Craft Center offers venue for HANDMADE GIFT IDEAS

By Kendra Hodges
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With the holidays approaching, the pressure is on to find the perfect gifts for family and friends. In San Luis Obispo it's difficult to find a gift uniquely tailored for loved ones because there are few local shopping options.

A sure way to provide one-of-a-kind presents is to hand-make them.

For Cal Poly students, making a gift is as easy as stepping into the ASI Craft Center on the first floor of the University Union.

Beginning to advanced crafters will find the Craft Center's extensive array of equipment and staff ready to help. Supplies range from surfboard shaping tools to knitting supplies, allowing for the creation of a wide range of handmade gifts on a tight budget.

"I discovered the Craft Center last Fall Quarter after following a girl in there I wanted to see," recreation administration senior Landon Smith said. "She showed me how to use the pottery wheel."

Last year, Smith created plates and cups for Christmas presents for his family. It cost him about $12 for supplies plus the Craft Center quarter activity fee of $15.

"My family thought I was all artistic and stuff. It was cool," Smith said.

Later, Smith learned to crochet baskets at the Craft Center, which his family and friends can expect to receive as Christmas presents this year.

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"Iبري myself in learning about it and spreading the word," Krause said.

Andlfg said she saw demonstrators at Caesars College where tape-recorded bells rang every 23 seconds to symbolize a person who died of AIDS. At the same time, Andlfg said she was surprised that so few people stopped by the table, or paid much attention to the giant ribbon on Dexter.

"I suppose it’s a little bit just that people aren’t more naturally curious," Andlfg said. "Again, it’s a stigmatized disease and maybe people feel even by stopping, it’s somehow indicating that they have some interest.”

Cridler has been involved in Global AIDS Awareness Day for eight years. While working in South Africa last summer, she found a group of AIDS-stricken people that made leads to support themselves.

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Alpha Sigma Sigma members are welcome to bring friends to events; however, none of the planned activities have been successful thus far.

Dry trips to the beach, concert trips and planned regular meetings are being scheduled for next quarter.

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The government is expected to start a new program, known as US­VISIT, Jan. 5 that will digitally pho­tograph and fingerprint millions of people who visit the United States each year on tourist, business and stu­dent visas. In August, the Homeland Security Department began operating a system to keep track of foreign stu­dents, ensuring they remain in school and are registered at legitimate insti­tutions.

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The high court issued changes in the death penalty laws of five states in 2002 because those states gave judges the final say, but the court did not make clear how its ruling should apply retrospectively to inmates already on death row.

Lower courts have divided over that question, which affects more than 120 death row inmates, and the Supreme Court has agreed to clear up the confusion.

CHICAGO — Boeing Co. chairman and chief executive Phil Condit has resigned, the aerospace giant said Monday in a surprise move that comes after a month of intense pressure for him to exit.

Condit, 62, said he was resigned to "put the distractions and controversies of the past year behind us."

Company spokesman JohnDem盆t insisted that Condit "wasn't fired.

DENVER — In a decision that has national implications, the Colorado Supreme Court threw out the state's new congressional redistricting plan Monday in a surprise ruling that leaves lawmakers to agree on a new one.

The General Assembly is required to redraw the maps only after each census and before the national election. A similar court battle is being waged in Texas.

Under the ruling, Colorado's seven congressional districts revert to boundaries drawn by a Denver judge last year after lawmakers failed to agree.

RENO. Nev. — The Sierra Safari Zoo is rapidly running out of money and may be forced to sell animals if additional funds to feed them aren't raised this month, zoo director Michael Baggett said Monday.

"Every year the zoo grows. Every year, there are more mouths to feed, which makes it more of a crisis," he told the Reno Gazette-Journal.

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Besides, students who order a pricey beer would have to use their last dollar to buy it.

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Analysis: Crackdowns on illegal workers are rare

By Justin Pritchard

When federal agents swept into Wal-Marts across the country and arrested 245 floor cleaners, they were receiving an increasingly rare practice: Police and economics waned the federal government from workplace crackdowns of illegal employees years ago. The government has busted steadily fewer employers and arrested fewer illegal employees since the late 1990s, according to federal immigration data.

