**SPAM guard to filter Poly e-mail**

By Randi Block

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

Thanks to the recent advent of a new "SPAM" rating system implemented in December, Cal Poly students can easily identify and control unsolicited e-mails in their school account.

Starting Monday, e-mails which the new rating engine finds to be "SPAM, a slang term for unsolicited commercial e-mail, will be identified in the student's mailbox by "spfSPAM" at the beginning of the subject line. Students will also be able to filter messages that are identified as such, so they do not appear in the mailbox.

Information Technology Services created this system in response to the growing problem of unsolicited e-mails in the school system.

"I have 14,000 junk e-mails unread in my account," business senior Jared Emmons said. "I'm not going to go through and delete them all, so I've stopped using the account."

The rating system has a sensitivity level that can be set between one, which is extremely strict, and 100 which is the most lenient.

The system is currently set at 50. At this level ITS can identify 33 percent of all incoming mail as SPAM. The level is fairly lenient to ensure that legitimate mail will be sent without problems. The system is flexible and can be set according to users' needs.

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Wesenthal and Bergall will test the reliability of the chairs on the students. "The students must use the chairs in class for the whole quarter," Wesenthal said. "They'll have to be built to last."

The competition is sponsored by San Luis Paper Company, which provided the materials. The chairs will be on display in the architecture department's gallery (Room 105) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and the college encourages all to attend. The chairs will be available for the public to sit in during the exhibition, and anyone see CHAIRS, page 2

**PROPAGANDA! Cuban posters on display**

By Ashlee Bodenhamer

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Artifact depicting Che Guevara and other revolutionaries will highlight the University Art Gallery in a collection of Cuban posters from the 1950s to 1990s. Titled "PROPAGANDA! Cuban Political and Film Posters," the exhibition opens today and kicks off at 6 p.m. with a slide presentation by Cuban-born graphic designer and archivist Lincoln Cushing.

The exhibit, on loan from New York's American Institute of Graphic Arts, is the senior project of art and design student Nina Salomon, and will also feature a film on Fidel Castro. Salomon selected this collection to learn more about Cuba.

"I think Cuba has made a huge effect on the world for being such a small country," Salomon said.

Salomon, who knows a lot of people with connections to Cuba, said their stories are not in line with what's printed in the press. "I feel like it's very important to get both sides of every story, and I hear a lot of just the negative side. I wanted to know the other side."

Salomon said she doesn't agree with the show's title, which was chosen by AIGA. "That's why she selected Cashing to speak at the exhibit's opening."

"It will bring more about how Cuba actually encouraged the artists to produce these pieces," Salomon said. "The general perspective from the United States is always negative, and she wanted to bring another perspective."

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Target of the new rating system is to correctly identify 66 percent of SPAM. It's warns that the day after a long break is often the heaviest day of e-mail traffic, so more SPAM could find its way through the system during these times. However, they plan to continue to improve the system as they run analysis to survey the rating system's effectiveness.

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**Man offered degrees from Columbia State University**

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — A 75-year-old man agreed to plead guilty to mail fraud for running a "diploma mill" offering degrees from nonexistent Columbia State University.

Ronald Pellar, owner and operator of the bogus correspondence school, agreed Monday to enter the pleas to nine counts that could have led to a $1 million fine and up to 20 years in prison.

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National Roundup

WASHINGTON — Former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, embroiled in a dispute with the White House over his harsh criticism of President Bush's leadership style, denied Tuesday that classified documents were used in a new tell-all book about his two years in the administration.

Reacting to an announcement by the Treasury Department that it was launching an inspector general's investigation into how an agency document-stamped "secret" wound up being used in his interview Sunday night on the CBS program "60 Minutes," O'Neill said, "The truth is, I didn't take any documents at all."

BOCA RATON, Fla. — A consulting firm run by former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani plans to create a decontamination business that will be headquartered in the former supermarket chain's building targeted (in one of the anthrax attacks two years ago).

Giuliani Partners will join with Safe Technologies Services, the company that decontaminated two post offices and a Stonewall Building after anthrax attacks in Washington, to form a new company called Bio-One, which will market expertise in decontaminating methods.

