Athlete indicted for manslaughter

By Andra Coberly and Graham Wolmack

A Cal Poly baseball player was indicted on charges of manslaughter by a Honolulu grand jury Wednesday as the result of a 2001 car accident in Hawaii that killed a 58-year-old woman.

Business administration junior Nicholas Tudisco, who was 18 years old at the time of the accident, was charged after being accused of racing his 1999 Honda Prelude with another car, losing control and colliding with a Ford Aerostar van, killing teacher Elizabeth Kekoa on Aug. 26, 2001, according to grand jury returns.

Tudisco, a Honolulu native, made admissions to investigators that he had been racing. He was accused of driving at speeds of more than 100 mph in a 50 mph zone on the H-1 Freeway in Kaimuki, Hawaii.

Tudisco, whose bail was set at $100,000, will either voluntarily turn himself in or be extradited back to Hawaii. Executive assistant to the prosecutor Tom Fulton said he could receive up to 22 years in prison. A preliminary hearing will not be set until he is returned to officials in Hawaii.

Tudisco could face both athletic and academic repercussions at Cal Poly once administrators verify the charges against him, which could come as early as today, according to athletic director Allison Cone said.

“We have a department policy that says if you're accused of criminal misconduct, you may be suspended and that decision is made by the athletic director and the provost.” Cone said.

Cone learned of the charges from reporters at KCOY-TV, who called close to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Kekoa, who sat in the front seat while on her way to church, was in the van with her husband and mother, who were both injured in the accident. Tudisco was not hurt.

Initially, Tudisco was arrested on charges of suspicion of second-degree homicide, according to the Honolulu Advertiser. He was given a Breathalyzer test, which turned up negative. He was released without being charged, pending investigation.

Kekoa’s husband, Wally, has filed civil charges against Tudisco and his parents in March of 2002. The suit alleged that the driver was drunk.

Tax help available for students

By Randi Block

For students who no longer need to dread April, help is here. Those with an annual gross income less than $35,000 can utilize trained Cal Poly accounting seniors to help them fill out tax returns this year. The offer is free for anyone meeting the income requirement. After the necessary forms are completed, local certified tax preparers will also review the papers.

The program begins Saturday and will continue each subsequent Saturday through March 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the third-floor computer lab in the business building. No appointment is necessary, but people are asked to come by 2 p.m. to ensure everything will be completed in time. Parking is free on campus.

It is necessary to bring 2002 tax return forms and all tax-related forms from 2003, to the meeting. The students who are preparing the forms are experienced in accounting. They have taken an introductory tax course and one of the other two elective tax classes the school offers.

“If students have taken two classes see TAXES, page 2

Anxiety?

Professional and peer counselors are here to help

By JoAnn Sanders

Midterm? The fifth week of winter quarter means that the academic year is halfway finished; but before students can celebrate they must first get through another set of midterms. Sometimes coping with or trying to overcome the mid-year slump can be difficult. For that reason, and many more, Cal Poly has two resources on campus where students are welcomed daily to talk about their problems.

The Cal Poly Counseling Center and the Peer Health Education center offer professional and peer help for issues facing Cal Poly students.

Depending on the severity of their issues — alcohol or drug abuse, sex, depression or anxiety — a student has a choice to talk to students or professionals. The services are free to students and adhere to a strict rule of confidentiality.

Elle Axelrod, a Counseling Center psychologist of 20 years, said students come in the center for a variety of reasons, the most common relate to anxiety and depression. Causes include unhappiness with one’s major, relationships ending, communication problems or simply a susceptibility to depression.

Peer Health Education offers three different programs for students. The E.R.O.S. program which stands for Education Resources on Sexuality, gives presentations and educates students about different topics such as HIV/AIDS, contraception and sexually transmitted infections. In addition, there is a Nutrition Team, a Thoughtful Lifestyle Choices Team and a resource center known as A.S.K. Poly that provides student access to health and wellness information from computer software programs. Each program is student operated.