Immigration officials often attribute the marked decline in workplace enforcement to a new focus on national security, saying that agents who once raided restaurant kitchens and construction sites have been reassigned to airports and nuclear plants. But in fact the decline began four years before Sept. 11, 2001, as the rhetoric economy drew foreign nationals into bottom-rung jobs. Americans wouldn't take, and as federal immigration policy-makers focused on deporting criminals and fortifying the U.S.-Mexican border.

The Wal-Mart raids, which took place Oct. 21 and netted nearly 900 employers of cleaning subcontractors, are a prominent example. Garrison Courtney, a spokesman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, also notes that agents hit 15 convenience stores last month in Northern California, arresting 11 foreign-born workers.

But raids on mom-and-pop shops are now less common, in part because investigators use subtler techniques such as cross-referencing employer records with federal databases to reveal concentrations of illegal workers, Courtney said.

Immigration data do show that in recent years a growing number of criminal cases are completed, and closed cases are increasingly likely to end with successful prosecutions.

Still, the fraction of businesses hiring undocumented workers that pay any penalty in minute.

Workplace raids are not an active concern for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and national associations representing restaurants, small businesses and national employers.

"It's a wink and a nod. We recognize that the work force is needed and that undocumented workers displace U.S. workers," said Joe Greene, the federal agent now in charge of workplace enforcement, and grew tired of reading that the work force is needed and that undocumented workers displace U.S. workers.

"They have not had any enduring effect on the labor force," said Wayne Cornelius, a University of California, San Diego immigration expert.

"The question we were asking ourselves internally was, "What impact are we having on the problem?"" asked Greene. ICE's deputy assistant director for investigations.

The new priority has been to focus federal efforts on worker smuggling, sweatshop exploitation and instances in which undocumented workers displace U.S. workers.

The current Wal-Mart case capped a five-year investigation and fits that set-on-example approach.

The government is asking a federal grand jury to find that Wal-Mart knew the crews of mainly Eastern European workers had invalid work papers. Corporate officials say they had no idea the workers were illegal and that document checking was the subcontractor's job.

That argument helped Tyson Foods beat federal charges that the poultry giant conspired to recruit undocumented Hispanics to work at chicken processing plants in nine states.

It can be politically hazardous to climb the economic pyramid and go after more established firms or industries. Cases with impact necessarily strike at major companies, which have influence, and in several high-profile cases congressional pressure helped employers detail enforcement.

In 1999, immigration officials targeted Nebraska meatpacking plants in Operation Vanguard, which was meant to be an example to other employers. Immigration agents had checked thousands of employment forms and identified hundreds of workers they thought might be illegal.

The resulting workplace enforcement was more notable for the economic disruption it caused than the arrests. Nebraska's political leaders exhorted the government to back off, complaining that production had fallen sharply as the plants' workers melted away.
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**Come on in, the water's fine**

*Cartoon Network's nightly Adult Swim gives big kids the chance to play*

By Graham Womack

One of the more unconventional shows on one of the more unconventional network lineups on television certainly doesn't feature conventional writers. "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," writers Matt Maiellaro and David Willis each hail from the South, watch little television and that features an anthropomorphic talking milkshake, a box of French fries and a wad of meat.

It's a growing hit, just like many of the shows on Cartoon Network's Adult Swim lineup, broadcast Sunday through Thursday between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m., from Fox. The shows diverge from the usual Cartoon Network fare featuring darker, edgier humor on shows aimed at male viewers aged 18 to 24. "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," is a case of Maiellaro and Willis not wanting to write a typical show. Their characters spout random lines. Story settings change between the inner city and the moon within single episodes. Endings never wrap up story lines either.

"We didn't want to kill off any of our villains," Maiellaro said. "Plus, I think it's cool not to have any resolution." Before Adult Swim, only "Space Ghost," which Maiellaro and Willis wrote for, existed. The writers stumbled onto the idea for "Aqua Teen" in 1999 after pitching an episode of Space Ghost that exceeded that show's view-ership quota. The episode premise was that Space Ghost goes to Disney World and visits a hamburger stand manned by Willie Nelson. When Space Ghost buys 20 hamburgers and refuses to pay, Nelson calls in a force consisting of the milkshake, fries and meat.

The pitch bombed, but Willis and Maiellaro were intrigued, liking the characters in their own right. With other Adult Swim shows in development at that point, the writers named their characters Master Shake, Frylock and Meatwad and drew a house for them to share in New Jersey.