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that police may set up roadblocks to collect tips about crimes, rejecting concerns that authorities might use the checkpoints as "informational checkpoints." The 6-3 decision allows officers to block traffic and ask motorists for help in solving crimes. Critics have complained that authorities might misuse the power, disguising it as "informational checkpoints."

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — An Air Force Arabic translator accused of spying at the Guantanamo Bay military prison camp was arraigned Tuesday in a court-martial on espionage and other charges that could send him to prison for life.

Senior Airman Ahmad Al Halabi, 24, is accused of trying to deliver more than 180 written and e-mail messages from detainees at Guantamano Bay to Syria. The government says he stored the messages on his laptop and planned to carry them overseas. He's also accused of trying to deliver secret documents about prison camp operations and names and other personal information about detainees to Syria with "reason to believe it would he used to the injury of the United States or to the advantage of Syria," according to charging documents.

Associated Press

World Roundup

SYDNEY, Australia — Australia might buy U.S. missiles as part of the Bush administration's planned defense shield, the defense minister said Tuesday while acknowledging the plan could fuel a regional arms race.

The government announced in December that it would join the American plan to build a missile defense system, calling the threat of ballistic missiles too grave to ignore.

Details of that involvement were being hammered out with U.S. defense officials visiting Australia — one of Washington's staunchest allies — this week to negotiate a memorandum of understanding.

Defense Minister Robert Hill on Tuesday offered the first hint about the contents of the agreement being discussed, saying the government might incorporate the missile defense system on three air warfare destroyers planned for the Australian navy.

KABUL, Afghanistan — An American soldier returning from a patrol became the 100th fatality in the U.S. military's two-year Afghan campaign when his vehicle collided with a truck, highlighting the dangers facing U.S. forces in a war ruled by a ruthless Taliban insurgency.

The toll pales in comparison to the tally of American dead in Iraq, which is approaching 300. But it is still a sobering number in a force that is a small fraction of the size of the 150,000-member U.S. contingent in Iraq.

The U.S. military did not identify the soldier in a brief statement issued Monday. It said he was involved in an accident southwest of the Afghan capital Friday night and died of his injuries the next morning.

PARIS — The maker of Louis Vuitton handbags and Moet champagne won a court judgment Monday that orders investment bank Morgan Stanley to pay at least $38.5 million in damages for biased research that hurt LVMH's image and helped its rival Gucci.

The Paris commercial court said Morgan Stanley had "considerably prejudiced" LVMH and helped Gucci, its own client. It was the first major ruling by a European court on conflicts of interest between research and investment banking services.

TOKYO — As Japan prepares to send hundreds of troops to help rebuild Iraq, some U.S. officials hope the deployment marks a first step in drawing the staunch American ally into a more active role in U.S.-supported military operations.

Both administration and Pentagon officials would be happy to see Japan evolve into an ally like Australia, willing to commit its high-tech combat forces to coalition operations around the world, according to a Western diplomat in Tokyo, speaking Monday on the condition of anonymity.

Associated Press

College Roundup

CHICAGO — The average class size for undergraduate students at DePaul University saw a small increase for the Fall 2003 semester, marking continued efforts by the college to increase how many students are in a typical classroom while capitalizing on already existing resources.

The average class size rose less than one-half of a percent to 16.68 students for the Fall semester, which ended Jan. 12.

The university added a minute increase for the full-time teaching load in line with a similar three-degree increase made by non-tenured part-time classroom instructors.

University of Alabama System officials say they oppose a move to change Alabama's tax system through federal mandate.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs in a 21-year-old desegregation case asked U.S. District Judge Harold Murphy on Thursday to allow a full evidentiary hearing to consider whether Alabama's tax system as laid out in the state constitution is unconstitutional.

They contend that the tax structure, designed to keep property taxes low, discriminates against the state's poor residents, who are disproportionately black.