SPEECH communications senior and E.R.O.S. team coordinator Laura Dole has worked at the Peer Health Education center for the past year. Dole said she feels there is less pressure for students to come in to the counseling center or to see COUNSELING, page 2

Events Calendar

List of upcoming activities on campus

What: WITA Community Tax Service. Free income tax return preparation and assistance for low income taxpayers (gross income less than $35,000) provided by trained and qualified Cal Poly accounting seniors. When: Every Saturday, Jan. 31-March 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Where: Bldg. 3, Rooms 306 and 307. More Info: Call Janice Carr at 756-1488.

What: “Reflections,” The Cal Poly Orchesis Dance Company’s 34th annual show. Where: Orchesis Dance Company’s 34th annual show. When: Feb. 5 to 7, at 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. More Info: See www.mustangdaily.calpoly.edu


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What: Philosophy Speakers Forum. Professors from across the nation will speak as a philosophy forum. When: Friday, 12 p.m. Where: UU, Room 220. More Info: Call Ken Walker at 756-2811.
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Education center.
"You can't talk with someone who is a student and it's not that big of a deal," Eide said. "We get to go to the same school and are similar ages. We know what's going on in the world and in the times.

Traditional and professional counseling services are offered at Counseling Services, located in the Health Center. Counseling center offers "individual psychotherapy and counseling" from five trained counselors. Services are free to undergraduate or graduate students. Counseling Services often help for extreme crises or emergencies such as the death of loved ones.

R. Kelly can't visit Jackson, judge says

By Don Babwin

CHICAGO — R. Kelly won't be mingling with Michael Jackson during next week's court hearings in the singer's sex-abuse case.

Kelly, who is not expected to testify, had been granted a request to visit Jackson, who likely will testify as part of a $50 million divorce settlement. A judge ordered the R&B star, who is awaiting trial on child pornography charges, to stay away from the King of Pop, himself facing child molestation charges, when Kelly attends the hearing.

The Chicago-based Kelly has produced two songs for Jackson, the 1995 hit "You Are Not Alone" and last fall's "One More Chance." Kelly is nominated for two Grammys at the Feb. 8 ceremony and had to get a judge's permission to attend the Los Angeles event.

Jackson isn't expected to answer questions for any awards and there is no indication that he even plans to attend the ceremony.

Prosecutors and Kelly's lawyers said they never raised the issue of a meeting between Jackson and Kelly during a hearing this week about Kelly's trial. Cook County Circuit Court Judge Vincent Gaughan barred Jackson from the witness stand when Gaughan's lawyer, said the judge could not be reached for comment.

"We're just waiting to hear from the judge," Kelly's lawyer Edward Genson said Monday's ruling, first reported by the Chicago Sun-Times on Tuesday, could result in a new round of hearings.

"What's the situation if someone makes an order not to see someone he didn't want to see in the first place?" Genson asked.

Kelly, already a Grammy winner, is nominated for best contemporary R&B album for his double-platinum album "Chocolate Factory" and best male R&B performance.

Kelly was arrested in June 2002 after a videotape surfaced that allegedly showed him having sex with an underage girl. He fled the charges alleged in a 21-count indictment.

Jackson has pleaded innocent to seven counts of performing lewd or lascivious acts on a child under 14 and two counts of administering an intoxicating agent, reportedly wine.

He was arrested in November.

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Rafael Mozart will be the focus of lectures, recital; composer Maurice Ravel and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart will be the focus of a lecture-recital by Cal Poly music faculty member Katherine Arushan, soprano, and staff accompanist Rudolfas Budginas, piano.

Friday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m.

H.P. Davidson Music Center
More Info: Call John Lloyd at 756-1511.

What: Wilderness Safety Class. Poly students is hosting the Wilderness Medical Institute to present a wilderness survival and first-aid course. Cost is $110 for students.

What: Student Piano Recital Event is free and open to the public.

When: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Where: H.P. Davidson Music Center
More Info: Call Michele Abba at 756-2406.