Maiellaro and Willis then set about creating their show. The characters evolved somewhat. Willis lends his voice to Meatwad, who became a dim-witted, selfish oaf. Willis and Maiellaro held 12 fruitless auditions before a friend in New York recommended an actor he knew. The man called and blew the writers away by talking in his normal voice. "He's kind of like a 75-year-old man trapped in a 28-year-old body," Willis said.

Over the two years that the show has been around, plots have taken the characters through various scenes of turmoil. Meatwad has landed in jail at the hands of moon invaders, Shake has been charged with crimes against the environment by the Environmental Protection Agency and Frylock has created a super computer.

The show has also caught on with viewers, sticking out among other shows on Adult Swim. "Generally, I like 'Aqua Teen' the most..." said Chris Cunningham, a psychology and international relations junior at the University of Southern California. "Its randomness is great."

Not everyone likes the show's sense of humor. "It's just retarded," Cal Poly electrical engineering junior Jason Ketin said. "...The humor in it, I don't like and each time I watch it I feel like I get a little dumber. Something that is written on the lines of comedy and doesn't make you laugh out loud, but rather do a sarcastic 'ha ha ha' every five minutes, shouldn't be allowed on TV. But everyone has a different sense of humor."

Still, Cunningham praised "Aqua Teen," especially compared to the fare seen on other shows, like "Space Ghost." "Sometimes it gets too random," Cunningham said. "(Aqua Teen?) is a good mix."

Maiellaro said he heard Fox may start running original episodes of "Family Guy" again, but for now, it sounds like "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" and the rest of Adult Swim will stay on Cartoon Network. "I'd be fun if there was an entire network," Maiellaro said.

Cunningham looks at it differently, though. "I think it's OK as is." Cunningham said, "It's a good late night thing... makes for good cult TV."
"Bad Santa" — aptly named, it seems — wasn’t the typical heartwarming Christmas tale that seems to materialize every holiday season. Sex, bad language and violence are not often a part of the holiday season, but in this movie they run rampant.

For those of you who don’t mind vulgarity and are still reading, the premise follows two crooks, Willie T. Stokes (Billy Bob Thornton) and his manager (Tony Cox), who spend every Christmas season setting up heists to rob big name department stores after the shopping rush. Stokes poses as Santa, and the primary reason the pair get the good jobs at high end stores is because Marcus, Santa’s manager, is a little person and fits perfectly as the head elf at the work shop.

Although not everyone is taken with the holiday spirit, this movie does a lot to support those bah humbuggers out there. Stokes and Marcus end up taking advantage of a child and his senile grandmother (Cloris Leachman), staying with the makeshift family for the days leading up to Christmas.

Stokes does come up with a pes­sisted portion of redemption toward the close of the movie, but don’t worry — it isn’t nearly enough to give you warm fuzzies. Stokes is an alcoholic and has some obvious womanizing issues. He finds his match in love interest Sue (Lauren Graham), who has a Santa fetish — enough said. The sex scenes in the film were a little much, especially watching Santa have sex with a larger lady in a public restroom at the mall.

While the role is vulgar, Thornton does a better job than his last performance in “Bandits,” since that was hard to top. He is the only thing that saves this movie from being a boring Home Alone spin off. The shock value eventually wears off, but his approach never misses.

Bernie Mac and John Ritter have small parts that deliver little, further showing that no one in this movie really poses a challenge to Thornton’s character. The talent these two men, as well as Leachman, possess could have been put to much better use.

Director Terry Zwigoff follows up Ghost World with a decent job on Bad Santa, especially with a script that could use some humor. I must ask if writers John Requa and Glenn Ficarra read over the script before completing it, or if they meant to employ the same old jokes again. This may have been an attempt at humor, but for me it got old real fast.

If you are looking for some crude holiday humor than this is a safe, if repetitive, bet. There are a several great movies out right now and holiday movies don’t always measure up, but if you are into the Christmas spirit, there are better flicks out there that you don’t have to pay about seven bucks to see. Try “A Christmas Story,” it plays about eight times a day on TBS.