— University Wire

Missing Person

Vern Erno

Description: 82 years old, 5'07, 135, gray hair. Last seen wearing a green fleece jacket, olive green pants, tan shoes and a black wool hat.

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Bush allocates aid for quake zone

- Disaster declaration made for federal funding available for SLO County disaster relief

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Bush issued a disaster declaration Tuesday for the Central California region where a magnitude-6.5 earthquake caused an estimated $200 million in damage and killed two people on Dec. 22.

Bush declared a disaster in Monterey, Mexico, where he was attending a summit, makes federal funding available to supplement state and local recovery efforts in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties, the White House press office said.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger asked for the federal declaration last week.

The action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in San Luis Obispo County, including grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding also is available to the state and eligible local governments on a cost-sharing basis for repair or replacement of damaged public facilities in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.

Funding is also available on a cost-share basis for hazard mitigation measures, the White House said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said additional designations may be made later if requested by the state and shown to be warranted by damage assessments.

Canada eligible in Iraq construction contracts

By Deb Riechmann
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTERREY, Mexico — President Bush, seeking to mend relations with America’s northern neighbor, said Tuesday that Canada will be eligible for a second round of U.S.-funded reconstruction contracts in Iraq that the administration valued at about $4.5 billion.

In a breakfast meeting with new Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin, Bush said he had told Martin of the shift in policy. Martin “understands the stakes” in rebuilding a free and peaceful Iraq, Bush said.

It was Bush’s second fence-mending session in two days. On Monday, Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox stated that he would “win by a knockout” in his summit talk. Bush is continuing his hardline stance against Fidel Castro’s prisons,” Bush said.

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Burton’s ‘Fish’ story twists tall, heart-warming tales

By Lindsay Barnes
THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH COLLEGE)

HANOVER, N.H. — Ever since its initial release in 1970, “Let It Be” has been something of a bastard child in the context of the rest of the Beatles' catalogue. In spite of being made up of some of the Beatles' best songs, like the title track and “Across the Universe,” its origins and abandonment by its creators made it illegitimate in the minds of many critics and fans.

Initially conceived as a compilation album and film project called “Get Back,” the work was to feature the world’s greatest band getting back to its stripped down rock ‘n’ roll roots. But, for reasons too immaterial to mention here, the album was put on hold and eventually abandoned altogether. While the Beatles would go on to make “Abbey Road” as their swan song together, the beat takes on “Get Back” sessions were pieced together by Phil Spector, among others.

The result is an album that is vastly different from the original. The track order is wholly different, two songs were removed in favor of one new one and all of Phil Spector’s orchestrations are gone. The great musical moments that existed on the original LP, though, have been preserved. Now, thanks to modern technology, they sound clearer and better than ever, even if they are differently sequenced.

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Billy Crudup plays William Bloom, a man who searches for the truth about his father Edward's past. Even as his father (Albert Finney) lies on his deathbed, he still tells outrageous tales of the unbelievable adventures he had early in his life. Burton is the proverbial big fish in the small pond of Hollywood. But the film, with this, finally breaks through and connects his elaborate imagination with a realistic plot.

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Note to readers: This photo essay is a compilation of pictures taken by a Cal Poly student while traveling abroad. Look for more student adventures in future issues.

Three hours of preflight inspection, endless lines and a forest of smug faces staring into the chaos of LAX in December. The chaos faded and the smug faces blurred as the sedatives kicked in. And when I opened my eyes, I was warmly welcomed to the other side of the world.

New Zealand is comprised of a group of islands southeast of Australia. Although New Zealand consists of many islands, the north and south islands are populated while the other islands are reserved mostly for tourist expeditions with very few inhabitants. The total area of it is 268,680 square kilometers, which would equate to about the size of Colorado. Almost 4 million people live in New Zealand, according to the last census. Wellington is the southernmost national capital in the world, although half the country lives around Auckland, another major city.

I discovered a land completely contrasted to the concrete jungle I'd left. Harmony is to New Zealand what smog is to Los Angeles. There are hardly any spiders and no snakes, which would explain how a tiny flightless bird, the Kiwi, could prosper for so many years. The harmony found in the natural landscape spills over into the communities and cities of New Zealand, making it the friendliest place of the 11 countries I have visited.