What: Vocal Recital French and Italian Music. Katherine Arushan, soprano, will present a vocal recital of French and Italian music. She will be joined by Rudolfas Budginas, piano.

When: Feb. 16, 7 p.m.

Where: University Union
More Info: Call Poly Escapes at 756-1287.

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A federal judge in Anchorage ordered Exxon Mobil Corp. on Wednesday to pay $56.7 billion in punitive damages and interest to thousands of fishermen and others affected by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

"We have now closed the trial court doors for the last time in this litigation after 15 years," said David Chestnut, lead attorneys for the plaintiffs. "We're definitely on track to end the entire dispute." In Wednesday's ruling, U.S. District Judge Russell Holland ordered Exxon to pay $56.7 billion in punitive damages and about $2.1 billion in interest.

The money is to go to 32,000 fishermen, Alaska Native, landowners, small businesses and municipalities affected by the nearly 11 million gallon spill in Prince William Sound.

DENVER — A bloncboomert is under way as Americans look for a Atkins-diet-friendly and maid-conceal alternative to beef.

Although the beef industry is a baby when it comes to US meat production, there are signs of heightened interest at pork producers who go on a test 1990 dump bought by an owner of a restaurant.

(A good indicator of the boom in the US pork industry is the US Meat Packers, a national chain of 18 restaurants co-founded by the 36 men and women back owner Ted Turner. The chain is expected to double in size by the end of the year.

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is asking Congress for $760 million next year to reduce the risk of wildfires by thinning forests "for the amount treated in 2000, when a record 8 million acres of forest land burned."

Lagos, Nigeria — North Korea has agreed to share missile technology with Nigeria, the Nigerian government said Wednesday — a deal that would take the secretive communist nation's missile business to sub-Saharan Africa.

Nigeria, the continent's most populous nation and West Africa's military giant, would join Libya, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and Syria among countries reported to have received North Korea's help with either missiles or missile technology.

North Korea which is not at war or under any known threat from other countries, said any missile help would be used for "peacekeeping" and to protect its territory. It said it was not seeking nuclear technology or weapons of mass destruction.

LONDON — A judge cleared Prime Minister Tony Blair's administration Wednesday of any direct involvement in the suicide of a government expert on Iraqi weapons, but criticized the BBC for its reporting of the scandal that shook the British leadership.

The chairman of the British Broadcasting Corp.'s board of governors resigned after an independent inquiry issued a report Wednesday of any direct involvement in the suicide of a government expert on Iraqi weapons, but criticized the BBC for its reporting of the scandal that shook the British leadership.

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Aiken, S.C. — Soul singer James Brown was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving on a suspended license and violating a restraining order.

Brown, 70, was charged with criminal domestic violence and was to remain jailed until a bond hearing Thursday morning. Aiken County sheriff's spokesman Lt. Michael Funk said.

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The gift of a promise ring, or pre-engagement "ball and chain," implies that love between two people will last a lifetime. Eventually, the ring becomes a symbol of the memory of monogamy for a hot hook-up. The ring gives the impression that their uncertain future will no longer be plagued by the search for Britney Spears look-alikes.

But some people think the promise ring is like evidence in a trial — necessary to prove the jury he is, in fact, love. Katie Schiller is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

"I've been more than nine months since military operations commenced in Iraq to the initial Saddam Hussein. Saddam was targeted in order to control the weapons of mass destruction, which he was purportedly using to manufacture biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons. In those nine months, United States and British forces have found little if any evidence of weapons of mass destruction or manufacturing facilities for them."

"If these qualities exist outside of the ring, there's no point making the problem disappear." This novel approach is cheaper than a ring and be superfluous. Although diamonds are measured in carats, one can't wear jewelry.

"Promising to a woman is like a warning bell. Stewart, known for her self-named magazine and TV show "Martha Stewart Living," will be going on trial for her naughty behavior. On June 4, Stewart was charged with crimes concerning the sale of close to 4,000 shares of ImClone Systems stock the day before the company began to plummet, according to CNN.com.