The one redeeming factor: it never gets old seeing a guy have sex in a Santa suit. Like I said, not one for the children.
Gay marriage is a matter of civil rights

People are scared of things that aren't exactly replicas of themselves. The Irish found this out when immigrating to America, as did the Chinese, Japanese, Italian and countless others. Gay marriage is no different because they were seen as different. American history is filled with instances of intolerance and enmity to those perceived as strange. Each generation has had their fight against inequality, in the end always establishing civil rights. The current generation is faced with its battle: whether the nation decide for the issue of gay marriage. There is an important distinction to the issue when dealing with gay marriage, and religion consistently makes this area foggy. Legalizing gay marriage does not mean that the perspective of civil rights, equality and what that means for the future. We need to be able to look at the situation realistically and plan accordingly. Our generation has paid into social security and likely will for some time, but we are being told that by the time we are ready to retire there will be nothing left for us. Whether or not this is fair, it is something that must be addressed. This is our responsibility as citizens. We need to be able to look at the situation realistically and plan accordingly.

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Opinion

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A union strike raises the specter and the contentious controversy over the potential to encounter labor protesters outside of their local Vons supermarket. How about being realistic during the holiday season?

What exactly this entails is unclear, and how each reactor reacts to these protests probably depends more on what mood they're in that day than how much they understand the demands of these ostensibly unappreciative laborers.

Call me Grinch, but I don't want to listen to it anymore. It's not computer and with the plight of countless working laborers, nor do I care to delve into the details of their irrational complaints. They bore me and have little affect on my mood.

I don't sympathize with the plight of seemingly privileged laborers, nor do I care to delve into the details of their irrational complaints.

I have watched a dear friend smoke herself to death because of her inability to face up to her addiction by deluding herself that she chose to smoke. The first part of overcoming an addiction is by first recognizing that you have one and then formulating a plan as to how you are going to overcome it.

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Schilling fills the Red Sox's need for a top starter who remains strong as the innings go by. The next one, a quality closer, with free agent Keith Foulke at the top of the list.

"This season has its own challenges," Epstein said. "And "we've only started to address them." After being named general manager on Nov. 25, 2002, Epstein added Bill Mueller, David Ortiz, Kevin Millar and Todd Walker to a lineup that already had Nomar Garciaparra and Manny Ramirez. Mueller led the American League in batting, and Boston set a major league record with a 491 slugging percentage.

But the Red Sox's 4-8 ERA was just eighth in the league, and only three of the 14 AL teams had fewer than their 36 saves. The pitcher responsible for 16 of them, Bryson Hyan, appears headed for the starting rotation.

Foulke's AL-high 43 saves were more than the entire Red Sox team had, but he was decide to remain with Oakland. He visited Boston last week and attended a Boston Celtics game last Monday night with Epstein.

As a backup plan, the Red Sox could pursue free agent Keith Foulke at the top of the list.

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Boston building a better baseball future
Living a dream: A day spent with Dick Vitale

By By Shane Mctitlen
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LAWRENCE, Kan. — It's Tuesday. Nov. 25, and Dick Vitale, the world's most famous college basketball analyst, is deaf and dumb in the Kansas Union. It's 11:45 a.m. and Vitale is in town to work the Kansas-Missouri State men's basketball game that night.

But first, he has a date at the bookstore, signing his latest book, "Living a Dream:"

It doesn't take long to figure out the title isn't a misnomer. Entering his 25th season on ESPN, the man has an unfilled schedule.

He has experience as a former coach at Detroit University and with the NBA's Patrons, giving him as much credibility as any other sportscaster. But it's his unique devotion, unbooted to the readers of broadcasting, which sets him apart. He also brings him credit, which he takes in stride, today the credit is almost exclusively adoring fans. Vitale is a celebrity everywhere he goes. He is not a country and especially in Lawrence, Kans., where college basketball is king.

On siting fans form a line that starts near the back of the roof and winds around the book shelves to the cash register.

He was happy to get their books signed. But they also have come to find out what the real "Dick Vitale" is like.

"They've seen him on television sporting superlatives and 'Vitalisms.' They find out that Dick Vitale, as he is called, is unfeatureless and that he is not on his on-camera persona, Dickie V., but not quite the same.

The Vitale scene is his mid-day at the bookstore is just as enthusiastic about college basketball, but is a toned down version of what millions of vitators worldwide see on ESPN.

He doesn't even utter his trademark "baby" until 23 minutes into the book signing, and that was only after being prompted by a woman who couldn't leave without hearing him in person.

"He's not as loud in daily life," said Andy Katz, one of Vitale's colleagues and Vitale is a fan of other sports. DC Santa Barbara is

"It's like this everywhere we go," says after the fall season.

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