My 16-day adventure around the south island was spent with my entire family in a RV camper van. As awful as that sounds, it was leaving the cluttered RV and exploring massive fjords in the Doubtful Sound, admiring the plentiful sea life of Kaikoura and taking a private sunset cruise on a 42-foot sailboat in Nelson that made the trip an experience I will not forget.
River and Bridge- Between Franz Josef Glacier and Lake Wanaka lies Haast Pass. The slow moving river looks enticing, but the water is just a little above freezing. This is in the southern part of the south island.

Seal- This seal was lying on the path to the Moeraki Boulders.

Cross- On a tombstone in a graveyard in Greymouth on the west side of the south island. Many grave sites have elaborate tombstones.

Whale- A sperm whale — the fourth largest animal species in the world — about to make a deep dive in search of giant squid in Kaikoura. Kaikoura is famous for its deep ocean trench just a couple of miles from shore. The ocean valley brings an abundance of sea life to this area.

Clouds in Landscape- The Banks Peninsula. The first Maori name for New Zealand was "Land of the Long White Cloud.”

If you are interested in publishing your adventures abroad, please contact Brooke Finan @ Mustang Daily, bfinan@calpoly.edu
It's time to turn off Sesame Street

When you open your window on a sunny Saturday afternoon, what do you hear? Bird chirping! Children laughing? Odds are you'll hear only the birds. As children spend more time indoors watching television and playing video games, their physical activity level has decreased. During children's programs, 95 percent of the advertisements are for fast food, sugary cereals, soda and candy.

Childhood obesity is now an epidemic in the United States. One child in five is overweight. With this extreme increase of overweight children visiting doctor's offices for adult health problems like high cholesterol, it is time we all start changing routines in our own homes.

Children and teens, 8 to 16 years old, watch three to five hours of television a day. Parents should limit TV and computer time and enforce outdoor play and more intellectual activities like reading and arts and crafts. Too often society blames the media for what children are doing, but the reason is that the children themselves have no idea how to do anything else. While there is no doubt that genetics play a role, genes alone can't account for the doubling in number of overweight children since 1980. The athletes are the same as adult obesity; eating too much and moving around too little.

Child advocates with organizations like Commercial Alert are targeting children's television shows including "Sesame Street" asking them not to advertise for unhealthy food items during the program. In a letter written to the president and chief executive of Sesame Workshop, advocates ask, "Is it really the proper role of "Sesame Street" to seduce young children to nag their parents for adult health problems like high cholesterol?"

Advertising works like supply and demand. If there isn't a demand for a product, they aren't going to advertise for it. Before parents start blaming the media for their overweight children, maybe they should turn their fingers around and point at themselves. It's not as though these elementary-aged children are driving themselves to McDonald's and paying for it.

If parents aren't setting an example of a healthy lifestyle, how can their children learn the importance of nutrition? Parents shouldn't buy the sodas and the sugary cereals for their kids. If the school cafeteria doesn't offer healthy nutritional food, parents should take the time to pack their child a lunch.

Parents need to teach their children the concept of moderation and that a cheeseburger and French fries every day in school is not going to do their child any good. It's OK to treat yourself as long as you aren't eating at McDonalds every week.

The space program is expensive. In 1989, the 20th anniversary of the first moon landing, George Bush Sr. wanted Congress to approve a $520 billion budget for space exploration. President George W. Bush's space dreams are expensive, too. It was estimated to cost $30 billion to send a mission to Mars in 10 years and establish a permanent colony on the moon.

The supposed idea is to bring pets and owners together, but the BowLingual just gives them something to play with instead of their pet. If people really want to increase their Man's Best Friend Score, they should take their dog to the park, not hook them up to an electronic device.

The one good thing about BowLingual is that it is not currently available for cats. Cat people are crazy enough already.

The creators of BowLingual want people to use the product as feedback about how happy their dog is. If owners get a low score, they can work to make their dog happier and then check the score again to see if they improved.