Stewart's house and home teaching1 began when her first book, "Entertaining," was published in 1982. Before that, she lived in her home-down-size2; she was not established woman working on Wall Street for 15 years. But she grew tired of the stress of the area and moved to a farm in Connecticut and launched a catering business. After the book, big things came her way such as3 a stint as a Knott spokesperson, a magazine, a TV show and a spot on the New York Stock Exchange, which listed her name. This summer, Stewart sadly stepped down from her position as CEO of Martha Stewart Omnimedia as a result of her indictment but still remains on the board as chief creative officer. But let's be real here, the company is run by her and everything she's accomplished. I don't think the title of creative\ serious
crimes of Stewart. Stewart has pleaded not guilty to all changes, which include obstructing justice and securities fraud. According to CNN.com, Judge Miriam Goldman is placed restrictions on Stewart's defense arguments, which do not limit Stewart's team. It's bad enough that a tax for this case was found and because of its publicity in the media.

"The thought of Stewart behind bars is completely novel. The irony of America's most well-known home decorator living in a prison cell is no doubt Hamas. I can almost completely in Stewart making her course meal for Andrew Fastow (former Enron CEO), John Rigas (Adelphia founder) and sons, and Sam Waksal while reaching them to see the perfect pastel dresses to both cover up those dreadful prison bars and keep the noise from the inmates out. However, the chances of Stewart actually doing time don't seem high. Celebrities are lucky when it comes to legal cases. Their status helps them get off or get a plea bargain. But with Martha case, this is not the case."
Reality television goes too far with "Amish in the City"

I predict that in the near future we are going to see a reality television series called, "Watch America's Bachelor Get Up and Scat His Butt." This unique and interesting series is going to be a hit because millions of viewers will want to watch it and say, "Geez, at least I am not scratching my butt like that bachelor on TV!"

Really, who is the audience for this program? America loves watching the unfortunate predicaments of others. This means, we will love watching the contestants on "Fear Factor" eat cow dung. We tune in every week to see if the beautifully superficial Lattis is going to pick the obvious choice hunk or the unfortunate Joe who doesn't have a chance in Hades. And we all think we can sing better than the rejects on "American Idol." Reality television series are successful because people love to see other people suffer.

Here is a pitch for a show: Television some Amish teens having sex, getting drunk, driving, wearing all sorts of crazy colors (like red) and call the show "Amish in the City." I wish that this were one of my silly predictions. Unfortunately, this will soon come true since the United Paramount Network launches its new reality show this summer called "Amish in the City." Amish teens during their religious rite of passage called "rumspiring" which means "running around." Oh joy, let the fun begin.

For those who can't really place who the Amish are, think, Ward Al Yankovich from "Amish Paradise." The Amish are people presented in the video wearing dribble black pants and dresses, driving horse-drawn buggies and looking like Christopher Columbus and Adam Smith. Sometimes beside their choice of fashion, or lack thereof, what you may not know is that the Amish have chosen their very strict way of life for good reasons.

According to the Web site Punditfact.com, 85% of the Amish in America have no electricity, no television, no electricity, no automobiles, tractors, and yes, even cell phones. They feel these and other items used by secular people, cause vanity, create inequality and lead the Amish away from their close-knit communities.

The event that will be televised, "rumspiring," is actually a rite that lets Amish teens experience secular activities such as drinking, driving, wearing color and in a sense, "understanding," what they can choose between Amish and secular lifestyles. Most women by no way, choose the Amish life.

CEO of the UPN Network, Leslie Moonves assured the Television Critics Association that the show "is not intended to be insulting to Amish." I don't have enough words to express my sentiments that this is a load of crap! And I can smell it 10 miles away.

This show will be competing with other reality shows like "The Simple Life" and "The Real World." Really, all it's going to take to garner favorable ratings is one Amish teenager getting an insane sugar high from a can of Coke. These television producers going to force the Amish teens to go against everything they value, put them in situations that no doubt will be awkward for everyone involved and create a little Amish drama for all of us to tune in and watch. The worst part is that the Amish teens have no idea the effect their actions will have on television viewers. It's likely that these teens have never even watched television.

