, 8-4.

In singles, Cal Poly won six of seven matches, four of which went to tiebreakers. Travis Crawford won in straight: 6-1, 6-4 over Franciscolando.

The Mustangs return to action at home on Tuesday when they face Utah State for a Big West Conference match at 10 a.m. at Mustang Courts.

SWIMMING

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Ericson at the No. 5 position. On Saturday, the Mustangs lost a Big West Conference dual match, 6-1 against Pacific at the Hal Nelson Tennis Courts. With the win, Pacific improved its record to 7-2 overall, 1-0 Big West.

The Mustangs claimed victories in two of the three doubles matches to earn the team doubles point. Travis Crawford and Garrett Leight earned a win over the No. 1 position over Vincent Kubler and Nicolas Ote, 9-8 (11). At the No. 3 position, Davey Jones and Adam Marquette defeated Tyler Black and Michael Dogoo, 8-4. The Tigers responded by sweeping the six singles matches. Adrian Madryk pushed his match to three sets, but lost to Vincent Kubler, 7-6, 6-7, 6-1 (1).

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on Thursday, Thomas highlighted the women's competition for the Mustangs with a fifth-place finish and a lifetime-best in the 100 butterfly with a time of 57.26, breaking her previous best of 58.63. In another lifetime-best finish, Stacy Peterson placed fifth in the 100 backstroke with a time of 56.72. The women's 200 medley relay team broke a school record, finishing in third place with a time of 1:47.30, beating last year's record of 1:48.49.

On the men's side, Palmer crowned the Big West Champion in the 100 breaststroke event in a lifetime-best time of 55.88. On the first night of competition, Palmer placed second in the 200 individual medley. Also in the 100 breaststroke, Michelmore turned in a lifetime-best time of 56.74 for a third-place finish.

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Men's Golf

‘Stangs take 4th at Braveheart Classic
CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

B E A U M O N T — The Cal Poly men's golf team finished in fourth place overall after shooting a 298 in the last round of the Highlander Braveheart Classic Tuesday at the Southern California PGA Golf Course in Beaumont. Cal Poly shot rounds of 299, 291 and 286 for a combined score 876.
The Mustangs finished 31 strokes behind winner UC Riverside, who was 19 under par over the three rounds.

Freshman Travis Bertoni continued to lead the Mustangs, finishing in eighth place. Bertoni shot rounds of 77, 71 and 66 for a total of 214. He was two under par.

CalPoly Men's Golf

Men's Swimming

Ben Palmer named Athlete of the Week
CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

At the Big West Swimming and Diving Championships last weekend, senior Ben Palmer won the 100 meter breaststroke competition and finished second in the 200 backstroke and 200 individual medley.

Track and Field

Teams traveling to Stanford Opener
CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men's and women's track and field teams will compete at the Stanford Spring Opener this Sunday at Cobb Track and Angell Field on the Stanford University campus in Palo Alto.

Last weekend, the women's and men's teams finished second behind UCLA at the UCLA Meet.

Women's Tennis

UC Davis, Pacific on tap for Mustangs
CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Mustangs hit the road for two matches Friday and Saturday against Division II UC Davis and Big West Conference rival Pacific. The Mustangs are 7-4 overall and 2-0 in the Big West.