The supposed idea is to bring pets and owners together, but this goal will not be achieved. People are easily distracted, and the BowLingual just gives them something to play with instead of their pet.
On this country would a man go to jail over doughnuts. You read correctly — doughnuts. I mean, sure, I understand arresting crack dealers and putting away a doughnut salesman. That's a new low.

Here's the story, according to the RBC Illinois resident Robert Lyon. He was sentenced to 15 months in jail after regexpgoung regular doughnuts as "low fat." Naturally, dentists were onto these goodies faster than a fat kid onto a frosted cupcake. Lyon, legally illegal, died almost by accident. An interview with the Southern Union Leader newspaper, Wesley Clark enthused by FnuJo's final chapter. No matter what the reaction, the films make gixxl where it counts: at the Kix office.

Disagreement isn't hypocritical. Perhaps, the greatest shtirtcoming of American democracy is that we so often view politics in such polar terms that lend themselves much more to bickering than to productively constructive discussion. But if, in your goal to emulate Bill O'Reilly, you're doing a great job.

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Death by powdered sugar

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Outdo 2003

The entertainment world certainly gave the rest of the world plenty to think about in 2003. Reality television seemed stronger than ever. The film industry gave us the conclusion of two of the most highly regarded trilogies since "The Godfather:" "Shrek" and, of course, "The Lord of the Rings." The end of an era looms on the horizon as the rings go to the movies. As for the year in music, we lost that great music icon who has bedazzled all with delicious powdered sugar and cinnamon.

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Letters to the editor

Get to know your candidates

Editor,

Democratic candidate Wesley Clark is trying to gather liberal voters to his cause. In an interview with the Manchester Union Leader, Wesley Clark revealed to the world his radical views on abortion, "until the moment of birth, the government has no right to influence a mother's decision on whether to have an abortion.

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Editor,

"Wow, so if a person disagrees with you, Mr. Holby, than that person is a hypocrite? Take just a moment to carefully analyze your argument in "Media holds a racist double standard" (Jan. 13). Saying Martin Luther King and a Church's Fried Chicken in South Central is markedly worse than referring to Gandhi as a gas station attendant in St. Louis. Why? Well, for one thing, racist stereotypes have not traditionally associated people of Indian heritage with the selling of gasoline, nor with the midwest cities of St. Louis. Conversely, and I should not have to tell you this, South Central Los Angeles is a place populated, to a large degree, by African Americans. But, you've probably never been near there, so I'm dropping a little knowledge on you anyway. You may not be aware of this little fact either, but fried chicken has been unfairly attributed as an 'ethnic' food since the antebellum period. No such relationship exists between Indian people and gasoline, does it? If so, I've really missed something.

Rants like the one printed on Tuesday do very little to foster a true sense of democracy. Instead of painting American politics in such dichotomized notions of Democrat and Republican, wrong and right, etc., I'd like to offer the possibility that ideological labels are something better defined by the acts of individuals. Individuals need not adhere solely to conservative or liberal ideals, that one may hold beliefs belonging to neither or both of these traditional labels. Everyone with a voice has a chance to be heard.

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Doughnuts are one of the only foods whose consumption can actually cause you to physically resemble the product. I kid you not. Try the doughnut diet and see how fast you can look like a doughnut. You could model for Krispy Kreme. Lyon's packaging said that the doughnuts in question contained a fraction of the carbs and were "fat-coated." Right.

"Wow, honey, this coating tastes exactly like a Hamburger Hut. And my friends will still eat it for two too?" I'll never eat salad again.

The glaze on the pastry was actually chocolate, and the product (in truth) contained 18 grams of fat per serving. Again, I most reverently hope these doughnuts are that is a definitive oxymoron. It's like saying gravy and cardboard are physically symbiotic. That's a hard thing to hand.

I can't go a week without seeing an article asking why Americans have become so fat. Why are we so over-weighed? Why are we so unhealthy? Why do our nation's youth look stand-ins for the Pillsbury Doughboy?