America will laugh at the unfortunate Amish teens. Ratings will soar. The show will be a success.

End of story.

The one good thing that may come out of this deplorable and degrading series is that Americans will have to take a good, long look in the mirror. We are laughing at our fellow Americans, regardless of their views, because they are not like us. We will put them in situations that will make them lose their values and make them become over-sexualized, vain and stressed individuals like the North American. And we will laugh at this degrading process.

Now, that is a prediction. What might also happen is the emergence of reality shows that have more substance. Amish Martha's Vineyard, which is an Amish reality show, will be coming to our televisions soon. Until then, we all can laugh.
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Gills Onions, Oxnard

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Woodside Electronics Co.,
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Western Farm Service, Santa Maria
Kerry rolls over N.H. rivals
By Calvin Woodward

The opening acts behind them, Democrats transformed their presidential campaign into a national battle Wednesday, with John Kerry, fresh from his New Hampshire win, ready to open an advertising blitz in all seven states that vote next and his rivals scrambling to stay competitive.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, campaigning in his native South Carolina in a crucial test of his candidacy, voiced confidence he can improve on his fourth-place New Hampshire primary showing.

"Now we're going to places where I feel I will be very strong," he said Wednesday.

Theoint New Hampshire precincts reported Wednesday, affirming Kerrys win with 84,229 votes — 38 percent. Howard Dean placed second with 37,788 votes or 26 percent, and the lingering race for distant third ended in Wesley Clark's favor in a squeaker. He finished with 27,254 votes or 12 percent. Only 899 votes more than Edwards, also at 12 percent.


Edwards did not make any move to a strong second place in the Iowa caucuses but pinned his hopes on the state of his birth.

"I'm going to win in South Carolina. I'm in this for the long haul," he said.

When asked by NBC's "Today" show Wednesday whether he'd stand as a vice presidential candidate, he ruled it out. "No. No, Final. I don't want to be vice president. I'm running for president.""He was ready to go on the air Wednesday with commercials in all seven states. Clark, Edwards and Lieberman are limiting their advertising to states where their prospects seem brightest, Dean's plans were uncertain.

Dean raised more than $200,000 in 24 hours before the primary, but has been spending it just as quickly.

"No. No. No. No. We're not going to take a long time to get back the momentum we were using," he said.
'Reflections' of Passion

The annual Orchesis dance performance is more than just art. For the performers, it's a way of life.

Story by Emily Wong
Photo Illustration by Nathan Caswell
Some children dabble in soccer and a weekend stint in T-ball when they're growing up. But when her parents asked if she wanted to try something new, 5-year-old Ananda Alquist put her hands on her hips and told them, "No, I'm a dancer!"

**Dedication**

Today, Ananda is proof of living a passion, a dream. Ananda, a political science junior, wakes up early on weekends and trains late on weekdays. She dedicates an average of 18 hours a week to dance. She has been dancing for 17 years, making her debut in a preschool ballet class and culminating her experience in competitive dance in high school. That is until she joined Orchesis last year.

"Most of us have a lot of experience," Ananda said. "There is a mix of girls who have either grown up in dance studios or danced in high school, but the best part is that when we come together on stage you can't tell. We work well together."

Ananda is one of 28 women in the Orchesis dance company on campus. Members range in majors, from aerospace engineering to liberal studies, and include all class standings.

"Since there is no dance major at Cal Poly it's a non-competitive environment. Orchesis vice president and mechanical engineering senior Caren Carreiro said. "Here, we just do it out of love for dance." Ananda is one of many Orchesis members who have different dance interests.

"Freshmen coming in to the program are able to work advice from upperclassmen, and seniors have the opportunity to take on leadership roles."

"It was a great way to come in and have somewhere to belong right away," biology freshman Naomi Gay said. "It helped make the transition from high school to college easier because I still had dance."