I'll do everyone out there a favor and tell you all a little secret about why Americans are so fat. It's because we have an obsession with junk food to the point that we think something like a doughnut or baked (not fried, mind you) potato chips will automatically make us look like Cindy Crawford or Brad Pitt. OK, maybe doughnuts are a health food. I mean, if we dropped them over Ethiopia or Somalia we might just solve the problem of starvation.

Then again, if we dropped doughnut holes over Alabama, you'd see an entire state fall into the ocean, being unable to support the weight of its inhabitants. It's all too easy.

I also absolutely love that Lyon's story made it to the press. Sure, little kids are raped, raped, killed in drive-bye shootings and the whole of society is angered by the lying doughnut man.

This, undoubtedly, is a catastrophe of immeasurable scale.

But what do to with such lowlifes who would profit on our chub? Let him be sentenced to death by suffocation with delicious powdered sugar and cinnamon.

Yes, sadly, it has come to this.

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Group says teacher pay should be tied to student progress

By Ben Feller

WASHINGTON — In her 24th year of teaching, Brenda Parrish has a new reason for ensuring her students do well on standardized tests: Their scores will affect her pay raise.

If a new commission of government, business and education leaders has its way, all teachers will find a significant portion of their raises tied to progress by their students: Nationwide, salaries and raises are typically based on a teacher’s experience and education.

That system “does nothing to reward excellence for all teachers regardless of effort or performance, get the same automatic pay increases,” according to a new report by The Teaching Commission, a nonprofit group formed in 2003 to improve the public-teaching profession.

Parrish, who teaches eighth-grade math at Bell Street Middle School in Clinton, S.C., will have 20 percent of her review will be based on classroom evaluations, including her own, those of her students and their school principal. She says it seems fair. The commission’s recommendations also open the door to pay-for-performance, which Parrish says it seems fair.

The group also recommends an increase in base salary for all teachers to make the profession more attractive to new teachers, and for teachers in hard-to-staff schools or take on high-demand subjects.

Pay is just part of the picture. The commission’s suggestions also cover university education programs, state teacher licensing and the role of school principals in hiring.

Yet the salary ideas are likely to generate the most debate as the commission makes its case to governors, chief state school officers, the federal government and others.

Some school districts are experimenting with pay-for-performance, and the idea of incorporating student scores in some way seems to be coming of age as states refine their tests and standards, said Michael Allen of the Education Commission of the States.

But no district in the nation bases a significant portion of a teacher’s pay on student test-score gains. An additional 10 percent would be tied to the difference between test-score gains.

Test-score gains. An additional 10 percent will be based on test scores for their school, while the remaining 50 percent of her review will be based on classroom evaluations, including her ability to motivate students.

Parrish says it seems fair. The school, she says, has greatly expanded regular training for teachers, and the student evaluation is done in a way designed to minimize factors outside her control, such as whether a child comes from a poor home. Still, she nervous.

“I tell you, as many years as I’ve been in teaching, I’ve had good years and bad years,” she said, referring to both her own performance and some students’ progress. “There are years I’d like to do better, and years I’d like to do better, but on the other hand, it needs to be fair.”

The pay-for-performance idea is part of a compensation overhaul recommended by the commission, whose members include former IBM Chairman Louis Gerstner Jr., President Clinton’s Education Secretary Richard Riley and former first lady Barbara Bush.

The group also recommends an increase in base salary for all teachers to make the profession more competitive, new paths for teachers to boost their pay and responsibilities without leaving the field, and financial incentives for teachers to serve in hard-to-staff schools or take on high-demand subjects.

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Maddux, Pudge are best remaining

(AP) — Now that most of the top stars have signed, Greg Maddux and Ivan Rodriguez are the biggest names left on the free-agent market.

Maddux, a four-time Cy Young Award winner, has been talking with the Chicago Cubs, his original big league team. Following seven seasons with the Cubs, Maddux spent the last 11 years with the Atlanta Braves.

"We’re continuing to negotiate with about four, five teams," Maddux’s agent, Scott Boras, said Tuesday. "There’s a possibility some thing can happen this week, but a lot of Greg’s considerations involve meeting owners of clubs personally and he’s talking a very methodical approach to this."