Students earn four units each quarter and work toward their annual concert in the winter. This year's 34th annual concert is titled "Reflections" and offers performances Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Feb. 5-7.

**Behind the Program**

"Reflections" will showcase a variety of dance styles and pieces choreographed by faculty members, guest choreographers and students.

This year, after the theatre and dance department was forced to deal with extensive budget cuts, Junco decided to incorporate more faculty choreographers and add 20 guest student dancers from dance classes.

"It served two purposes. It gave our faculty a chance to choreograph and it brought in students (who are not in Orchesis) into the program," Junco said. "It is an educational experience that they wouldn't have had before."

Orchesis members were paired with members from the modern dance and ballet classes to help assimilate them into the Orchesis family.

"We are such a big group as it is, so everyone is included," Carreiro said. "They really enjoy being in the show because their only other option is the concept and it turns into a dance."

"And beyond tap, other traditional dance styles will be included.

"There is a lot more ballet in the show this year," kinesiology junior Rebecca Hartkamp said. "There are two pieces on pointe."

All company dancers will perform in the finale, which was composed by Los Angeles choreographers Devon and Shriram. "We're like 'With a Little Help From My Friends.'"

"The Rondos are famous for their professional work in both film and television, including choreography for 'Staying Alive' with John Travolta and 'Baggy' with Warren Beatty," Junco said in a press release.

The Orchesis dance concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's theatre and dance department, the College of Liberal Arts, and the internationally related activities program office. Tickets for "Reflections" are $10 to $12 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center ticket office. The performance will be held in the Cal Poly theatre. Show time is at 8 p.m. with Sunday's matinee at 2 p.m.

**Performers in the Orchesis Dance Company earn four units for their participation in the troupe as they prepare for their annual performance. "Reflections" opens Friday.**

Ananda's background in tap dance encouraged her to choreograph a tap piece that Junco calls "sassy and spunk." "Tap is my favorite style of dance because it is pure fun," Ananda said. "It's amazing when you start with a song and beyond tap, other traditional dance styles will be included."

The addition of guest dancers only adds to the infrastructure of the Orchesis company.

"The program is always in flux, always changing," Junco said. "There are always new ideas from the people coming in, which makes the program stronger."

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By Leah Mori
STAFF WRITER

Stop. Go. Stop.
So it is with maneuvering through San Luis Obispo streets on a Saturday afternoon. If it's not pedestrians, it's other vehicles trying to park, or better yet, it's someone who has never before driven through town and is trying to take in all the sights at the expense of all who live on the Central Coast.

While stuck in a throng of cars, the time is best spent reading what people have displayed on their vehicles. From the ever-popular bumper stickers and license plate holders to the actual license plate, the possibilities for car owners to enlighten others with their morals or show their interests are endless.

One can't drive through San Luis Obispo without seeing at least 10 Cal Poly stickers in the car windows of college students. At times, vanity plate owners even show pride for San Luis Obispo.

SLOSPRY and SLOLEEl are two personalized license plate spots spotted around town and even on campus. Kevin Spry, an alumnus and current graduate student, is a long-time resident of San Luis Obispo. He and his fiancee, Lee Price, have chosen to personalize their license plates because it makes them distinctive. "SLO on a Mustang is kind of an acronym," Spry said. "And SLO, what can you do with it?"

Although Spry lived in Monterey for 25 years, he never personalized a license plate to reflect the city. "SLO just has a catch to it that's unique," he said.

However, with as many Cal Poly and Coasta College students living in San Luis Obispo, it is rare to spot a personalized localized license plate on one of their cars.

"You don't get a lot of young people applying for personalized San Luis Obispo license plates," said Marge Zavala, motor vehicle field representative at the Department of Motor Vehicles. "It's mostly people around 40 or 45 years old who have lived here a long time. Their kids are raised and have gone off to college or other places."

Zavala, who was born and raised in the area, has worked for the DMV for 27 years. She does not have a personalized license plate.

"Since I'm only living here until I graduate, it doesn't make sense to get one, because when I move, no one will understand the meaning behind it. If other students or people who make the town their permanent home want to get them, it's a great way to show pride in where they live."

The process to acquire vanity plates can take up to 90 days. Applications can be submitted online at the DMV Web site, or at a local office. Plate fees can go to special organizations. Whole tail plates fund coastal access trails, beach cleanups, wetland restoration and marine education in California. Vanity plates support trail repair, habitat restoration, wildlife protection and more. California memorial plates support California's Alzheimer's Fund and scholarships for children of Californians who died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

After the plates are reserved at the DMV or online, the request is sent to the DMV office in Sacramento where it is processed. From Sacramento it is sent to Folson State Prison, which is the only California prison that manufactures license plates.

The plates are then sent back to the DMV office where it was requested. The requestor is notified that the plate is in and can personalize vanity plates with the old ones at the DMV. From there, it is all the way home - to "SLO" with a personalized license plate.

"TELEVISION"

Electra, Navarro make for more shocking, less funny reality couple

By Jaya Soni
MICHIGAN DAILY (UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN)

What Navarro and Electra do have over other teeny-bopper icons is their sense of immorality and eroticism. "Til Death Do Us Part" is the perfect theme for the couple that plans on spending eternity together. Determined to share their lives of the mysterious rock stars and addiction, the show invites the viewer to get to know the two personalities seem to come natural.

"Til Death Do Us Part" is more shocking than humorous. The reality series will answer all those questions pop culture fans have about the true lives of the mysterious rock stars and wild cover girls. And though it seems as if the couple would have little in common, the show suggests that they are a match made in heaven.

"Til Death Do Us Part" is not as morbid as her fiancee, the two personalities seem complimentary and make a realistic do - as least by MTV's standards.
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of Health Services' deadline to set
delayed the setting of an initial public
standards was Jan. 1.

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cket fuel that is spreading through
the nation' s first drinking water stan­

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Agency, said a 2002 court order
the Environmental Protection

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native" despite concerns by manufac­
turers, the defense industry and the

California experts.

that review was completed Jan.
12, and the EPA's Environmental
Health Hazard Assessment Office
now has 60 days to complete its work,
Tamminen said. Once that goal is set,
Health Services can set drinking
water standards, he said.

Tamminen's timetable was dispat­
ed by Sujatha Jahargirdar of
Environment California, who said
there is no reason to delay a health
goal that already has been adequately
reviewed.

and other environmentalists
contend the defense industry wants
to force further delay in development
of standards and cleanup plans.

The Association of California
Water Agencies joined the chemical
industry in urging the state to wait tor
a study by the National Academy of
Sciences later this year. Without that
study, the state standard could be too
low or too high, the association said.

Regulators should wait "to get the
right science," said Craig Meyer, a
lawyer and witness representing the
chemical industry. "The idea of this
delay a tactic, I think, when we're
talking about a period of a few
months.

Environmental groups and law­
makers countered that the federal
study could take two more years or
longer.

California has a particular problem
with perchlorate, which can cause
thyroid disorders, because of its
decades-long involvement with the
defense industry, military and space
programs.

The contamination has shut
down hundreds of California wells
that tap polluted groundwater, and
spawned lawsuits from thousands of
people who say years of drinking
water laced with the chemical have
caused cancers and other illnesses.

Perchlorate also pollutes the lower
Colorado River, the main water
source for 20 million people across
the Southwest.

A coalition of environmental
groups this week wrote Gov. Arnold
Schwarzenegger asking for swift set­
ing of water standards, and warning
that delay could hurt the state's
experts of vegetables, fruit and milk
produced in polluted areas.
The group's letter noted California
now requires perchlorate tests on produce
from the Imperial Valley because
crops there are irrigated by the
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The Cal Poly men's basketball team may have lost its chance at a regular-season conference title with a loss to UC Santa Barbara on Jan. 17, but it hasn't lost its ultimate weapon against its remaining opponents: Mott Mania.