It’s unclear what teams Rodriguez is talking to. After earning $10 million last year with Florida and leading the Marlins to the World Series title, the team let him go after he asked for a four-year deal.

"We’re talking to a couple of clubs," said Boras, who also represents the 10-time All-Star catcher. "We’re taking some headway.

Several players agreed to contracts Tuesday.

Center fielder Jay Payton, cut loose by the Colorado Rockies last month, agreed to a $5.5 million, two-year deal with the San Diego Padres. Payton hit .268 with 20 home runs and 83 RBIs but was non-tendered by Colorado.

"I’ve always been a big Jay Payton fan, going back to my scouting days," Padres general manager Kevin Towers said. "I turned him in higher than Nomar Garciaparra when they were at Georgia Tech. He was a better hitter than Nomar last year with Florida and lead the Marlins to the World Series title, the team let him go after he asked for a four-year deal."

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Catcher Greg Zaun agreed to a minor league contract with Montreal and would get a $500,000, one-year contract if he’s added to the Expos’ 40-man roster. Right-hander Rick Helling agreed to a minor league contract with Minnesota, and reliever Mike Williams agreed to a minor league deal with Tampa Bay.

Infielder Matt Franco agreed to a $750,000, one-year contract with the Lottes Marines of Japan’s Pacific League, who will be managed this season by Bobby Valentine.

Franco, 34, played for Valentine on the Chunichi Dragons in Japan from 1996 to 2000. Franco has a career average of .267 with 22 home runs and 117 RBIs in 661 games over eight Major League seasons.

He shared first base with Julio Franco and Robb Eck with the Braves last season, hitting .280 with three homers and 15 RBIs.

Kendall deal with Padres falls through

The long-discussed deal to send John Kendall from the Pirates to the San Diego Padres fell apart Tuesday — apparently because the Padres’ ownership balked at picking up the remaining $42 million of the pitcher’s contract.

Under a trade the two sides have worked on since last season, Kendall would have gotten Kendall for new acquired third baseman Jeff Keppinger and catcher Ramen Hernandez.

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**Busy weekend ahead for wrestling**

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The Cal Poly wrestling team, ranked No. 27 in the nation, returns to action Jan. 17, as they travel to UC Davis for the Aggies Open and a Pac-10 Conference dual meet at Cal State Bakersfield at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18. The Mustangs are now 4-4 overall, 2-0 in the Pac-10.

The Mustangs have four wrestlers ranked in the NCAA Division I Top-20. Vic Moreno is the highest ranked individual at seventh in the 195-pound division, is 15th in the country and second in the Pac-10 as he has compiled an overall record of 11-5. Ryan Hale is No. 15, ranked first in the Pac-10, Hale, Halsey and Moreno have defeated both of his opponents by pinfall in the first period. Halsey carried this momentum into the weekend as he wrestled and defeated the 2003 NCAA champion, No. 1 Jake Rosholt of Oklahoma State, 6-2, by decision. This was the second meet between the two wrestlers this season. They first met in the finals at 2003 Reno Tournament of Champions where Rosholt defeated Hale.

This victory was short-lived as Hale would fall to Justin Dyer of Oklahoma in a 9-2 decision the following day. Moreno, ranked No. 4 in the Pac-10, is currently on a seven-match winning streak dating back to the Arizona State Duals. Moreno was the only Mustang to go 4-0 last week, including a huge 7-3 win over Cody Stryi of Oklahoma State. Moreno averaged his 4-5 loss to Stryi in the 2003 Reno Tournament of Champions. He is 10-2 on the season.

Vasquez looked strong last week for the Mustangs going 2-1, including two matches that went into overtime. In a marathon matchup, Vasquez fell to No. 5 Johnny Thompson of Oklahoma State in overtime. The two were tied at 3-3 at the end of regulation. Thompson used a double leg takedown in sudden victory to notch the victory. Thompson averaged his 5-3 loss in finals at the Reno Tournament to Vasquez.