The phenomenon has become increasingly apparent at men's basketball games within the last few years, causing ordinary students to don Mustang-emblazoned T-shirts and burst into spontaneous cheer.

"(The students) have created tremendous enthusiasm and energy in Mott," said head coach Kevin Bromley during a press conference Jan. 15, "I think they've created one of the best college environments in the Big West."

Nowhere was that enthusiasm more apparent than from Mott Gym during the annual Cal Poly-USCB game Jan. 13, and it created for fanatic frenzy — the Colosseum of Central Coast athletics.

During the past season, as the Mustangs beat the Gauchos on the court for the first time since 1998, Mott Mania was as strong as ever, getting to its feet from the bleachers. With a final score of 66-63, the men's team walked away with the informal Central Coast championship.

Mustang fans walked away with renewed confidence and UCSC at No. 1, but just walked away.

SMELLS LIKE POLY SPIRIT: Fans get rowdy

Fans have been colorful since last season's win over UC Santa Barbara, but interest may wane after the team's recent misfortune.

Last season's success only added to the anticipation of this year's face-off. The allotted 1,100 student tickets for the event had all been given out by 11:15 Jan. 13, said Chris Graham, Mustang Daily sports editor.

"This is a good group to work with," coach Larry Lee said with a victory in his review mirror Friday night. "They're better physically, mentally, a lot more internally, very self-motivated." Unfortunately, Friday night's success vanished faster than the Firebird K.I.T.T. from "Knight-Rider" on Saturday and Sunday. Putting forth an offensive display, Mustangs managed only seven hits over the final two games and were shut out by a combined score of 14-0.

It was as if Lo-Fan, the mysterious, white-skinned villain from "Big Trouble in Little China" invisibly stalked the field, diabolically shooting blue lights out from his eyes and mouth, obliterating any spark among Cal Poly players, exiling it to the handicap spaces in the parking lot outside Baggett Stadium. The Mustangs played like they weren't really at the ballpark.

More than anything, I didn't see the same resolve Saturday and Sunday that I saw among Cal Poly players on Friday night. Captain Baker, assistant athletic director in charge of marketing. By tip off, hundreds of Mustangs, many sporting T-shirts and game day paraphernalia, filled three sections of bleachers climbing to the Gauchos sailed shot after unanswered shot to stretch out a double-digit lead and eventually the 28-point margin. The loss brought the Mustangs to 1-4 in conference play, effectively eliminating them from the regular-season Big West championship. The season's low points may be enough to break the spirit of fans from other schools, but this doesn't seem to be the case at Cal Poly.

Despite the rocky season, average attendance for games has increased to 2,859, up 123 people from last season, said Brian Thurmond, Cal Poly's sports information director. This is the third-largest average turnout in the team's Big West Conference, which is remarkable considering that Mott Gym's 2,327-person capacity is the smallest in the league. On top of that, the game marked the fifth sell-out of the season.

"The fans show up, but it's the difference in the crowd," Thurmond said. "It's phenomenal the support they've shown.

Paul Taylor, a business senior, is one such fan. An avowed supporter of the team since his freshman year, Taylor has seen the good, the bad and the heartbreaking at Mott Gym, but he has never lost his enthusiasm for the game.

Unprepared with the Mott Mania T-shirts at last season's last game, Taylor made his own shirts and formed a group of fanatics, the Sixth Man Crew, to "go on some road games and support the team from the stands."

"This season we just wanted to go out and get crazy because it's the final season (for us)," he said. 

Brian Brom, a political science senior and fellow Sixth Man, echoed Taylor's sentiments. "We're a team needed a student organization that would get rowdy and loud behind the team," he said.

Taylor said the Mustangs' losing record has not affected fan participation or attendance at games.

"We're kind of on a losing streak right now but the crowd support hasn't gone away," he said. "I think it's become more of a social event."

"If we were at the level of the student crowd, we would be undefeated right now," Bromley said.

Cal Poly will return home tonight to play Cal State Fullerton. The Mustangs will be waiting.