Vasquez would return to the mat the next day to defeat Oklahoma's Mimi Miller by a 4-3 decision in two overtime periods. After a 5-0 first period, Vasquez jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the second period scoring an escape and a takedown. In the third period, Miller would fight back, scoring an escape with 1:24 remaining and then a match-tying takedown with 0:02 remaining. With no scoring in the first overtime, Vasquez scored an escape in double overtime to take the match. He is now 18-4 overall, ranked No. 1 in the Pac-10.

The Mustangs will take to the road next weekend as they travel to Stanford on Jan. 23 and Jan. 24 to compete at the California Collegiate Tournament.

**Wrestling will travel to UC Davis and Cal State Bakersfield this weekend**

**Kobe out five games**

By John Nadel

Kobe Bryant joined Shaquille O'Neal and Karl Malone on the sidelines Tuesday, leaving Gary Payton as the only healthy Los Angeles Lakers superstar.

Bryant is expected to miss a maximum of two to three weeks with an injured right shoulder, the result of a collision with Cincinnati's Redick Brown on Monday night.

An MRI exam taken Tuesday confirmed Bryant sprained his surgically repaired shoulder.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson said Bryant won't need surgery, but will probably be placed on the injured list, meaning he'd have to sit out at least five games.

"I don't think there's any long-term effects to something like this," Jackson said.

It's also possible that Bryant could miss a game in February and two in March because of hearings regarding the sexual assault charge he faces in Colorado.

Bryant, the NBA's seventh-leading scorer with a 22.5-point average, was injured with 5.7 seconds left in the first quarter of an 89-79 victory over the Cavaliers when he faked Brown into the air outside the three-point line and Brown landed on Bryant's shoulder.

In obvious pain, Bryant made three free throws, but left the court and ended up at the locker room for X-rays, which were negative.

Because Bryant is a starter, he probably would miss more than five minutes in the second quarter, but was clearly not himself, running with his right arm hanging at his side. His only shot was a left-handed jumper from outside the foul line that didn't come close.

**Manning is the man for successful Colts**

By Barry Wilner

Associated Press

Before nearly every play, Peyton Manning barks instructions to his teammates. He waves and points. Pat a button on his hand, and he could be an orchestra conductor.

Sometimes it's just for effect, hoping to fool a linebacker or safety into thinking Manning is switching plays. Often, though, he is making a key adjustment that leads to a long gain or a score.

It might look like chaos, but all of Manning's movements and words help the Indianapolis Colts' offense run perfectly.

"Phenomenal," is how Colts coach Tony Dungy puts it. "He's putting us in the right situations on every play."

That could be an understatement. Manning is playing so well he's drawing comparisons to Super Bowl-winning quarterbacks like John Elway, Brett Favre and Steve Young.

After entering these playoffs with a 3-3 career postseason record, Manning has engineered two victories, leading his team to the AFC championship game.

"He's the man," former Colts quarterback, head coach Tony Dungy said. "It's something I take pride in."

Manning's cerebral approach to the game also has an impact on opponents. At times, Manning will appear to be calling audibles at the line of scrimmage, in fact he is not changing anything. But he gets the defense questioning itself, and that can be just as effective as a strong block.

Other times, he's changing everything he called because something he saw on film tipped him off to what the defense is planning.

"He studies the defenses really well," Patriots linebacker Willie McGinest said after New England held on to beat Indianapolis 38-34 in the regular season. "He just lines everybody up, and he looks and he reads. He calls the plays off of what he reads."

**UCSB game sold out**

Tickets for Saturday's men's basketball game versus UC Santa Barbara are sold out.

Mott Gym will be filled to its capacity of 3,000. Tickets for Saturday's game and Mustangs and Mustangs square off at 7 p.m.

Cal Poly beat UC Santa Barbara in the final home game of the season at last season's Mott match. That game was televised by Fox Sports Net.

The Mustangs face the Gauchos in the second round of the 2003 Big West Tournament on Saturday.

For more information or a preview of this Big West Conference game.